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### IN BRIEF

Cards for soldiers

The Westland Jaycees will be at the Westland Shopping Center from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, for their annual Holiday Card Signing for our Troops.

This will be the fourth year that the Westland Jaycees will be sending holiday cards to the troops, and they're looking for help to meet their goal of 3,000 cards this year. Children can make cards and bring them to the mall, and people in offices and factories can also sign cards and bring them in. The Jaycees also will have cards available that day for signing.

People bringing in signed cards should leave them unsealed, a requirement for all of the branches of the armed services.

For more information, call Debi Goetz at (734) 626-0067 or visit the Jaycees website at [www.westlandjaycees.org](http://www.westlandjaycees.org). Reserve a spot by Dec. 3 by calling (734) 595-7727.

### Holiday closings

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Westland city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

That includes the William P. Faust Library, the recycling center, 18th District Court and the Bailey Recreation Center. There will be no trash and curbside recycling collection Thursday, so pick up will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

The Westland Historical Village and the recycling center will also be closed on Saturday.

The Bailey Recreation Center will be open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. There will be adult open gym 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday as well as noon to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Family open gym times are 2:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday and 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday. There will be open gym for middle and high school students 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

The cost per session is \$6 for adults, \$3 for students with identification and \$8 for a family.

The Bailey Center is at 36651 Ford. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

### Video contest

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is challenging all students in Wayne County to create video public-service announcements with a positive anti-bullying message.

Six winning videos will be selected — two from elementary schools, two from middle schools and two from high schools. Winners in each category will receive \$500; runners-up will receive a digital video camera. The school of each first-place winner will receive a \$2,000 technology grant.

Videos must be original student work and should be a maximum of 90 seconds.

To submit a video, follow the instructions at [www.wayne-county.com/nobullying](http://www.wayne-county.com/nobullying). Entry deadline is Monday, Jan. 17.

## City offers extra recycling carts to homeowners

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're one of those families who fills their curbside recycling cart up and still has recyclables left over, Westland has good news.

The city has about 1,000 surplus 96-gallon containers from the first phase of its curbside recycling program. Now residents can request a second cart at

no charge. Just call the Department of Public Services at (734) 728-1770 with a request and the cart will be delivered on a first come, first serve basis within two business days.

The carts can only be used for recycling — trash hauler Midwest Sanitation will not collect trash using a recycling cart. The recycling pickup would also remain on an alternating week schedule.

It had been expected that the carts would be used for a second phase expansion of the recycling program. Carts were delivered to each single-family address in the city but the program doesn't include apartments and other multiple residential developments.

"We're still looking at phase two. We've devised a plan, but it's not going to use all those carts," said Department

of Public Services Director Kevin Buford.

The problem is that residents of most multiple residential developments don't put trash cans at the curb — trash goes to large Dumpsters. RecycleBank, a program that allows recyclers to earn incentives such as gift cards and coupons, doesn't have programs at apart-

Please see **RECYCLING, A2**

## Benefit lets people eat so others can feast

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Chef Tony Paquette chats with Tracy Emmanuel and Joanne Inglis during his annual Thanksgiving buffet benefit at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

More than 40 families living in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner, something that might not have happened, if Chef Tony Paquette and his culinary students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center hadn't done some cooking.

Paquette and his students put on an all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving buffet last week for a \$10 per person donation that helped pay for the meals.

"It was a great turnout, we raised \$1,110-\$1,200 and I'm still getting donations from people who couldn't make it," Paquette said. "I'm really pleased we have the support of the public. This is part of what we do and it's nice to have that support."

This is the fourth year the culinary arts program has staged the buffet benefit, with proceeds going to the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center to pay for the meals. Resource center director Amanda Faughnan estimated that this year's meals will cost \$40 per family.

"We have needy families who are without money and are going without food," Faughnan told the crowd. "Without you, we wouldn't have the

Please see **BENEFIT, A2**

## Westland woman faces hearing on embezzlement charges

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman has been charged with stealing more than \$350,000 from her elderly mother over a five-year period.

Carol Brazeika, 49, was arraigned in 18th District Court Monday, Nov. 22, on 14 felony counts, including three counts of embezzlement over \$100,000, a 20-year felony; five counts of identity theft, a five-year felony; and five counts of larceny by false pretenses.

It is alleged that over a five-year period, beginning in 2004, Brazeika misap-



Brazeika

propriated funds in excess of \$350,000 belonging to her 76-year-old mother. The funds allegedly were siphoned from accounts owned by her mother which contained retirement, pension and Social Security funds.

It is also alleged that Brazeika, using her mother's identity, opened credit card accounts and obtained loans in her mother's name during that same time period.

None of the missing money has been recovered, said Westland police Sgt. David Zucchetto, who handled the investigation.

The victim and her other children became aware something was wrong, Zucchetto said, when some of the unauthorized financial transactions triggered taxes and bills arrived from the Internal

Revenue Service.

"The victim's other daughters looked into it and came to us in March of this year. We spent six or seven months analyzing financial records before charges were brought," he said. "The money is gone — she squandered all the money. We know where it went."

Unemployed, Brazeika had been assisting her mother on some financial matters, Zucchetto said, with both women living on the same Westland street at the time.

Judge Mark McConnell set Brazeika's bond at \$350,000 cash/surety. Brazeika is being held in lieu of bond. A preliminary examination is scheduled for Dec. 2 in 18th District Court.

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## City, chamber, S'craft partner on small business seminar

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you've got an idea for a new business, the Westland Chamber of Commerce has a program that could be just what you need.

The chamber is partnering with the City of Westland and the Schoolcraft College Business Development Center for a seminar on the how-to's of business 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the William P. Faust Library. "We like to work with the city on economic development — this goes hand in hand with that," said chamber President Brookellen Swope. "We want businesses here to do well and to see them come here. A lot of people are trying to figure out what to do — the jobs aren't there, so they are creating their own jobs."

The Business Development Center provides a full range

of business services through the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center, Procurement Technical Assistance Center and Workforce Training Solutions.

The SBTDC provides a variety of services for small businesses emerging and growing throughout the state; the PTAC provides a full range of government contracting assistance; and Workforce Training Solutions offers custom-designed technical and nontechnical training solutions for businesses.

The seminar is geared to aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners who can get information about services, such as assistance with launching and/or maintaining a small business, consulting assistance with government contracting and employee

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# Martin is Westland Employee of Year

Terry Martin, Westland Parks and Recreation Department foreman, has been recognized as the city's 2010 Employee of the Year.

During his recent State of the City Address, Mayor William Wild recognized Martin for his work, particularly since his promotion to a supervisor's position in 2005, on behalf of the city's numerous parks and recreation facilities.

Employed by the city since 1995, Martin was instrumen-

tal in the construction of Play Planet, one of the largest play structures of its kind in the United States. His work included supervising the land preparation, organizing volunteers and overseeing construction of the structure.

Martin also supervised the construction of the H2O Zone spray ground, ensuring the mechanical work was complete and the site adequately prepared for the water park. Most significantly, Martin was

recognized for his creation of a flow meter for a mechanical filtration system that Raindrop, the company contracted to erect the spray park, subsequently implemented into their other projects.

"I don't expect any recognition for doing my job. I love my city and my job so it comes naturally," said Martin, a long-time Westland resident and U.S. Army veteran.

No stranger to hard work, Martin can be found work-

ing alongside his crew, Wild noted, adding that at 6 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, Martin is the only employee on staff who can change a florescent light bulb without a ladder.

"Terry exemplifies that special employee who always goes the extra mile, who gives 110 percent every day on behalf of our All American City," said Wild. "And that comes as no surprise considering he is an Army veteran and long-time Westland resident."



Westland Mayor William Wild honors 2010 Employee of the Year Terry Martin, a Westland Parks and Recreation foreman.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Tree decorating

Youth groups and scout troops can sign up now for Mayor William Wild's annual tree decorating event at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Bring in the holidays with the mayor and his special guest, Santa Claus, and decorate the trees between City Hall and the Bailey Recreation Center. Each group will decorate a tree specially chosen for them and then present their trees to the mayor.

The celebration also includes greetings from the Mayor and Santa, a Christmas carol sing-along with the Wildwood Elementary School Fourth-Grade Choir and refreshments. Registration is required. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

### Food for Fines

The William P. Faust Public Library is letting patrons pare down their fines by donating non-perishable, unexpired food that will be donated to Gleaners Food Bank and be re-distributed to Westland area food shelters.

Between Monday, Nov. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 23, library patrons will be able to reduce their fines by \$2 by donating one item. The limit is \$20. Donations cannot be used for lost or damaged items.

To get fines reduced, bring

goods to the Circulation Desk. Non-fine related food donations also will be accepted at the Circulation, Reference and Children's Service desks.

For a full list of accepted items, stop by the service desks. Cash donations also will be accepted at the Circulation Desk or online at [www.gcfb.org](http://www.gcfb.org).

The library is on Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

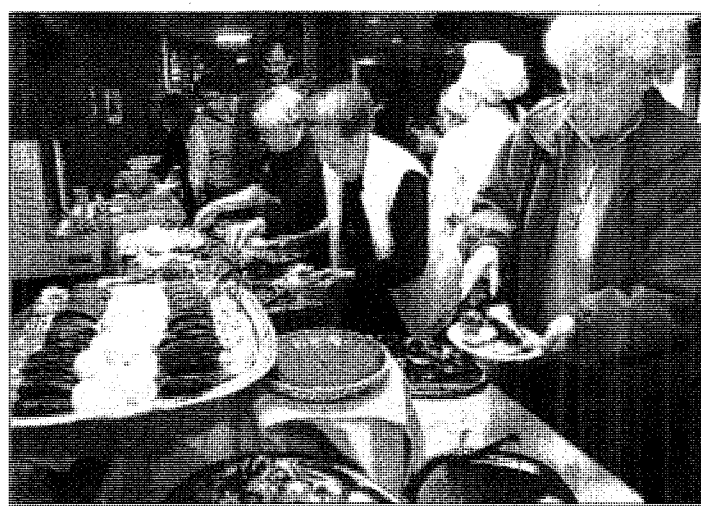
### Christmas benefit

The Westland Community Foundation is hosting its annual Christmas Reception at the John Glenn High School Media Center, featuring the John Glenn High School's Glenn Singers.

The event will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Tony Paquette and the students from the Culinary Arts Department of William D. Ford Career Technical Center will be provided.

Due to these very difficult times, the foundation is asking for a \$5 contribution along with two unwrapped, new toys as a donation for the children served by the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. Don't forget the teenagers.

Reserve a spot by Dec. 3 by calling (734) 595-7727.



Colleen Weister and Margaret Mackenize make their selection from the dessert table that featured traditional pumpkin pie and French pastries.

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funds to feed these families. We buy vouchers that will feed a family of six. Any money that's left is rolled over to go for Christmas assistance."

According to Faughnan, people are calling the center every day for help. It can range from help paying utilities and rent to putting food on their table.

"Times are tough all around, there's just a general need for help," she said. "Our goal is not to turn anyone away."

Guests dined on turkey with all the trimmings, baked tilapia, fried shrimp, ham and a dessert table that went beyond the traditional pumpkin pie to include pumpkin rolls, cheese-

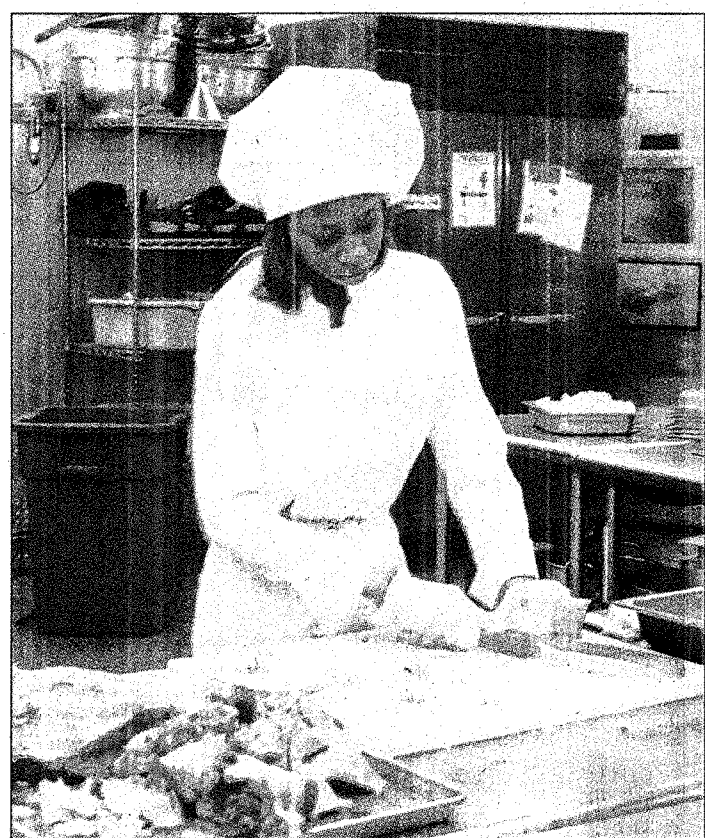
cake and French pastries. "I think they have wonderful food. We come here quite often to eat, but it's the first time we've come for this," said Nancy Roggero, who took in the buffet with her husband Carl and friends Herb and Jean Beadle.

"We'll definitely be back," she added.

Paquette was pleased with the turnout. He estimates that 170 people filled the commons area of the school for the luncheon, helping to raise "a little more than last year."

He started doing the buffet after deciding his students could do more than holding canned food drives and packing boxes at Focus:HOPE in Detroit.

"I wanted them to have the opportunity of helping families and since we're in food, what better way is there?" he



Culinary arts student Ciera Walls cuts ham to serve on the buffet table.

said. "I started thinking what's bad and decided not having a Thanksgiving dinner is, so we're going to give people dinner."

Faughnan is glad Paquette made that decision.

"Without Chef Tony doing this, I don't know how we would provide those meals," she said. "He's such a great inspiration for what he has done for the school district and the Family Resource Center."

People who would like to help provide a holiday meal can send a check, made payable to the Family Resource Center, with holiday meals on the memo line, to the center at 33475 Palmer, Westland, MI 48186.

"People can make donations throughout the year," Faughnan said. "We can use donations at anytime."

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## SEMINAR

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training opportunities.

Despite the poor economy, Swope said Westland has seen a steady growth in small

businesses.

"It's really been good for small businesses in general. The businesses that we see opening are not chains or big boxes," said Swope. "It amazes me but the city will have six business grand openings in a month."

The is the first time the chamber and city have hosted this type of program, which is not limited to Westland residents. Swope is hoping to have about 20 people attend the seminar.

The seminar is offered at no charge. Reserve a spot by call-

ing the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222 by Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Westland's William P. Faust Library is located on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road.

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## RECYCLING

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ments and other multiple residential developments, Buford said.

Instead, a program may need to be set up like the recy-

cling drop-off center located at DPS.

"The apartments or mobile home park would be used as a transfer site for the recycling," said Buford.

Since the inception of the curbside recycling program in July 2009, Westland residents have recycled more than 12

million pounds of trash. An average of 519 pounds per household was recycled in the past year — up from the 93 pounds per household that had been collected annually at the city drop-off site.

"With an unbelievable 80 percent participation rate, this very successful program has effectively cut our city's solid waste that goes to the landfill by over a third," said Mayor William Wild. "We must thank our residents for their recycling efforts and we are looking forward to providing them

more opportunities to make our community better."

The other side of this program is the economic impact it is having on the local economy. By partnering with RecycleBank, the nation's leading recycling rewards company, Wild noted that more than 36,000 Recycle Bank discounts and gift cards were redeemed in the past year, which pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars back into the economy.

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Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrre, Reeves  
207: Appr: minutes of regular meeting held 11/1/10.  
-Appr. disbursement of 9th pmt. to Bidigare for SQJIF Project; amt. \$167,506.98.  
-Appr. disbursement of 10th pmt. to Bidigare for SQJIF Project; amt. \$41,148.35.  
208: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. convenience store exp., BP Station, 31411 Joy Rd.  
209: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. renovation, BP Station, 31411 Joy Rd x/contingencies.  
210: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Independent Retail Pharmacy, 244 N. Wayne Rd.  
211: Conf. appt of T. Sabotchick to Bd. of Review for 3 yr. term to exp. 12/1/13.  
212: Appr. checklist: \$1,178,564.87 & Prepaid: \$1,698,151.34.  
Mtg. adj. at p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 2460 Gully Rd, Dearborn Hgts, MI, December 4, 2010 @ 1:05 p.m.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearings, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to solicit public comments on the following:

**1. 10-012, Text Amendment.** To amend the Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 154.164, Home Occupations, to prohibit growing of medical marijuana by qualifying caregivers as a home occupation in a residential district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Darwin McClary  
Interim City Manager

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# Hob Nobble Gobble pumps \$100,000+ into annual parade




PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES  
 Brook Jacoby of Westland, Nifty the Clown (Harold Morris of Holt) and Julia Targus of Livonia enjoy the 21st Annual Hob Nobble Gobble. Jacoby, who works for corporate sponsor Just Baked, created a Santa Sleigh cake for the party with reindeer made from fondant, patterned after the Santa Sleigh float in this year's 84th America's Thanksgiving Parade.

BY JULIE YOLLES  
 CORRESPONDENT

The Parade Company went into overtime this year to host the 21st annual Hob Nobble Gobble four days earlier than the traditional night before Thanksgiving. In previous years, the event had been held at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, but when it closed down, a new site was needed. Touchdown for the Ford family who stepped in and offered up Ford Field for one of the largest fund-raisers of the year, which boasted a sold-out crowd of 1,800 in the new venue on Saturday. Ford Field was turned into a veritable carnival, with rides that included an enormous Ferris wheel and giant swinging ship, games, prize giveaways, food galore along the 50-yard line and spectacular entertainment, including dancing to Mel Ball and the Colours and a performance by R&B singer Shontelle. "Ticket sales were as strong as

ever and we've had a wonderful reaction to the switch to Saturday night," said Parade Company President and CEO Tony Michaels. "Many people said that it was an easier, more enjoyable night because they wouldn't have the hustle and bustle of the holiday the next day." Watching people go down the giant slide in ball gowns was worth the tax-deductible ticket price alone. The Hob Nobble Gobble, along with the Distinguished Clown Corps and Big Heads Corps, help raise the funds to produce America's Thanksgiving Parade which is celebrating its 84th year Thanksgiving and is appropriately themed "Celebrating the Spirit." Saturday's Hob Nobble Gobble brought in more than \$100,000 for the Parade Company. "We have to thank the Ford family for their generous support. They did everything they could to make it a successful night," said

Hob Nobble Gobble chair Elaine McMahon of Birmingham. They, along with title sponsor PVS Chemicals, made a fantastic contribution to the state." Adults and kids left Ford Field Saturday night, tummies satiated and arms overflowing with stuffed animals, hats and balloons. Exhausted by incredibly happy, party goers had five days to gear up for America's Thanksgiving Parade. Head downtown to "Celebrate the Spirit" or, if you'd rather stay home in your flannel jammies, the two-hour Parade will be featured on WDIV-TV Local 4, including a one-hour national broadcast reaching nearly 65 million households nationwide. NewsTalk 760 WJR will also broadcast live from the Parade. As the last patron filed out, McMahon joked, "Well, by throwing this great bash on a Saturday night, it will give people a little recovery time until Thanksgiving."



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## Report: Men pay for TV with counterfeit money

### Counterfeit money

A Westland man told police that a television he listed on craigslist was bought by a man who paid with what turned out to be counterfeit money. The resident in the 2600 block of Dagner said a man agreed to buy the 42-inch television for \$500.

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The man, accompanied by a second man, arrived to pick up the television Nov. 21. The owner said he was handed five \$100 bills and noticed the paper felt funny. He said he looked at the bills and they didn't appear to be real but accepted the cash anyway.

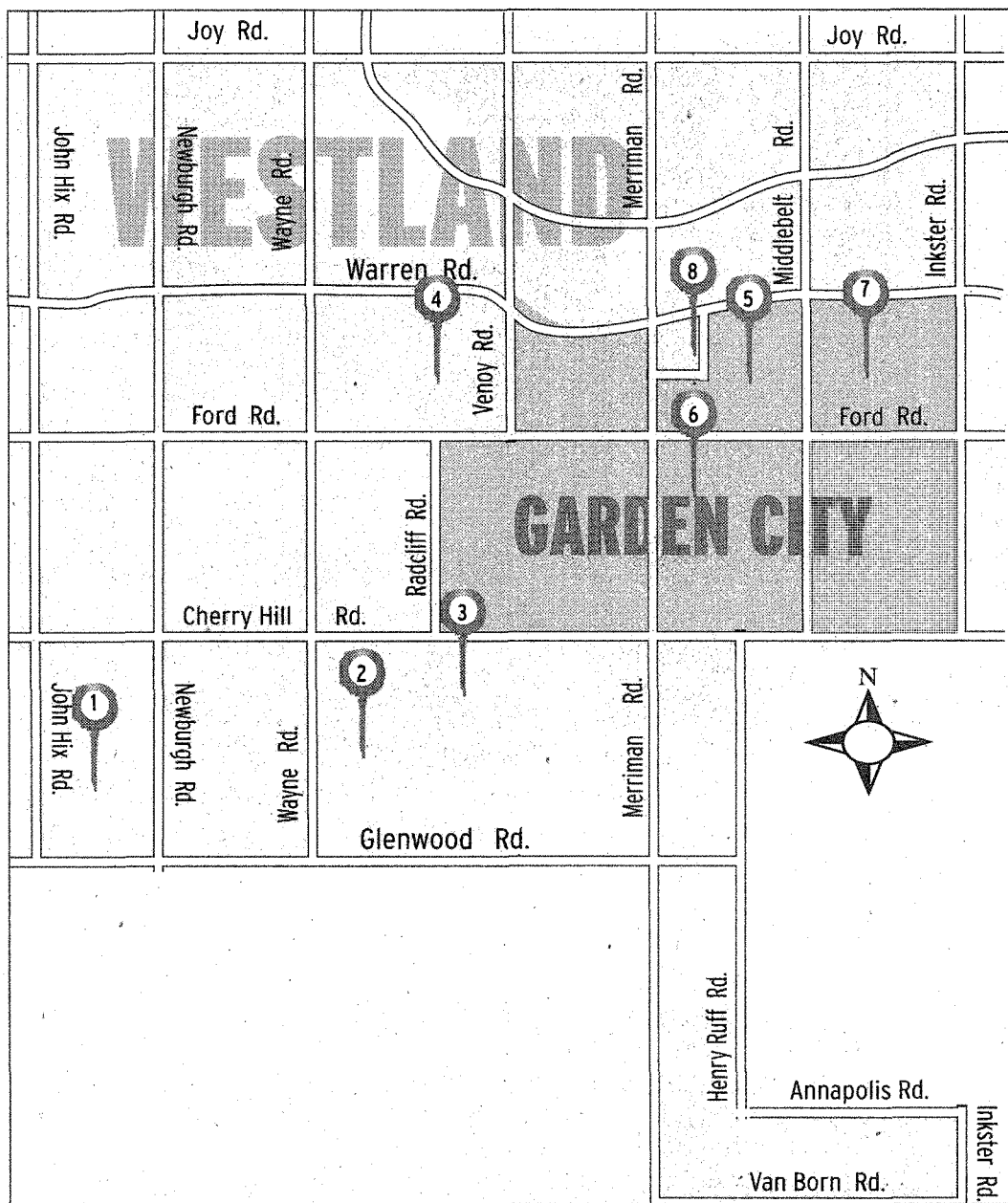
After the two men left, the man looked closer at the money and noticed four of the five bills had the same serial number. The Westland man said he called the cell number the buyer had given but the man who answered refused to give him any information.

### Break-in

The owner of TD's All American Beef Jerky, 1367 S. Wayne Road, told police he arrived at his business Nov. 22 to find the rear door unlocked. Inside, he said a laptop computer, a cash register containing \$20 in singles and \$45 worth of jerky, which had been in the display case, were missing.

### Money missing

A resident in the 32000 block of Hiveley told police that sometime between Nov. 19-21 \$8,000 in cash and a laptop computer valued at \$650 had been stolen. He told police that his son, a 20-year-old Wayne resident, had taken the money and the computer.



**Larceny**  
 4 On Nov. 22, a resident of the Venoy Pines Apartments, 7023 E. Bonnie Drive, told police that someone had stolen assorted comic books valued at \$400 from his assigned basement storage space. He said the comic books had been

inside a locked fenced area but there is enough space for someone to crawl over the fence.

### Break-in

Police were called to the former Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, just before 3 a.m.

Nov. 22 to assist firefighters who were being called on a fire alarm. The officer began checking the building for open window and observed smoke inside.

Firefighters arrived, as did the key holder who opened the building. The smoke was actually caused by a discharged fire extinguisher in a girls' restroom. The officers found a window open in a hallway and a fire alarm had been pulled.

Nothing appeared to have been stolen or damaged, police said.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A Plymouth man told police Nov. 21 that someone had stolen a mounted head lamp from his Jeep Liberty while it was parked in the 37000 block of Woodbridge Drive. The ignition had also been punched.

-By LeAnne Rogers

## Gumball machine reported stolen from Kroger store

### Theft

A Livonia man said that he was only inside the Villa Bakery, 6237 Middlebelt, for about 10 minutes Nov. 12 when somebody stole items from his 2004 Ford Taurus. The man said that he left his driver's side window slightly open. Reported missing were a CD visor case which contained 10 CDs, a Sweetwater, Fla., patrol badge, his identification and his wallet.

### GARDEN CITY

Westland about 3 a.m. Nov. 17, where two men were taken into custody.

The Elmwood Street resident said that he heard the sound of someone trying to start his diesel truck which was parked on the street about 3 a.m. Nov. 17 but it sputtered several times. Looking out of his house, he spotted an unknown man inside his truck trying to steal it.

He confronted the man by pulling him out of his truck. The man ran away and entered the passenger side of a nearby red F-250. A Garden City officer spotted the truck and the two officers took off on the pursuit.

The chase took them across Garden City, with the getaway truck striking a car along the way. The getaway car spun out a couple times but kept on going.

The suspects bailed out near a cemetery on Ford Road and Wildwood in Westland and were apprehended by police.

The owner said that the driver's door lock was cracked and there was damage to the ignition and it was pulled out. The police also found items, including a screwdriver, a ball cap, a white do-rag and a cell phone charger, on the driver's side floorboard that didn't belong to the owner.

### Breaking and entering

The opening cook at Garden City Cafe called the police about 6 a.m. Nov. 17 when he came to the restaurant and found a north side entry lobby door window shattered.

He found the office door open and the owner's desk drawers rummaged. Cash and change were found missing. The police were awaiting a surveillance tape from the restaurant.

### Larceny

A Schoolcraft Community College teacher reported that her wallet was stolen before 12:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff.

She said that she was only gone an hour but when she returned to her office, her wallet which was left on top of her desk was gone. The office was unlocked.

-By Sue Buck

### Home invasion

A homeowner in the 31300 block of John Hawk discovered that someone broke into his home when he returned home about 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12. Entry was gained through a rear broken window.

The owner said that lawn furniture had been moved to facilitate entry and a leaf rake was used to break the glass so that it could be opened. Among the items stolen were a laptop computer, a desktop computer, a DVD player, about \$1,000 worth of games for electronic game systems and sheets from the closet.

### Larceny

A vendor from the National Entertainment Network discovered that the spiral gum machine which he came to fill inside the Kroger store located at 5866 Middlebelt Sept. 20, had been stolen.

When he asked a shift manager about it, he was told that the gum machine was taken at least six weeks prior to his arrival. The vendor estimates that about \$200 worth of gumballs were inside.

### Retail fraud

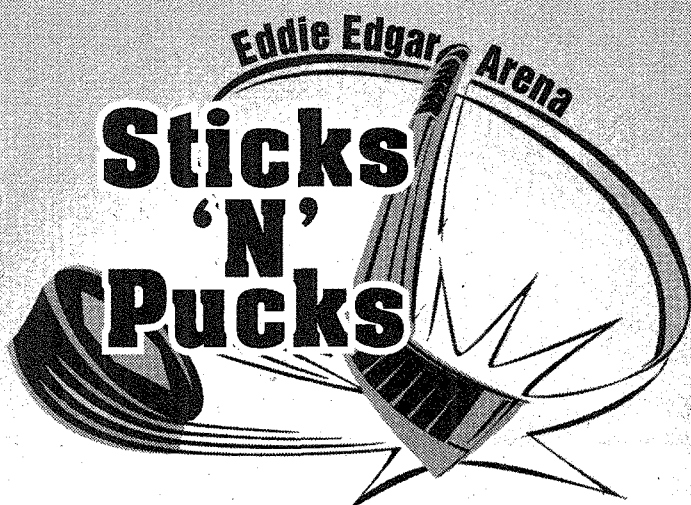
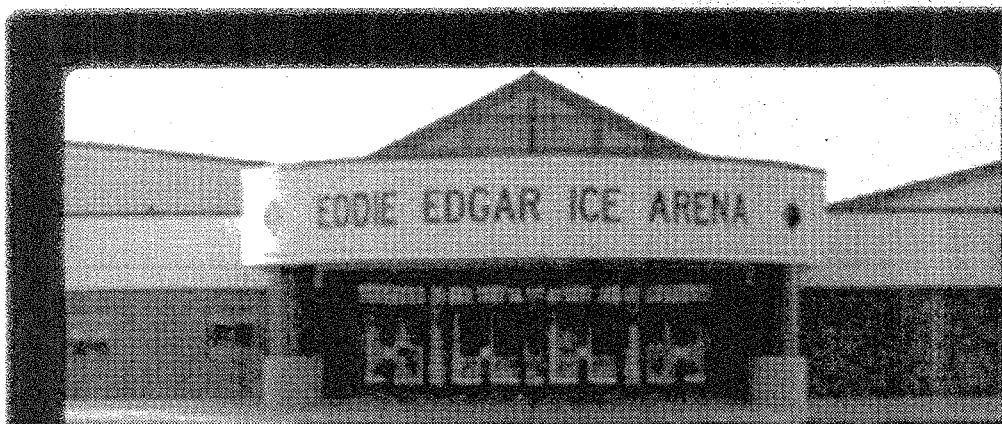
Police arrested a 55-year-old Inkster woman for shoplifting two boxes of Pampers, a breast pump and a Bissel steam cleaner from Kmart, 29600 Ford, Nov. 12.

### Attempted larceny

After a resident in the 30400 block of Elmwood confronted a man who trying to steal his truck, the police initiated a pursuit which ended up in

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# Roadshow Comes to Livonia Next Week!

**By Jason Delong**  
Treasure Hunters Roadshow  
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow is coming to Livonia. Roadshow experts will be in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

*"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."*

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

*Got Gold? Next week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.*

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's

are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational

prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

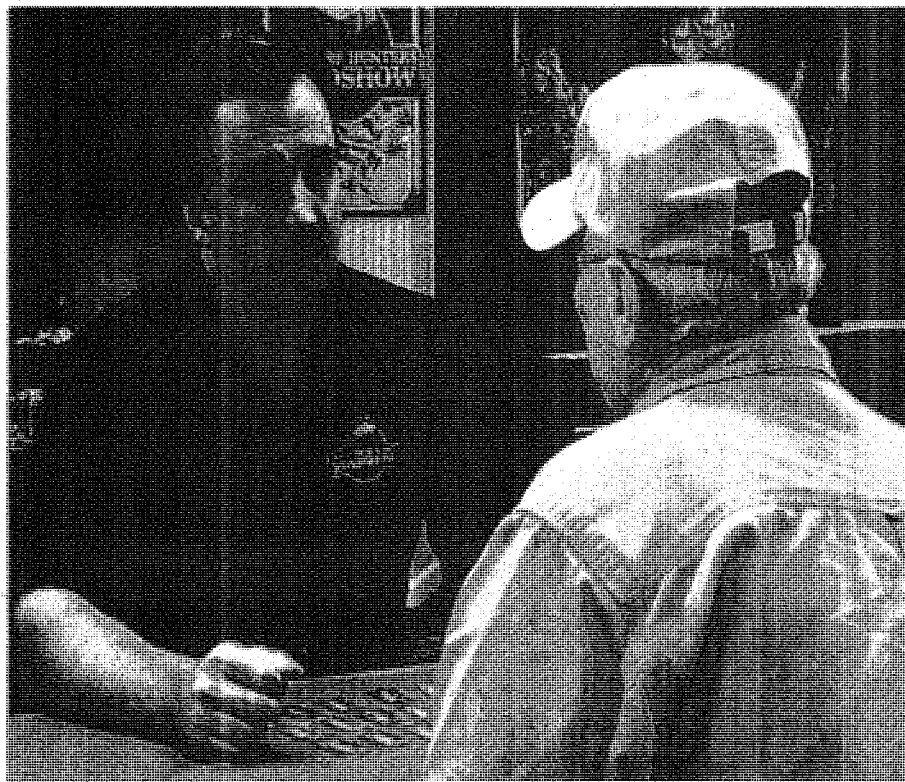
When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old

coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable

*"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, next Tuesday through Saturday, in Livonia."*

because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

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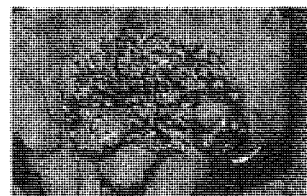
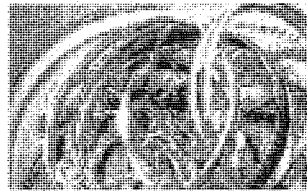
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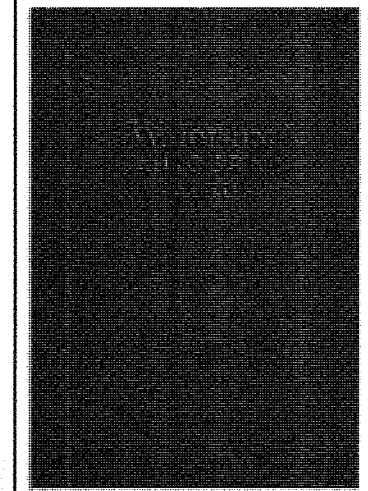
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# Lightfest 2010 brightens the holiday season

From Santa shooting hoops to snowflakes and giant poinsettias, the 2010 installment of the Wayne County Parks Lightfest has something for everyone, even the youngsters in need of talking to Santa Claus.

Billed by county officials as the midwest's largest and longest light show, this year's show features 17 new displays, including a sports-themed area and dinosaur displays.

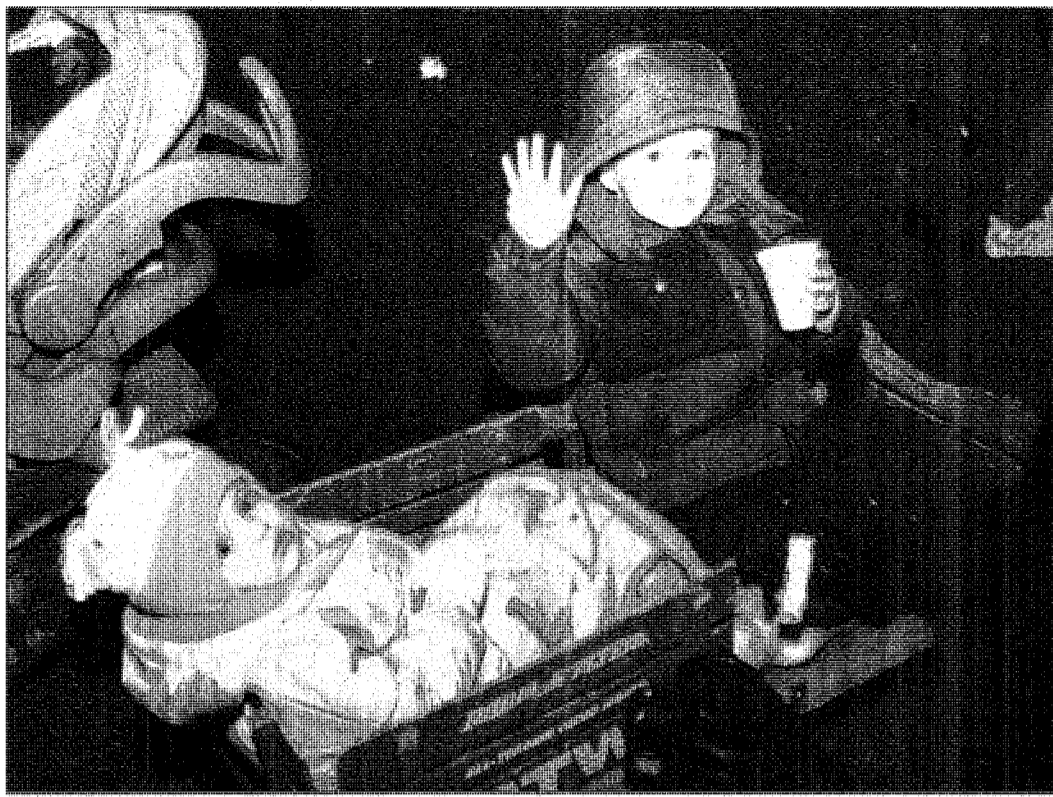
In all, there are more than 35 giant animated displays and more than one million lights lining more than four miles of Hines Drive from Merriman Hollow to Warrendale area where Santa will be at his workshop now through Dec. 23. Youngsters also can drop off their letters to Santa at the giant mailbox at the workshop. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night.

The Lightfest is open 7-10 p.m. Nov. 18 until Dec. 31 except Christmas Day when it will be closed. The Lightfest entrance is at Merriman north of Warren Road. Motorists who use Hines Drive will find it closed to traffic at 5:45 p.m. nightly because of the display.

There is a \$5 donation per car, however, three nights - Tuesday, Dec. 7, 14 and 21 - will be Toy Night when visitors can donate a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the donation.

Lightfest is sponsored in partnership 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.

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One-year-old Vivian Good of Garden City relaxes in the wagon while her brother Jamie Good enjoy some hot chocolate.



Grandmother Debbie Fitzgibbon, Kyle Dean and mom Devon Dean join in the festivities at the Lightfest kickoff.



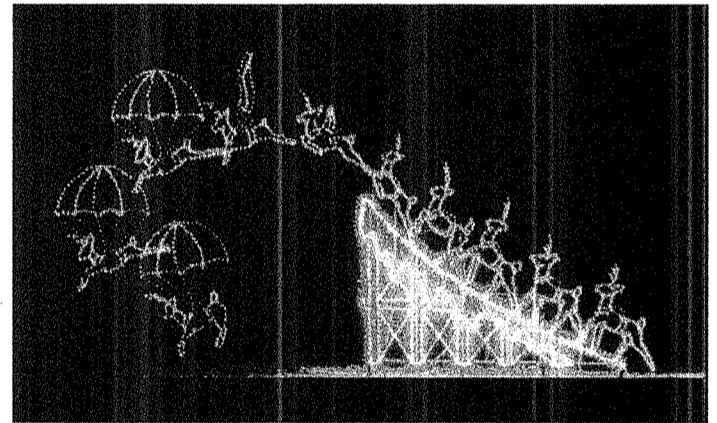
Christine Vanicelli came to Lightfest dressed for the season with a set of reindeer ears.



A snowman and plenty of snowflakes line the Lightfest route along Hines Drive.



Participants in the opening ceremonies found the way out was a ride through the light show.

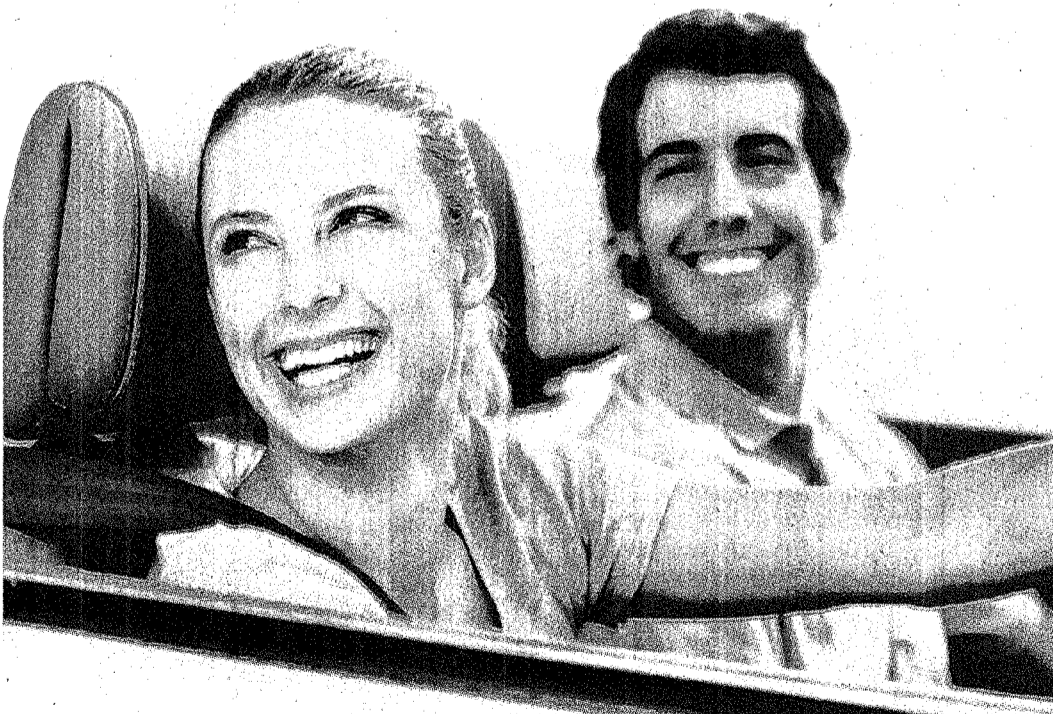


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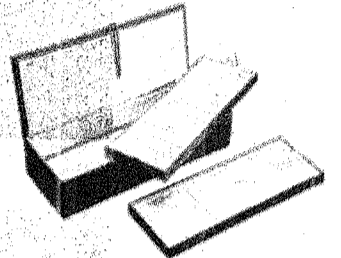
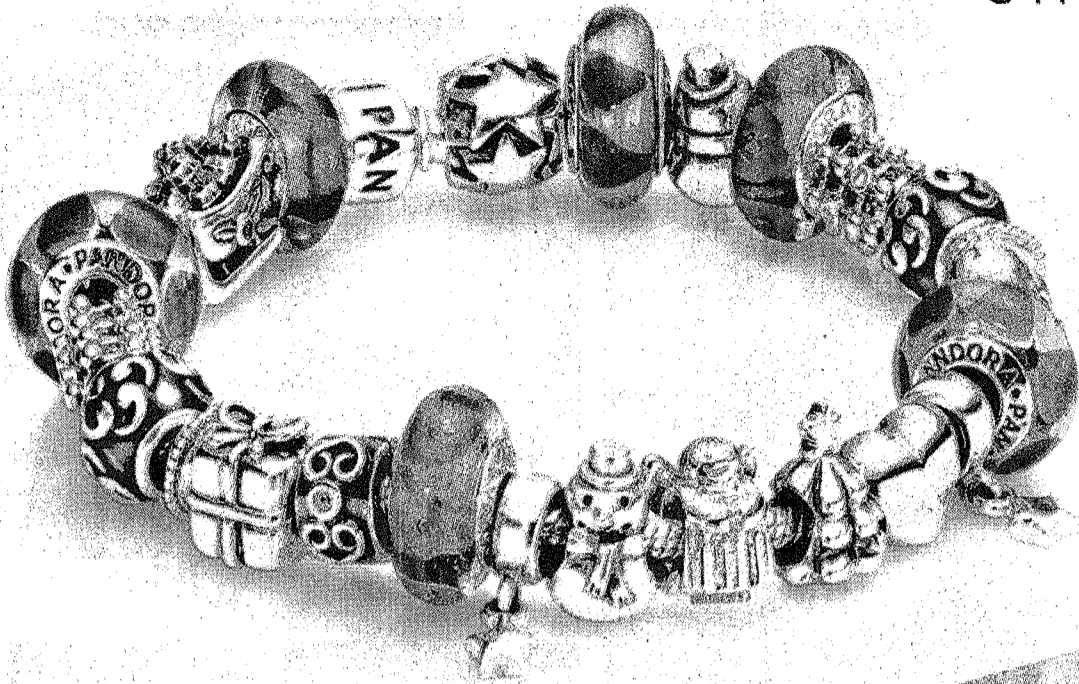
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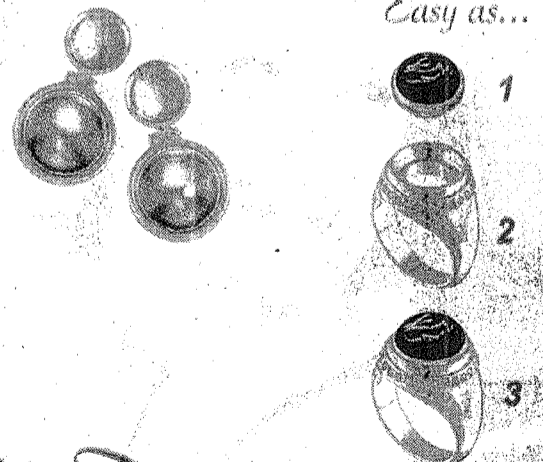
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## Your guide to what's new and what to do for 2011

Whether you're approaching age 65 or already enrolled in Medicare, the annual enrollment period for 2011's Medicare plans is an important time. When it comes to prescription coverage, seniors are seeing some of the biggest changes since the Medicare prescription benefit became available in 2006.

The changes — from having fewer options to premium increases to new discounts on brand-name drugs — are enough to make anyone's head spin. But, seniors who don't take the time to research their options and choose the plan that best suits their needs could leave hundreds of dollars in annual premium savings on the table.

In fact, according to a recent study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, only about 10 percent of participants change plans annually. Staying put and not investigating your options, however, could impact your overall costs. But how do you know if you have the best plan already or if you should consider a different plan? Luckily, there are a few tools that can help with the decision-making process. But first, let's start with the basics and what is changing this year.

### ACCESS TO PRIVATE PLANS

Beneficiaries have access to the Medicare drug benefit, known as Part D, through private plans approved by the federal government, either through stand-alone prescription drug plans (PDPs) or Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans (MA-PDs). According to a Kaiser Family Foundation study in October 2010, of those who purchase Part D coverage, 38 percent, or 17.7 million beneficiaries, opt for stand-alone plans. Twenty-four percent, or 11.1 million, are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans.

### PLAN OPTIONS IN 2011

While shopping around could save many seniors money, some beneficiaries have no option other than to find a new plan for next year. For 2011, the federal government directed insurers to eliminate duplicative Part D prescription drug plans and plans with low enrollment. That means a third fewer prescription drug plans will be offered nationwide next year compared to 2010, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, and many of the remaining options may come with higher premiums.

And with the federal government changing the way it reimburses health plans through Medicare Advantage, some insurers have quit offering their Medicare Advantage plans for next year. If your plan is no longer being offered, you may need to find alternative coverage.

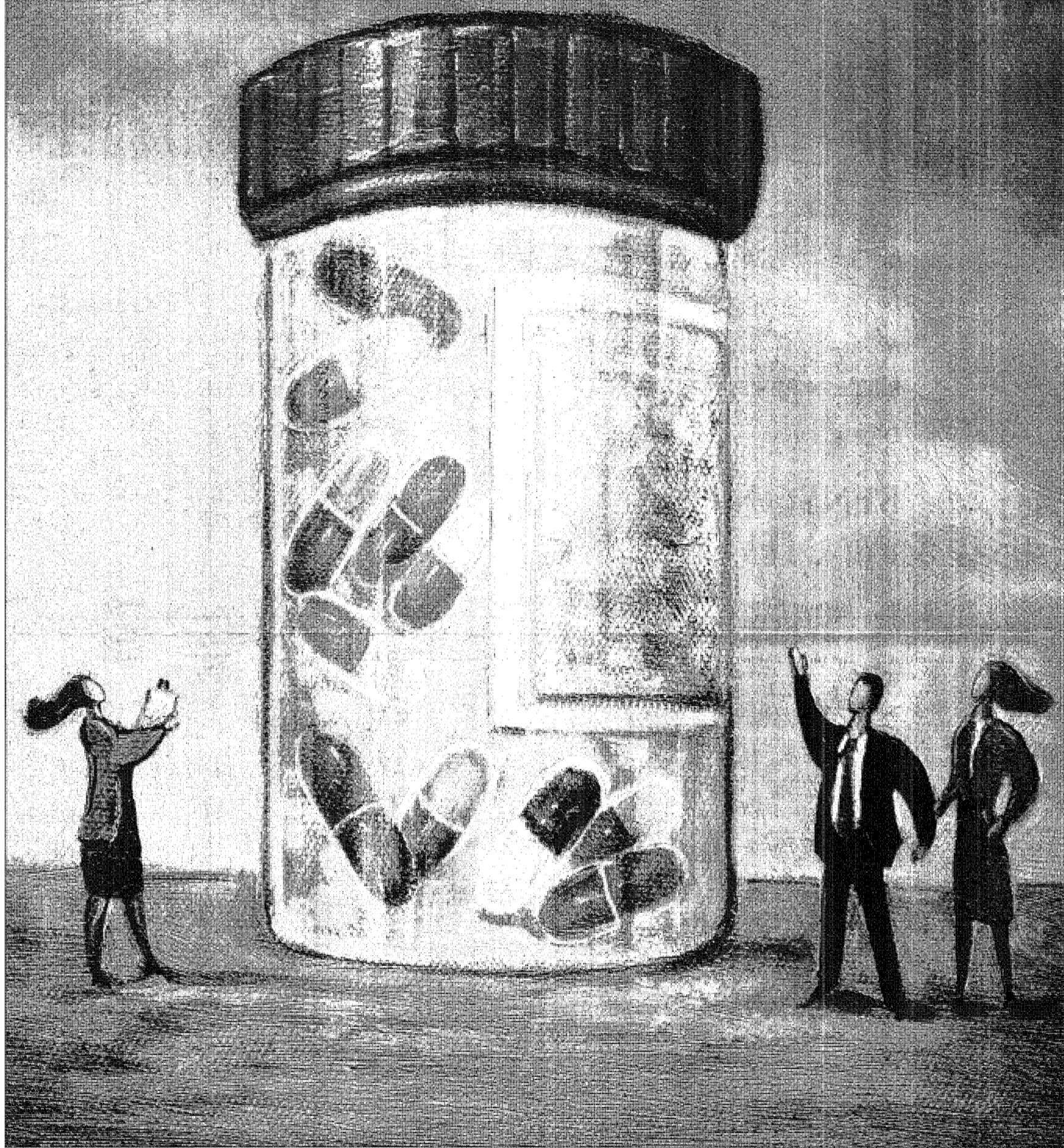
### ENROLLMENT PERIODS

Beneficiaries have a six-week annual enrollment period — from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31 — to pick a Part D plan for 2011. For Medicare Advantage enrollees, it is especially important to pick the right plan during that period. Unlike previous years, people enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans can no longer switch to other Medicare Advantage plans during January, February and March. However, while this "open enrollment period" will not be available in 2011, after Jan. 1, enrollees can still leave their Advantage plan and go back to original Medicare.

### "DOUGHNUT HOLE" RELIEF

Here's some good news: there is a new 50 percent discount on the formulary's brand-name drugs for those who land in the program's coverage gap, also called the "doughnut hole." In addition, plans will pay 7 percent of the cost for generic drugs in the gap. This applies to drugs that are on the plan's formulary. If they aren't on the formulary there may be no discount, so make sure you check.

# Medicare prescription drug coverage



### HOW TO COMPARE PLANS

Each plan has different features and each person has unique prescription needs so it's important to find the plan that is best for you. Here are some things to keep in mind:

**Cost and coverage:** Plans vary in the coverage offered and how much they cost. Consider the cost of premiums and whether it includes prescription coverage while in the gap.

**Pharmacy:** Some plans restrict where you can use your drug plan. Determine whether your desired pharmacy is included in the plan you choose. For example, new this year are some plans whose monthly premiums fall well below the average price for Part D policies. However, these lower-cost plans come with some restrictions. The copays and coinsurance for prescription drugs are lowest when using preferred pharmacies; they increase for outside pharmacies.

**Formulary changes:** Insurers may change drug formularies each year. Make sure you enroll in a Part D plan that covers your medications.

**Other limitations:** In some cases, a plan may limit the circumstances under which a drug is covered. Certain medications may only be covered after prior authorization, after you've tried other drugs through a process called step therapy, or in certain doses and quantities.

Comparing plans can be overwhelming, but there are easy-to-use online tools such as [www.PlanPrescriber.com](http://www.PlanPrescriber.com) that can take you through a four step process to narrow down your options and identify the most cost-effective plan. If you have a low income and struggle to pay for your prescription drugs, you may qualify for the Extra Help/Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) program. For more information, go to <http://www.PlanPrescriber.com/medicare-part-d/extra-help/> or <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/i1020/main.html>. For additional resources on Medicare, go to [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov).

Though it may seem overwhelming at first, taking the time to research your best option for Medicare prescription drug coverage could really pay off.

### HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR COST SAVINGS

In 2011, there are lots of changes on tap when it comes to Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans. But open enrollment is a great time to review your coverage. These DOs and DON'Ts can help ensure you are maximizing your cost savings.

**DO check to ensure your medications are still covered.** Check your prescription drug plan each year because insurers may change which medications are covered. You can enter your medications on websites like [www.PlanPrescriber.com](http://www.PlanPrescriber.com) to see which drugs are covered and compare the projected costs with other plans.

**DO pay attention to the drug limitations in your plan.** Even if your medication is on the formulary, a plan may limit the circumstances under which a drug is covered. They may only be covered after prior authorization, after you've tried other drugs through a process called step therapy, or in certain doses and quantities.

**DO consider all your options.** Medicare supplemental plans, or Medigap, have their own six-month open enrollment period, beginning the day you turn 65 and are enrolled in Medicare Part B. The enrollment period for Medicare Advantage and stand-alone prescription drug plans is Nov. 15 to Dec. 31 2010.

**DON'T go on auto-pilot.** Many plans change cost and drug coverage annually. What worked last year for you could cost you more money this year in terms of higher prescription drug costs and other out-of-pocket expenses.

**DON'T be afraid to ask for help from qualified professionals.** You can get help through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), PlanPrescriber, licensed health insurance agents who are certified to sell Medicare, family members or by calling 1-800-Medicare.

**DON'T think that stable premiums = stable coverage.** Just because your premiums haven't gone up doesn't mean that you are getting the same plan for the same price next year.



# Do your homework when it comes to holiday charities

**H**appy Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is the holiday when we take a step back and give thanks for our blessings. Even in these difficult economic times, there is still much for all of us to be thankful. Of the many things I'm thankful for, one of the greatest is that my mom and dad are still with me and next month my dad will be celebrating his 90th birthday.

Last week, I wrote about the importance of having a game plan for the holiday shopping season. I also think consumers need a strategy to handle the avalanche of charitable contribution requests they will receive over the next few weeks. There are thousands and thousands of deserving charities. It would be great to support them all, but we can't. Therefore, decide which charities to support, then set a budget.

Most Americans believe in supporting charities. In fact, Americans are the most charitable people on earth. However, even though giving to charity is a noble gesture, don't forget to be fiscally responsible.

Donating to charities is one of those areas that cannot be placed on automatic pilot. We all receive solicitations that tug at our hearts,



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Rick Bloom

however, as difficult as it may be, that cannot be the criteria in deciding to donate to an organization. Make sure the charitable organization you support is reputable and that the money goes to serve the purpose of the organization.

There are some so-called charities that are just fraudulent — set up by scam artists who prey on our decency. On the other hand, there are charitable organizations that mean well, but are poorly run. Too much of the money is used for fund-raising and administration purposes and not enough money is used to support the charitable purpose of the organization.

The key is to support groups where the majority of money is used to support the charitable purpose of the organization.

In checking out a charity, you just can't depend upon its website and the materials it sends you.

When I give to a charitable organization, I check it out at a couple of independent sources — charitynavigator.org andbbbgive.org. I know these are two independent sources that rate charities on a variety of areas, including how much of their money is used for charitable purposes.

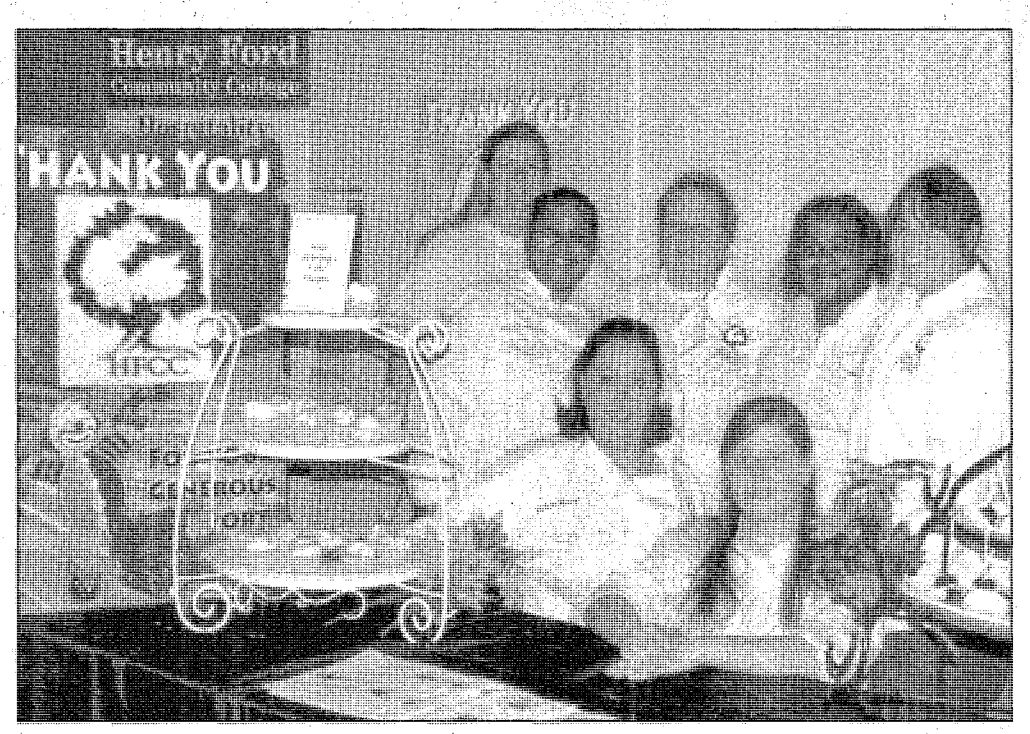
There also are a couple of rules that help me from being scammed. I do not give based on a phone solicitation. There are a couple of reasons for this, but one of the main ones is the fact that too many reputable charities use professional fund-raisers.

In a phone solicitation, the professional fund-raisers' cut can be as much as 50 percent. Therefore, my general rule is I don't give to phone solicitations. In addition, I also don't give to foreign charities. It is very difficult to independently check out a charity domiciled outside the United States.

Giving to charity feels good. Giving to a charity that works to accomplish a goal that you think is important feels even better. Hopefully, you will feel great this holiday season.

Good luck!

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## Parade support

The Henry Ford Community College Baking Club showed its support for America's Parade Company cupcakes at a recent preview event to unveil the new DTE Energy float, recently. Mary Denning (center), an instructor and owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, and her class created 500 cup cakes and 500 cake truffles on a stick for event goers. Club members include Joy Ebel of Westland (top row, from left), Jacquelyn Rodriguez of Taylor, Mary Denning, Makeda Jenkins of Detroit, Zaynab Hamka of Dearborn, Jaclyn Moore of Wyandotte (bottom row, from left) and Allison Wesolowski of Dearborn Heights.

## Friday shopping alternative: National Day of Listening

On Friday, Nov. 26, 2010, Michigan Radio will participate in the third annual National Day of Listening, a national holiday started by the acclaimed oral history nonprofit organization StoryCorps. The National Day of Listening is an effort to encourage all Americans to honor a friend, a loved one, or a member of their community by interviewing them about their lives.

National Day of Listening participants are encouraged to record their National Day of Listening interviews using equipment that is readily available in most homes—from cell phones to tape recorders to computers or even pen and paper.

Michigan Radio has created a special National Day of Listening website at [www.michiganradio.org/StoryCorps](http://www.michiganradio.org/StoryCorps). At that website, people can download a Do-It-Yourself interview guide with simple step-by-step instructions, advice on choosing equipment to record the interview, and a list of favorite StoryCorps questions to ask. They can also view a Do-It-Yourself video, get inspiration by listening to examples of stories that others have recorded, and share their experience by joining StoryCorps' national Wall of Listening.

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To see how more people across the country are celebrating this year's National Day of Listening, go online to [www.nationaldayoflistening.org](http://www.nationaldayoflistening.org). The 2010 National Day of Listening is sponsored by the Fetzer Institute.

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"The idea of listening during the holiday season has clearly resonated with people across the country," said StoryCorps founder and MacArthur "Genius" Dave Iy. "The National Day of Listening, which coincides with Black Friday, traditionally the largest shopping day of the year, provides a meaningful alternative to holiday consumerism and proves that simply listening to one another is the least expensive and most meaningful gift we can give."

Founded in 2003, StoryCorps' mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of their lives. Each week, millions of Americans listen to StoryCorps' award-winning broadcasts on NPR's

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## OUR VIEWS

# Special time

## Holidays are about love, helping others

For most of us, Thanksgiving is a day of excess. We eat too much turkey, pumpkin pie, gravy and all the other fixings. But it is also a joyous time, as we get to spend time with family and friends, and to generally give thanks for our good fortune.

But not everyone is so lucky, particularly since the economy refuses to come out of its steep decline. It is no secret that our area has been hit much harder than the rest of the country by the economic downturn, which has left far too many of us either looking for work or underemployed.

Probably at no other time of the year will this hit as hard as during the holidays. Many have had to cut corners to just get by, and don't have the ability to splurge on gifts and large holiday meals.

Fortunately there are many good souls in the community who are trying to make sure the holidays are a happy time for everyone.

Civic organizations — Rotary, Kiwanis, Goodfellows, Lions and good Samaritans of all kinds — find a variety of ways to help, donating to one drive or another, hosting charitable events of their own and helping all around town.

Another way to help others during the holidays is to donate to the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program, which will provide a happy Christmas to many local children. There are several local drop-off points. Simply drop off new, unwrapped toys to help the cause. For more information on the Toys for Tots Program, visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

Another opportunity to volunteer your services to help others this holiday season is to become a bell ringer for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit launched its annual Red Kettle Campaign throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties last week in an effort to raise \$7.8 million to sustain its important annual services. Through Dec. 24, bell ringers will collect donations at hundreds of red kettles located at retailers and businesses such as Kroger, Wal-Mart, Macy's, Sam's Club, and Walgreens.

All volunteer opportunities are posted at [www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org). Anyone can log on, pick a preferred location and a two-hour shift that is convenient for them. Volunteers can sign up for one or more two-hour shifts and will receive a confirmation e-mail.

These are just a couple opportunities to help others this holiday season. There are many others. Remember, we all have the ability to give something, whether it be financial assistance or just some time. You might be surprised by what you get in return.

# Theater is good addition to city

The announcement last week that MJR Digital Cinemas plans to build a new state-of-the-art digital movie theater on the site of the shuttered Showcase Cinema is good news indeed for the City of Westland. When the theater opens next year, it means Westland residents can see a movie without going to Wayne, Canton or Livonia.

It has been more than two years since National Amusements deemed the theater on Wayne Road "no longer financially viable" and closed it, a decision that came after a request for an entertainment permit was dropped due in part to opposition from members of the Westland City Council.

MJR's plan calls for tearing down the existing theater and replacing it with a 65,000-square foot building. The 16-screen MJR Westland Grand will have 3,100 seats and be the first theater complex in Wayne County with 4K digital projection.

The new theater is a great addition to the city's dining and shopping district and its ability to attract people to the area is tremendous, especially considering it's expected to generate in excess of 800,000 admissions annually.

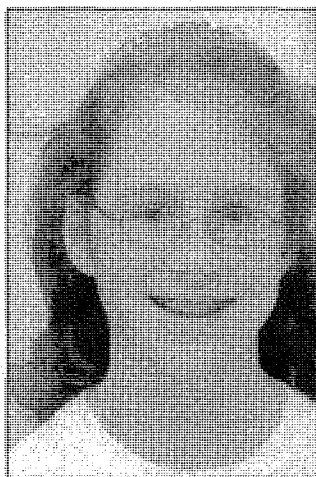
We agree with MJR Digital Cinemas President and CEO Michael Mihalich when he says that Westland is too big of a city not to have a movie theater. We're glad that he decided to locate his theater complex here. In these difficult economic times, it's good news to hear someone wants to open a new business. It's even better news that there will be one less big box building in the central business district.

We'll have to wait until October or November 2011 to see a movie at the Westland Grand, but that's OK. We can be patient, because we know good things come to those who wait.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Why do we eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day?

We asked this question of students at St. Damian School in Westland.



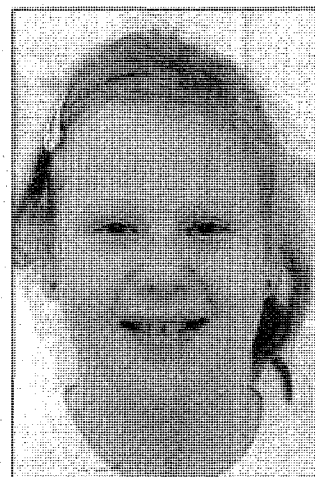
**"Fall was turkey season so that is why they chose turkey."**

Emily Zwicker  
Redford



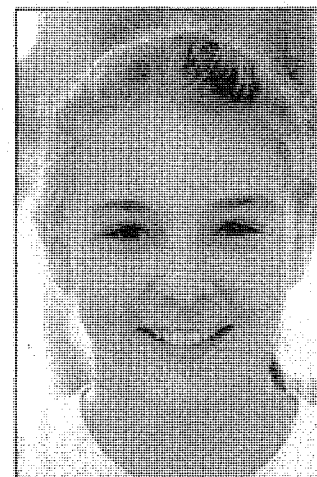
**"It's tradition because the pilgrims and Indians had turkey at the first thanksgiving."**

Abigail Zwicker  
Redford



**"Because they hunted turkeys back then."**

Grace Bartos  
Westland



**"The Indians brought turkey, and the pilgrims kept the tradition."**

Gabrielle Tulley  
Redford

## LETTERS

### Consider N.Y. law

I read with complete sorrow the tragedy of Samantha Kelly.

Her mother had brought charges against an 18-year-old student at her high school for having sex with the 14-year-old. The young girl had then been taunted in school about the incident by several of her classmates. Because Samantha Kelly took her own life the charges have been dropped against the accused boy because, according to the prosecutor's office, "there is no victim."

The children who taunted and bullied the girl are unknown and there has apparently never been an attempt to ferret them out and squelch their behavior.

On Sept. 8, 2010, Gov. David Paterson of the State of New York signed into law the Dignity for All Students Act. The act specifically bans harassment and discrimination against students based on their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, color, weight, national origin, ethnicity, religion or disability.

It requires New York state school districts to adopt anti-bullying policies. The law mandates each district to appoint at least one staff member in each school to implement anti-bullying techniques and methods. DASA further mandates administrators report incidents of bullying or bias-based harassment to the New York State Department of Education.

I am writing to my state senator and state representative here in Michigan asking them

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to sponsor legislation like that in New York. The young lady should not have been hounded to her death.

Won't you consider asking your legislators to bring some peace to our children in school?  
**Alfred Brock**  
Wayne

### Make law permanent

I am a stroke survivor of four years. Recently we marked six months of smoke-free air in Michigan. These past months have meant all workplaces, including bars and restaurants, have been safe from tobacco smoke.

We're saving lives with this law as second-hand smoke is a serious health hazard.

I wish to thank the many organizations that have made this smoke-free law a reality, including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association. We should also be praising the tens of thousands of people who have made Michigan smoke-free. Let's make sure to keep the law permanent.

Steve Freilich  
Livonia

### Ban makes business better

I want to thank our lawmakers who are leaving office for passing smoke-free legislation. I am so happy there is a no-smoking law in Michigan.

My son, Ryan Adams, owns Up Town Grille in Commerce and business is better than ever. The people love it, and I'm happy. All the employees are happy that they don't smell like smoke going home. It is making a big difference all around.

I couldn't stand the bar smoke. I was not able to go to the restaurant because of the smoke.

Now, I love the fresh air. I'm healthier and happier. Customers are happier without the smoke. Parents who are environmentally concerned can bring the kids in the restaurant without concerns of toxins going into their children's bodies.

Clara Zerbo Adams  
Livonia

## GUEST COLUMN

# Work together to make Michigan better

It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's Snyderman!

While we may wish a super hero would arrive to solve our woes, we know that is make-believe.



Tom Watkins

Yet giving the people of Michigan something to believe in again is an important part of Gov.-elect Rick Snyder's role.

Many across the state have lost their job, home and savings and are angry and losing hope.

The first decade of the 21st century cannot come to a close soon enough. Michigan has been at the eye of the storm, losing jobs in roaring tsunamis, and has only recently begun to replace them in tear drops.

We have witnessed nearly a million jobs evaporate and our property values compete with our 401(k)s to see which could fall faster. To say it has been 10 years of frustration, loss and anger for far too many would be an understatement. We should get a state discount on grief counseling it has been so bad.

Clearly there were moments of triumphs that became brief respites from the angry winds of disruptive change. Yet they have been few and far between.

The nation was near euphoric with the election of President Obama. As the first black person elected president of the

world's preeminent nation, it seemed like all things were possible once again.

Yet as the economy continued to implode, hope gave way to fear and later anger. People are angry at bankers, and Wall Street investors got bailed out while the average person feels their American Dream was sold out. Nothing ticks someone off like seeing their wealth evaporate and seeing others laughing all the way to the bank.

As we witness the same banks that were rescued with our tax dollars now refuse to negotiate reasonable home and business refinancing, the anger has begun to roar and boil over.

My mom had an old pressure cooker that allowed just enough steam to escape that the entire pot did not explode. Let's hope this latest election provided the release of enough steam so that Michigan's new governor can channel our collective energy to putting the state back to work.

Gov.-elect Snyder has a tight-rope to walk over the next weeks and months, balancing his rhetoric and actions between necessary, tough and painful changes in how government operates, calling for shared sacrifices and lifting our spirits by inspiring an optimistic belief that our best days lie ahead.

The people of Michigan have put their faith in Gov.-elect Snyder and he possesses a mandate to restructure, reform and reinvent this great state — yet

mandates have a way of lasting only until the pain of change and sacrifice materialize.

Given the lack of action on reform efforts by our sitting governor and Legislature, coupled with an acknowledged budget deficit of \$1.6 billion (which I predict Snyder will discover is much greater), the pain of change will soon be here.

Clearly the pain will appear faster than our economy will recover and jobs are plentiful once again. Like President Obama, once it became official Jan. 1 and it's "Governor" Snyder, Michigan's economic mess is his.

Unlike the department store policy, "you break it, you buy it," he did not create Michigan's mess — but he will be responsible for cleaning it up.

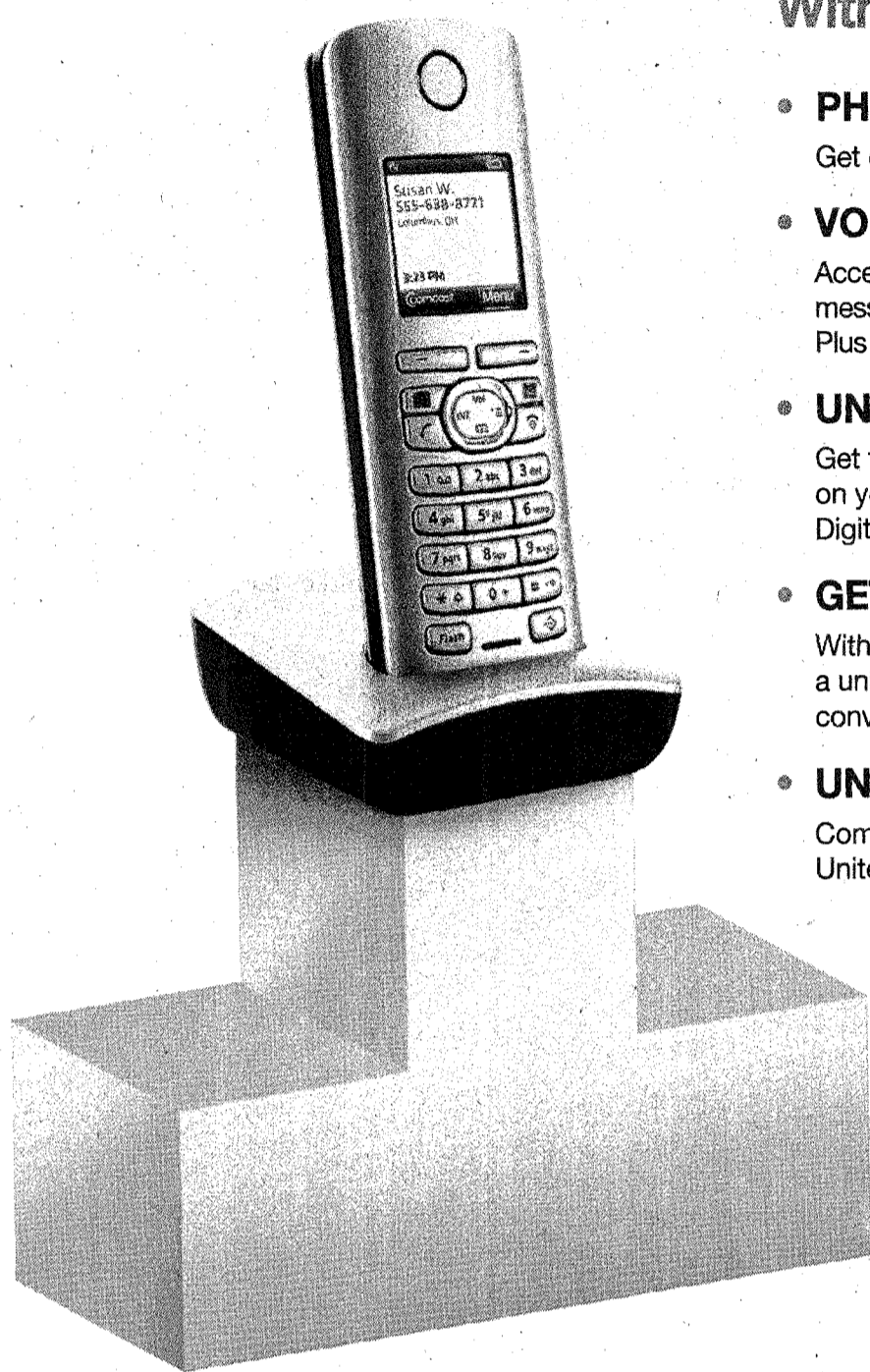
No, Snyder is not Superman. He cannot reinvent Michigan by himself. Everyone in Michigan should be called upon, like JFK's "Ask not ..." inauguration address to help restore the hope and pride in our ability to prosper once again.

If mobilized, together we have the power to restore hope and get Michigan working again.

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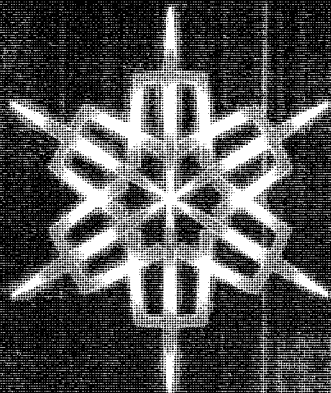
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NCAA Regional champs

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23.75; 3. Elli Schinella (Mercy), 24.91; 4. Rachel Mack (Mercy), 25.09; 5. Claire Nienstedt (Marian), 25.34; 6. Carlee Jackson (Mercy), 25.50; 7. Stephanie Rutla (Notre Dame), 25.73; 8. Sarah Beargie (Marian), 25.86.

Baldus (Mercy), 5:19.11; 5. Katie Devor (Marian), 5:19.25; 6. Molly Schaefer (Marian), 5:23.13; 7. Geri Michalzuk (Mercy), 5:25.66; 8. Julia Wright (Marian), 5:30.00.

S'craft women escape upset bid

This one was too close for comfort as far as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team was concerned.

The fourth-ranked Lady Ocelots nearly squandered a 16-point lead in the final 4:22 Saturday before holding off Glen Oaks Community College, 70-68, and run their home floor winning streak to 52.

Schoolcraft (5-1) led 62-46 before the Vikings when on a 17-3 run keyed by Janell Smith's two 3-pointers to close the deficit to 65-63 with only 42 seconds remaining.

The Lady Ocelots won despite shooting only 38.7 percent from the floor (24-of-62).

Kimberly Bee led the way with 19 points, 13 rebounds

WOMEN'S HOOPS

and four blocks. Shanequa Bragg and Sarah Jury (Livonia Ladywood) chipped in with 14 and 11 points, respectively.

Jury was a perfect 5-of-5 from the floor, while Shawnicka Thomas and Bragg grabbed 10 and nine rebounds, respectively.

Tolliver dished out seven assists.

Glen Oaks (3-2) got a game-high 23 points from Smith, while Morgan Gropp added 13.

MU's Wydryck hits 1,000

Madonna University's 6-foot-1 senior guard Tabatha Wydryck became the eighth member of the 1,000-point club in an 82-56 setback Saturday to No. 3-ranked Indiana Wesleyan in the WHAC/MCC Challenge at Mol

Arena in Grand Rapids. Wydryck, a Wyandotte native who prepped at Riverview Gabriel Richard, scored 13 points and added five free throws in running her career total to 1,007. She needs just two points to pass former teammate Christie Carrico (2006-10) and 26 more to surpass Dawn Pelc (1994-98) for seventh and sixth places, respectively.

Wydryck was one of three Crusaders in double figures joining Heather Pratt and Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) with 14 and 13 points, respectively, as Madonna falls to 1-2.

Stephanie Burch sparked Indiana Wesleyan (5-1), which led 41-26 at halftime, with game-high 19 points.

IWU shot 51 percent from the field (22-of-43), while MU was only 13-of-44 (29 percent).

Moore returns to lift Schoolcraft

Karl Moore, a 6-foot-8 center from Oak Park Academy, returned to the lineup after a two-game disciplinary suspension to score 28 points and grab 10 rebounds as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team romped Monday night past the host Marygrove College JV squad, 106-65.

Reshardd Harris added 20 points and three blocks as the Ocelots improved to 3-4 overall.

Lydell Mason chipped in

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with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Mohamed Elhaj contributed 11 assists and two steals.

Jeff Suber and M. Dujon Johnson scored 21 and 20 points, respectively, for Mustang JV team (0-5).

Schoolcraft led 51-26 at the half. The Ocelots shot only 12-of-22 from the foul stripe, while Marygrove was 15-of-32.

GLEN OAKS 79, SCHOOLCRAFT 70:

Despite 28 points and nine rebounds from Lydell Mason, Schoolcraft College (2-4) team fell Saturday at home to Glen Oaks CC (3-0).

Reshardd Harris added 23 points and nine rebounds for the Ocelots, who trailed 38-33 at halftime.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) contributed nine rebounds and seven points.

Austin Harper paced the victorious Vikings with 27 points. Charles Hearn and Kurklin Bohanon each added 16.

Schoolcraft was 16-of-23 from the foul line, while Glen Oaks shot 11-of-18.

STATE SWIM RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION I GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

Nov. 19-20 at Oakland University TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 307 points; 2. Holland West Ottawa, 221; 3. Bloomfield Hills Marian, 194; 4. South Lyon, 190.5; 5. Ann Arbor Huron, 172; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 149; 7. Zeeland, 87; 8. Brighton, 84; 9. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Northville, 72 each; 27. Livonia Franklin, 20.

(Stevenson), 1:51.79; 12. Kayla Dolinski (Stevenson), 1:55.27; 39. Amanda Washko (Livonia Churchill), 2:01.14; 48. Natalie Cote (Franklin), 2:03.14.

(Stevenson), 5:29.68; 44. Washko (Churchill), 5:31.34.

DOUGLAS

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Wolverine program last year.

The honor student is entertaining offers from the University of Missouri, Michigan, Michigan State and Northwestern.

Douglas, who plans to major in broadcast journalism, recently took an official visit to Missouri and attended the Mizzou-Oklahoma football game when the Tigers upset

the nation's No. 1-ranked team at the time.

"I rushed onto the field with the students after the game. It's something you'll always remember and don't always get to experience," Douglas said.

Meanwhile, Douglas celebrated her state championship win with a pizza party at her

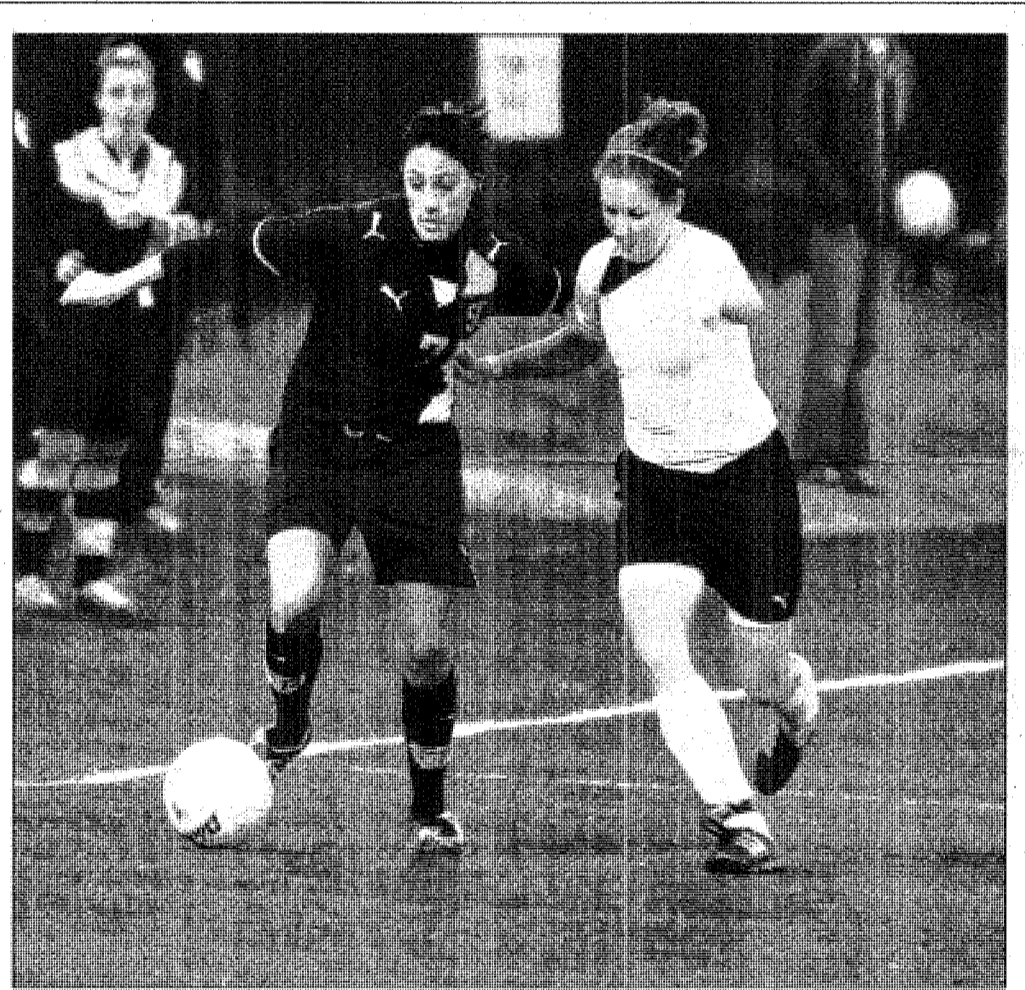
house, which included not only her teammates, but parents, grandparents and boyfriend.

The most notable absence was 12-year-old Natalie Douglas, who traveled to West Virginia to compete in a cross country meet over the weekend.

"She's a swimmer, too," Kayla said. "I'm not sure what she'll do. She's a sprint swimmer and a distance runner."

Maybe Franklin has another talented swimmer on the horizon named Douglas.

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Ocelots place 4th

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team finished fourth in the NJCAA Division I Nationals Women's Soccer Championship following a 2-0 loss Sunday to Georgia Perimeter in Topeka, Kan. The Lady Ocelots' Ashley Welch (left) and her teammates ended the season with a 17-3 overall record, while Georgia Perimeter placed third and finished 22-1-2 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Friday, Nov. 26 (Kirtland CC Firebird Invitational) Schoolcraft vs. UM-Flint, 5 p.m. Kirtland vs. Rochester JV, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 (Kirtland CC Firebird Invitational)

Schoolcraft vs. Rochester JV, 5:30 p.m. Kirtland vs. UM-Flint, 7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Friday, Nov. 26 (Turkey Shootout at K'zoo Valley CC) Schoolcraft vs. Owens Tech (Ohio), 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 27 Madonna at Rutgers-Newark, noon. (Turkey Shootout at K'zoo Valley CC) Schoolcraft vs. Columbus St. (Ohio), 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 Madonna at New Jersey City Univ., noon.

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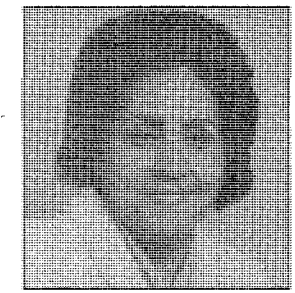
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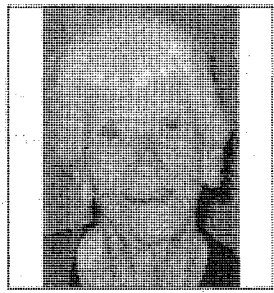
**EVA RODRIGUEZ GARCIA**  
 Age 80, of Westland. November 20, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Ruben. Loving mother of Rebecca Karpiuk and Rachel Garcia. Proud grandmother of Matthew. Dear sister of Frank, Mario (Janette), Rachel and Muzzy. Survived also by many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by siblings Raphael, Esperanza, Raul, Evangeline, Estella, Fernando and Frances. Services were held by The Allen Park Chapel-Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 10915 Allen Rd (corner of Goddard).  
 Visit: www.martenson.com.



**MILDRED M. MCCOLLUM**  
 Age 82 November 20, 2010 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Melvin. Beloved mother of Melvin (Phyllis), Lonnie (Patricia) and Sharon McCollum and the late Mary Pelt. Cherished daughter of the late Fred and Helen Pagel. Dear sister of Pat Estep and Vicky Pagel. Proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Family and friends gathering Saturday 11 am until 12 noon Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. To share a memory, please visit: VermeulenFuneralHome.com.



**HAROLD HENRY TAYLER, JR.**  
 (August 17, 1925 - November 20, 2010)  
 Age 85, of Lake Suzy, Florida (formerly of Farmington, Michigan) passed away peacefully Saturday evening, November 20, 2010, in Florida, after a short illness. A member of the "Greatest Generation" and as a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II, Harold was cited in several books and publications chronicling the history of the heroic battle for the Pacific Island of Okinawa. Among his commendations is the Purple Heart. Always a loyal Marine, he attended annual National Marine Corps conventions whenever and wherever they were held. He was very pleased to be honored with a Marine Corps memorial service the day before he passed. A native of Detroit, Harold graduated from Wayne State University School of Pharmacy. He served as Chief Pharmacist at Hutzler Women's Hospital for five years before he established and operated Taylor Prescriptions in Farmington for many years before retiring to Florida. Harold is survived by his second wife Judith, of Lake Suzy and his four children: Jeff (Bobbi), Cynthia (Brad) Zoner, Craig and Roger (Kim); seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a brother Gerald Taylor (Betty) and a sister Shirley Paul, as well as, brothers in law Gordon (Susan) and Wallace (Doris) Brownell. Harold is preceded in death by his loving and devoted first wife Shirley, a sister Mary Ellen Fuhr and a brother Ronald Taylor. A kind and gentle man, Harold will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and especially by his loyal dog, Randy. The Funeral Service with US Marine Corps Honors will take place on Saturday, November 27th at 11:00 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2-8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Tidewell Hospice c/o Philanthropy Dept. 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238.  
 www.thayer-rock.com



**ANNIE "NAN" TULIPS**  
 November 21, 2010  
 Age 94. Passed away in Livonia. Loving wife of the late James. Dear mother of Maureen Lynaghan, Clare (and the late Michael) Kora, and Monica (James) Swierpel. Survived by 9 Grandchildren and 4 Great-grandchildren. Memorial visitation 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 27101 W. Chicago (at Inkster) Redford, MI, until time of Memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m. Memorial donations to Hospice Compassus, Southfield, MI or Marycrest Manor, Livonia, MI would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



**BONNIE L. LINTON**  
 Nov. 21, 2010 age 89 of Brown City, formerly of Garden City. Beloved wife of the late Earl. Dear mother of Duane (Arlene) & the late Roger. Sister of Rev. Joe (Sharon) Hilyard. Loving grandmother of Chris (Kathy) Linton, Karen Linton, Brenda (Raymond) Czubaj, Sandra Yetter & Andrea Mires. Great grandmother of Tonya Jackson, Kirk Jackson, Samantha Jackson, Amanda Linton, Brandon Yetter, Janie (Mark) Zlatos & Jennifer (Alan) Lafland. Also survived by 3 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral Sat. 11:30 AM at the UHt Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Fri. 2-9 PM. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhth.com.

**RANDALL NANTZ**  
 November 21, 2010. Age 74. Loving husband of Janice. Dear father of Steven (Debra) and Shandra (Michael) Fish. Brother of Barbara Gardner and Malissa (Osborn) Burton. Also survived by 9 Grandchildren and 5 Great-grandchildren. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com The family has entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, Michigan.

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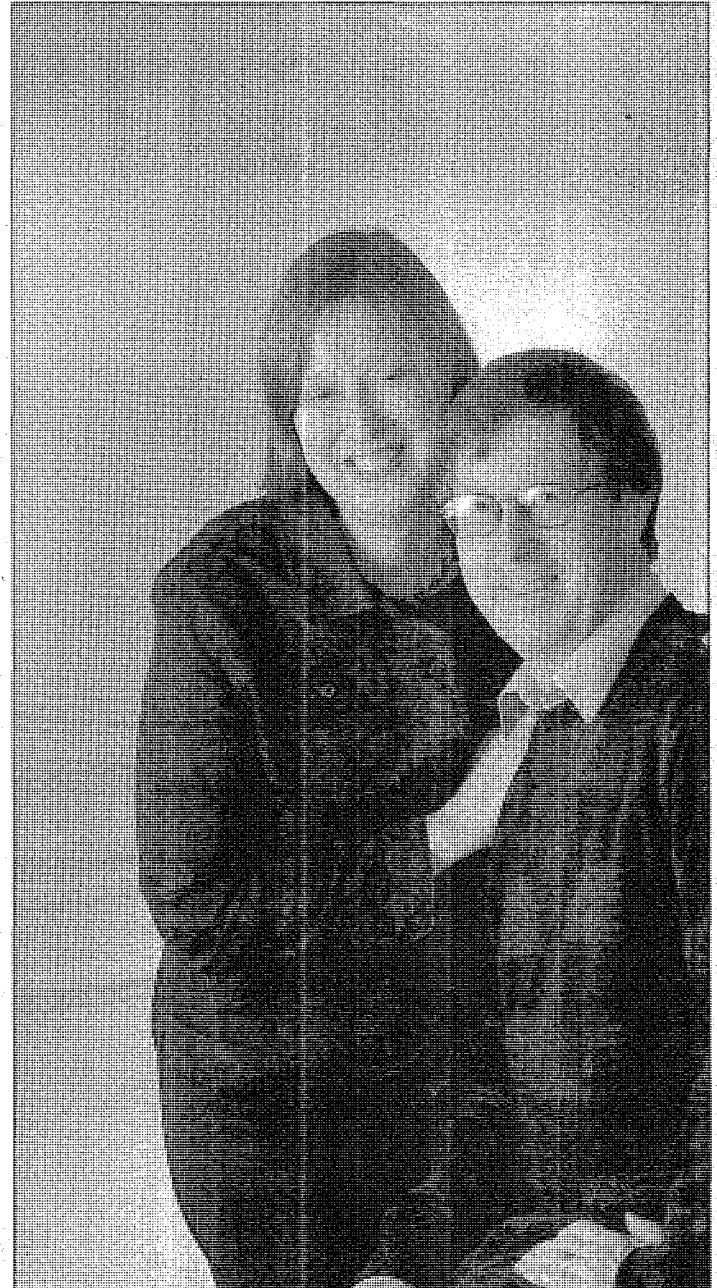
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The Rev. Paul Stunkel and his wife, the Rev. Karen Stunkel

## St. Paul's Presbyterian welcomes new pastor

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia recently welcomed a new head pastor, the Rev. Paul Stunkel. Stunkel graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and received his master's of divinity in 1975. He served his first pastorate as head of staff for a 250-member congregation in Washington, Pa. He served his second pastorate at United Presbyterian Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a 650-member congregation. In 1996, he started a new Presbyterian congregation, Joy Community, just outside Chicago in Lake in the Hills, Ill. Stunkel became the founding pastor of the congregation which began in his living room and developed into a \$1.2 million facility, dedicated to the prayerful and joyful worship of God. Stunkel is married to the Rev. Karen Stunkel, who is completing an interim pastorate in the Chicago area. They have four children and three grandchildren. St. Paul's Sunday service is at 10 a.m. For more information, call (734) 422-1470. The church is located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road in Livonia.

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# Advance Consignments offers customers one-stop shopping

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

We opened Advanced Consignments with the mission to create a real shopping destination for antiques, crafts, collectibles, jewelry, furniture, accessories, and new and resale clothing – truly one stop shopping at its best.

In addition to providing our customers with an extensive selection of high quality merchandise, we needed to offer our vendors extremely competitive pricing. Because we don't charge the high booth rental prices that our competitors do, our vendors are able to pass their savings along to our customers.

We really did our research and it shows. Our vendors are happy and our customers can't say enough good things about our store!

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

The idea for Advanced Consignments came to me after years of frustration working within the antiques, crafts, and collectibles markets. As a vendor, if I wanted to sell items in all three arenas, I had to rent space in three different stores. Not only was that inconvenient, it was expensive! The prices that many markets charge vendors to sell their goods are exorbitant. When vendors have high overhead, they can't price their merchandise as competitively. Everybody loses.

I knew I could do better than that. In March of 2008 I opened our first location in Wyandotte and it was a success. We knew we needed a larger location and that Westland had a need for our business. In July of 2010, we relocated our store and things have picked up even more. It has been really exciting so far and we are looking forward to a long future for Advanced Consignments.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

The things that make Advanced Consignments stand out against the rest are our selection and our pricing.



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**Your Name and Title:** Joe Strusinski, owner  
**Your Hometown:** Livonia, Michigan  
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vices including temporary emergency housing, a 24-Hour Help Line, domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy programs, children's advocacy and prevention programs, volunteer/intern program, assault response, the community/legal response project and community education. Oakwood has been a supporter of First Step for more than 30 years, a spokesperson said. For more information or to seek assistance, contact the First Step 24-Hour Help Line at (888) 453-5900 or go online to www.firststep-mi.org.

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**Brookellen Swope**  
President and CEO

## MILESTONES

### Toys for Tots

**Details:** Create a special Christmas for a child in need by donating a new, unwrapped toy to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. Toys will be delivered to local children by Christmas Day. No toy guns, please. Businesses around Westland and Garden City have accepting donations include Metropolitan Lincoln, 32000 Ford Road, Garden City, through Dec. 10; Art Van Furniture, 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Nov. 30 through Dec. 14; Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford, Garden City, through Dec. 20; Toys 'R' Us / Babies 'R' Us, 34800 Warren Road, Westland, through Dec. 5.

**Contact:** For more information about Toys for Tots, visit the website at [www.oysfortots.org](http://www.oysfortots.org).

### Skate Night

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27  
**Location:** Riverside Arena 36635 Plymouth Rd., Livonia

**Details:** It Takes a Village, a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families and communities, is hosting its third annual Family Skate Night to give families an opportunity to get out, get active and have a great time. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes admission, skate rental, pizza and pop.

**Contact:** For more information, call Irena Glover at (313) 999-3659 or visit [www.itavinc.org](http://www.itavinc.org).

### Visit with Santa

**Time/Date:** noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27  
**Location:** Art Van Furniture, 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Skip the North Pole and

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bring your child to Art Van! Each little boy and girl can spend time telling Santa what's on their wish list and then receive a free treat. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture this special moment.  
**Contact:** Call the store at (734) 425-9600.

### 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](http://www.westlandcenter.com)

### A Legend Tribute

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 27  
**Location:** Sgt. Stanley Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, Westland

**Details:** Enjoy an evening of "A Legend Tribute to the 'STARS'," featuring tribute artists Sherman Arnold as Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison, Rock Harley as Johnny Cash, Kathy Bressler as Patsy Cline and Russ Seeley and Brian Gwozdz as The Blues Brothers. The cost is \$15 per person and includes concessions. A cash bar available.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 525-9454.

### Gamers delight

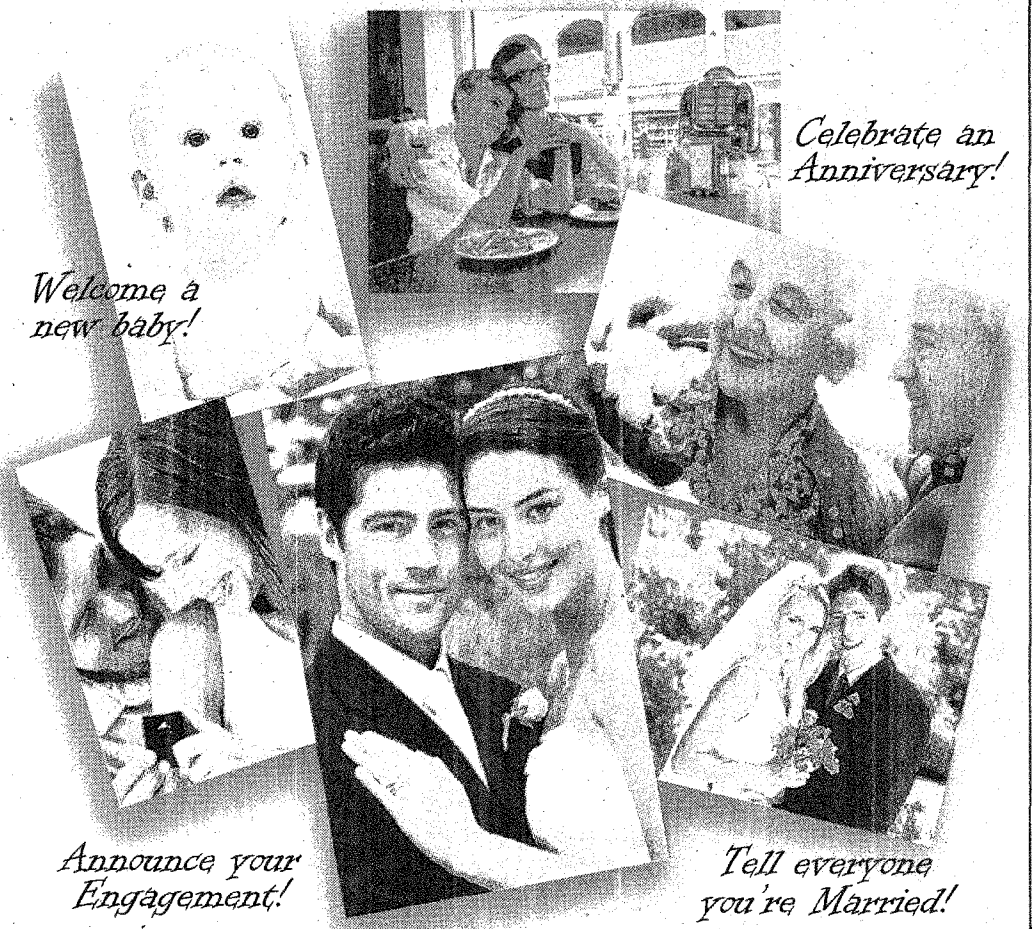
**Time/Days:** noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, noon to midnight Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday  
**Location:** Pandemonium, 1858 Middlebelt, Garden City

**Details:** A true hobby gaming store, Pandemonium specializes in collectible card games, miniature games, role-playing games, Chessex Dice, Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Strategic board games, Forge World, used miniatures and books and much more.  
**Contact:** (734)-427-2451

### Dollar Desserts

**Location:** Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe is at 8036 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland.  
**Details:** Do you have a sweet tooth that never seems to be satisfied without putting a dent in your wallet? At Mary Denning's, you never have to worry about that again. The shop now offers a dollar dessert menu, featuring many of its customer favorites. Cupcakes, fun-size bars, cinnamon crumb cakes, yesterday's fresh muffins, gourmet coffee, cookies (three for \$1), and a new dessert called cake butts. The dollar dessert menu enables you to take control of your sweet tooth and your wallet.  
**Contact:** (888) 715-4479.

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Nurses take training

Oakwood nurses are known for providing compassionate care in the community and now Oakwood's finest are being trained to become Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) in partnership with First Step. "The First Step SANE clinic is a community resource dedicated to providing confidential and compassionate care for victims of sexual assault," said Joanne McKay, administrator of emergency services at Oakwood Healthcare Inc. The program, funded by the

## CHAMBER CHAT

On Friday, Dec. 10, the Westland Chamber of Commerce, the City of Westland and the Schoolcraft College Business Development Center will present an informative seminar on "Knowledge-Driven Business Solutions." The event will be held at the William P. Faust Public Library at 9 a.m. This is a free seminar. This event is designed specifically for existing business owners and entrepreneurs. You will gain important information on how the Business Development Center can help

# ENTERTAINMENT

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## From swing to foxtrot

### Ballroom enthusiasts meet in Livonia for weekly dance

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

**B**etty Mohamed is ready to slip into her dance shoes at a moment's notice.

She dances every Saturday night and most Thursdays. She'll even foxtrot, waltz and cha cha her way into the New Year next month with dances on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

At 82, Mohamed prefers dancing to more sedentary hobbies. She's typical of other senior citizens who dance weekly with Moon Dusters Ballroom Dance Club at the Livonia Civic Center. "It's entertainment and we enjoy dancing. You enjoy being there with the people. It's something to look forward to," said Mohamed, who began dancing at age 51, after her husband died. Now she's an officer in the Moon Dusters, which draws many longtime ballroom dancers who are well past retirement age, although it's open to all ages.

"Most are seniors. We're from the old school, but we're trying to recruit younger people," she said. "We have several who come that are in their 30s and 40s. They like it. It's nice being with a partner and dancing and learn the cha cha and the rumba dances."

**FINDING A PARTNER**

Joe Castrodale, Moon Dusters president, says anyone with a passion for ballroom dancing will discover the club is "the place to be" on a Saturday night.

"We welcome everyone. A lot come looking for partners. We feel we've coupled up more people than other dances around," said Castrodale, 87, from Oak Park. "All the partners I've had I got from dancing. If you're a dancer,



you want to dance with a partner."

Castrodale, who's single and a WWII veteran, began ballroom dancing in the early 1980s after a friend suggested he attend a dance. He knew how to slow dance at the time but was a newcomer to the Latin and swing steps. He took lessons and discovered Moon Dusters, which was formed in 1973.

Castrodale said Moon Dusters is among a handful of ballroom dance clubs that have flourished in the years since Detroit's big ballrooms, such as the Grande and Graystone, and smaller suburban clubs were closed.

**LEARNING THE DANCES**

The club's annual holiday dinner dance is close to selling out its 500 tickets. Saturday dances draw about 125 participants. About 50-60 dancers attend the lessons taught at the start of the Saturday event. The hour-long instruction focuses on one ballroom dance every week for about two months. Dancers can learn and practice six different dances each year.

"In order to be a good ballroom dancer there are three things you need — money, patience and time. You need money to pay for lessons and patience until you learn and time to do it all," Castrodale noted.

"It's great exercise. You won't get exercise like that anywhere. It gives you a chance to get dressed up and meet new friends. It teaches you balance. And it's a chance to enjoy yourself on a Saturday night."

The club also donates to charity whenever it has a few additional dollars to spare. Past beneficiaries have included Paralyzed Veterans of America, cancer research organizations and the Livonia senior center.



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[www.HolidayCraftExtravaganza.com](http://www.HolidayCraftExtravaganza.com)

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The cast of "A Christmas Carol" will read the story at a benefit for Barefoot Productions.

## Barefoot Productions sets narrative reading, fund-raiser

Barefoot Productions' narrative reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will benefit two nonprofits this year.

Proceeds from the show, Dec. 10-11, will support the theater's operations, including its two remaining season shows, *Black Comedy* in February 2011 and *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, in May 2011.

Barefoot Productions also asks patrons to consider bringing an unwrapped toy to the show, to donate toward Plymouth's First Step. The organization aims to reduce and prevent domestic and sexual violence and provide services to individuals affected by violence. First Step maintains an ongoing toy wish list to supplement recreational activities as well as to enhance the shelter offered to those in need. For more information about First Step, visit [www.firststep-mi.org](http://www.firststep-mi.org).

The *A Christmas Carol* event starts with a reception at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Vinter's Canton Winery, Sweets 21 of Plymouth and Tranquillitea, also in Plymouth, will serve refreshments, including mulled wines, Victorian-style pastries and fragrant teas.

Led by a cast of seven, Barefoot's narrative reading features the talents of: Linda Stanko, lead narrator, Grosse Ile; Dave Alexander, Dearborn; Nathan Corliss, Jonathon Wennstrom and Elizabeth Whitcomb, all of Livonia; Christine Steves, Woodhaven; and Steve White, Plymouth.

The fund-raiser is a suggested donation of \$30 per person and \$15 for children, 12 and under. Reservations are available at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or by calling (734) 560-1493. This special holiday celebration, suitable for the entire family, will be held in the Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 North Main Street, Plymouth.

## Senior citizens show watercolor paintings

Botsford Commons Senior Community will present its first annual Watercolor Artists Show, 1-9 p.m. Dec. 2, at the Botsford Commons Activity Room and Theater, 21300 Archwood Circle, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, north of Eight Mile, in Farmington Hills.

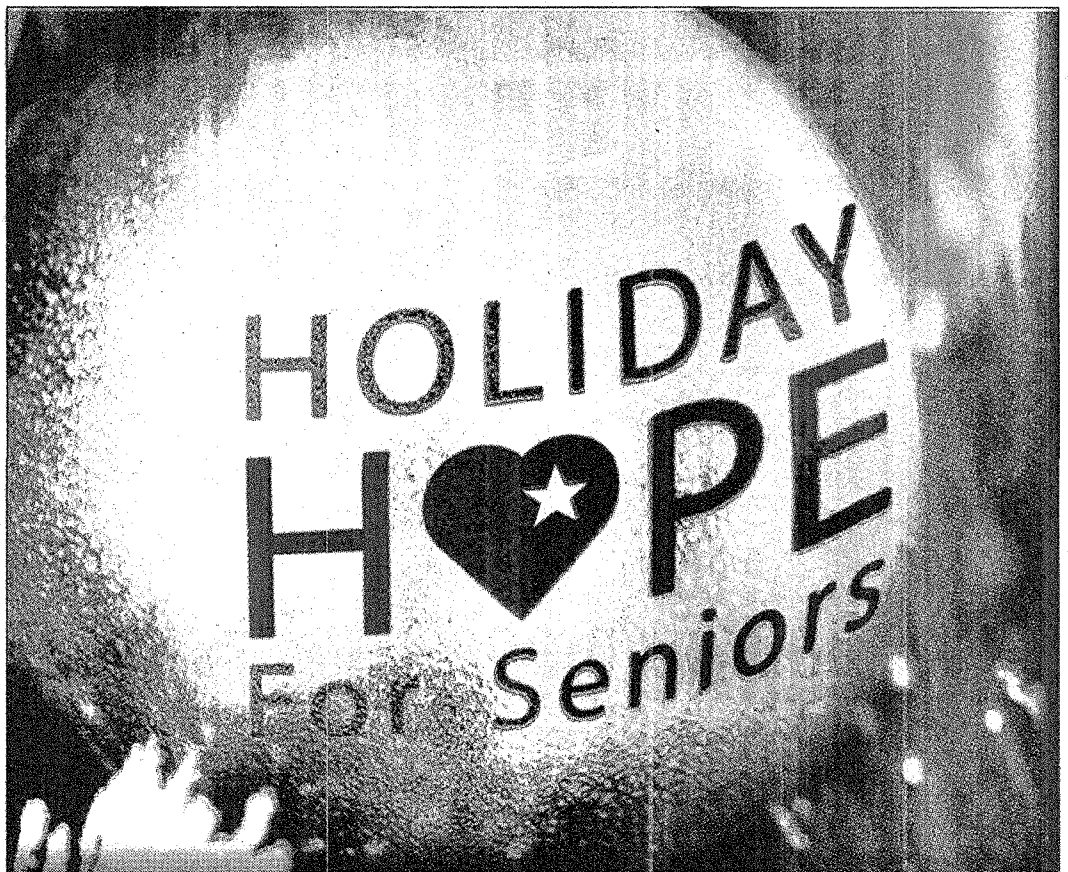
Paintings from the Botsford Commons' watercolor class, which met every Thursday for eight weeks, will be on display and available for purchase.

Botsford resident Berta Villarreal suggested the class and enlisted the help of artist Karin Phillips to lead it.

In addition to Villarreal, resident artists include Jane

Langa, Betty Gilbert, Florence Ptak, John Stoner, Dorothy Tarpinian, Bill Waddell and Bettie Williams. They will show their work alongside visiting artists Phillips, Marilyn Lynch and Doreen Bui.

There is no admission fee for the show. For more information call Marty Vukovich at (248) 615-2898.

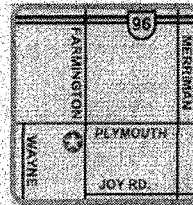


### Make your season bright by helping a senior in need.

Help the American House Foundation support metro Detroit seniors this holiday. Stop by any American House community and choose an ornament from the Holiday Hope tree. Donations range from \$5 to \$20 but any amount will be greatly appreciated. Holiday Hope for Seniors is an American House Foundation program partnering with Lighthouse of Oakland County to identify seniors in need and provide them with essentials like blankets, sheets and pillows.

We encourage you to remember these seniors while you're out shopping this holiday season.

Visit [americanhouse.com/foundation](http://americanhouse.com/foundation) or call (248) 203-1800 to learn more about the American House Foundation.

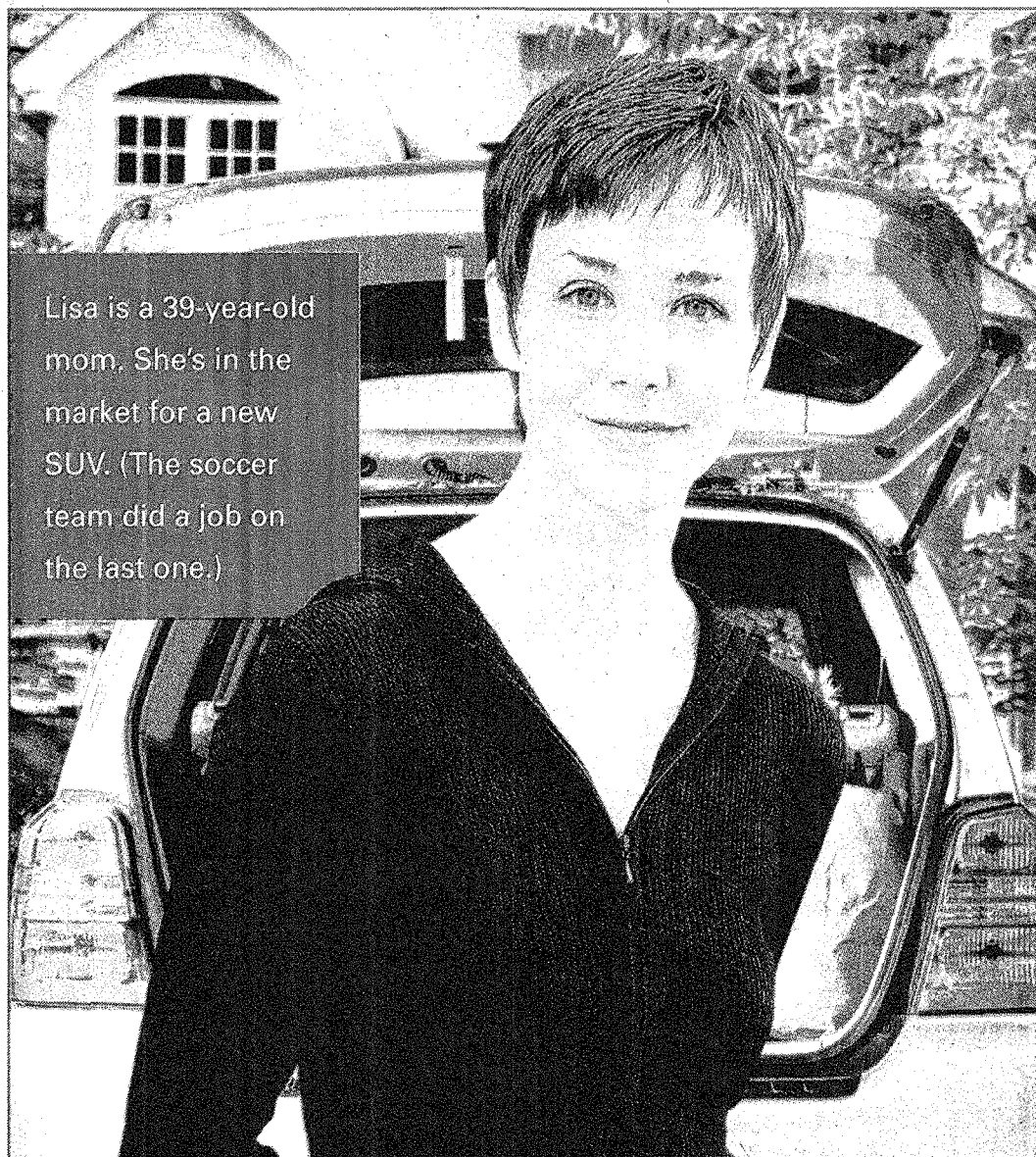


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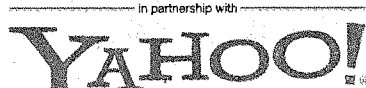
Lisa is a 39-year-old mom. She's in the market for a new SUV. (The soccer team did a job on the last one.)

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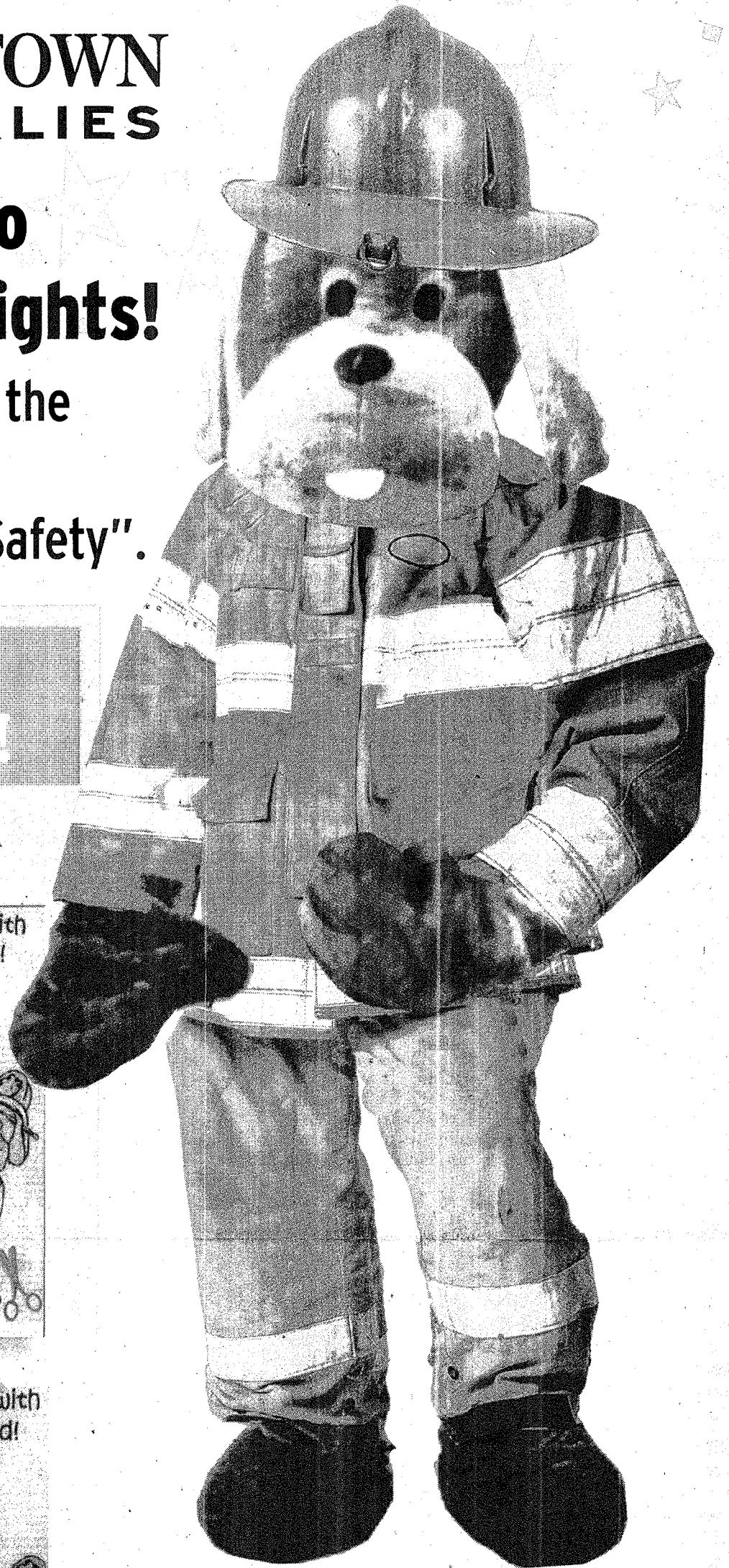
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## HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

### Welcome boys and girls to Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

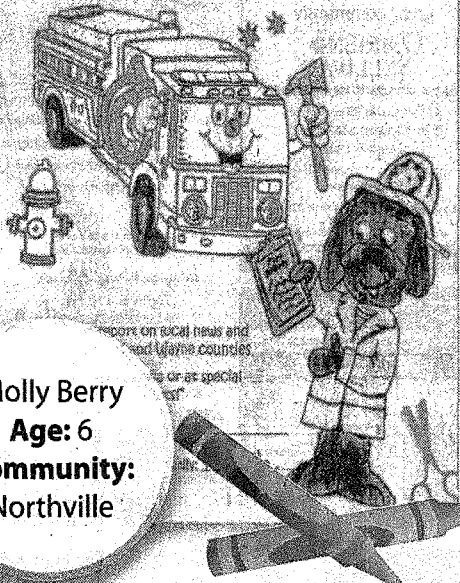
Scoop sure was impressed with all of the entries from local boys and girls. We really did learn a lot about "Fire Safety".



### Top Winners from last month's contest!

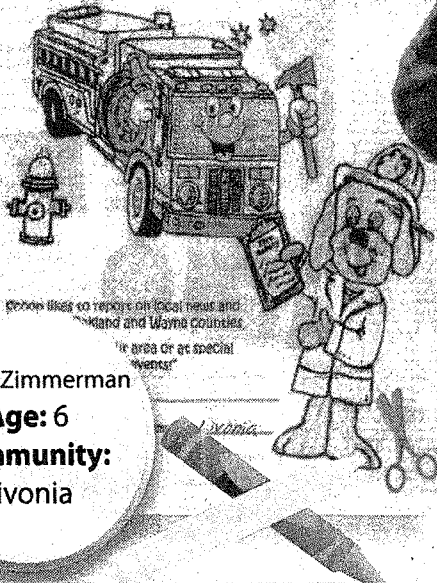
Winners received tickets to the  
Emagine Theater in Canton or Novi!

Investigate Fire Safety with  
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Molly Berry  
Age: 6  
Community:  
Northville

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Ashley Zimmerman  
Age: 6  
Community:  
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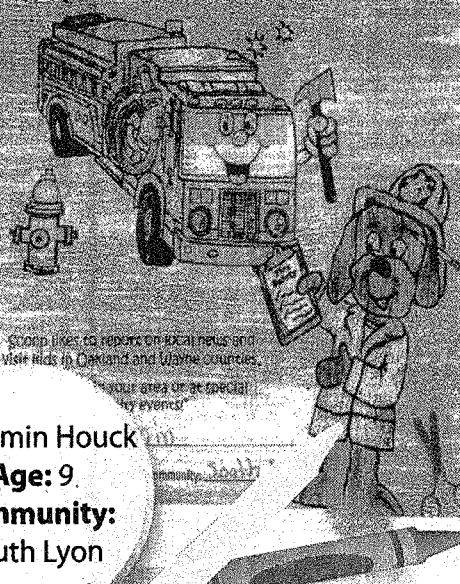
Bryce Siterlet  
Age: 7  
Community:  
Milford

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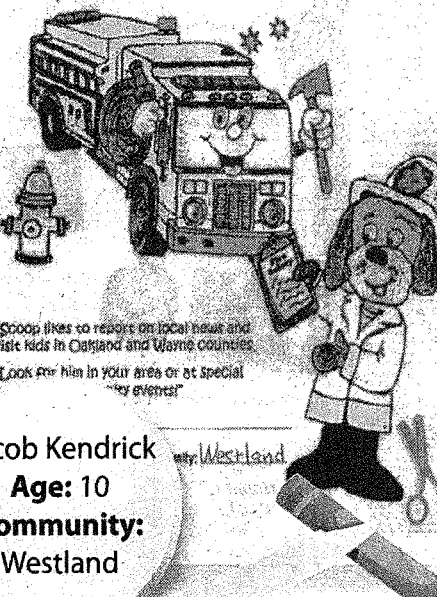
Sarah Alfonsi  
Age: 7  
Community:  
Livonia

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Benjamin Houck  
Age: 9  
Community:  
South Lyon

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Jacob Kendrick  
Age: 10  
Community:  
Westland

Everyone received a letter from  
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Name	Age	Hometown
Elena Fernimos	7	White Lake
Olivia Valli	7	Farmington Hills
Alyssa Lemmon	6	South Lyon
Madelyn Johnston	5	Madison Heights
Cameran Kopich	5	Madison Heights
Abigale Elliott	5	Redford
Parker Howard	5	Garden City
Gigi Maki	5	Southfield
Mallory Steffes	6	South Lyon
Morgan Seog	6	Milford
Emerson Seog	4	Milford
Ezra Crocker	5	Canton
Claire Letterman	6	Farmington Hills
Robbie Alfonsi	5	Livonia
Samantha Knight	5	Canton
Tessa Rogers	6	Plymouth
Michael Beyrand	5	Livonia
Alexander Hardacre	5	Westland
Emily Earl	5	Milford
Luke Siterlet	5	Milford
Morgan Aittama	8	South Lyon
Lillane Aittama	5	South Lyon
Scott Zurla	8	South Lyon
Shane Siterlet	7	Milford
Melissa Beyrand	10	Livonia
Samantha Vargo	5	Livonia
Hope Smolka	5	Westland
Caroline Loder	8	Livonia
Victoria Jedruszko	7	Livonia
Abby Kuczarski	8	Livonia
Macy Marie Malecki	5	Northville
Asher Howarth	8	Royal Oak
Tejas Maire	7	Farmington Hills
Scott Bloomfield	5	Farmington Hills

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!

Next month: Contest features Holiday Celebrations!



# FOOD

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# HEALTHY *Holiday* COOKING

The holidays are full of delicious temptations, but that doesn't have to mean leaving your commitment to healthy eating behind. Making smart choices of what you eat and how you cook it can help you enjoy holiday dining and still beat the post-holiday blues.

With these hassle-free recipes and some tips from the healthy cooking experts at Culinary.net, you can give yourself — and your family — the gift of a festive holiday menu that has great taste and good nutrition.

### SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

Keep your holiday dishes deliciously simple with time-saving appliances such as the George Foreman® Evolve™ Grill. With four different plates for cooking, baking and grilling, it's a simple way to help you stay on track with your healthy eating plan. (It makes a great gift, too.)

These mouthwatering recipes are easy to make on the Evolve Grill, and are a great way to feed your hungry holiday crowd something warm, healthful and satisfying — without sacrificing great taste.

For more recipes and information on George Foreman Healthy Cooking products, visit [www.georgeforemancooking.com](http://www.georgeforemancooking.com).

### ALMOND PEAR BREAD PUDDING

Makes 6 servings

1 large ripe Bartlett pear, peeled, cored and diced  
4 cups French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes

1 1/4 cups fat-free half and half  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
2 eggs  
3 tablespoons butter, melted  
1/2 cup sliced almonds  
Powdered sugar (optional)

Fit grill with deep-dish bake pan. Set temperature to 350°F and preheat for 5 minutes.

Place bread cubes in bake pan and cook for 10 minutes to lightly toast. Turn off grill. Remove bake pan from grill and let cool.

Sprinkle pears over bread cubes. In a medium bowl, whisk together half and half, sugar, extract, cinnamon and eggs. Slowly whisk in butter and then pour over the bread and pears in the bake pan. Press bread cubes down lightly to make sure all are coated with liquid and let stand for 30 minutes.

Preheat grill to 350°F.

Sprinkle bread and pear mixture with almonds, place bake pan back on grill and bake for 20 minutes. Serve warm, dusted with powdered sugar, if you like.



### TURKEY CRANBERRY PANINI

Makes 12 mini panini

24 baguette slices, 1/2 inch thick  
5 ounces sliced turkey breast (try using leftover turkey)  
3 ounces sliced Havarti  
3 tablespoons cranberry sauce  
1/2 cup arugula leaves  
Olive oil cooking spray, for extra crispiness

Preheat grill for 5 minutes at 400°F. Spray 1 side of each bread slice with cooking spray. Distribute ingredients evenly among bread slices. Cook 6 panini at a time for about 3 minutes. Remove from grill. They can be kept warm in a 250°F oven while the second batch of panini cooks. Add to platter and serve.

### VEGGIE PANINI

Makes 12 mini panini

24 baguette slices  
3 ounces fresh mozzarella, sliced  
1/2 cup chopped marinated artichoke hearts  
12 large or 24 small fresh basil leaves  
12 thin slices Roma tomatoes  
3 thin red onion slices, quartered  
Olive oil cooking spray, for extra crispiness

### TUSCAN PANINI

Makes 12 mini panini

24 baguette slices  
2 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto  
3 ounces fresh mozzarella, sliced  
4 to 6 asparagus spears, julienned  
2 thin red onion slices, quartered  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
Olive oil cooking spray, for extra crispiness

## HEALTHY COOKING TIPS

from Culinary.net

Here are three easy ways you can boost the nutrition of your holiday foods and make them taste even better.

**Flavor Up.** Herbs and spices make ordinary food taste extraordinary — without adding salt, fat or sugar. Some spices may even help boost the antioxidant power of what's already on your plate.

- Cinnamon has one of the highest antioxidant levels of any spice. One teaspoon of cinnamon has about the same amount as a full cup of pomegranate juice or a half cup of blueberries. Wake up your holiday mornings by sprinkling a half teaspoon over your ground coffee before brewing, or adding some to your oatmeal or yogurt.

- Thyme has about the same amount of antioxidants as a carrot or a half cup of chopped tomatoes. It also has beneficial compounds called flavonoids, which may help with inflammation. It's a great addition to chicken, beef or vegetable soups, and can really dress up seafood.

**Lower the Fat.** You can reduce your fat intake in a variety of delicious ways.

- Low-fat mayonnaise has only 15 calories and 1 gram of fat per tablespoon, compared to 90 calories and 10 grams of fat in full-fat versions. Use it in holiday dips, or flavor it with herbs to jazz up your leftover turkey sandwiches.

- If you're making pan gravy, skim off the fat from the drippings, either with a



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- Spoon or a fat separator.
- Switch to Whole Grains. Studies show that eating whole grains can lower the risk of many chronic diseases.

- Add 1/2 cup of uncooked oats for each pound of ground beef or turkey when you make meatballs, burgers or meatloaf.

- Add half a cup of cooked bulgur, wild rice, or barley to your holiday bread stuffing.

- Use brown rice instead of white — it adds great taste as well as fiber, vitamins and minerals.

Culinary.net is a one-stop shop for recipes, how-to videos, entertaining tips and coupons. You can get the latest recipes and tips on Facebook. For more healthy holiday recipes and to sign up for a free newsletter, visit [www.culinary.net/healthy](http://www.culinary.net/healthy).



— Family Features

# Your original recipe could net a new kitchen

If you've got an award-winning holiday spread — one that includes peanut butter — you might win a \$10,000 kitchen makeover.

Jif is sponsoring a contest through Jan. 17, 2011 for the best sweet and savory spreads that use at least two tablespoons of its peanut butter in any variety. The contest is open to amateur cooks and official rules and entry forms are available at [www.jif.com](http://www.jif.com).

In the meantime, try these easy-to-make breakfast items. They're perfect for Thanksgiving Day morning while you're busy preparing for your dinner feast.

## PINEAPPLE PEANUT BUTTER BREAKFAST PARFAITS

**Ingredients:**  
1 (6 ounce) container vanilla yogurt  
1 cup chopped fresh pineapple or canned pineapple tidbits  
¼ cup Jif Natural Creamy Peanut Butter Spread  
2 tablespoons warm water  
2 tablespoons honey  
½ cup granola cereal with raisins

**Directions:**  
1. Spoon half of yogurt into two parfait glasses. Top with half of pineapple. Stir together peanut butter, water and honey until smooth. Drizzle half of peanut butter mixture over pineapple in parfait glasses. Top with half of granola cereal.

2. Repeat layers using remaining yogurt, pineapple, peanut butter mixture and granola. Serve immediately.

## FRUITY PEANUT BUTTER OATMEAL

**Ingredients:**  
2 cups water  
½ teaspoon salt  
1½ cups old-fashioned rolled oats  
½ cup milk  
¼ cup dried cranberries, currants, raisins, chopped apricots, apples or peaches  
½ cup packed brown sugar  
¼ cup Jif Creamy Peanut Butter  
2 tablespoons butter

**Directions:**  
1. Bring water and salt to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add oats and boil one minute. Reduce heat, stir in milk and dried fruit and simmer for two minutes.

2. Remove from heat and stir in brown sugar, peanut butter and butter. Cover and let stand 5 minutes. Stir and serve.



Peanut Butter Apple Rings

## PEANUT BUTTER BREAKFAST BREAD PUDDING

**Ingredients:**  
Crisco Original No-Stick Cooking Spray  
2 large eggs  
½ cup milk  
½ cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ cup Jif Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter  
6 slices bread  
½ cup raisins  
Yogurt with fruit

**Directions:**  
1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray an 8- by 8-inch baking pan with no-stick cooking spray.

2. Break eggs into a large bowl; whisk until well combined. Add milk, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon; whisk until well combined. Add peanut butter; whisk until well mixed.

3. Cut or tear bread into 1-inch squares and add to bowl. Add raisins and gently stir to mix well. Pour bread mixture into prepared baking pan.

4. Bake until the mixture is set and the top is golden brown (about 25 minutes). Remove from oven and place on a baking rack to cool.

5. Serve warm, spooned into bowls and topped with fruit yogurt.

## PEANUT BUTTER APPLE RINGS

**Ingredients:**  
¼ cup Jif Natural Creamy Peanut Butter Spread  
4 teaspoons honey  
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 large red delicious apple  
½ cup granola cereal with raisins

**Directions:**  
1. Stir peanut butter, honey and cinnamon in small bowl. Arrange apple rings on serving plates. Spread rings evenly with thin layer of peanut butter mixture.

2. Lightly press granola cereal into peanut butter mixture. Serve immediately.

## FRUITY BREAKFAST TOSTADAS

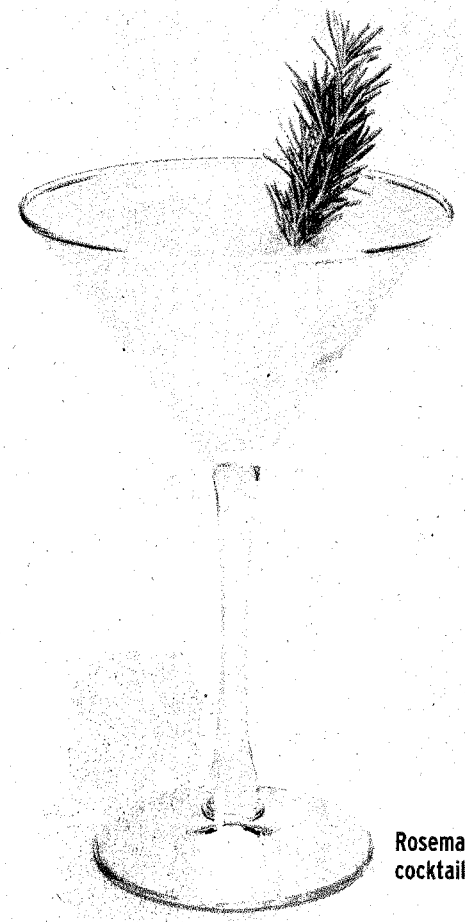
**Ingredients:**  
4 (8 inch) flour tortillas  
Crisco Butter Flavor No-Stick Cooking Spray  
1 teaspoon cinnamon-sugar  
½ cup Simply Jif Creamy Peanut Butter  
¼ cup water  
1 tablespoon honey  
2 tablespoons Smucker's Sugar Free Seedless Strawberry Jam  
3 cups fresh fruit such as sliced strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, seedless grapes and/or sliced banana  
1 (5.3 ounce) container Greek-style vanilla yogurt

**Directions:**  
1. Heat oven to 400°F. Arrange tortillas in a single layer on large cookie sheet. Coat tortillas lightly with no-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with half of cinnamon-sugar. Turn and coat other side with cooking spray. Sprinkle with remaining cinnamon-sugar. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp.

2. Stir together peanut butter, water and honey until smooth. Place in small resealable plastic bag; seal.

3. Place preserves in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH 20 to 30 seconds, until warm; stir. Stir in fruit to coat.

4. Cut off a very small bottom corner from bag containing peanut butter mixture. Drizzle half of mixture over tortillas. Divide fruit mixture onto center of tortillas. Drizzle with remaining peanut butter mixture. Spoon yogurt onto center of each tostada. Serve immediately.



Rosemary Pear cocktail

# Fruit-inspired cocktails are easy to make

If vodka brings to mind only Screwdrivers, it's time to shelve the orange juice and experiment a little.

The makers of Cold River vodka offer three cocktail recipes meant to dazzle guests at gatherings this holiday season.

### COLD RIVER ROSEMARY PEAR

2 ounces Cold River Vodka  
Splash of Poiré Williams Pear Brandy  
Splash fresh lemon juice  
1 ounce rosemary simple syrup  
Shake on ice, strain, pour, garnish with rosemary sprig.

### COLD RIVER BLUEBERRY TART

2 ounces Cold River Blueberry Vodka  
2 ounces fine lemonade  
Combine with ice in Collins glass. Garnish with fresh blueberries and mint

### COLD RIVER RHUBARB MARTINI

2 ounces Cold River Vodka  
Splash of sweetened rhubarb puree, splash of ginger beer  
Shake vodka and rhubarb on ice, strain, pour. Top with ginger beer, garnish with slice of strawberry

### COLD RIVER SMOKED CHOCOLATE


2 ounces Cold River Vodka  
Splash of Godiva Chocolate Liqueur  
Dash of ground chipotle, shake on ice, strain, pour. Rim glass with mixture of sugar, cocoa, ground chipotle.

### WILD BLUEBERRY COSMO

2 ounces Cold River Blueberry  
2 ounces Cranberry Juice  
1 ounce Cointreau  
Shake over ice and garnish with fresh blueberries and orange slice.

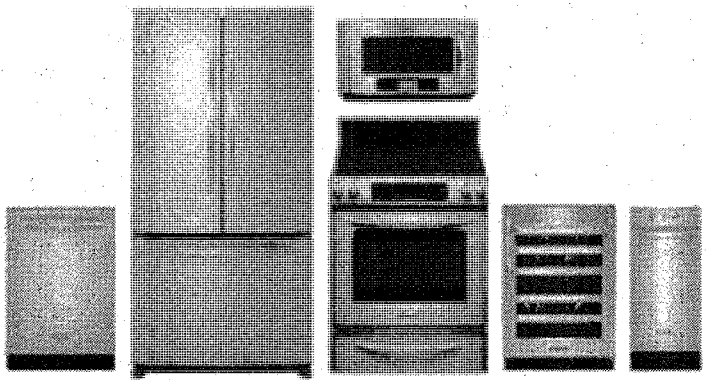
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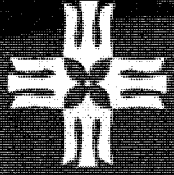
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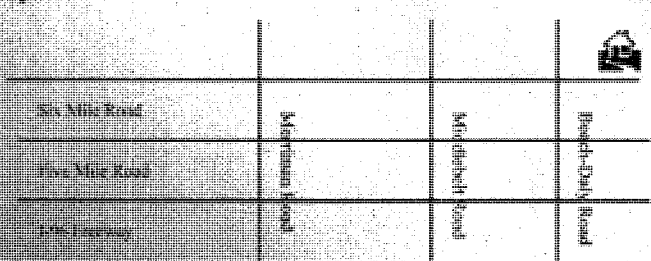
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## Home for the holidays

Abbey Park senior community lights up this holiday season with Festival of Trees, friends and family

BY ALISON ACCAVITTI  
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

Abbey Park's Lyon Township community will transform into a holiday haven filled with festive cheer this Friday, kicking off the annual Festival of Trees celebration that supports local charity and community giving.

"Various community groups will deck our halls with holiday trees trimmed to the 9's and 10's," said Tamra Ward, Abbey Park Administrator. "Our residents, their families and the local community are invited to vote through Dec. 12 for their favorite tree with a \$1 donation. The winning tree will be announced at our Holiday Party. All proceeds will go to the charities designated by the groups and organizations competing in this year's festival."

Located on Milford Road just south of Grand River Avenue in Lyon Township, Abbey Park has transformed into a popular attraction for seniors looking for affordable retirement living near friends and family. The community has welcomed 32 new residents since September and has leased 130 apartments since opening in January 2009.

"A lot of residents here are from the South Lyon area and further out," said Thomasine Blake, 82, who moved from Farmington Hills to Abbey Park in August 2009. "They just make me feel so welcome here. I haven't met one person who isn't nice."

Many residents share Thomasine's sentiments about their new home.

Helen Spehar, 93, said she moved to Abbey Park to be closer to her son, who visits almost daily.

"My son Bob saw this unit, and he loved it," Helen said. "I really like it here, and I'm really, really happy. I have friends who live here too."

### Something for everyone

The Festival of Trees is just one of many exciting activities scheduled at



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Festive holiday decorations, warm smiles, lots of cheer and an extensive schedule of visiting performances by local schools and community group make Abbey Park at Mill River a great place to spend the holidays.

Abbey Park. Residents recently enjoyed martinis and a little midnight madness at the community's first Pearls, Pumps and Pajamas Party. In celebration of the autumn season, residents were treated to an Oktoberfest event including serv-

Residents also enjoy monthly casino trips, trips to Kensington Metro Park and the apple orchard, attendance at local plays and concerts and visits to annual festivals, such as Milford Memories and Pumpkinfest.

Like a community all their own, residents operate a small Country Store with basic grocery and personal items, and participate on a council that weighs in on the daily menu and activities schedule.

"Anything our seniors are willing to do, we make available to them," Ward said. "We encourage residents to be as active as they can be for as long as possible so they can maintain their independence."

### Live, longer, happier and healthier

A full activity schedule, great food and a wealth of amenities are just the beginning at Abbey Park. The community features 24-hour staffing, a medical alert system, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a beautiful dining

room, delicious meals, in addition to a café, theater, chapel, library, fitness center, beauty shop and the reassurance of a full-facility generator.

Abbey Park residents are no strangers to the local community. Group trips are planned for events like the Milford Veterans Day Parade and Milford Memories Summer Festival, plays and performances at South Lyon East High

School, shopping trips and dinner outings at Deadwood Bar & Grill in Northville and other nearby restaurants.

Abbey Park has generously supported many local events and organizations including South Lyon Pumpkinfest, the Lyon Township Kite Festival, Lyon Film Festival, the Center for Active Adults, Active Faith Community Services, Operation Injured Soldier and the Lyon Area Rotary Club in addition to Grace Care Center in Trincomealee, Sri Lanka.

Located across from Coyote Golf Course, Abbey Park offers affordable luxury. From beautifully landscaped grounds and courtyards to an elegant lobby with fountains, fireplaces, a grand piano and comfortable lounge areas,

residents are proud to welcome visitors to their new home.

Life at Abbey Park includes a variety of complimentary conveniences that are often an added expense at other communities. On a daily basis, housekeepers make the beds and take out trash, and residents can enjoy a continental breakfast in the cafe, and a delicious lunch or dinner in the Grand Dining Room. Once a week, all residents are treated to full cleaning services, including laundering bed linens and towels. There are nine floor plans to choose from, ranging from one to two bedrooms, with walk-in closet options. All apartments include either a balcony or a patio and a medical monitoring system that is easily accessed from several areas within each unit. Heat, water, electricity and basic cable services are also included.

With an average of 45 weekly events and activities to choose from, days at Abbey Park are full of fun and friendship. Activity Director Cindy Kometh and Hospitality Director Charles Duty work full-time to provide opportunities for great food, socialization and entertainment.

The community stays connected on its facebook page. Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search "Abbey Park" to check out photos from year-round events, offer feedback or keep up on scheduled events. The community also produces a monthly newsletter, weekly activity schedule and a daily posting of menus, schedules and photos from previous events on their in-house monitor system.

"Our friendly staff members arrive each day and work with one directive: to treat our residents as if they are our own parents," Ward said. "As a result, we all feel like part of one big family here; this is our home away from home."

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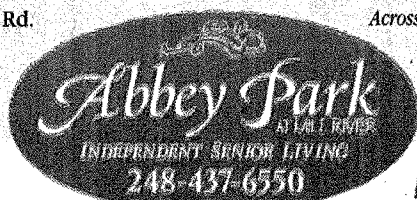
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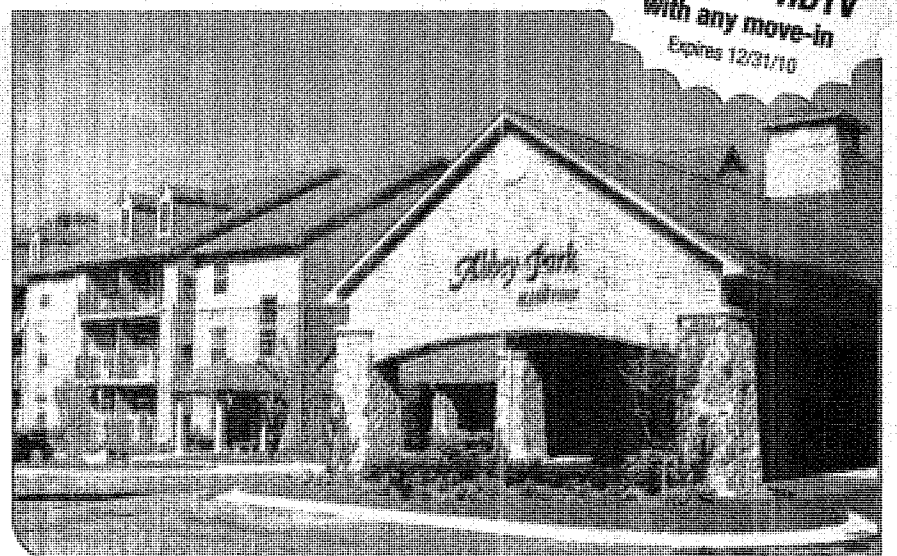
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