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Sponsors needed

Wayne Memorial High School is hosting its second Holiday Night Friday, Dec. 3, but it needs help from the community.

Elementary-age children and their families living in the Wayne Memorial attendance area are being invited to the event, manned by the Wayne Memorial staff, students and parent volunteers. Families are treated to dinner while youngsters have an opportunity to visit Santa at the North Pole and have their picture taken with him. Activities also include making an old-fashioned ornament, decorating holiday cookies, writing a letter to Santa and spending some time in the big inflatable. There also will be raffle prizes.

Organizers are looking for groups or individuals interested in being sponsors for the evening. Sponsorships are \$200 for the cookie and letters to Santa rooms, \$100 for North Pole-Santa picture and ornament room, \$500 for the spaghetti dinner and \$25-\$50 to be a Friend of the Evening.

A sponsorship form is available on the Wayne Memorial High School page of the district's website - www.wmcsd.net. Complete it, then call (734) 419-2206 for pickup before Nov. 25.

Sponsors will receive a photograph of their room in action after the event.

Holiday help

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance from residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Applications will be accepted now through Dec. 10.

"It is important to get your application in as early as possible," said Major John Turner, general secretary for The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit. "We want to be able to accommodate everyone. Michigan's poverty rate is at approximately 14 percent this year, and because of that, we expect the demand for our holiday services to be immense."

In 2009, The Salvation Army provided 84,447 Christmas gifts to children and seniors. Westland families in need of assistance should contact the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps Community Center at (734) 722-3660.

The program is reserved for families with children, those with special needs and senior citizens. Applicants must bring a picture ID for each household adult, birth certificates for household children, a current utility bill, as well as proof of household income and expenses.

In 2009, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit was involved in providing 3,181,865 million meals and 724,134 nights of shelter for the homeless. The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army serves the resident of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Romulus and New Boston. Its community center is at 2300 S. Venoy, north of Palmer, Westland. Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lawsuit claims woman beaten by police

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Wayne woman has filed a lawsuit in federal court accusing Westland police officers of beating her while she was in a holding cell on a domestic violence charge.

Attorney Arnold Reed filed the lawsuit on behalf of Krystal Gardner, 25, who was arrested Aug. 18 on a domestic violence charge that was later dismissed. The complaint is seeking \$2 million in damages. Reed couldn't be reached for comment.

Westland police are conducting an internal investigation into the incident

which the officers reported began when Gardner spit in the face of one officer.

"She (Gardner) pled guilty to assaulting the officer — she was the instigator," said Westland police Chief Alan Ramsden, who had not yet received a copy of the complaint. "Our investigation is ongoing, and we want to get the results. She admitted in court that she spit in the face of the officer."

The lawsuit specifically names officers Norman Brooks, Chris Gazdecki and Stephen Bird and the Westland Police Department as defendants.

A home health care aide, Gardner said she was placed in a cell that had no blanket and was moved to a differ-

ent cell after complaining the following day. As she entered the cell, she said an officer called her a name and she called him a name in response.

Gardner's lawsuit charges the officer then reopened the cell door and began beating her, with a second officer assisting him.

The police report was that after spitting in the officer's face, Gardner began punching and kicking so he struck her three times describing the blows as "closed fist strikes" to her head and face. When the officer noticed her lip was bleeding, he had dispatchers call EMS, the report says.

A video shows officers involved in

an altercation with Gardner in the cell but there is no sound and it was not immediately clear what triggered the incident.

At a press conference with her attorney Tuesday, Gardner denied spitting at the officer and indicated her guilty plea was made to get out of jail. She received probation on the charge of assaulting the officer.

"Her attorney says she was forced to plead guilty, but the court explains it like any court. Entering a plea is a big deal, it's not something that happens willy-nilly," Ramsden said.

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Red Wing: It's an 'honor to be back'



Guest of honor Mike Modano let the audience know that it was his childhood dream to play for the Wings. "To do it at the end of my career and in front of friends and family is great," he said.

Fans welcome Mike Modano home

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was Mike Modano Day in Westland on Tuesday, and the NHL All-Star received the key to the city for a second time.

"We gave you the key to the city in 2003 but you were playing for the enemy — that key didn't fit anything," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

A Westland native, Modano spent his entire 20-year career with the Stars — originally with the Minnesota North Stars before the team relocated to Dallas

— until signing with the Detroit Red Wings for this season.

"It's a real privilege and honor to be back here. It was my childhood dream to play for the Wings," Modano said. "To do it at the end of my career and in front of friends and family is great. I've had a lot of support here in Westland."

Standing outside the ice arena named in his honor, Modano said, "I can't wait to bring the (Stanley) Cup back here and get some photos in June."

That comment was received with enthusiastic applause and

cheering from the crowd of fans who turned out for the ceremony.

Modano's sister, aunt and uncle, cousin and other family members attended the ceremony. His parents, Mike and Karen Modano, cut the ribbons to unveil new likenesses of Modano outside of the arena. The additions show Modano as a Red Wing and also as a three-time member of the U.S. Olympic team, joining the existing picture in a Dallas Stars uniform.

Before and after the ceremony,

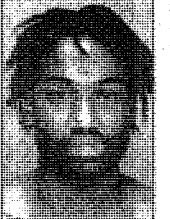
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Westland man charged with murder

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been arraigned on charges of murdering a Westland man at his home in what police are describing as a drug-related dispute.

Joie Rayshaan Bell, 23, was arraigned Wednesday in Westland 18th District Court on three felony counts — felony homicide which is treated as a first-degree murder and carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole, weapon possession by a felon and felony firearm. He is also facing second-degree habitual offender sentencing enhancements.



Joie Bell

Anthony Michael Esse, 25, died Oct. 6 after being shot once in the chest during a confrontation with two men at his home in the 2200 block of Stieber, south of Palmer and west of Wildwood, police said. Esse went outside and collapsed after being shot, police said. He was transported by Westland Fire Rescue to an area hospital, where he died of his injuries.

Bell had already been in custody on an unrelated warrant. Police continue to investigate a person of interest believed to be the second man involved in the attack.

"It was a drug-related dispute. It was basically over drug turf and someone encroaching on his turf," said Westland police Lt. Michael Matich.

Investigators appeared to have little to go on in the case initially and appealed to the public to come forward with information.

"This all came together in the matter of two days once a witness came forward. It happened quickly," Matich said. "It's hard to say why the witness came forward — maybe conscience."

Judge Mark McConnell ordered Bell remanded to custody without bond. A preliminary examination was scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 18.

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Library website has new look

BY JULIE BROWN
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The website, www.westlandlibrary.org was always good to visit, with a lot of information on Westland's library. It's better than ever, with a new design that debuted last month. 3.

"It's kind of a matter of keeping things modernized," said Kristy Cooper, web/reference librarian for the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland on Central City Parkway. "Web technologies are evolving so fast."

She was the library's point person on the web redesign. Cooper used Gerbil, a content management system.

"It's basically something that allows more

people to add to the site," she said, taking a break from reference desk duties on a recent morning.

Librarians can add book reviews and other items. Cooper said they didn't really worry about patron comments, which aren't featured, being inappropriate. Other public libraries like Royal Oak's found they didn't generate much patron content.

"I did it all myself. So far, I think it's been pretty positive," she said of staff and patron reaction. The website is now more aligned with the city of Westland site.

She finds the events calendar easier to read

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AROUND WESTLAND

Used book sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the library at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford. Regular prices will be \$1 for hardcovers, 50 cents for paperback books, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents for magazines. A reusable Friends bag will be available for \$2. Saturday will be a \$6 per bag sale, while Sunday will be \$ per bag. Go green and

bring your own brown paper grocery bag or comparable-sized reusable bag. There will be a preview sale for Friends members 23-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. People can become a Friend at the Preview Sale. Money raised helps fund programs at the library for all ages. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

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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and use. Cooper likes access to research databases with a library card from home, including Reference USA. "A lot of businesses use it to get addresses and make connections," she said. Live Homework Help is another popular one, with free tutoring, as is Chilton Library with auto information. The children's part of the

library website has a fish theme and is colorful. The library staff uses the website for internal communications as well.

The catalog part didn't and can't change, Cooper said. She took about a year to learn technology and finish the new site.

She solicited colleagues' ideas and did an internal survey. A patron survey had been done some time ago.

"Most people wanted to talk about the catalog," she said, but checkout requirements limit changes there.



Westland City Clerk acknowledged the work of Mike and Karen Modano in carting their son Mike around in his success in the NHL.

MODANO

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Modano autographed jerseys, photos, programs and pucks for fans, taking time to pose for photographs.

Serving as emcee, Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski recounted highlights of Modano's career — including being the NHL's number one draft pick in 1988, winning the Stanley Cup in 1999 and becoming the highest scoring American-born NHLer ever with 559 goals and 1,363 points.

Kosowski likened the odds of making it to the NHL to the likelihood of winning \$1 million in the lottery.

As a mother of five with 16 grandchildren, Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof said she was well aware Modano didn't achieve his success alone.

"They say that behind every great man there is a good woman. In this case, it's a good woman and man," said Schoof, recognizing Modano's parents. "He wouldn't be here today with-



Mike Modano's sister Sandra Withey and nephew Jesse Withey wore autographed jerseys to the ceremony.

out Mom and Dad carting him around."

Westland residents Kathy and Dennis Ronning turned out for the ceremony and waited for an autograph from Modano.

"Of course I'm a Red Wing fan. I came to see Mike Modano," Kathy Ronning said. "A couple of times a year we make it down there for a game."

The ceremony was also a chance to show off the arena's ice resurfacing machine which is tricked out like the



Westland Mayor William Wild poses with hockey great Mike Modano in front of an oversized likeness of Modano as a Detroit Red Wing. It was one of two likenesses unveiled during Mike Modano Day in the city.

new 2011 Ford Fiesta, courtesy of a North Brothers Ford sponsorship.

"Last year, we did the new Flex. It worked well to promote new products and give them exposure in the market," Doug North said. "Every

once in awhile someone who has a son or nephew playing mentions having seen it. We have a very devoted and dedicated hockey population in Westland and Garden City."

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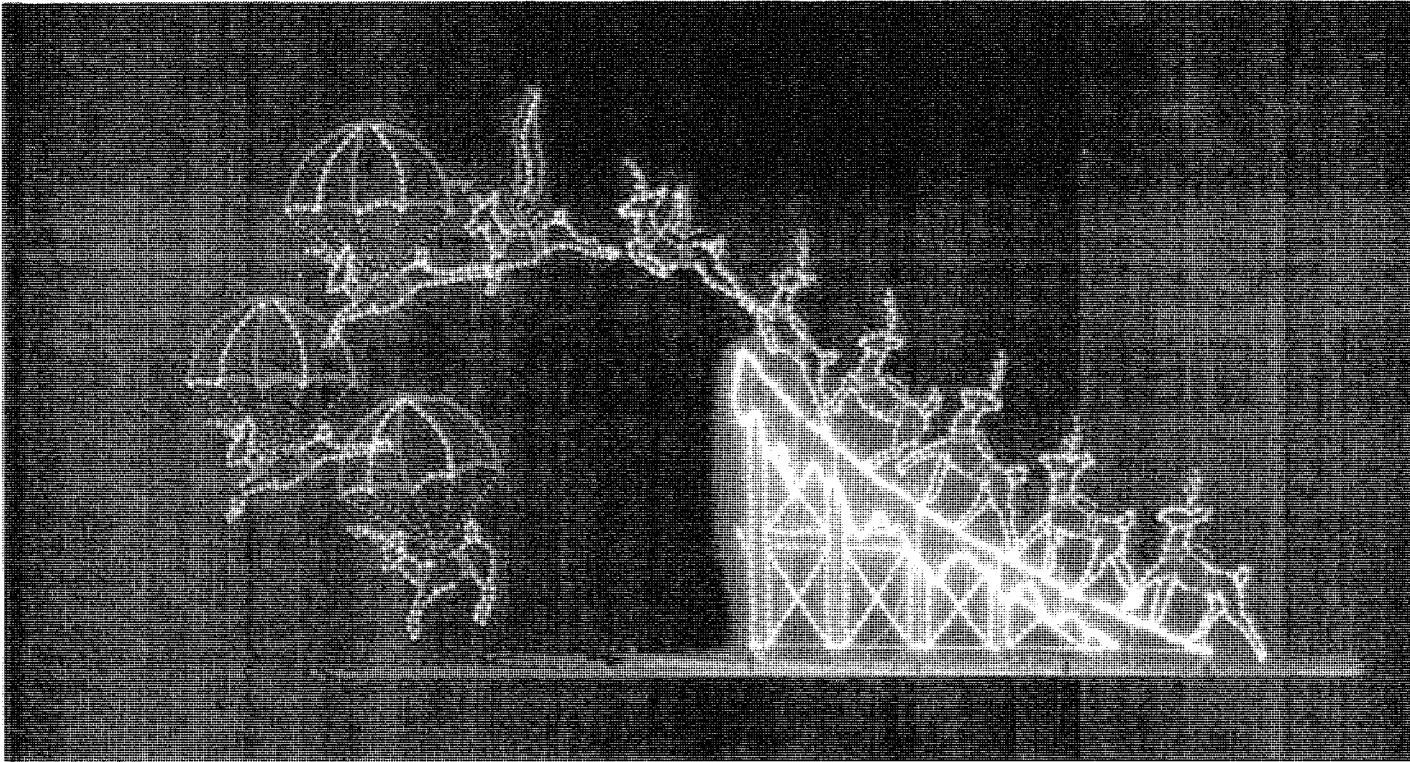
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This year's Lightfest, which opens at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, features 17 new displays.

Wayne County Parks presents Lightfest 2010

The opening ceremony for Wayne County Parks Lightfest 2010 is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Merriman Hollow on Hines Drive in Westland. The ceremony will feature fireworks, music and light refreshments.

This year's show features 17 new displays, including a sports-themed area, dinosaur displays and much more! Lightfest features more than 35 giant animated displays and more than one million lights. It is the Midwest's largest and longest light show, according to county officials.

The Lightfest route, over four miles of Hines Drive, is open 7-10 p.m. Nov. 18 until Dec. 31 (closed Christmas Day). There is a \$5 donation per car.

Toy nights are planned for Tuesdays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21. The community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the suggested \$5 dona-

For more area light shows please see Entertainment on page B6.

tion fee. Toys will be provided to disadvantaged children in Wayne County. On these three nights, visitors are also welcome to contribute the recommended donation.

Santa will be at his workshop at Warrendale Park (the end of Lightfest) from Thanksgiving until Dec. 23. Youngsters are encouraged to bring their letters to be mailed at the giant mailbox at the workshop. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night.

Although Lightfest begins at 7 p.m., Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. nightly. Visitors enter Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman, 2.5 miles south of I-96 in Westland.

Lightfest is sponsored in part-

nership with Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, DBT Marketing and Promotional Group, McDonald Modular, Entertainment Express Luxury Limousine, Michigan Mountain Biking Association, Total Runner, Beatthetrain.com and Trails Edge store.

As a prelude to Lightfest, runners, walkers and bicyclists will have a chance to see the display as part of 14th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk on Tuesday, Nov. 16, and "Bike Through the Lights" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17.

The run/walk starts at 7 p.m. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 6:45 p.m.

There will be post race food for both events, along with long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration is \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 on race day and \$12 for high

school students and younger. Both events will take place in the Merriman Hollow area. Registration forms can be downloaded from the county parks website at www.waynecountyparks.org. Forms also can be picked up at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland, Trails Edge Store in Plymouth and Total Runner store in Southgate.

For more information on these Wayne County Parks events, call (734) 261-1990.

This is a point-to-point event, so all bike riders must be able to bike to the Warrendale picnic area and back (16K). All bikes must have a light, due to the two-way traffic. All participants must wear a helmet.

There will be a prize for the most decorated bike.

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

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.

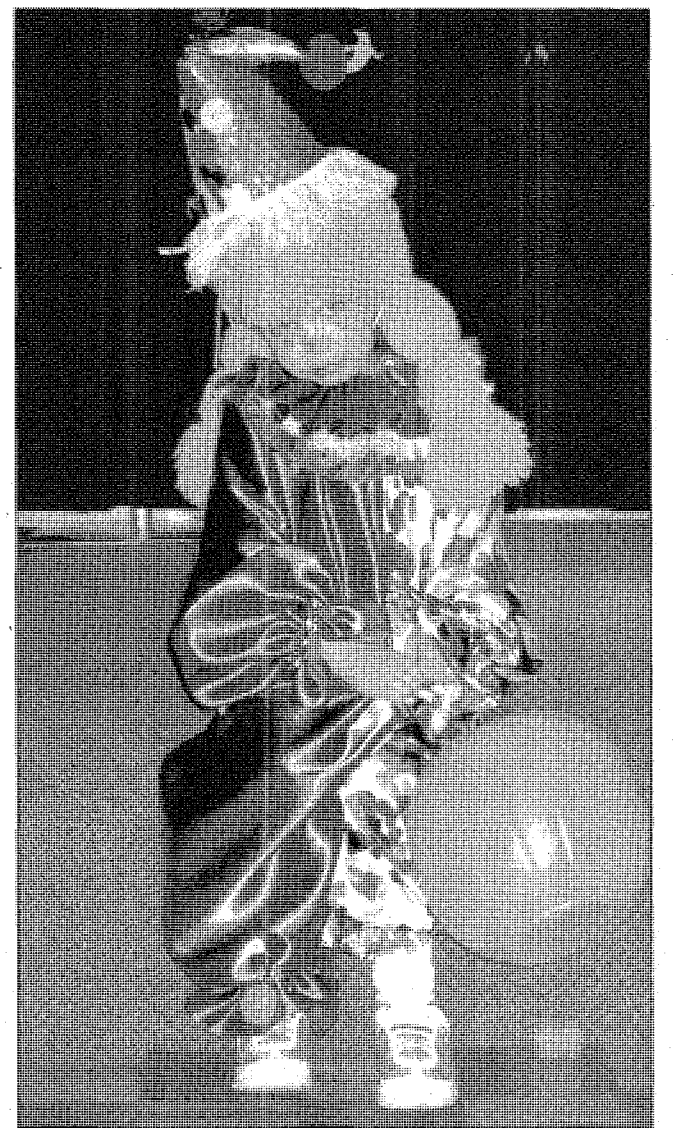
Thanksgiving Concert

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.



Winner

Westland resident Leslie Marusak was one of our third-place winners in the first Hometownlife.com Halloween photo contest with this shot of her daughter Greta, 3, wearing her "cutie clown" costume.

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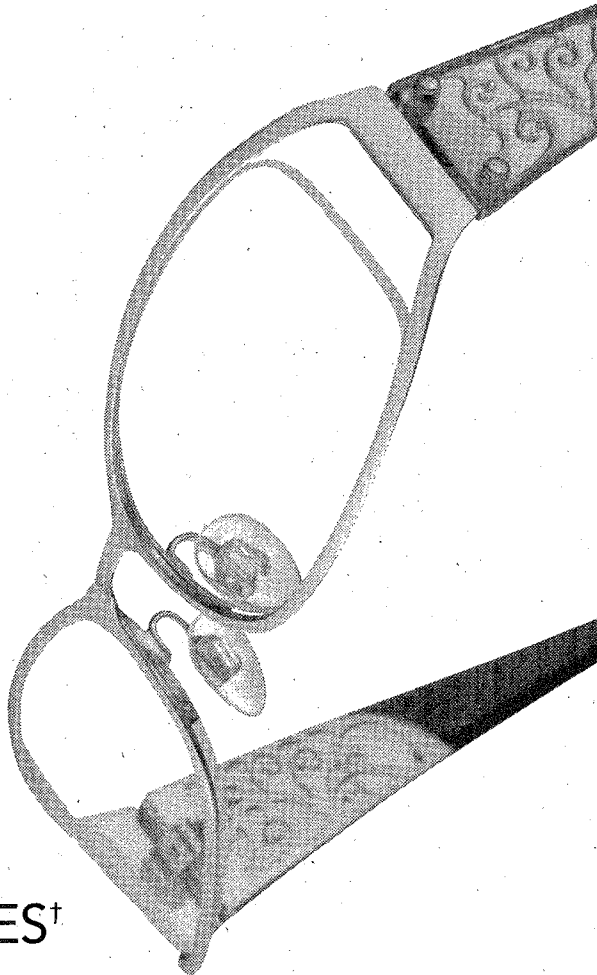
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Nov 18: 4 p.m. • Radcliff Center
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Nov 23: 1:30 p.m. • Bradner Library
- 19 **Conversation & Coffee: Volunteering During Retirement, It's Good for Your Soul**
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- 19 **Friday Evening Concert Series: Antonio Pompa-Baldi, piano**
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DECEMBER

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Noon • VisTaTech
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5:30 p.m. • Physical Education Building • \$
- 2 **International Film Festival: For My Father**
9:30 a.m. • McDowell Center, Room 200
- 2 **Electronic Music Summit: Synthesizer Ensemble and other groups**
7:30 p.m. • Schaver Music Recital Hall, Wayne State University
- 3 **Artists' Ensemble and SC Wind Ensemble**
7:30 p.m. • VisTaTech
- 5 **Winter Concert: Choral Union and Wind Ensemble**
7:30 p.m. • Radcliff Center
- 10 **Transition Center Luncheon Series: Reel Action FX**
11:30 a.m. • VisTaTech • \$
- 10 **Music Performances: Bach Festival**
7 p.m. • VisTaTech
- 13 **Winter Concert: Jazz Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble**
7:30 p.m. • VisTaTech
- 18 **Breakfast with Santa**
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Doorwall, appliances stolen from rental unit

Larceny

1 A doorwall, refrigerator, stove and wash tub were reported stolen from a rental home in the 2600 block of Caledonia Court on Nov. 8. The owner, a Northville man, told police he leased the property to an elderly woman who allowed several people to live with her.

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Until recently, he said there had been no major issues. About a month ago, the man said he served the woman with eviction papers and his office was notified by the woman that she was moving out over the past weekend.

One of his associates went by the home and found the items, valued at \$950, had been stolen, he told police. The garage door was reportedly pulled down and severely damaged along with several other areas of the home.

Trailer stolen

2 A resident in the 8300 block of Shari told police Nov. 7 an unmarked utility trailer valued at \$3,000 was stolen from the street. He said during the night someone had removed a tongue lock from the trailer.

The resident told police the tools inside the enclosed trailer were very specialized for his work as an engraver for monuments and headstones. The tools were valued at \$32,000.

Stolen vehicle

3 On Nov. 5, a Westland woman told police someone stole her 2004 Jeep

Liberty from the parking lot at Ruby Tuesday, 37300 Warren Road. She said she was current on her payments and that her purse was inside the vehicle, including a spare vehicle key.

Pedestrian hit

4 A Waterford man told police Nov. 5 he was walking through the parking lot at Applebee's, 36475 Warren Road, when a man driving a Chevrolet Impala backed out of a parking space and struck him. The man said he wasn't injured and the vehicle wasn't damaged.

After the driver checked to make sure there was no injury or damage, the men got into an argument over who was at fault. The Waterford man said the driver threatened to assault him. The driver was gone when police arrived.

Attempted break-in

Police were called to a unit at Deerhurst Condominiums on Central City Parkway after an alarm was triggered. The owner's brother told police he received a call from the alarm company and went there but found no one was home.

The officer noted a screen had been removed from a window and the window was slightly ajar setting off the alarm. Smears on the window appeared to be from a hand trying to open the window, the officer noted.

By LeAnne Rogers

Two men caught in theft from autos

Stolen wallet

5 An elderly couple who lives in the 32500 block of Bridge came to the Garden City police station Nov. 6 to report a theft.

The couple said on Nov. 2 an unknown elderly man approached them at the shopping center at Ford and Wildwood in Westland and asked if they could give him a ride to the Aldi's Supermarket in Garden City. Once in the car, he asked them a number of questions and also asked them for their address which they gave him.

On Nov. 6, he showed up unexpectedly at their home and asked to talk to the male homeowner. They chatted for a few minutes and then the visitor went to the bathroom. He then left the house on an unknown direction.

After he left, the couple reportedly learned he stole the female homeowner's wallet which contained \$50 and was in the bedroom.

GARDEN CITY

Larceny from autos

6 The police responded to a call about 6:45 a.m. Nov. 7 that two men were trying car door handles to gain access to cars in the Rosslyn and Garden area.

When the police arrived, they reportedly found the men walking westbound on Rosslyn with bulging pockets.

The men, both Garden City residents in their early 20s, were arrested.

Once inside the police car, one of the men reportedly showed the officer which cars they had broken into. Police were able to return some of the items taken.

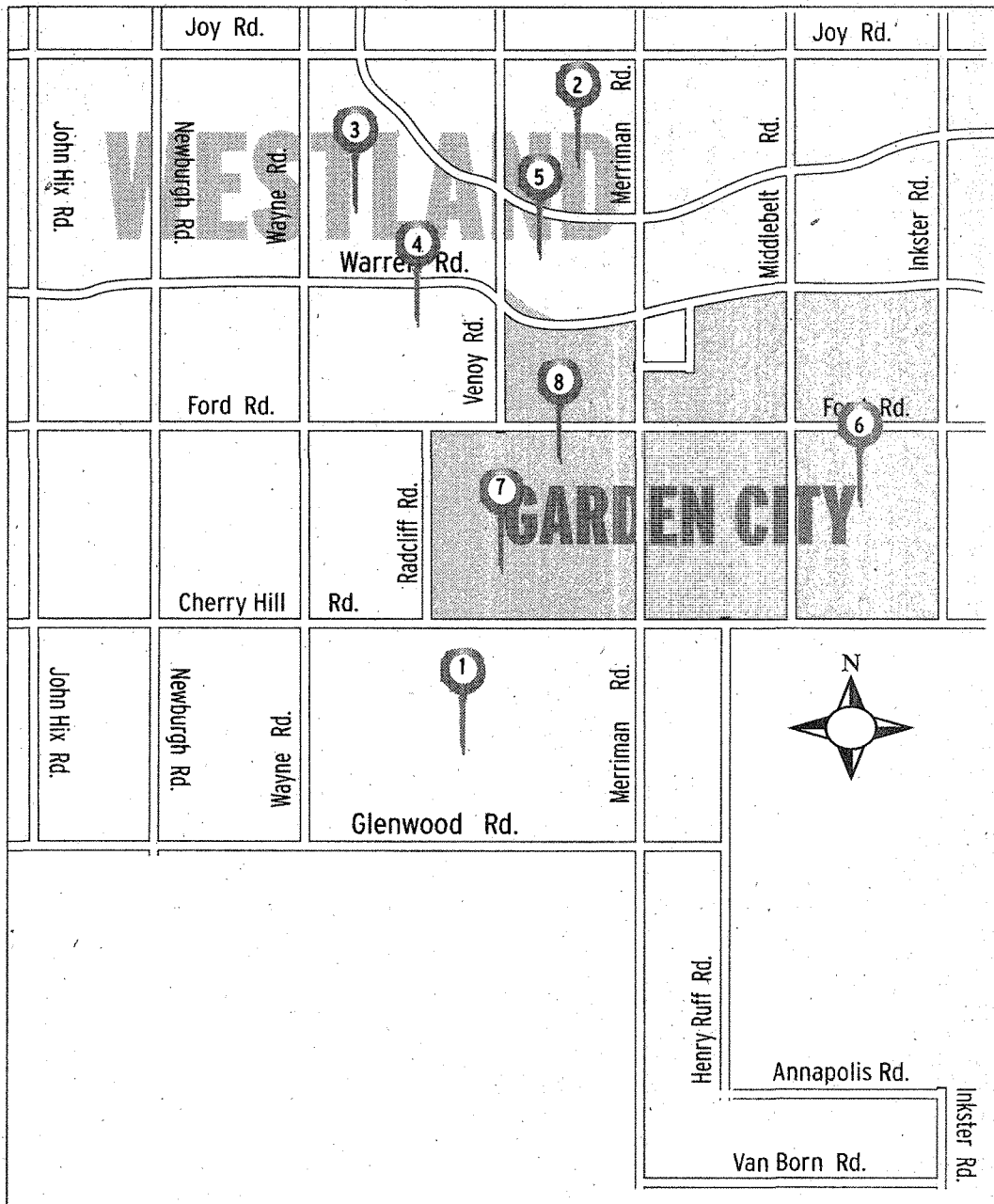
Items reportedly stolen included cash, coins, cell phones, perfume and cologne, two black bandanas, a Henry Ford Community College library card, electronic items and chargers.

Home invasion

7 A homeowner in the 33600 block of Marquette said he was away from his home for about an hour the afternoon of Nov. 3, running errands with his son. When he returned home, he found out someone entered his home and took some things.

He realized that the sliding door was closed but had not been locked. He believes that's how the thief gained entry. He found a garden rake which didn't belong to him propped up in the kitchen.

The unknown suspect reportedly stole several



bracelets, necklaces and a watch as well as a pin the homeowner earned for years of service at his supermarket job.

Retail fraud

8 The manager at Rock of Ages, 31015 Ford, together with an employee, tackled an alleged shoplifter at 3:45 p.m. Nov. 5.

Two men and a woman entered the store at the same time. While one man reportedly tried to distract the store personnel, one of the men concealed a \$50 Misfits sweatshirt under the sweatshirt he was wearing.

An alarm alerted the store manager. The man and a woman reportedly fled in an unknown direction.

When the thief was asked why he tried to steal the sweatshirt, he reportedly said it because he didn't have that type of sweatshirt.

Fraud

A woman who lives in the 29028 block of Ekmwood reported Oct. 25 that someone used her debit card number to fraudulently make a \$54 purchase, driving down her account to almost nothing. She said that she still has possession of her card and didn't give anyone her number.

Theft

Someone stole a Nextel phone from an unlocked 2008 Ford Fusion which was parked in the 31755 block of Elmwood Nov. 7-8.

A woman, who went for a half hour walk about 1:15 p.m. Nov. 4 at Garden City Park located at Cherry Hill and Merriman, said she returned to her locked 2011 Ford and discovered someone broke in by smashing a window.

This allowed the thief to reach in and take her purse which she left on the floor behind the passenger seat, she said.

A new homeowner, who recently closed on a home in the 34400 block of Chester, said he returned to the home Oct. 31 and found all the copper plumbing, valued at almost \$1,400, was removed from the basement.

A witness saw a black Dodge Nitro backed into the driveway Oct. 29 with a black female with long hair in the driver's seat, according to the report. Four black men were also observed, but the witness couldn't tell if they were carrying anything from the house to the car, according to the report.

They were all in the 25-30 age range, the witness told police.

Because police noted no

damage to the doors or windows to gain entry, the homeowner wondered if someone made an extra key during a time when the house had a lock box.

A resident in the 28800 block of Elmwood also reported the theft of copper plumbing. He said he found 10 copper pipes cut from other existing pipes Nov. 1. The pipes were valued at \$2,500.

The police found no signs of forced entry. The owner said the house was locked and the windows were intact.

Stolen purse

An employee at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, said someone stole her purse and its contents from her closed, but unlocked office about 12:30 p.m. Nov. 3.

A witness saw an unknown man exit her office. He had asked another employee for the director of housekeeping, which the purse owner wasn't.

The owner canceled her credit cards immediately, but was worried about her home and car because her purse also held those keys.

Her husband said the house was fine and the hospital put surveillance on her auto, which was parked in the lot.

By Sue Buck

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On November 16, 2010, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2001	FORD	4 DR	SILVER	1FAFP66S11G259476
1995	CHEVY	SW	WHITE	3GNEX18K3SG103673
1996	MERC	4 DR	WHITE	3MESM10J0TR608991
1991	CHEVY	4 DR	RED	2G1WN54T7M9199937
2000	FORD	4 DR	GREEN	1FAFP33P2YW205317
1998	OLDS	4 DR	GREEN	1G3WH52K0WF343735
1985	CHEVY	2 DR	BLACK	1G1FP87F6FN166350
1990	HONDA	4 DR	GRAY	JHMCB765XLC007882
2000	HONDA	2 DR	SILVER	1HGJE8140YL054655
1994	FORD	4 DR	RED	1FALP52U6RG226897

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 24 11/01/10

Presiding: President Godbout
 Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
 204: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 10/18/10.
 - Req. from Westland Fest. Cmte. to hold summer fest. 6/29 thru 7-4-11 w/ fireworks
 7-4-11 on City Hall grounds & surrounding area.
 -Req. from Texas Roadhouse to erect trailer in their parking lot from 11/24 thru 12/28/11.
 -Appr. 60 mo. Lease Agrmt w/Konica for 1 multi-functional device for DPS; amt. \$137 per month.
 -Appr. Intergovernmental Agrmt. btwn. Wayne County, Dearborn Hgts, Garden City and Westland for Inkster Rd. resurfacing; estimated cost of City's portion \$13,955; monies to come from Major Road Fund.
 -Appr. Intergovernmental Agrmt. btwn. Wayne County & City of Westland for Remediation & Redevelopment of Central City Pk.
 -Appr. disbursement of 8th pmt. to Bidigare Contractors for SWQIF Footing Drain Disconnect Program; amt. \$160,913.98.
 -Appr. disbursement of 6th pmt. to Bidigare Contractors for Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project; amt. \$60,901.90.
 -Appr. Wayne County Maintenance Permit for Storm Water Mgt. for Central City Pk. Remediation.
 -Place Board Up fees on 2010 Winter Tax Bills.
 -Appr. Prep. Resolution to Deed 3 properties to Habitat for Humanity.
 - Adopted Prepared Resolution for Jordan Foundation Non-Profit recognition.
 - Adopted Prep. Proclamation declaring 11-9-10 Mike Modano Day.
 205: Appr. checklist: \$437,595.26 & Prepaid: \$1,373,636.71.
 Mtg. adj. at 7:45 p.m.
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Hospital reunion

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7
Location: Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland.
Details: Retirees and former employees of the Wayne County General Hospital in Westland, which closed in 1984, are invited to the 26th Holiday Reunion at the Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Guest can pay at the door. Space is limited to 62 people.
Contact: Call Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or by e-mail chknlit@wideopen-west.com, Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or by e-mail atflightingirish316@scbglobal.net, or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or e-mail pibbotso@aol.com for further information or to make a reservation.

PartyLite Sale

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20
Location: Comfort Inn, 40455 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Find great deals on your favorite items and discontinued products. Cash and carry.
Contact: dianescandles@gmail.com

Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS

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

Railroadiana

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

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.
Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Crafters Wanted

Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 20
Location: Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights
Details: Crafters are wanted for the church's 22nd annual arts and crafts show.
Contact: For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

Earth Angels

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

'50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

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

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.
Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

EDUCATION

Willow Creek

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland
Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.
Contact: (734) 326-0078

St. Damian

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland
Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.std- amian.com.

YWCA Preschool

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

ORGANIZATIONS

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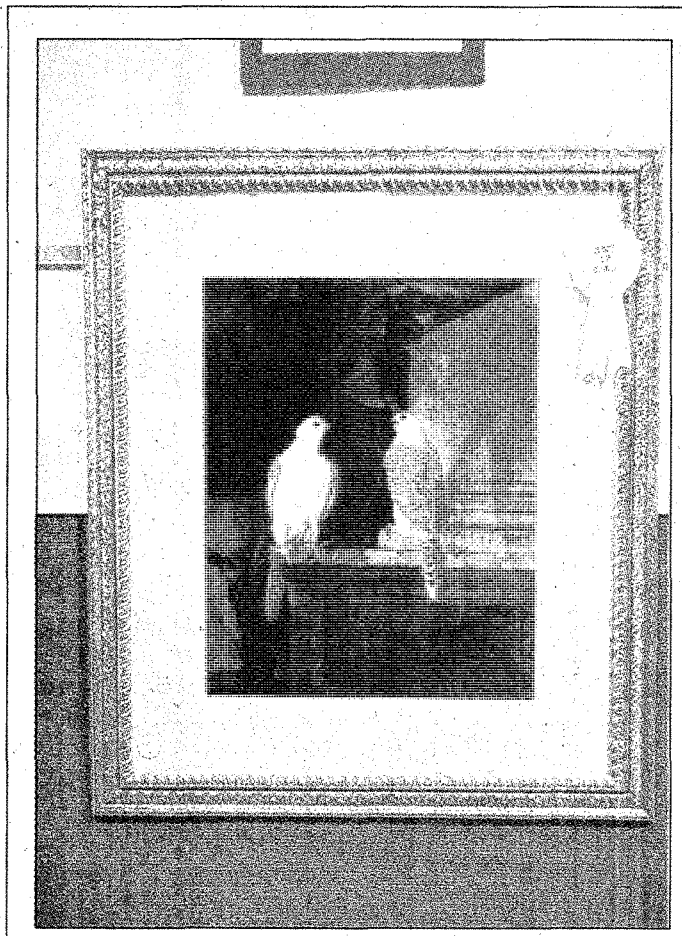
Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of 'the month (except July, August and December)
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.
Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

Westland Rotary

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

Writing Group

Time/date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month
Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne
Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story



Fine arts exhibit

The Garden City Fine Arts Association Art Exhibit and Sale will be held Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13, in the atrium behind Subway at 30100 Ford Road, Garden City. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. A reception and award ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday. Light refreshments will be served. Last year's "Best of Show" winner was a pastel drawing (above) titled, "Icelandic Falcons," by Marcia Clum.

Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.
Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to sheptry@yahoo.com

Toastmasters

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

and Newburgh.
Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.
Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.
TOPS 869
Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at

5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.
Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.
Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

Legion Post 251

Time/date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month
Location: 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.
Details: All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join.
Contact: www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607

TOPS M128

Time/date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland
Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

Garden City Dems

Time/date: 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)
Location: Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City
Contact: Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

Citizens for Peace

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month
Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.
Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

In Harmony

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland
Details: For men interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting
Contact: call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal

Veteran's Haven

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.
Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.
Contact: (734) 728-0527

Silver Strings Dulcimer

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

Contact: (734) 482-2902, http://geocities.com/ssdsociety

Garden City Kiwanis

Time/date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City
Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

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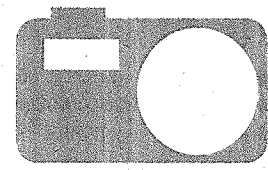
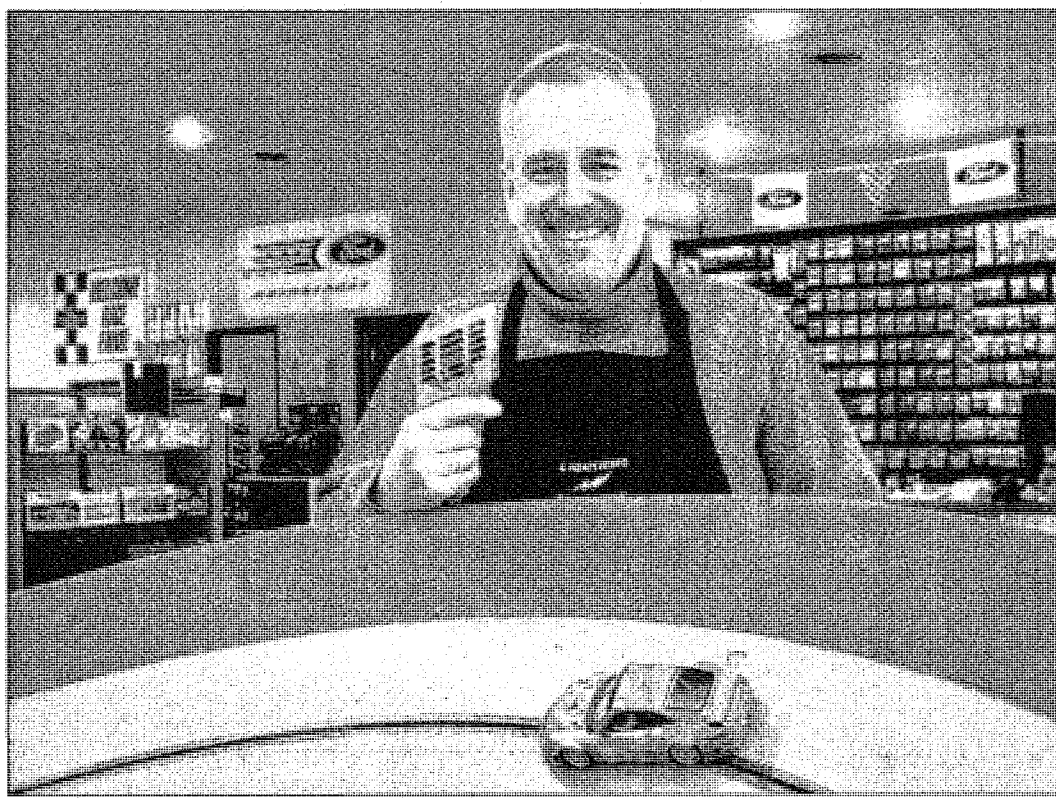


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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



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Andy Smith of Lightning Speedway has been playing with slot cars since 1962.

Model car racing business has grown at lightning speed

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

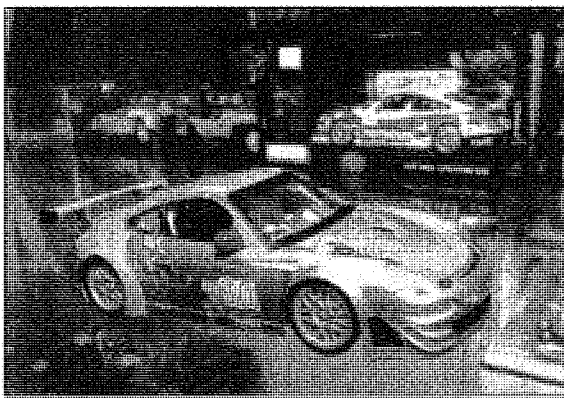
We feature a Pinewood Derby racing test track with electronic timing system, NASCAR Simulator (sit-down video game) and offer birthday party or corporate special events for groups of up to 40. We hold regular competitive racing events for slot-racing enthusiasts. We retail home racing sets for gift giving and sell general hobby merchandise such as paints, glue and tools. In addition, we offer on-site technical service and support.

Professor Motor is involved in a large volume retail internet-based business where we ship merchandise worldwide. We manufacture and/or distribute 33 brands of merchandise related to slot car racing with major customers. We provide engineering consulting services to many companies in the hobby industry.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

We offer health-conscious drinks and snacks with all of our parties. We have conducted fund-raisers for Habitat for Humanity, Daycroft Middle School, many churches and other nonprofit groups. We support Toys for Tots, Cub Scout Pinewood Derby racing and many other charitable/nonprofit activities. We manufacture a very large portion of the goods we sell. We are eco-conscious with all energy-star rated appliances, compact fluorescent and LED lighting fixtures and programmable thermostats.

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Business established: February 1999 in CEO Andy Smith's home.

Hours: 8 p.m. Tuesday; noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Contact: For more information, visit www.professormotor.com or www.lightningspeedway.com.

tracks and a kids play area. We stock more than 5,000 items including motorsports-oriented "gear" and bulk materials that we supply to other businesses. We feature variable power systems on all our racing tracks so that we can tune down the car performance and accommodate any racers from 3 to 93 years old. We feature computer-based electronic control, lap counting systems and big wide screen displays for all of our race tracks run by computer electronic control systems that we designed.

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

When I retired from Ford Motor Co. as an engineering supervisor at the Automatic Transmission Engineering in Livonia at the end of 2001, I decided to expand our small-scale home-based business to a larger commercial entity to supplement my retirement pension that I receive from Ford. **Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

When we first started our home-based business, it grew very fast and if you opened up our kitchen cabinets there were hooks inside the doors with gears and other parts hung on the hooks and inside the door to our basement we had again hooks with model car chassis and other parts hanging there. We first started to build a handheld electronic throttle control device for slot racing in our basement when the business was run in effect around our dining room table and we expected that we would build perhaps 200-400 of those a year. To date we have built more than 20,000 of those electronic controllers and we are the leader in the hobby industry with our products in those areas - just slightly exceeded our expectations! With our current building of 12,000 square feet, you can see we have grown just a bit!

employees have maintained an unshakable commitment to safety," said Dobronski. "This dedication to safety extends to all of our employees, our customers, and to the communities we serve. Safety is and will continue to be our top priority."

The Jake Award is named after Jake Jacobson, a long-time railroad executive from Arizona who has championed rail safety throughout his career. The honor has been awarded annually since 1999 by the ASLRA to railroads that have not had an injury, lost workday or fatality reported to the Federal Railroad Administration for an entire year. The number of regional and short line railroads receiving the award has increased

from 27 in 1999 to more than 200 in 2007, demonstrating the industry's increased focus on workplace safety.

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The AB operates the Old Road Dinner Train in Blissfield, the longest continually operating scheduled dinner train in the North America, and the Old Road Dinner Train in Charlotte. For more information about the dinner train, visit www.murdermysterytrain.com.

MILESTONES

Holiday Special

Time/Date: Now through Christmas
Location: Aqua-Chem Solutions, Garden City

Details: Aqua-Chem Solutions is running a carpet cleaning special for all Garden City residents. If you are a Garden City resident, you will receive 10 percent off all services. If you go to Aqua-Chem Solutions Facebook page and click on "Like" you'll receive another 10 percent off for a total of 20 percent off. The offer is good now until Christmas.

Contact: Call Mike at (734) 421-7110.

Santa Fast Pass

Details: If you're planning to visit Santa Claus at Westland Shopping Center, reduce the wait with a Fast Pass. Visit the mall's website and click on Santa Fast Pass where you can select your photo package, pay for it and download a your pass. Receive a free Shutterfly card with your photo package. There's also a free Beanie for Santa Fast Pass customers. With a Santa Fast Pass, you'll be able to bypass the regular line and hop on to the faster VIP entrance line.

Contact: For more information, hop online to www.westlandcenter.com.

Cask Ale Fest

Time/Date: noon-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13

Location: Ashley's Beer and Grill, 7525 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Ashley's holds a semi-annual Cask Ale Fest (May and November) at the Beer and Grill to promote cask

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Contact: For more information, call (734) 525-1667 or go online to www.ashleys.com.

Food Drive

Time/Date: Sunday, Nov. 14, through Sunday, Nov. 12

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

Details: Join Art Van Furniture and WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 to help feed the hungry this holiday season by collecting food for Gleaners Community Food Bank. Drop off your non-perishable food donations at one of the 17 metro Detroit Art Van Furniture locations, including its Westland store. Last year, the drive collected 85,000

pounds of food, the equivalent of 69,000 meals - enough to feed a sell-out crowd at Ford Field.
Contact: Call (734) 425-9600 for more information.

Dinner Theater

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 18

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

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Award winner

The Adrian & Blissfield Railroad has received the prestigious "Jake Award - With Distinction" during a national meeting this year in Orlando, Fla. This marks the seventh consecutive year the ABRR, headquartered in Westland, has won the award for safety.

The award was presented to ABRR President Mark Dobronski at a ceremony at the annual meeting of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association by Richard F. Timmons, ASLRA president.

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Federal Reserve action will impact every investor

The Federal Reserve will implement a policy known as quantitative easing (basically buying U.S. securities). Although it's not important to understand all the details, investors need to know the impact. Whatever the Federal Reserve plans to do over the next two years will have an impact on you and me. Over the next two years, the Federal Reserve will purchase \$600 billion of U.S. securities. The Federal Reserve is implementing this policy in order to stimulate the U.S. economy. It doesn't come as a surprise to anyone that the economy is struggling. The stimulus package that was passed nearly a year-



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

and-a-half ago has not accomplished its goals. Therefore, the Federal Reserve is taking its own actions to get the economy moving. There is no guarantee that the Federal Reserve plan will stimulate the economy. That being said, there are some predictable consequences of the Federal Reserve policy that investors should expect. The first is lower interest rates. Interest rates already are very

low, however, expect lower rates in the near future. This will directly impact senior citizens. Seniors traditionally invest a larger portion of their portfolio in income-producing investments such as CDs and U.S. treasuries. I have no doubt that interest rates on these investment vehicles will decline in the near future. This can cause severe problems for seniors because the income they receive from their investments will go down. Seniors must be particularly cautious in how they handle their portfolio in light of declining interest rates. Another consequence of the Federal Reserve policy is that

inflation will be a greater problem down the road. I suspect that the Federal Reserve recognizes that inflation will be a problem in the future, however, I believe the thought is it can be handled down the road when the economy regains its strength. However, inflation means that the value of the purchasing power of your money will decline. That is something that will affect everyone. Income investors will need to restructure their portfolios to potentially have more equities. The theory is that with low interest rates, an investor who needs income may have to dip into principal, consequently needing

a way to replace those monies. One way to accomplish this is to increase the amount of equities. I recognize that many seniors want to invest their money in a conservative manner, however, by being too conservative seniors may find they are running out of money. That is why I believe increasing the equity exposure in a portfolio will provide some protection. What concerns me is that seniors who are looking at increasing their income may invest in inappropriate investment vehicles. I am fearful that many seniors will rush out and buy lower quality investments to increase their cash flow.

Investors need to keep in mind that certain bonds paying 7 percent return or more are of low quality, which means that there is a much greater likelihood of a default on those bonds. In this difficult and weak economy, I generally don't recommend that most investors have any significant exposure in low-quality bonds. It's not that I don't like the yield, but rather, I don't like the risk to get those yields. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



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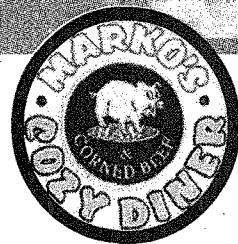
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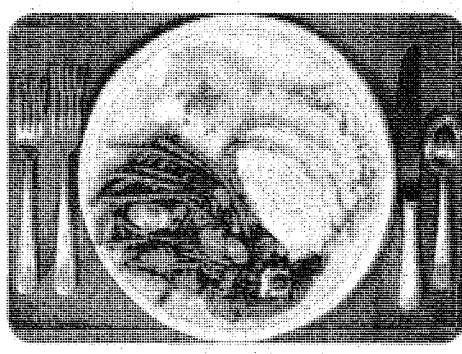
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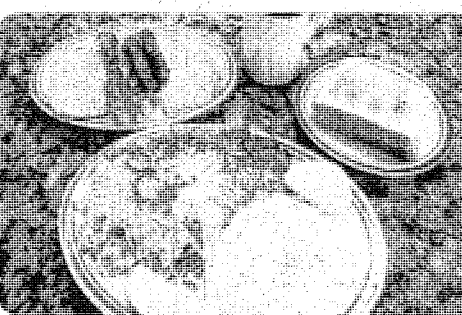
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OUR VIEWS

Veterans Day

Our service members deserve our thanks and prayers

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, a temporary cessation of hostilities was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War."

Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, Nov. 11 now has become the day that Americans pause to give thanks to the men and women who have answered the call to duty and served in the armed forces.

Today is Nov. 11, Veterans Day. At flag poles and veterans memorials, people will gather for ceremonies recalling the bravery of soldiers, seamen and Marines. Sadly, most of the people who will be at those ceremonies will be veterans. It's a federal holiday and, for many people, Veterans Day is a day off - no work, no banks, no mail delivery, no government offices open.

That should not be the case. Today we are a country at war, and the cost of our War on Terror since Sept. 11, 2001, is mind-boggling. In economic terms, our country has spent more than \$700 billion on the military operations. If you look at that amount as a stack of \$100 bills, the cost of those two wars, if those bills were laid out end-to-end, would circle the earth almost 34 times.

But the ultimate cost of war is something much more valuable - the lives of our service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. More than 1,200 Americans have died since Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan was launched in October 2001. In the war with Iraq, which was declared over on Aug. 31, took another 4,422 American lives. The wounded in both wars is well in excess of 34,000.

Although we may be weary of fight, it is important to honor the servicemen and women who risk their lives to defend our freedoms now and in wars past. Hundreds of thousands of young men and women have put themselves in harm's way. It's up to us to recognize their efforts.

If Veterans Day has a message, it's to remind us of the human costs. As Rod Powers on the military page of about.com wrote: "One thing is certain. The one thing we can never forget is the cost of war - any war - is high. The price tag is not measured only in dollars. It's measured in the loss of the most valuable asset of all - the price of war is measured in the loss of human lives."

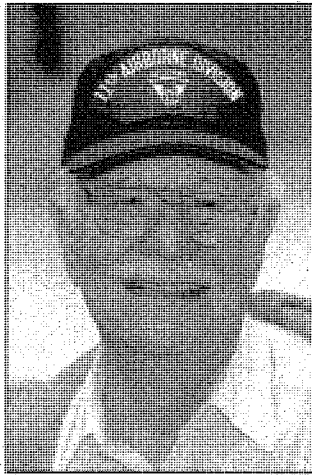
Our troops depend upon our unwavering support. We must give them nothing less. It is a lesson we learned in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Our veterans deserve our thanks. Because of their sacrifices we remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

So on this Veterans Day, pause for a moment and say a prayer. Pray for the those who have been wounded, and their families. Pray for those who have given their lives. Remember the dead and honor the living. Be forever grateful for their service.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What does Veterans Day mean to you?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Veterans Day is an important day for people to remember what the soldiers sacrificed for them."

Harry Torosian
Canton
World War II veteran



"It makes me proud of those who served. I never served but I'm proud of those who do and I'm proud of the veterans for what they've done for the country."

Doug Forrester
Livonia



"Obviously, it's to honor the veterans. It's very important and I don't think we do enough to say thanks for what they do for us."

Karen Boles
Hamburg



"Veterans Day means to pay tribute to the service people who fought and are still fighting. They don't get enough respect. They deserve to be recognized."

Debbie Nikka
Westland

LETTERS

Thank you voters

The votes are in and the precincts have been tallied from last Tuesday's elections. Thank you to all those individuals who took the time to go to the polls or mail back their ballot and make their voices heard. Your involvement in the process is crucial to our country's and state's economic turnaround, and critical to our local government issues.

I am truly humbled by and appreciative of the vote of confidence from the citizens in the Wayne County Commission District 12. I will do my very best to represent you and your families and all the stakeholders in the district. I promise you that I will not break the trust that you have given me as your Wayne County commissioner in Westland, Inkster and Livonia. I worked hard to earn your trust and I will continue to do my best and vote with your best interests in mind.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who worked on my campaign. It was your tireless dedication that put me over the top. I could not have done this without my family, friends, relatives and supporters. Thank you so very much!

Joan Gebhardt
county commissioner, 12th District

Election observation

With all due respect for both Senatorial candidates, John Pastor had the "push" during the campaign, but in the end it was Glenn Anderson who had the "pull!"

Joe Neussendorfer
Livonia

No public hearings

Following is an interaction I had with the EPA concerning the park reconstruction project in Westland: Thank you for your response, Mr. Cisneros. I am disappointed in the behavior of the city of Westland and Wayne County. I have heard from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and they stated that because of the manner in which this construction project was filed that the city of Westland nor Wayne County will need to have to hold public hearings.

If it had been a business attempting to build upon the land with permanent standing water on it (I understand there is a permanent pond located there) that they would not have been able to avoid public scrutiny of this damaging and wasteful activity.

I will review the process for filing an appeal

with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Appeals Board and approach them with my concerns.

I have also not seen any information regarding the materials that Wayne County disposed of there which were referred to but not named in the article.

I realize that you must be a very busy individual, however, this project directly impacts our drinking water in the Rouge River Basin and even though Wayne County and Westland have come up with a "plan," that plan clearly appears to be inadequate.

I am only one citizen, however, and so, you probably need not be concerned that any action being taken to ensure the danger to the drinking water in the Rouge River Basin is removed at the present time. I am really deeply curious as to why the city of Westland and Wayne County both seem so intent on literally "covering up" the problem rather than solving the problem. We need jobs here in Michigan as well as clean drinking water and this project appears to rob the citizens of Michigan of both.

I will make an attempt to attend the public meeting mentioned in the article, but you misidentified the people hosting the meeting as those in charge of the cleanup.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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

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The issue: Superintendent's pay raise

I am very happy about this raise for Mr. Liepa. Livonia schools are once again solvent and all is well in Livonia. Now the school teachers should be able to expect a large pay increase for their next contract. It just took a few days since the republicans were voted back into office and we are rolling in dough. Happy days are here again!

sturge

We are having so much taken away, elective choices, buses, teachers, additional pay to play fees, etc., etc., but you insult us by giving this man a raise like that? Where is the money going to come from and what can we expect to be taken away now to pay him?

Very sad and you can be sure we (and probably others) will be sure to vote all 5 of you out of there if we can. We need people who actually care about the kids, not an already wealthy man.

diane00

The issue: McCotter's re-election

Anyone who thinks the Republicans have the answers, our concerns and will help jobs in this State better remember McCotter had to break away from his party and vote along with the Democrats to "bail-out" GM and assist with "Cash for clunkers." Both measures were a success and saved this area from a Catastrophe (car-astrophe?). It would be great if our new congress will listen to "the people," but early signs are they are going to continue the political theater, create grid lock, wasting time and effort in attempting to repeal health care (it won't happen with the Pres. having Veto power.) Thereby making their top priority limiting Obama to a one term Presidency instead of focusing on jobs, debt and the economy.

Got-it

GUEST COLUMN

Veterans Day: Do we listen to the blood of the fallen?

As of Feb. 2, 2010, according to Beth Henry of *The Journal*, Frank W. Buckles is "America's last surviving World War I veteran" who had just that Monday celebrated his 109th birthday by blowing out 109 candles on his birthday cake.

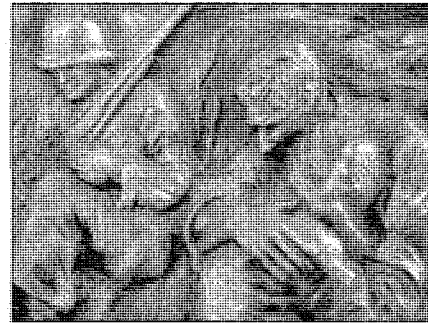
He makes his home on "Gap View Farm near Charles Town, was born Feb. 1, 1901, in Harrison County, Mo. He's often said that he knew he would have a long life, but he never expected to become the very last 'doughboy' - after all, there were 4,734,991 Americans who served from 1917-18 during the Great War. Now there's one left."

Frank W. Buckles was there 92 years ago to end the "War of Wars." For serving his country in the cruelest of times, we honor him while at the same time we realize the remains of World War I were violence and chaos that paved the road to World War II.

And the question we must ask ourselves today is: Do we listen to the blood of the fallen crying out to us not to repeat the same mistakes, to tread with care so as not to follow a treacherous road to a possible WWII, more than likely under a cloud of nuclear death?

In 1919, after the end of WWI, in the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles, France - and after six long months - President Woodrow Wilson of the United States of America; Prime Minister David Lloyd George of Britain; and Georges Clemenceau, prime minister of France, began negotiating a lasting peace after - as the saying went, "the war that was to end all wars," or so they thought.

Although after the signing of the Versailles Peace Treaty, many wars followed, beginning with WWII. But we must keep the faith and not allow another war of the magnitude of WWI and WWII to bathe the world in blood again and threaten to end life as we know it.



ERIKA MARTIN

A relief from the Monroe Veterans Memorial.

Unquestionably, the world is currently wobbling nervously on an axis of economic and political uncertainty; nevertheless, we must have hope and work for lasting peace. It would be the greatest tribute to our beloved nation if Frank W. Buckles were indeed the last surviving veteran by finally laying down our swords into plow-shares and our spears into pruning hooks, realizing at last that the Kantian dream of perpetual peace may indeed be possible to be realized rather than reverting back to the Hobbesian world where laws are unreliable and the only way of peace is the reliance on military might.

Lest we forget, in honor of Veterans Day 2010, this poem is dedicated to all veterans who have fought for liberty's cause.

The Field

after Lt. Col. John McCrae

A soldier in battle long ago
fought to end "the war of wars."
His tear-soaked eyes faced the wall
Where he saw his comrade fall
Down to the ground where brave blood flowed.

He felt the pain of loss and grief

in the bloody trench where life was brief
He kept a picture of his girl at home
in the breast pocket of his uniform
when the gunner came like a stealthy thief.

He raised his rifle with head held high
Saw mustard gas cloud the sky
Heard furious thunder of enemy feet
Smelled bloated corpses, and their rotten meat;
Yet "Freedom" was his battle cry.

He glimpsed the world safe for democracy,
for his sweetheart back home, for his family,
for his country and for his fallen friend,
he fired shot after shot to the silent end;
then laid down his life in the blood-drenched field.

Beyond the sea where poppies grow,
where no more winds of terror blow,
where small white crosses in Flanders Field
grace six precious acres of glory sealed,
a soldier died ninety-two years ago.

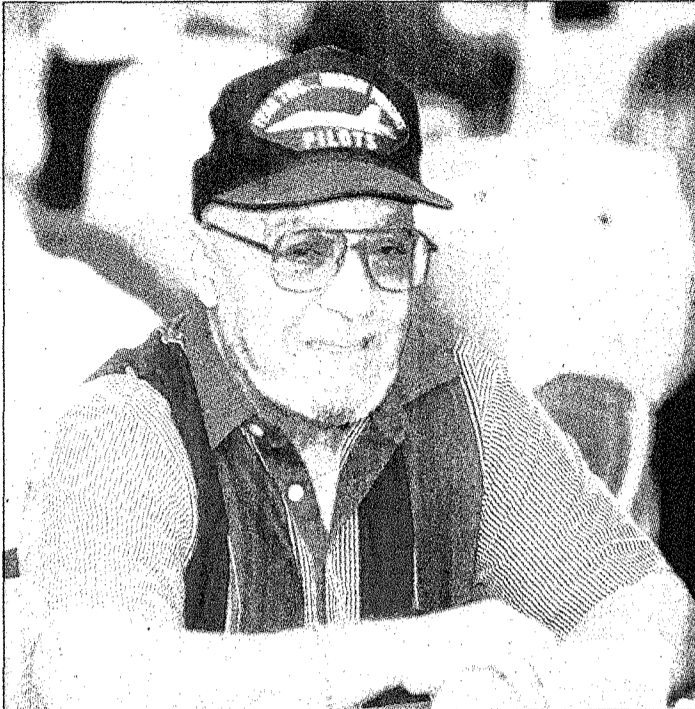
A lifetime of honor we give to all
who answered our country's battle call
to fight for freedom for our beloved land
across the sea in fate's cruelest hand.
Today our grateful tears still fall.

We remember the soldier of long ago
who fought to end "the war of wars,"
who laid down his life next to his friend,
trusting his girl and his country to the final end -
the unnamed soldier only God may know.

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'Incredible individuals'

Members of 'Greatest Generation' treated to showing of Famie film



Korean War veteran Richard Jackson attended the special screening of "Detroit, Our Greatest Generation."



Fred Millard and his wife Shirley were among guests at the 'Detroit, Our Greatest Generation' showing. Millard said executive producer Keith Famie "told me I was the star of the movie."



Phil Lewis who attended the event because he likes to research military history, looks over a table filled with promotional items for Famie's films.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

People carry the strangest things in their wallets. Take Rose Kaupp, for instance. Mixed in with the coins and currency is a rivet, one of the many used to build the B-24 bombers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant during World War II.

The war effort heralded the work with a "We Can Do It" poster featuring Rosie the Riveter, and while Kaupp wasn't that Rosie, she was a riveter. In fact, as an 18-year-old, the Manchester resident placed the first rivets in the first bomber to roll off the assembly line at Willow Run.

"It wasn't hard, but it was tedious," Kaupp said. "I'd put the rivets in and someone would set them."

While Kaupp was working in the heart of the Arsenal of Democracy, Fred Millard was storming Omaha Beach on D-Day. The Northville resident, who was born in Plymouth and grew up in Livonia, was in the first wave of American soldiers to jump off a landing craft into battle.

"We were the first ones in. They dropped us in nine feet of water," Millard said. "The first thing I did was throw my gun away. Who was I going to shoot underwater?"

Millard and Kaupp were among the special guests at a recent screening of Keith Famie's *Detroit, Our Greatest Generation* at the Westland Senior Friendship Center. Sponsored by American House, seniors were treated to lunch and the movie, documenting World War II as experienced by those who lived and worked through it.

'INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUALS'

"After working on this production, I can say that had it not been for these incredible individuals, the war may have had a very different result," said Famie, who spent more than a year creating the film. Some 300 seniors, many of them veterans, were praised for their efforts as members of the "Greatest Generation."

"Stand tall and hold your heads high," Westland Mayor William Wild said in a videotaped statement. "We recognize you, we value your bravery and strength. We recognize the burden you carried. Know how

proud we are of you."

"Your experience is unique in the history of mankind," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "Sometimes we lose perspective and take our rights and freedoms for granted. We should thank you, veterans, for what you did."

The experience may have been more than unique for Millard, an 18-year-old private who joined his unit in Sicily, where "they told me don't unpack, we're leaving." They marched all night and early the next day, before he stepped on an anti-personnel mine. He was severely injured and spent more than five months in the hospital after his buddies were able to get him out.

"They couldn't get me out right away; they had to hide me and come back for me," he said. "They put me in a little ditch and gave me all of their water. It was getting dark and I heard soldiers marching by. I looked and it was the Germans."

Millard lost a lot of friends on the beach at Normandy. He used a trick that he learned swimming at his aunt's lake-front cottage to propel himself through the water to save his life that day. He made it to the beach, where he worked his way to safety, passing the bodies of soldiers, many of whom he knew.

"I lost a lot of good friends that day," Millard said.

He made that trip two more times, first to go back and retrieve a gun that he took apart and cleaned, then to find a bandolier filled with bullets.

A decorated veteran, Millard is still being recognized for his bravery 66 years later. On Sept. 10, he received a letter from Graham Paul, consul general of France in Chicago, informing him that he has been named a Knight of the Legion of Honor.

"My fellow countrymen will never forget your sacrifice," Paul wrote.

HANDFUL OF RIVETS

Kaupp didn't get such tributes, just a handful of the plane rivets, one of which she carries with her. She took the job at Willow Run because it paid well. She had left home at age 16 because her father didn't want her to go to school anymore.

Kaupp lived in Detroit when she took the job at the bomber plant after it opened. She met her late husband, Gene, there



Rose Kaupp wasn't THE Rosie the Riveter, but she was a riveter who placed the first rivets in the first B-24 bomber to roll off the assembly line at Willow Run.



The death of his father, a bombardier on a B-17 during the war, led Keith Famie to produce "Detroit, Our Greatest Generation."

and when he asked her to move to Ypsilanti to be closer to him, she didn't think twice. He never served in the military because "he worked in a factory where he was needed," she said.

"We worked nine hours a day, it was mostly women," she said. Famie was inspired to do the film following the loss of his father, a bombardier on a B-17 during the war. He got help from Bob Gillette, founder of American House, in bringing it to fruition.

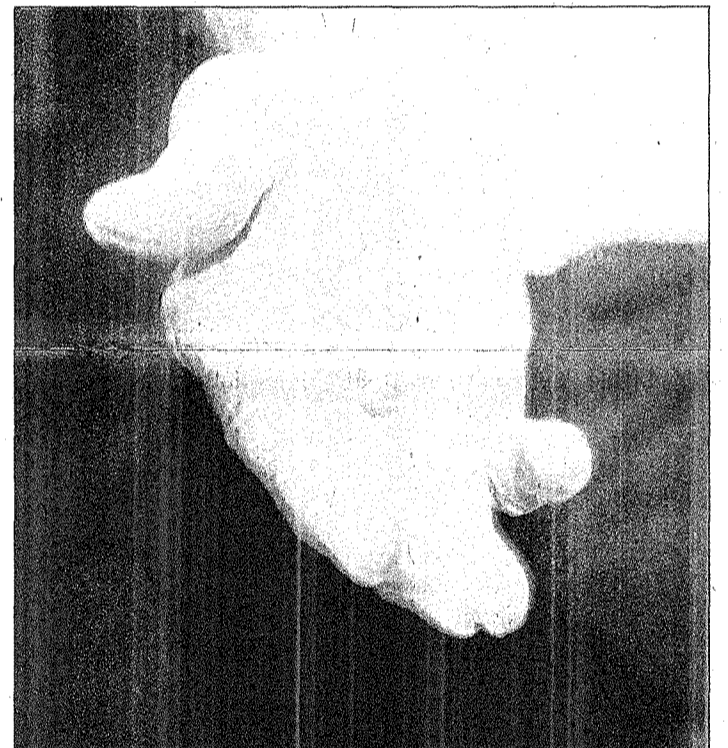
"Without the support of Bob

Gillette, the story never would have been told about what Detroit did for the Arsenal of Democracy," Famie said.

He added that the 80-something veterans like to talk, "but we don't listen."

"The sad thing about society is we see them walking in Kmart and all we see is an 89-year-old shopping, but you can bet that in some way they were involved in the war effort," he said.

Famie is working on another documentary about Vietnam veterans, which will premier



Kaupp shows off a rivet was used at the bomber plant that she carries in her wallet.



Doris Craig loved the movie the first time she saw it and decided she needed to see it again.



Agnes Wayne shares a laugh with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano who told the seniors their experiences during World War II "is unique to mankind."

Jan. 28 at the Fox Theatre. According to Famie, his latest film is "an opportunity to tell a story that's never been told."

"Our Vietnam vets are becoming the caretakers of our World War II veterans and the guardians of our current military," Famie said.

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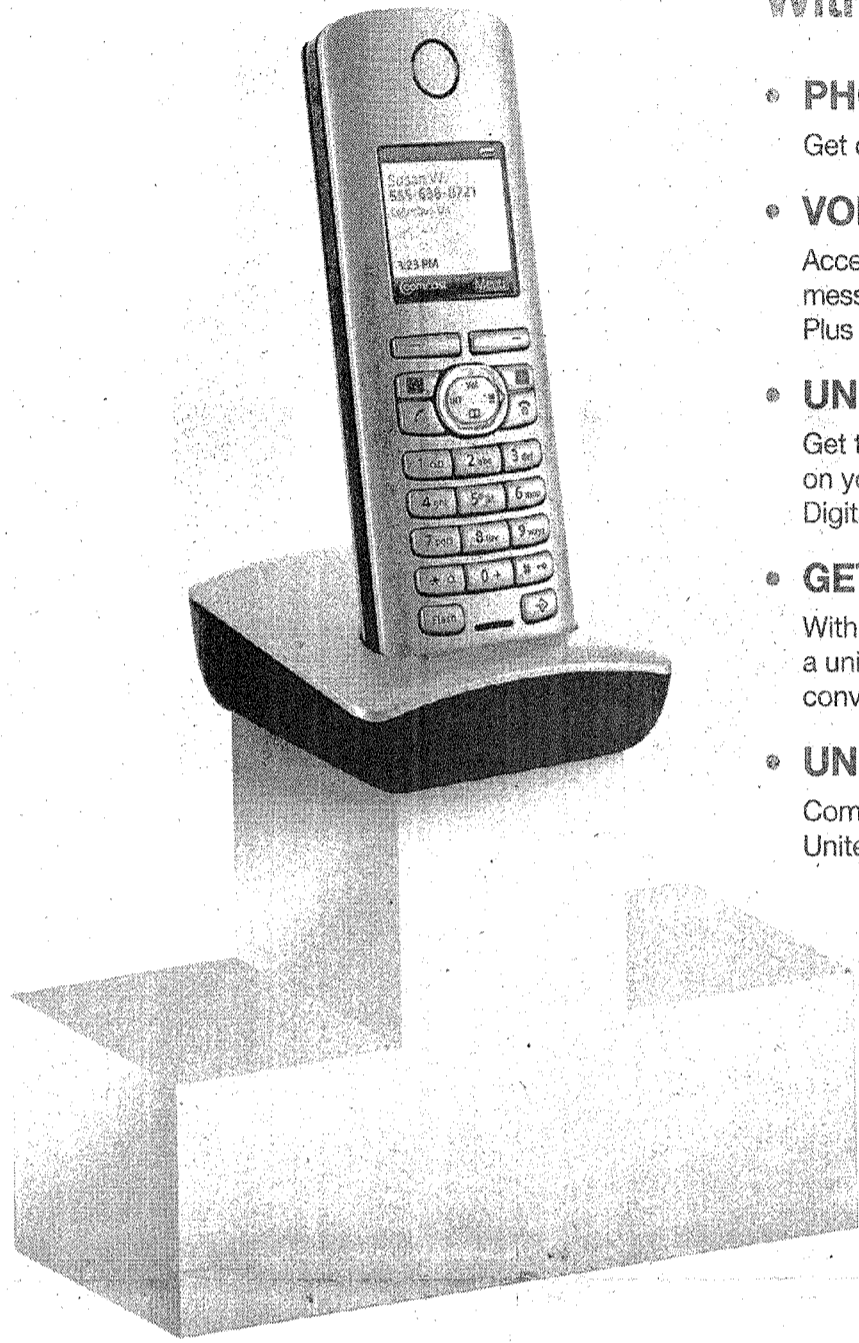
Generation has turned Famie into a spokesman for veterans, it also has a message for young people.

"The significance of the film is to help young people understand what it means to get old," he said.

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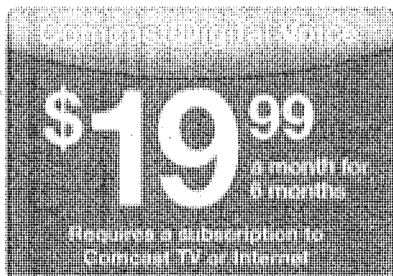
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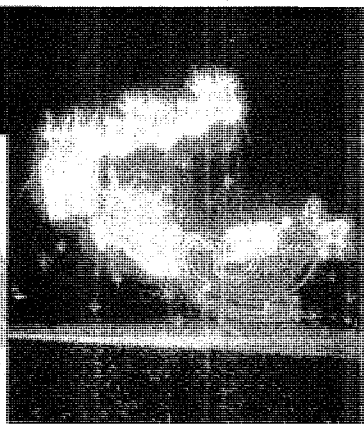
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Regional ready

Rockets orbit past Allen Park to reach finals

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Was it really supposed to be this easy? Westland John Glenn was in cruise control from start to finish Tuesday en route to a convincing 25-19, 25-10, 25-12 Class A regional volleyball victory over Allen Park in the semifinals at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

Glenn, now 23-16-5 overall, moves into the regional final to face perennial state power Temperance Bedford, 63-10-2 overall, in today's championship match. (Game time is 7 p.m. at Wyandotte.)

"I know that Bedford is a very strong team," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "I know that Bedford has a habit of making it to the playoffs. We've got our work cut out for us."

The Rockets made quick work of Allen Park (18-10), led by outside hitter Halie Baker's 17 kills and three solo blocks.

"She's a senior," Hubbard said. "She's just not ready to go home. She's not ready to be done. I'm counting on her Thursday."

Allen Park countered with 6-foot-2 middle hitter Ashley Parks, who finished with 10 kills, but wasn't much of a factor, particularly in the first and third sets.

"We didn't know anything about Allen Park," Hubbard said. "Yesterday we just prepared on

what we knew, which was that they had a big hitter on the team — number 17 (Parks). So that's what we prepared for and the girls did exactly what they were supposed to do. She didn't hit very high over the net, so it wasn't too much trouble for our block."

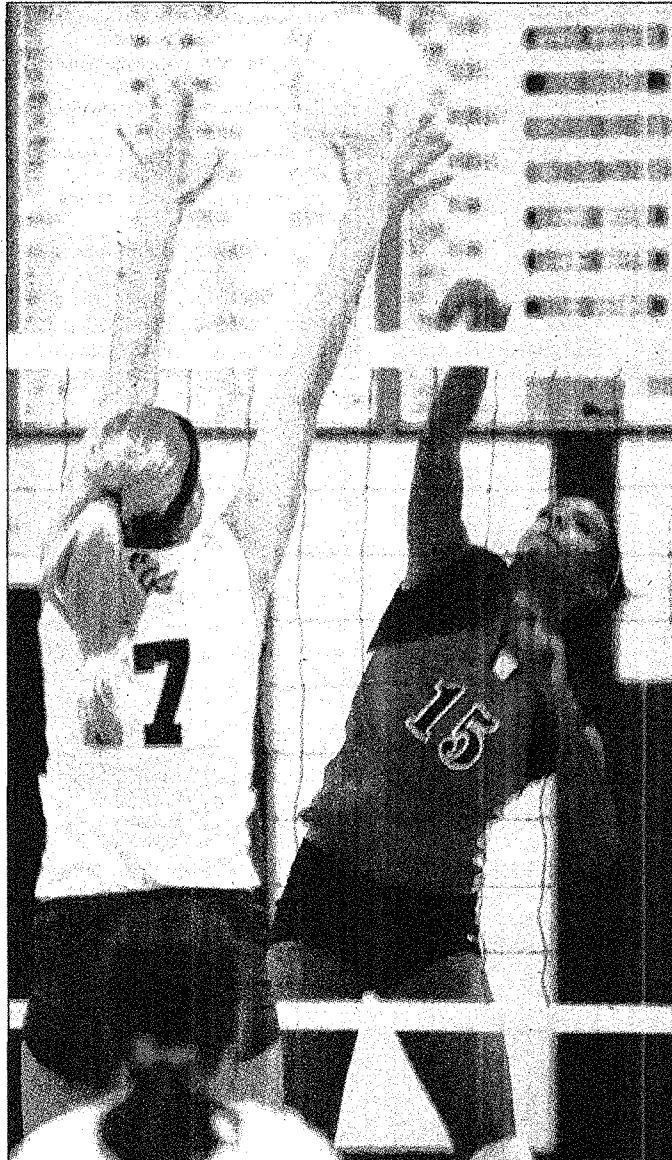
Junior Jordyn Coniam added four kills, while setters Claire Truskowski and Sarah Headrick combined for 27 assists with 15 and 12, respectively. Truskowski also had four ace serves.

"I went and saw them Friday, they have some really good hitters," Allen Park coach Chris Bozman said of the Rockets. "We tried to make adjustments. They're quick. We haven't seen any of that fast-paced tempo all year. They're basically a solid team."

"The pace just threw us off. The girls were a half-step behind and it showed."

The Glenn defense was led by senior libero Brooke Zywick (26 digs), who also had a career-high passing average of 2.87 and was 14-of-14 on serve receive.

Junior Nicole Quaine added 12 digs. "Just amazing," Hubbard said. "We got 100-percent passing from Brooke and 88-percent passing from our senior defensive specialist Jen Drum. That sure made our setters' jobs easier and allowed Halie to shine."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Halie Baker (15) hits through the block of Allen Park's Ashley Parks (17) during Tuesday's Class A regional semifinal at Wyandotte.

SIDELINES

Laker harrier first

Grand Valley State University captured six of the first seven places en route to the 2010 Great Lake Intercollegiate Athletic Conference women's cross country championship hosted Saturday by Hillsdale College.

Senior Megan Maceratini

(Livonia Churchill) captured her first individual GLIAC harrier title and also earned GLIAC Runner of the Year honors with a 6-kilometer time of 21:19.8.

Teammate Kyleen Cieslak (Churchill), a senior transfer from Northwood University, placed seventh for the Lakers in 21:47.9 to join Maceratini on the All-GLIAC first team.

Grand Valley, which out-distanced runner-up Ferris State for the team title, 18-65, now prepares for the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships Saturday, Nov. 20, in Louisville, Ky.

Sherwood qualifies

Madonna University senior Sarah Sherwood (Salem) made it three-for-three, placing third in Saturday's 2010 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's cross country championship held at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Sherwood, the only MU runner to appear at the NIAA nationals, posted a clocking of 18 minutes, 27 seconds in the 5,000-meter race. It was just four seconds off of her school record time and 20 seconds behind eventual winner Rachel Steil of Aquinas College.

Sherwood will be making her third straight appearance in the NIAAs, Saturday, Nov. 20, in Vancouver, Wash.

Aquinas captured the team title with 25 points, followed by Indiana Tech (62), Siena Heights (81), Cornerstone (82), Madonna (136), Davenport (171) and Concordia (190).

Other MU finishers included Inta Grinvalds, 30th (20:40); Cassie Yarnell, 31st (20:43); Emily Bambach (Livonia Ladywood), 21:03; and Devan Walley (Livonia Franklin), 55th (26:41).

Ocelots spiked

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team was eliminated in Saturday's semifinal round of the NJCAA Division II District E tourney by top seed Oakland Community College in four sets, 22-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-15.

Owens (Ohio) CC, led by MVP Brittany Egbert, went on to win the title over OCC, 27-25, 23-25, 25-12, 25-22, in the finals held at Ford Fieldhouse at Grand Rapids CC.

In the consolation bracket, Schoolcraft defeated Macomb CC (25-22, 20-25, 25-18, 25-17) before losing to Columbus State of Ohio (15-25, 25-19, 20-25, 25-23, 15-12).

Canton's Lauren Macuga earned All-Tournament honors for the Lady Ocelots, who finished the season 22-15 overall.

MU men seventh

Siena Heights University, scoring 35 points, captured Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's cross country championship held at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Rounding out the team standings were Aquinas (45), Cornerstone (65), Indiana Tech (85), Davenport (132), Concordia (189) and Madonna (191).

Cornerstone's Zach Ripley, averaging 4:57 per mile, was the men's 8-kilometer individual winner in 24:28.

Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn) was MU's top finisher in 25th (27:05) followed by Nick Brubaker, 44th (27:47); Dan Pratt, 46th (28:00); Jeff Grzywinski, 55th (28:47); and Luke Mion, 64th (32:36).

Numerous records falls in Kensington swim meet

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The record board took a beating Saturday at South Lyon East in the KLAA Kensington Conference girls swimming and diving meet.

Nine conference records fell, along with six pool marks, in a meet won by host South Lyon United, which scored a team-high 795 points.

Rounding out the 11-school field was runner-up Northville (728.5), defending champion Novi (680.5), Livonia Stevenson (661), Canton (468), Salem (418), Plymouth (367), Livonia Franklin (247), Westland John Glenn (186), Livonia Churchill (170) and Wayne Memorial (96).

Minus the diving event, there

Please see **SWIM, B3**



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The Conference meet at South Lyon East. Kayla Douglas (Livonia Franklin) swimming and winning the 100 backstroke.

Regional: Chargers rout Cass

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were no upsets in Tuesday's Class A regional semifinals at Livonia Churchill — not even remotely close.

The host Chargers rolled to an easy 25-9, 25-11, 25-8 victory over Detroit Cass Tech, while Ferndale disposed of Detroit Denby, also in three straight, 25-6, 25-12, 25-10.

Ferndale and the Chargers, now 45-7-2 overall, will play for the regional title 7 p.m. today at Churchill.

"It was a nice match for us," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We had an opportunity to play a lot of kids. It's nice in a regional match to get as many kids in. Cass Tech was a good team. They really have some nice athletes. A couple of kids really swing well for them and they did a nice job."

Churchill's top hitters were sophomores Emily Norscia and Marissa Pomaville, with nine and eight kills, respectively. Sophomore Audrey Durocher chipped in with six.

Setters Cory Urbats and Julia Szuba combined for 24 assist-to-kills with 15 and nine, respectively.

Twins Kara and Nicole Kempinski paced the defense with 18 and nine digs, respectively. They also combined for six ace serves.

"Good defensive team," Cass Tech coach Edward Tomlin said of the Chargers. "Everybody is where they're supposed to be — passes to the target. They're ball control is outstanding. Couple big hitters, but really the defense and ball control is where I'm really impressed."

"Churchill is a great team. I don't think we had our best effort today. We just didn't pass the ball. Of course, when you don't pass the ball well, it's hard to play this game. We've got to work on

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B3**

Schoolcraft women return to NJCAAs

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Anytime you're still playing soccer in November, it's a good thing.

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team chalked up one critical November win Saturday when the Lady Ocelots booted host Waubonsee (Ill.), 3-1, in an NJCAA Division I District D championship.

Coach Deepak Shivraman's squad now has the opportunity to add a few more victories to the total as it secured a berth in the NJCAA National Tournament, Nov. 18-21 in Topeka, Kan.

"This was a big game and we knew it wasn't going to be a walkover because Waubonsee was going to be ready for us and pumped up playing on their home field," Shivraman said. "To go in there and get the win says a lot about us. We needed a challenge like this because it only gets tougher from here on."

The Lady Ocelots (16-1) will enter the national tournament seeded fourth behind No. 1 Tyler (Texas) Junior College, 15-0, No. 2 Paradise Valley (Ariz.) Community College, 21-0, and No. 3 Georgia Perimeter College, 20-0-2.

Please see **SOCCER, B2**



Members of Schoolcraft's women's soccer team are all smiles after their 3-1 triumph Saturday over Waubonsee (Ill.). The victory puts the Lady Ocelots in the NJCAA National Championships Nov. 18-21 in Topeka, Kan.

Second annual sacred music concert honors Felician Sisters

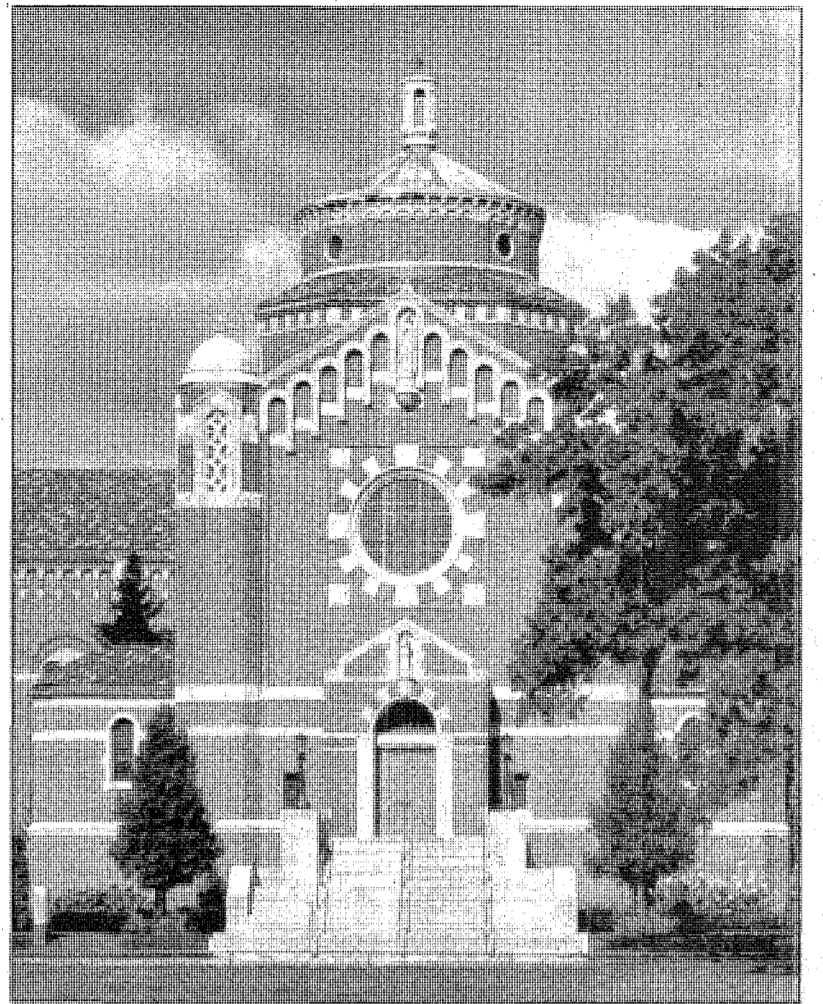


The Presentation Chapel at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse in Livonia will be the setting for a "Concert of Sacred Music."

PHOTO BY KAREN VAMAS

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Barbara Glinski of Farmington Hills loves classical sacred music and beautiful spaces. Louis Canter, music director for the Archdiocese of Detroit, does, too. They'll bring both together Sunday, Nov. 21, at Presentation Chapel at the Motherhouse of the Felician Sisters of Livonia. The event, "Concert of Sacred Music," starts at 2 p.m. at the chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft. Patron tickets are \$100 and include reserved seating, and a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception after the concert, along with an opportunity to meet the performers. Supporter tickets are \$20. Tickets are available in advance by calling (313) 701-8683 or e-mailing to musicconcert@wowway.com. Tickets also will be available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Felician Sisters, who are celebrating 135 years of ministry in education, health care and the Church. "It's love of sacred music that started this and a desire to give wonderful musicians a chance to sing in sacred spaces and honor the Sisters," Glinski said. Elizabeth Mihalo, soprano and Andy Langlands, baritone, will sing Handel's *And He Shall Feed His Flock*. Lisa Agazzi, mezzo soprano, will perform Schubert's *Ave Maria*. Hektor Qyteti will play *Meditation* on violin. And the Sisters and Ladywood's Angelic Chorale will sing Palestrina's *Jesu, Rex Admirabilis*. The program also includes Julie Holowell, Charles Walker and Canter. Canter also will perform, as he did during the first annual sacred music performance held last year at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills in honor of Cloistered Dominican Nuns.



The exterior of the Presentation Chapel in Livonia

"I got to play the organ last year in a cloistered area," Canter said. "Each of the chapels has its own beauty." He said the monastery's chapel is a smaller space with more light from the outdoors. The Presentation Chapel is filled with mosaics, art work and stained glass. "This is a concert of the senses. There is an audio experience, but a visual experience as well," he said. Glinski fielded at least one telephone call from a ticket buyer who wondered about the chapel's interior. "He said 'I drive by there all the time and always wondered what it looks like inside.' He's bringing his girlfriend to the concert. We also have a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary." She said the chapel holds a maximum 500 individuals. Serving with her and Canter on the planning committee are Jan Krysz, Jo Obloy, Sue Sajdak, Sr. Mary Cynthia Ann Machlik, Sr. Mary Renetta Rumpz and Sr. Mary Francis Lewandowski.

Worship and bagpipes come together at 19th annual service

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The feast of St. Andrews is Nov. 30, but St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford will celebrate with bagpipes and dinner on Sunday, Nov. 14. "If the Presbyterian Church had a saint, that would be the saint," said

the Rev. Paul Bousquette, pastor at St. James, explaining the significance of the holiday. "After Christ died, the disciples all scattered. St. Andrews is the disciple thought to have made it to Scotland." St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, where his feast day is a national holiday. The Presbyterian

church has its roots in Scotland. Bousquette said his church celebrates a few weeks before the actual feast day so that it doesn't coincide with Thanksgiving Day weekend. The church will mark the event with a 10 a.m. worship service, followed by dinner. The St. Andrews Society Pipe Band

will play bagpipe music during the worship service and at the dinner. "This is our 19th year. The St. Andrew's Society bagpipe band has been with us all 19 years," Bousquette said. "We have Amazing Grace played on the bagpipes and there isn't a dry eye in the place." Advance tickets for the dinner

are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, 4-11. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Youngsters, 3 and under, are admitted for free. The dinner and fellowship will be held in Calvin Hall at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile. For reservations call the church at (313) 534-7730.

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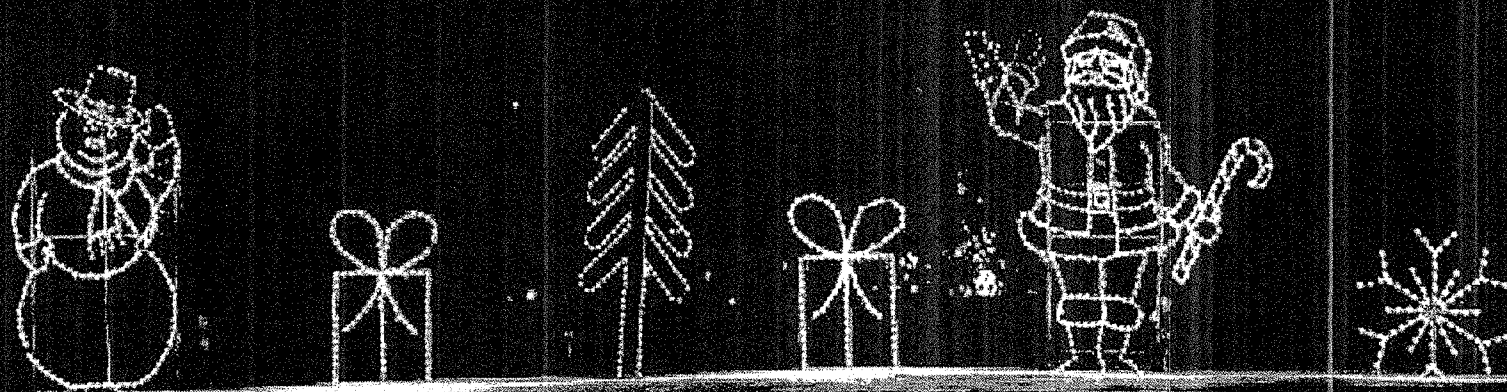
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Run, walk, bike or drive through holiday lights



A bicyclist decorated his head rather than his bike, during a previous Bike through the Lights.

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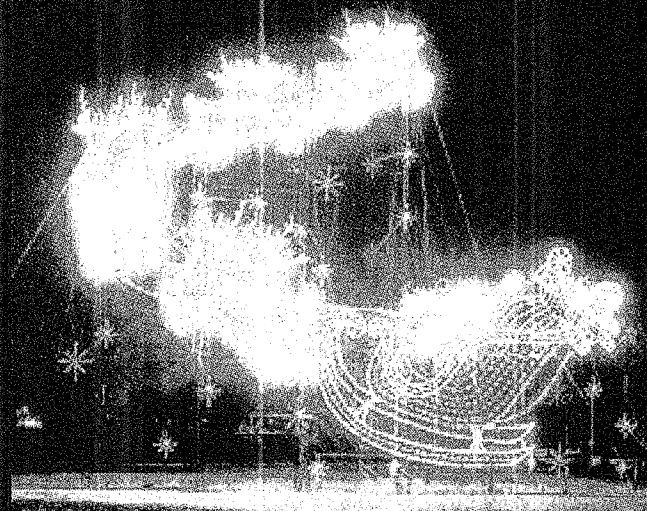
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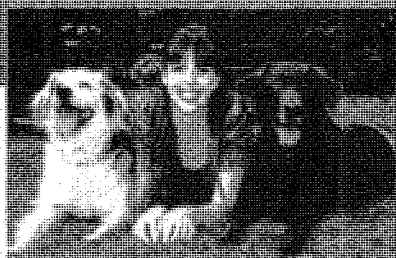
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Political funnies

The Capitol Steps will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton. The comedy troupe pokes fun at elected officials through sketches and song parodies and has recorded 30 CDs. Most cast members have worked on Capitol Hill. Although not all of the current members of The Capitol Steps are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together the performers have worked in a total of 18 Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience. No subject is off limits for this bunch. Show may contain adult subject matter and language. Tickets are \$48 for all seats. Groups of 15 or more may purchase group rate tickets for \$36 each. Tickets are available online at CantonVillageTheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

Comedy brings back big hair, 1960s music

Canton-based D2 Productions will present the recent Broadway musical comedy hit, *Hairspray*, Nov. 18th-21 at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti.

The musical, set in 1962 and filled with laughter and romance, is based on the 1988 New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters. It tells the story of 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair, who dances her way onto televi-

sion's most popular program, "The Corny Collins Show."

The cast features Maggie Williams as Tracy, Nick Rapson as Link, Wendy J. Krekeler as Penny, Martin Hunter as Seaweed, Gabriella Granados as Amber, Linzi Joy Bokor as Velma, Jeff Faust as Edna, and Dave Cooper as Corny Collins.

Hairspray is directed by Jake Zinke and produced and assistant directed by

Kyle M. Farr with music and vocal direction by Mike Williams and choreography by Amanda Bashista.

Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 20-21.

Tickets are \$18 for reserved seats and \$15 general admission. They're available at www.d2productions.org or at the door.

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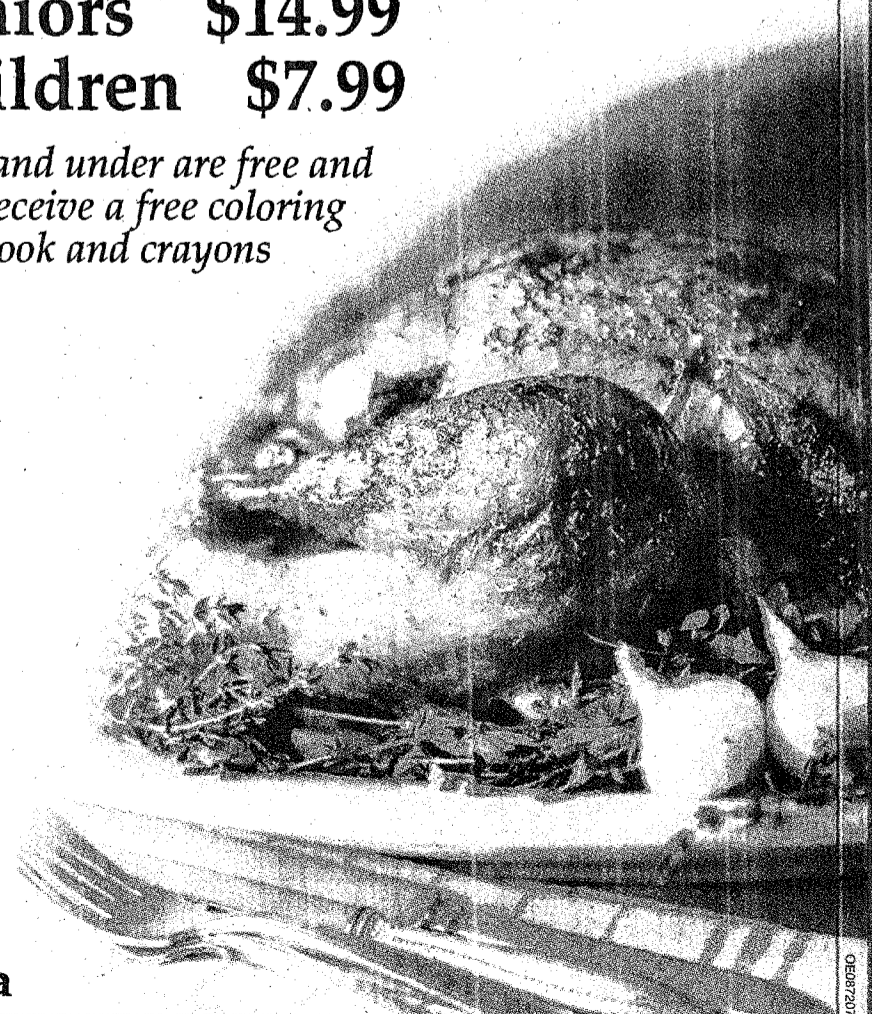
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It's a HOLIDAY PARTY!

Bring an appetizer to share

If finances are tight this year, celebrate the holidays by hosting a shared small plates party where everyone can get together to have fun without breaking the bank. Small plates continue to be hot in trendy restaurants because people love to sample little bites and taste a variety of dishes. Ask each guest to bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine or non-alcoholic drink. With a collection of nibbles and libations, you're ready to party.

Decor

Set a festive mood. Pillar candles, strings of lights, evergreens and holiday music will create a merry atmosphere at a nominal cost.

For an elegant tone, use china plates and wine glasses if you have them. But don't use fragile or expensive ones that would leave you devastated if they break.

Food

The buffet will grow as guests arrive, but to provide for the first guests, have a cheese board ready. It takes no time to prep and is always popular.

Consider an Irish cheese board to introduce guests to new tastes. Cheeses labeled "Kerrygold," imported from Ireland, come in a variety of types to please every taste, and are widely available in local supermarkets. These cheeses are made with milk from grass-fed cows raised on small family farms; no growth hormones are used.

For your cheese board, try Dubliner, a crowd-pleasing, full-flavored cheese with

a balanced sweetness and the bite of an aged Parmesan. Or consider Kerrygold Aged Cheddar, noted for its rich, round flavor and smooth body. It was a gold medal winner at the 2010 World Championship Cheese Contest. Blarney Castle, a creamy and mild, semi-soft, part-skim cheese, offers a pleasant contrast.

Other flavorful Irish cheeses include Duhallow, a farmhouse cheese from renowned Irish cheese maker Mary Burns; and Ivernina, a hard cheese aged for three years to bring out complex flavors. For a store locator for these Irish cheeses, go to www.kerrygold.com/usa/locator.php.

Logistics

Set up separate stations for food and wine to keep traffic moving. Clear off kitchen counters so guests can prep their dishes. Have extra platters and serving utensils available for people who forget to bring them.

Purchase a few extra bottles of wine and non-alcoholic drinks to start the party off and to ensure there is enough to drink if guests forget to bring their contribution. If you end up not needing the extras, repurpose for the next festive occasion.

Here are some delicious appetizer recipes to share. Some ingredients, such as smoked salmon, are pricey, but a little goes a long way. Each recipe makes 24 pieces. The recipes can easily be doubled or tripled, depending on the length of the party and the appetite of your guests.

made one day before serving. To serve, bring the dip to room temperature or warm in a double boiler or gently in the microwave, to soften. Scatter the remaining walnuts over the top. Perfect with celery hearts, sliced fennel, endive leaves, and thin wedges of crisp apples.

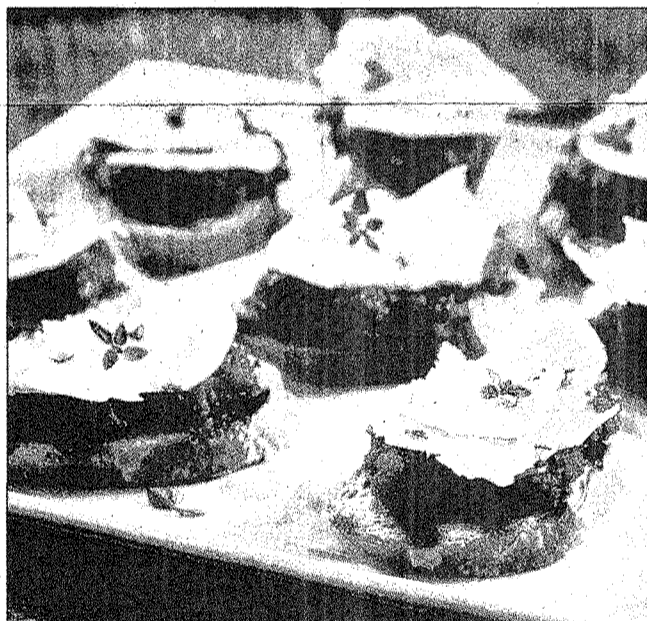
SMOKED SALMON, LEMON BUTTER AND CHIVE TARTINE

Makes 24 pieces

1/2 cup (4 ounces) Kerrygold Salted Butter, at room temperature
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 to 6 slices firm white bread (country, potato, etc.)
8 ounces smoked salmon, sliced thin
2 tablespoons minced chives

Combine the butter with the lemon peel and lemon juice. Stir in the pepper. Best if made one or two days before using. Keep refrigerated. For serving, the butter should be very soft.

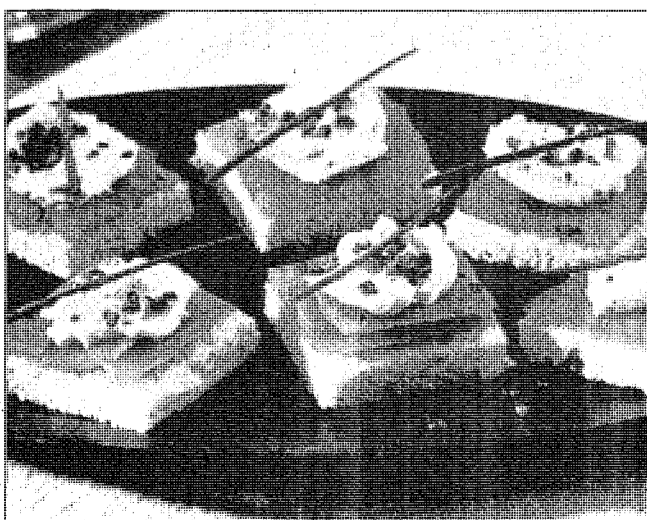
To make the tartine, cover the entire surface of each piece of bread with a single layer of smoked salmon. Trim the crusts from the bread and cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. Spread a small amount of butter in the middle of each piece. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon chives over the butter.



Crostini with Blarney Castle Cheese and Sundried Tomato Pesto.



Aged Cheddar and Bacon in Puff Pastry.



Smoked Salmon, Lemon Butter and Chive Tartine.

CROSTINI WITH BLARNEY CASTLE CHEESE AND SUNDRIED TOMATO PESTO

Makes 24 pieces

1 cup (about 4 ounces) sundried tomato halves

24 slices French bread (baguette) cut 1/4-inch thick
1/2 cup slivered almonds
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon paprika or Spanish pimenton

1/2 teaspoon minced fresh thyme
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 package (7 ounces) Kerrygold Blarney Castle cheese

Heat oven to 350°F.

To reconstitute the tomatoes, put them in a shallow bowl and cover with 1 1/2 cups simmering water. When cool, drain the tomatoes and reserve the water. Meanwhile, arrange the bread in a single layer on a cookie sheet and toast in the oven until lightly browned, about 8 to 10 minutes, turning once. Place the almonds in a single layer on another cookie sheet and toast until lightly browned, about 5 to 8 minutes; watch carefully to prevent burning.

Roughly chop the tomatoes then pulse in a food processor with the almonds and oil. Add 1/2 cup of the reserved water, the paprika, thyme, and salt. Process until smooth but not pureed, using a rubber spatula to push down any of the pesto that accumulates on the side of the bowl. Best if made a day before serving.

Cut 24 slices of cheese 1/4-inch thick. Spread about 1 1/2 teaspoons of the pesto on each piece of toasted bread. Top with a piece of cheese. Serve at room temperature.

AGED CHEDDAR AND BACON IN PUFF PASTRY

Makes 24 pieces

2 tablespoons flour
1 piece (12 x 12 inches) frozen puff pastry, defrosted
1 egg yolk
6 ounces sliced bacon cut into 1/2-inch pieces

3 tablespoons Dijon mustard

1 package (7 ounces) Kerrygold Aged Cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 375°F.

On a floured work surface cut the puff pastry into 24 scalloped or straight-edged 2-inch rounds. Or use a scalloped 2-inch tartlet pan as a cutter. Combine the egg yolk with 2 teaspoons water and brush a little of the mixture across the top of each piece. Bake according to package instructions. Meanwhile, in a frying pan large enough to hold the bacon in a single layer, cook bacon until lightly browned and not too crispy. Transfer to paper towels.

To assemble the appetizers, using a serrated knife, carefully cut the puff pastry in half like a hamburger bun. Spread 1/2 teaspoon mustard on the bottom of each piece. Place a piece of bacon on the mustard. Cut 12 slices of cheese just less than 1/2-inch thick and cut the cheese slices in half; place a piece on the bacon. Top with the other half of puff pastry. For serving, arrange the puff pastry on a cookie sheet and warm in a 275°F oven until the cheese just starts to wilt, 5 to 7 minutes. Variation: Instead of bacon and mustard, spread puff pastry with fruit chutney.

— Courtesy Family Features



Just Baked is creating cupcakes in Faygo flavors.

Bakery adds Faygo to its cupcake line

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Pam Turkin says it's only fitting her new line of cupcakes include Faygo orange, red and grape pop flavors.

"I grew up in Detroit. Who doesn't like Faygo Red Pop?" said Turkin, owner of Just Baked, a gourmet cupcake business with stores in five locations including Livonia. "Faygo I've learned actually started as an icing flavor company. It seems natural to lend itself to baked goods."

The new fruity-flavored cupcakes, sold under a special licensing agreement with Faygo, debut today, Thursday, Nov. 11 at Hiller's and Busch's stores. Suggested retail price for a six-pack is \$6.99.

Turkin said she had considered selling the Just Baked cupcake brand to grocery stores and other

retail outlets, but didn't find the perfect fit until she met with Faygo representatives.

"When the Faygo idea came up we thought it would be the perfect way to go, without diluting our specialty cupcake business," Turkin said. "These are more fruity, colorful and smaller than what we carry in our stores. They are so kid-oriented and nostalgic."

Turkin, who opened Just Baked in 2009, said she "always" had a recipe that included Faygo in her arsenal of treats. She eventually put the recipe to the test after appearing on a local morning television program and submitting it to the station's Web site.

"It's funny because I actually did it because didn't want to put one of our recipes that we do in our store on their Web site. We do more gourmet, complicated cupcakes. This (Faygo cupcake) is fruity and

fun." Turkin said someone from Faygo saw the show and contacted her. The rest is cupcake history.

Just Baked stores are located in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Novi, Canton and Livonia.

Red Velvet Cheesecake is fast becoming the most popular cupcake sold in her five stores. Fat Elvis, a concoction of banana with peanut butter is another favorite.

Pumpkin pie, pumpkin cheesecake and sweet potato also fly off the shelves in the fall.

"Sweet potato has a graham cracker crust and mashed sweet potatoes in the batter. We actually double bake it with marshmallows and pecans."

Just Baked offers 50 different cupcake varieties in addition to special occasion cakes. For more information, visit www.justbaked-shop.com or call (248) 255-1441.

CITY BITES

Wine tastings

Livonia - Taste Pinot Noir — the perfect choice for Thanksgiving dinner — 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. The session will include a variety of Pinot Noir wines, with the focus on American producers. The cost is \$20 per person; \$15 per d.vine club members. A \$5 rebate will apply to orders placed at the tasting. Call (734) 432-3800 for reservations. Membership in the wine club is \$34.99 and includes two bottles of wine, and 10 percent off all wine purchases, as well as 15 percent off all re-orders. Members also receive discounted tasting events, and invitations to special wine maker events.

Vegetarian Thanksgiving

Livonia - VegMichigan, the state's largest vegetarian organization will present its 11th Annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration and Potluck, 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. Doors open at noon. The group asks participants to bring a vegan dish (no animal products) that will serve eight people. Attendees also may bring a musical instrument to play or game to share. Turtle Island Foods will provide meatless Tofurky roasts. VegMichigan is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that promotes awareness of the health, environmental and ethical benefits of a plant-based diet. Supported by memberships, donations and volunteers, VegMichigan offers classes, lectures, dinner club outings, special events like the annual VegFest, and an e-newsletter with more than 6,000 subscribers. For more information call (877) 778-3464 or visit www.vegmichigan.org.

In time for Thanksgiving

Canton - The Canton Farmers Market returns for a special Harvest Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge. This special market will feature an assortment of fruits and vegetables in addition to specialty products made by local Michigan vendors, who will be onsite both indoors and outside. Find such items as turkeys, farm eggs, apples, spices, cider, natural meats, stuffing, artisan bread, pies, smoked fish, salad greens, squash, pie pumpkins, summer sausage, pasta, sauces, mustards, dried peppers, seeds, salsa, frozen blueberries, nut brittles, jams, jarred pickles, hand cut jerky, pierogi, and pasties for your Thanksgiving table. Vendors also will sell flower arrangements, homemade dog treats, natural soaps and gift bas-

kets. Pre-orders are also being accepted by most of the vendors. Visit Cantonfarmersmarket.org under the Farmers Market tab for contact information to place an order for pick up during the Harvest Market. Winter Markets at the Cady-Boyer Barn also have been scheduled on these dates: Feb 13, 2011; March 13, 2011 and April 10, 2011. For more information call the market manager at (734) 398-5570 ext. 5 or via e-mail at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org.

Coffee deal

Southeast Michigan - Dunkin' Donuts and the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) are working together to raise funds for the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families and give customers a deal on freshly brewed coffee. Metro Detroit residents can visit any one of the more than 200 participating DADA member dealerships in southeast Michigan and pick up a free promotional travel coffee mug along with coupon books to Dunkin' Donuts restaurants. Customers can take the travel coffee mug to any participating Metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts location for unlimited 99-cent refills until the end of the 2011 North American International Auto Show, Jan. 23, 2011. Mugs with the same unlimited 99 cent refill offer also are available for \$3.99 at participating Dunkin' Donuts locations this month, or while supplies last. For every mug purchased at a Dunkin' Donuts location, \$1 will be donated to the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families, which serves families with special needs children throughout southeastern Michigan.

Apple contest

Statewide - The Michigan Apple Committee is searching for the best recipes featuring apple varieties grown in the Great Lakes State. Amateur cooks may visit MichiganApples.com/contests for details on how to submit their favorite apple recipe in the 3rd Annual Michigan Apple Recipe Contest. Winners will be announced by the end of February 2011 and will receive a Kitchen Aid gourmet mixer. Entry deadline is Jan. 31, 2011. Recipes must include at least one Michigan apple variety. Past winners have included Cheesy Apple Quiche, Roasted Rome and Feta Salad and Apple and Sausage Frittata. The winning recipes may also be featured on recipe cards distributed by the Michigan Apple Committee at select retailers and farm markets in the Midwest. For more information call (800) 456-2753.

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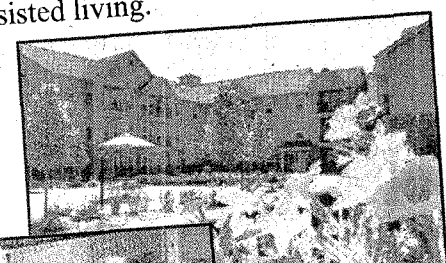


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