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Veterans Day

Residents in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools can attend Veterans Day ceremonies being conducted by members of the JROTC program at John Glenn High School in Westland and Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11.

The ceremony will take place at the flagpole at John Glenn High School, located on Marquette west of Wayne Road, and on the west side of Wayne Memorial High School along Fourth Street south of Glenwood in Westland.

Legends show

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 will hold "Salute to Veterans Legend's Show" Saturday, Nov. 12, at the post hall, 28945 Joy, Westland.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include a full dinner, served 6-7 p.m., the show at 7:15 p.m. and raffles. "G.I. Elvis" Don "Tulsa" McLean, Kathy Bressler at Patsy Cline, Sherman Arnold as Elvis, Blues Brothers Russ Seely and Brian Gwozdz, Dan Spencer as Toby Keith and Full Throttle will perform. Doors open at 5 p.m. Reservations for dinner and show are needed by today (Nov. 10). Show-only tickets are \$20 after 7:15 p.m. Call (734) 525-9454 for more information.

Super Bowl

It's a bit of football déjà vu. It was the Pittsburgh Steelers who played in the championship games when Detroit hosted the Super Bowl in 2006.

Well, the Super Bowl is back ... in Westland Sunday, Nov. 13. The Westland Comets will host the West Suburban Junior Football League Championships at John Glenn High School, and the three games — freshman, JV and varsity — have a common denominator. Each game will have a Plymouth-Canton Steelers team.

The games start at 11 a.m. with the Steelers facing the Canton Lions to determine the freshman champ, followed by the JV Steelers team vs. the Redford Rangers. Rounding out the play will be varsity at 3 p.m. with the Steelers vs. the host team, the Westland Comets.

The Westland Comets Boosters will be handling concessions and selling Super Bowl T-shirts. Admission is free.

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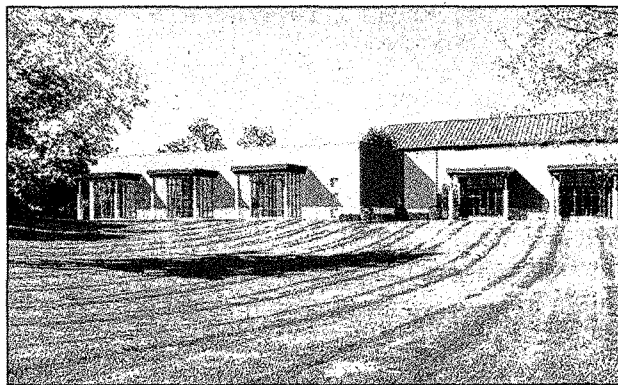


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Library unveils addition plans at bash



A proposed 6,000-square foot addition to the William P. Faust Library of Westland would be designed to blend with the existing building.

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

There were games, music, cupcakes and the first chance to see a proposed addition as the William P. Faust Library of Westland celebrated its 15th birthday Saturday.

"I think it went very well. There were people who came back and listened to the speakers. There were people playing trivia. The caricatures (done on site) were

nice," said Library Director Sheila Collins. "People got a chance to see more of the library. It was nice to see different things going on."

Speakers at the event included Library Board President Mark Neal, Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith, Councilwoman and Friends of the Library President Meriam Kadi, state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, and

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia.

The library wasn't able to locate any family members of the late State Sen. William Faust, whose role in obtaining state funding for the library is indicated by its name.

During the celebration, the library received a \$500 donation from Citizens for Peace based at Unity of Livonia. "We'll

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Incumbents cruise to wins for council, clerk



ELECTION RESULTS

- WESTLAND CLERK**
Eileen DeHart 5,242
- WESTLAND COUNCIL**
Rick Caramitaro 1,587
Kevin Coleman 2,536
James R. Godbout 3,569
Adam Hammons 3,629
Peter A. Herzberg 2,303
Bill Johnson 3,503
Michael Kehrer 3,338

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland voters weren't looking to make a change Tuesday as four incumbent councilmen coasted to re-election in what had been a relatively quiet election.

Knocking on doors apparently worked for Adam Hammons who topped the Westland City Council race which was dominated by incumbents Tuesday.

"I knocked on over 5,000 doors," said Hammons, who credited support from his wife, Melissa, who is expecting their second son in February, his parents and sisters in a running his successful campaign.

Elected to a two-year term in 2009, Hammons said he also thanked his council colleagues — including re-elected James Godbout, Bill Johnson and Michael Kehrer — for their support.

"We have had a rough two years. We don't always agree, but we work together," said Hammons. "I think we are headed in the right direction. (Mayor) Bill Wild has been a good



Top vote getter in the Westland council race, Adam Hammons (left) shares a laugh with Michigan State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) Election Day.



Waiting for election results, incumbent Westland Councilman Michael Kehrer (left) chats with Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams, 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell and State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland).

mentor and I appreciate his leadership."

As the top three finishers, Hammons, Godbout and Johnson earned four-year terms on council

while Kehrer will have a two-year term.

With a 9.8 percent turnout of Westland's 60,971 registered voters, the incumbent candidates

easily took the four open seats in a contest against three first-time candidates, in order of finish, Kevin Coleman, Peter Herzberg and Richard Caramitaro. Largely thanks to a strong showing with absentee voters, Kehrer pulled ahead of Coleman to finish with an 802-vote margin.

Speaking to a crowd gathered to hear the results at the Bova VFW Post, Kehrer said he apparently has a cycle for getting elected to the council. He garnered a four-year term the first time he was elected followed by a two-year term and followed the same pattern as he finishes a

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While incumbent councilmen wound up their campaigns Tuesday night, Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski threw his hat into the 16th District State House race for 2012.

Kosowski announces bid for state rep

While four candidates were expressing appreciation for re-election Tuesday night, another candidate threw his hat in the ring.

Emcee for the election night gathering of Westland City Council incumbents at the Bova VFW Post, Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski announced that in 2012 he will be running for state representative in the new 16th House District that includes Westland and Wayne.

"I've been in Westland 25 years and doing municipal work, this is something I really want to do," said Kosowski. "I want to get out there and work."

ROBERT KOSOWSKI
Westland Parks and Recreation director

"I've been in Westland 25 years and doing municipal work, this is something I really want to do," said Kosowski. "I want to get out there and work."

Kosowski will hold an official campaign kick-off event on Monday, Dec. 12. He had worked the polls for candidates on Election Day dressed in a dark blue suit unlike most other election workers who favor more casual attire.

"Bob was wearing his best suit. People thought he was Mitt Romney," joked Westland Mayor William Wild.

Current state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, is term limited and is planning to run for a Wayne County Commission seat next year.

By LeAnne Rogers

New school trustees seek to improve communication, transparency

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Dianne Laura will try to make sure parents get an answer from the Livonia school board and administrators when they have a concern, and Eileen McDonnell will try to make it easier for the public to track the school district's spending.

Laura and McDonnell won four-year seats on the board Tuesday, unseating incumbent board President Lynda Scheel. Trustee Rob Freeman did not seek re-election.

Laura received 8,582 votes, McDonnell 7,558 and Scheel 6,446. Challenger Lee Yesh received 2,388 votes. Tallies are

unofficial.

Laura and McDonnell begin their terms Jan. 1.

Scheel did not return phone calls to the Observer Tuesday night or Wednesday, but issued the following statement via e-mail: "Congratulations to Dianne and Eileen on their successful

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LIVONIA SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

- FOUR-YEAR TERMS**
Dianne Laura 8,582
Eileen McDonnell 7,558
Lynda Scheel 6,446
Lee Yesh 2,388

- PARTIAL TERM ENDING DEC. 31, 2013**
Randy Roulier 9,918
Write-in votes 271

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four-year term before being re-elected for two years.

Thanking voters for their continued support, Godbout said he always has a knot in his stomach until the results are tallied.

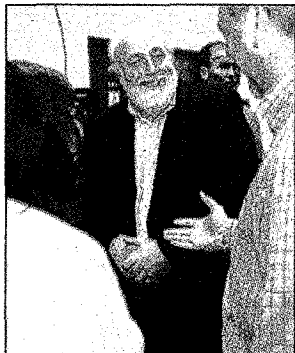
"We've had a tough few years — it's not going to be easier for the next few years. We will have to do things that aren't necessarily popular," said Godbout. "There are things we need to do to grow Westland. Westland is growing and is in a lot better shape than other communities. We don't always agree, but we find a way to get it done."

Also thanking his family, including his extended UAW family, Johnson echoed the comments about council members butting heads over issues but finding ways to move forward.

"It's great to see the incumbents get back in. We're fortunate to have their leadership. We've tackled a lot of issues," said Westland Mayor William Wild, citing budget balancing, contamination remediation at Central City Park and upcoming projects, such as the



Westland Senior Resources Director Barbara Marcum talks with Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy and Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale Election Day.



Current Westland Council President James Godbout received congratulations after being reelected Tuesday.



U.S. Rep. John Conyers visits with Westland Mayor William Wild at the Bova VFW Post Tuesday.

remediation of the former National Airport property and City Hall problems. "I look forward to continuing to work with you."

Unopposed in her bid for a third four-year term as Westland City Clerk,

Eileen DeHart Schoof received 5,242 votes to take 98.9 percent of the votes cast.

The returning councilmen and Schoof will begin their new terms in January.

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Poll workers keep busy waiting for voters

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland election worker since he retired in 1992, Dave Jensen had plenty of time to read the newspaper Tuesday morning.

By 10:30 a.m., Precinct 4 inside the Bailey Recreation Center where Jensen was working had only seven ballots cast in the city election.

"I think it's apathy, I don't think people care," said Jensen, a retired Wayne-Westland Schools teacher. "This is the first time I can remember there not being a primary."

With seven candidate running to fill four City Council seats, no primary election was required this year. Four incumbents — James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Michael Kehrer — are being challenged by Richard Ciaramitara, Kevin Coleman and Peter Herzberg, all first-time candidates. The top three vote-getters will earn four-year terms with a two-year term going to the fourth-place finisher.

It's been a quiet election season. The only other candidate on the ballot is Clerk Eileen DeHart



Working at Precinct 8 in the Bailey Recreation Center are Kelly Bates (left), Shirley Paape, Laurel White and Melvin Pomerantz with voter Steve Polizzi.



Precinct 4 election worker Dave Jensen takes advantage of the low turnout to catch up on the news.

Schoof, who is unopposed in seeking a third four-year term.

Precinct 8, also housed at the Bailey Recreation Center since Patchin Elementary School closed, was doing a bit better than Precinct 4 with 15 voters.

est election I've worked. Once we had only seven people for the whole day. That was four or five years ago," said Kelly Bates, an election worker for six years.

The election workers had books and magazines to help pass the time.

"We're all in the book club. My feet are cold — it's cold in here," said Precinct 8 worker Shirley Paape, an election worker for four years.

"We talk about our grandkids and neighborhoods. I've got a Kindle," said Judith Sullivan, working in Precinct 4.

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use the donation to purchase books regarding nonviolence that will be added to the collection," said Collins.

Visitors got a chance to see a rendering of a proposed 6,000-square-foot addition to the east side of the library. Expected to cost approximately \$2 million, the addition is in the early discussion stage.

"At this point we don't know exactly how we will fund the project. We'd like to have it finished by the end of 2012," said Neal. "I'm not sure when we will talk to council. We're in the early planning stages. Until we figure out the direction in our funding, there is no reason to go to council."



Mike Talia plays the trivia game, one of the many of activities offered to people who attended the William P. Faust Library's 15th birthday party.

We hope to talk with them in December on what we'd like to do."

Plans call for the addition to include computer servers and additional public use computer, along with a conference room with video conferencing capabilities that area businesses might

want to reuse. As Neal notes, the library was designed to allow expansion that will blend with the existing building.

"We can see where the trends are going with libraries. E(lectronic)-versions are what people need," said Neal. "With the uptick in computer usage, the economy has spurred more people than ever to come to use the library computers. With e-books, there will be an even bigger need for electronic resources. It all sort of comes together."

That increasing demand for computer availability and electronic media make it time for the library to make improvements to meet the future, he said, along with keeping the library services relevant for users.

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campaigns. The Livonia Public School District is a strong district with great people working hard for our students. I would like to thank all of those in our community who supported me during this election and throughout the past eight years."

Randy Roulier, who was challenged by write-in candidate Loyd Romick, won re-election to a partial, two-year term with 9,918 votes. There were 271 write-in votes.

Voters sent message

Laura said voters sent a message in unseating Scheel. "I think the public is saying they're unhappy with the superintendent's raise," she said. Scheel led the effort to approve a \$50,000 raise for Dr. Randy Liepa, which the board approved in October 2010 after it had cut programs and services and before it requested concessions from employee groups.

Laura said voters wanted a new voice on the board. "From what I've been hearing from the citizens, there's a lot of disrespect and a lack of trust." She said she thinks that's because of a lack of communication.

"They don't get an answer when they have

concerns and there's no follow-up."

Laura, 65, is a retired teacher and principal for Crestwood school district who previously served on the Livonia school board for 4 1/2 years.

"I just want to thank the Livonia citizens for their confidence and support in me, and I am very proud and excited to serve on the school board again," she said.

Laura said her first order of business will be to "listen, observe and understand." She said she will put kids first, but she "totally" understands the importance of listening to the concerns and voice of the community.

McDonnell agreed voters were sending a message.

"They had enough with the old regime," she said. "The impact of that raise



Laura



McDonnell



Roulier

that they gave Randy Liepa in these times, people can barely afford to pay their own bills. It was the wrong thing to do."

She said she wants to make sure each construction bid has a number assigned to it and every payment made in connection with that bid has the same number so the public can better track the district's spending.

She also wants to scale back the number of discussion items on each school board agenda so the meetings don't go so late and it's easier for the public to stay tuned in, even if that means school board members forgo their \$50 per meeting pay.

McDonnell, 54, a contract bid administrator for PVS Chemicals Inc., ran unsuccessfully for school board in 2007. She said she made a point of meeting with various groups this time.

"I'm just very happy and very excited for the opportunity to give a fresh approach to the board, to give different ideas," she said. "I can't wait until Jan. 1."

Roulier thanked those in the community who supported him. "I look forward to serving the remainder of my term," he said.

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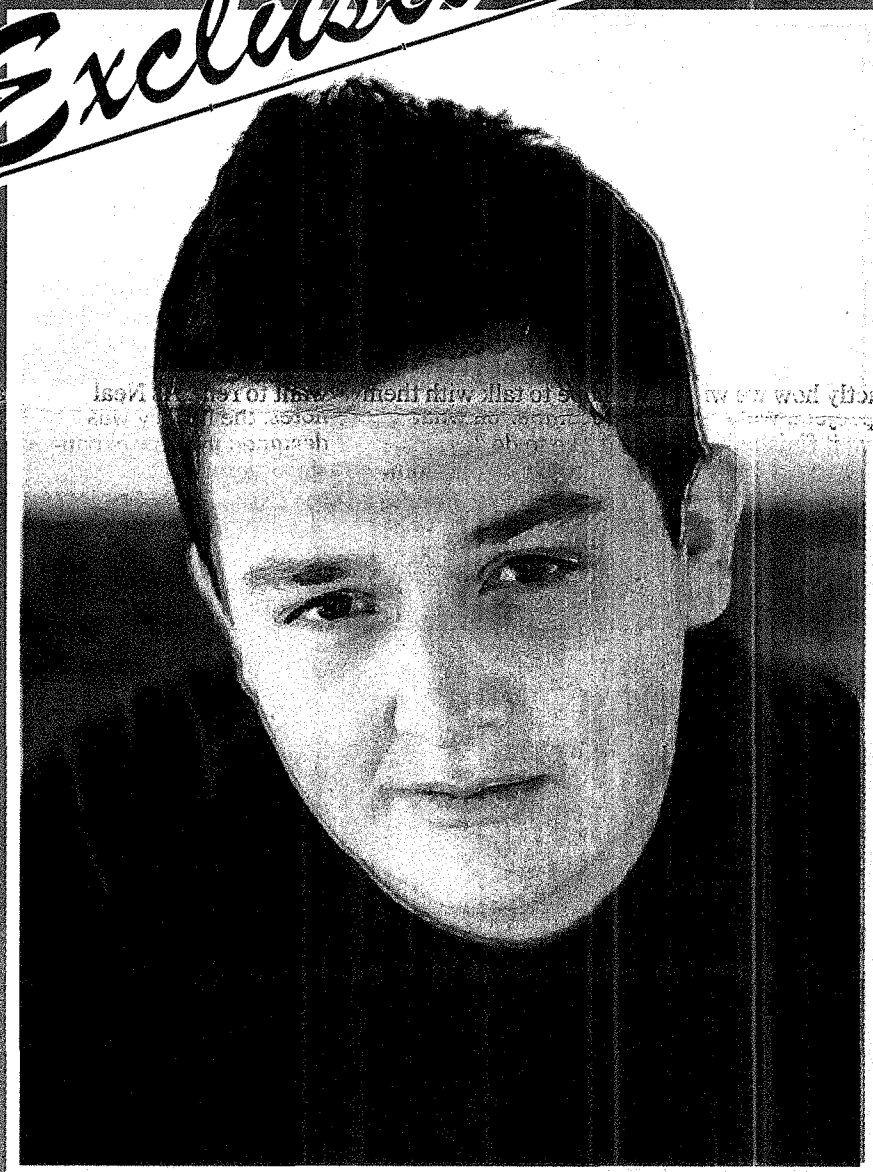
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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Armed robbery

A man armed with a handgun robbed the pharmacy, located inside Kroger at 5866 Middlebelt Nov. 3.

Victims told police the man entered, brandished the gun and demanded narcotics. He left with an undisclosed amount of controlled substances.

The suspect is described as a white male, 35 to 50 years old and very short. Police reviewed video images and believe the man left on a bicycle.

Anyone with information on is asked to contact the Investigations Bureau at (734) 793-1710.

Warrant arrest

A 23-year-old Garden City woman was arrested at Garden City Park Nov. 8 on an outstanding felony warrant for forgery after an officer on patrol observed a vehicle in the park at 11:30 p.m.

When the officer ran the license plate, he learned the vehicle was owned by a registered sex offender who was listed as not in compliance with the sex offender registry law, according to Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery.

Further investigation revealed the warrant for the woman who was taken into custody and turned over to Dearborn Heights police.

Suspended license

Police arrested a 23-year-old Westland man after he was stopped for speeding on Ford Road near Henry Ruff. The officer discovered the man had seven current suspensions of his driving privileges and a war-

rant from Westland.

The driver was arrested and cited for driving while suspended and speeding and held for the Westland police.

Drug arrest

Three men, two from Inkster and one from Detroit, were arrested near Middlebelt and Cherry Hill after an officer stopped the vehicle in which they were riding for speeding Nov. 7.

The officer detected a strong odor of marijuana and summoned a K-9 unit. After the K-9 alerted positive on the vehicle, a search was conducted and a quantity of drugs and a loaded 9 mm handgun were recovered.

All occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody.

Vandalism

Residents on Bock, Pardo, Hennepin and John Hawk, all in the 30600 to 30900 blocks, contacted police Nov. 7 after discovering vandals had spray painted obscene drawings on vehicles and dwellings overnight. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

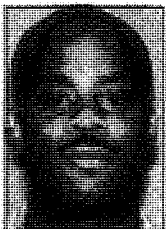
Suspended license

Three Garden City men were arrested Nov. 7 after a traffic stop in the area of Ford and Henry Ruff revealed the driver, age 17, was driving with a suspended license and his two passengers, both 18, were found to have been consuming alcohol. The driver was booked into jail and cited. The passengers were also cited and turned over to parents.

Police seek man wanted in shooting of Westland woman

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

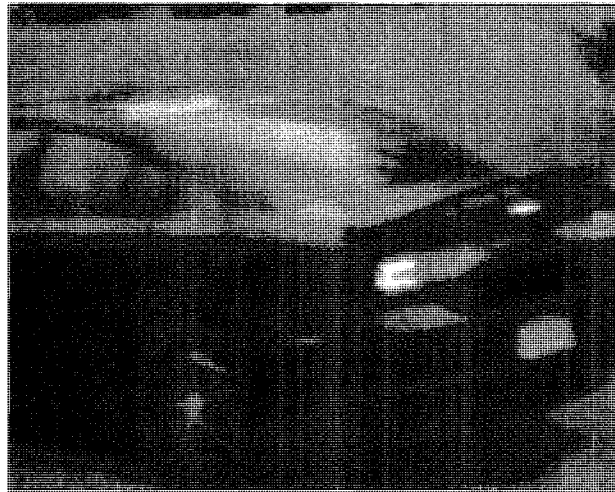
A five-count felony warrant has been issued for an Inkster man being sought for shooting a Westland woman Nov. 3.



Westland police are looking for Willie Charles Rose, 38, of Inkster in connection with the shooting of a Westland woman last Thursday.

The shooting of the 35-year-old woman.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has issued the warrant charging Rose with five felonies: assault with intent to murder; assault



Rose is believed to be driving a black 2011 four-door Dodge Charger with Michigan license plate CGH5893.

with intent to do great bodily harm; felonious assault; felony firearm; and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The shooting happened just after 1 p.m. at the Westland Meadows mobile home park, located in the area of Van Born and Merriam. The woman, who was initially in critical condition is recovering,

was shot twice in the face while seated in her vehicle with her two-year old daughter on her lap.

"There was some kind of domestic-related disagreement. She decided to leave. She was in the driveway (when she was shot)," said Westland police Lt. Michael Matich. "She is doing pretty good now — she's

talking."

Immediately following the shooting, police identified Rose as a person of interest and asked for the public's help in locating him. A photograph of Rose and his vehicle were released.

With the warrant issued, police are continuing to look for Rose, said Matich.

A vehicle possibly involved in the shooting is described as a black 2011 four-door Dodge Charger. Police said the vehicle has Michigan license plate CGH5893. The vehicle has a spoiler on the trunk lid and Silver and Black rims with a star pattern.

Anyone with information on this shooting, or with information on the whereabouts of Rose or his vehicle, is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Break-in

A 50-inch television, a laptop computer, a U.S. Mint set and a custom gold ring valued at more than \$3,000 were reported stolen from an apartment at 31600 Cowan Nov. 4. The resident told police he arrived home to find the front door broken open.

The officer noted heavy damage to the door due to prying.

Break-in

A resident of the Waynwood Apart-

ments, 6737 N. Wayne Road, told police Nov. 7 that someone had stolen a 55-inch television valued at \$3,000 from his apartment. The owner said he returned home from work to find the front door had been kicked in. Nothing else was missing or disturbed.

Two neighbors told police about hearing several loud noises, then a boom about 45 minutes before the resident returned. The neighbors

didn't investigate the noise, officers said.

Alarm call

Officers responded to an alarm call at the AT&T Cellular store, 36555 Warren Road, just before 3:30 a.m. Nov. 5. The glass door was damaged but no access was made to the building since the second pane of glass wasn't broken.

The officer noted pry marks near the door lock and handle.

By LeAnne Rogers

Dog Days of November

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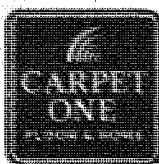


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GC firefighters save man from burning apartment

A 47-year-old Garden City man is lucky to be alive after firefighters rescued him from his burning apartment.

Garden City firefighters were summoned to the apartment at 204 Arcola at 7:17 a.m. Nov. 2. They found heavy smoke billowing out of an apartment, and neighbors were unsure if the resident was inside, Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman said.

Firefighter/Medics Steve Rhea and Randy Keen entered the apartment and found the unconscious man several feet inside the front door. He was unconscious and not breathing. They started CPR immediately after getting him out of the burning apartment.

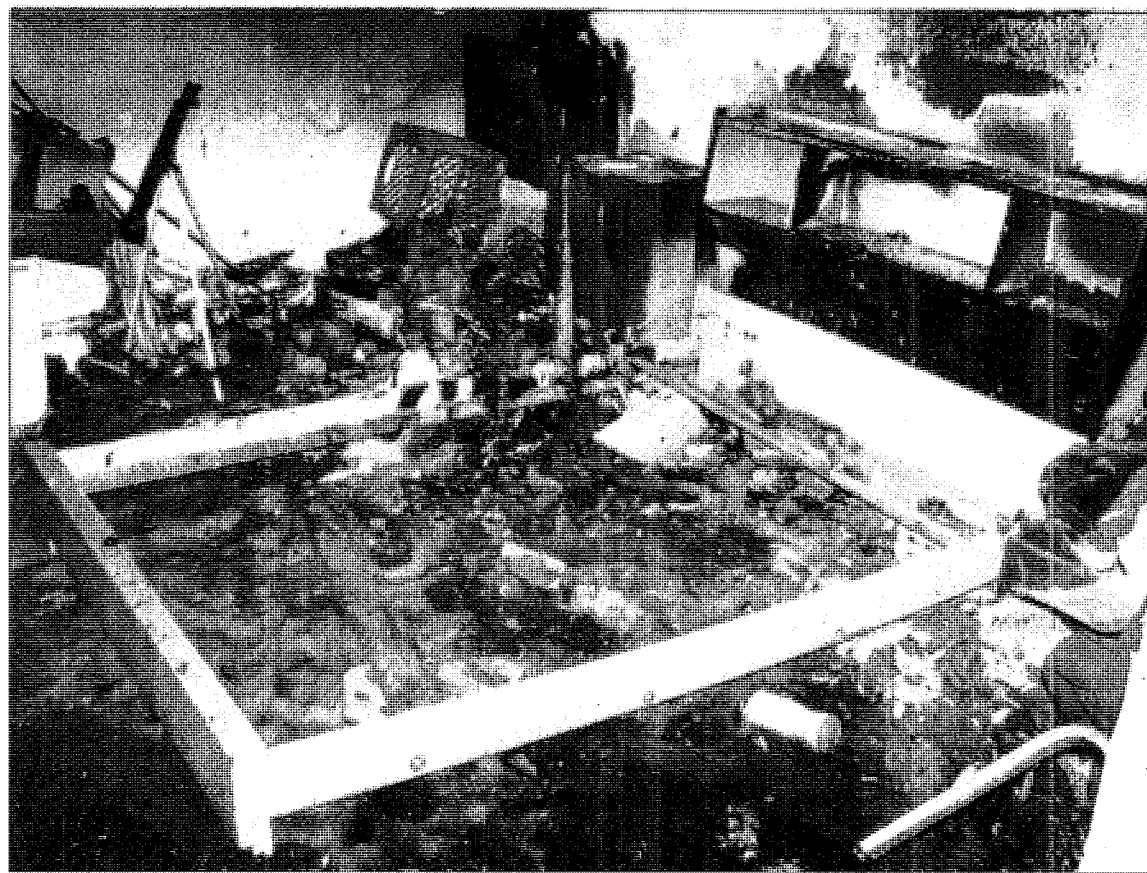
According to Harman, once they inserted the endotracheal tube, "a large amount of soot came up." The man

responded to life support treatment en route to Garden City Hospital. He was later transferred to Detroit Receiving Hospital where he "was awake and breathing on his own" by Thursday.

"The firefighters arrived within five minutes, quickly carried out a rescue, and then aggressively attacked the fire," Harman said. "They did a great job."

The department, which was recently cut to only four firefighters daily, would normally have to wait for auto-aid units before entering and searching for victims.

"Fortunately, we could see the victim from the doorway and, because we had a known rescue, we could enter the apartment immediately and not have to wait for neighboring fire departments to arrive," said fire Capt. Derek LaPerriere,



Garden City firefighters believe smoking in bed may have been the cause of a fire in an apartment on Arcola Nov. 2.

the incident commander.

The fire, which reportedly appeared to have been started from smoking in bed, was quickly extinguished. No other

apartments were affected by the fire.

"Sadly, the smoke detector had been taken down prior to the fire," Harman said. "I can not

emphasize enough how important working smoke detectors are to saving lives."

Garden City was assisted by the auto-aid part-

ner fire departments of Inkster, Wayne, and Westland. The Dearborn Heights Fire Department assisted with an ambulance and EMS crew.

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Teen Court puts the law in students' hands

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

When most teens go to court in Westland, it's at 18th District Court on Ford Road.

But that has changed for some. Now the district judge — either Sandra Cicirelli or Mark McConnell — goes to John Glenn High School and listens to selected cases in Teen Court. Students in the high school's business and personal law class serve as the jury, questioning the defendant and witnesses and then coming up with a sentence.

"This is a great opportunity to get in the classroom and teach about the judicial system," McConnell said. "It's a good opportunity to learn about real life applications that we learn about as an attorney and a judge."

A classroom at the high school has been transformed into a courtroom, complete with a judge's bench, jury box and witness stand. Students serve as the court bailiff, reporter and jury.

The cases are actual court cases where the juvenile offender, called a respondent, has been charged with a misdemeanor offense. The teen jurors don't render a verdict. Rather, they impose sentencing for misdemeanor offenses after defendants admit their guilt to juvenile authorities.

As part of the sentence handed down by the Teen Court jurors, the respondent is placed on diversion. If he or she complies with the terms of the diversion, the case is dismissed and doesn't appear on the respondent's juvenile record.

The jury asks questions of the respondent and their parent or guardian and witnesses before coming up with a sentence. Paul Motz, director of Westland Youth Assistance, finds cases that are appropriate for Teen Court.

"My kids get more out of this than the kids coming through the court," said teacher Beth Johnson, who did a similar program at Wayne Memorial High School before moving to John Glenn this year. "I had the door open for parent-teacher conferences and the kids would look in and say, 'Wow, I want to take this class.'"

McConnell and Cicirelli, along with Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy, were in the courtroom last week for an official ribbon cutting even though the students and judges have been handling cases there since the beginning of October.

"This is a great partnership certainly between the court and the school district," Baracy said. "I'm impressed by the students' questions and their maturity level. This is a great learning opportunity."

According to Johnson, a majority of the teens coming through the courtroom are middle schoolers, although there can be some high school students. There's even been one defendant who was 11 years old.

"It's everything from shoplifting to assault," she said. "The jury and the students take a confidentiality oath. If they violate it, they can be brought up on contempt



Sarah Oboca (from left), the court recorder, District Judge Sandra Cicirelli listen as the Teen Court jury asks questions of respondent Alexandra Burt during a mock trial.



Noah Burt appeared with his daughter Alexandra Burt before Judge Sandra Cicirelli and members of the Teen Court as part of a mock trial.



Christopher Raymond, the chief probation officer at the Westland 18th District Court, explains how the mock trial will work to those attending the opening ceremony of John Glenn High School's Teen Court.

charges.

"We don't let students serve on the jury if they know the respondent or are involved in the case," she added.

Wayne-Westland's Teen Court started as an after-school program in which Wayne Memorial High School students went to Wayne 29th District Judge Laura Mack's courtroom. It eventually became part of the business and personal law class Johnson taught and Mack visited the school to hear the cases in a classroom courtroom.

The Wayne Rotary Club, which provided the funds to renovate a classroom, received Rotary's Hugh Archer Project Excellence Award and Johnson received the Crystal Apple Award from the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary for that Teen Court program.

The Westland Rotary, as well as Westland Firefighters Local 1279,

tion, Lowe's, Bova VFW Post and the law firm of Fausone Bohn, contributed to the Glenn courtroom.

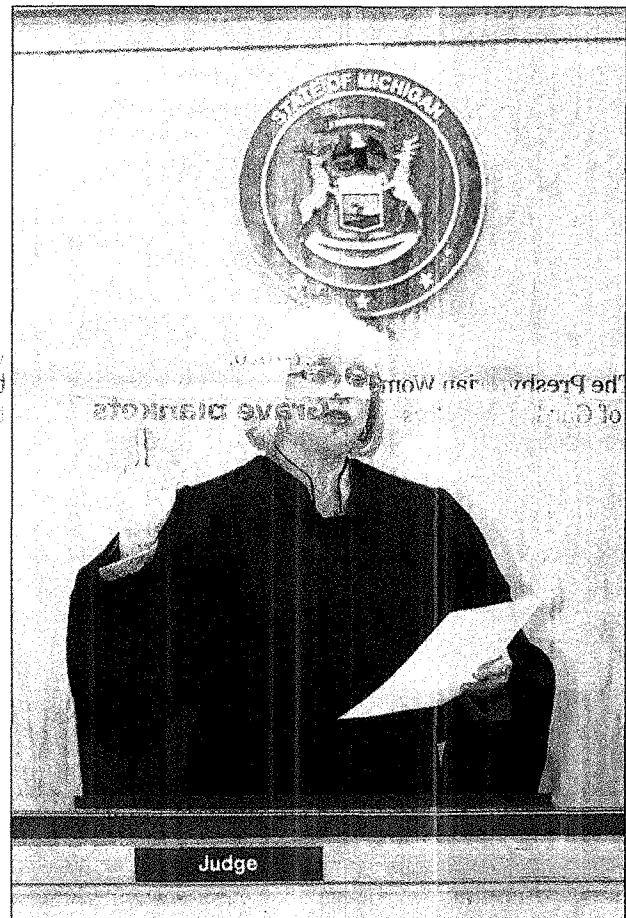
"Lowe's contributed some of the building supplies, but we raised \$5,000 to do the courtroom," said Christopher Raymond, chief probation officer at the Westland District Court.

"It was a collaborative effort, an easy sell." To show guests what happens in the courtroom, student Alexandra Burt agreed to be the respondent for a mock trial involving the theft of marijuana from another student's backpack and a fight in the hallway. Her father also agreed to participate and answer the jury's

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John Glenn High School student Amber Smith listens to answers to questions posed by her fellow members of Teen Court during a mock trial. The court handles actual cases and determines sentence for respondents who have admitted their guilt.



Westland 18th District Court Judge issues the oath of confidentiality to the jury as part of the Teen Court proceedings.

questions.

"A friend had asked me about it and I was in need of money," Burt told the jury. "I knew she (the victim) had it because I heard her talking about it."

According to her father, Burt had "all of her technology taken away and she's been grounded for months" because of the theft and a fight. According to Raymond, the sen-

tencing in the mock trial included being in the diversion program for six months, writing a letter of apology to the teacher and student, performing community service and facing possible drug screening.

"This is very serious," said Cicirelli, who presided over the mock trial. "The respondent has already acknowledged she has violated the law and agreed to come before this court. Even though she violated the law, she still deserves your attention and your respect. It takes courage to be here, and if you were sitting in her shoes, I would say the same thing."

According to Raymond, the philosophy behind Teen Court is to provide the students involved with a hands-on learning experience about the legal system.

"The program allows participants to gain first-hand knowledge about our laws, an individual's rights and responsibilities under the law and the potential serious consequences of violating the law," he said. "Teen Courts in other jurisdictions have been a tremendous success."



Competing in the Distinguished Women of Wayne-Westland Scholarship Program Saturday are Louise Sawaya (back row, from left), Samantha Schoonover, Brianna Shareef, Rachel Clark, Shannon Salisbury, Maria Idunate (front row, from left), Jennifer McCaffery, Samantha Holland, Allyson Shaker, Candace Haggerty, Brooke Pietruszka and Delani Derr.

12 teenagers compete for Distinguished Woman honors

Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland, formerly Wayne-Westland's Junior Miss, will hold its 45th annual scholarship program Saturday, Nov. 12.

Twelve young women from Wayne and Westland will compete in fitness, public speaking, interview, scholastics and on-stage talent and will be eligible for more than \$1,700 in scholarships for college. The winner will advance to Michigan's state program in Saline where she will be eligible for more scholarships.

The program will start at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and will be available at the door.

Founded in 1958 in Mobile, Ala., America's

Junior Miss, now Distinguished Young Women, is the largest and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls. During its 54 years of operation, the program has provided life-changing experiences for more than 700,000 young women. Last year Distinguished Young Women provided more than \$63 million in cash and college scholarships opportunities.

Distinguished Young Women is a scholarship program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments. National sponsors

include the City of Mobile, Mobile County, Encore Rehabilitation, Spanx Foundation, Mobile Gas: a Sempra Company, Alabama Power Foundation, and Regions Bank. For more information about the Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland is available by sending an e-mail to wayne-westland@distinguishedyw.org.

For more information about Distinguished Young Women, contact Cassidy Grimes at Distinguished Young Women at (251) 622-5335 or send and e-mail to Cassidy@DistinguishedYW.org or visit the Distinguished Young Women Web site at www.DistinguishedYW.org.

Avoid commissions to achieve best possible investments

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I have followed your career for many years and you are the first person I know in the financial world that talked about fees and costs. I bought my first no-load fund based upon your recommendation and since then I have never bought anything but commission-free mutual funds. My daughter was recently married and her husband asked for my advice when it comes to investing. He is 35 years old and has about \$20,000 to invest. He has never invested before and he would like to invest the money long term. He does have a 401(k) plan which he is funding and, therefore, he doesn't want to invest more money for retirement such as in an IRA. Because he is a novice investor, I want to make it as easy as possible for him. Can you recommend some Vanguard funds for him? He is a conservative investor.

A: It is great that you're taking your son-in-law under your wings and helping him set up an investment portfolio. Before he begins investing, I would recommend that he learns a little bit about investing. Vanguard has some excellent materials on its website that he should look at. I've always been a believer that the more an investor knows, the better investor they will be. There are also some excellent materials to help him learn about investing on my website (bloomassetmanagement.com) under the Bloom University tab.

I agree that Vanguard is a great company. It is very investor friendly and



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

very easy to deal with. It believes, as do I, that low-cost investing is one of the keys to success.

In looking at your son-in-

law's situation and considering the fact that he is a long-term investor, I would recommend that he takes the \$20,000 and divide it equally within the following Vanguard funds:

1. Vanguard Equity Income
2. Vanguard S & P 500
3. Vanguard International Growth
4. Vanguard Wellesley Income
5. Vanguard Total Bond Market

I know some people would say that with a total of \$20,000 to invest, this is too many funds. My answer to them is, so what? The goal is to help someone achieve their goals and objectives. Whether that takes one fund or 50 funds is really not the issue. The issue is how best to divide the money to have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio.

For those of you who are new to investing, all the investments that I recommend are commission-free. I am not a fan of commissions in the financial world and I think, on the whole, investors are better off when they avoid commissions com-

pletely. One of my pet peeves about commissions is that they don't disclose them. In other words, when you buy a commission product, why don't they highlight the amount of commissions you are paying? In fact, the reality is the exact opposite; they try to hide the commissions and other fees you are subject to. When someone tries to hide their fees, my philosophy has always been that there's a reason; the fees are too high.

I have always been a believer that commissions in the financial world create a conflict of interest. Is someone recommending this investment to you because it's a good investment or they receive high commissions or a free vacation? The bottom line is that commissions create a conflict of interest and I think, as investors, it's hard enough to be successful let alone having to worry about conflicts of interest from the people you deal with.

My philosophy has always been that money looks better in your pockets than it does anywhere else. Therefore, if you agree with me and you want to keep more money in your pocket, one great way to do that is to avoid commission to products. Good luck!

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

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Annual Holiday Bazaar

The Presbyterian Women of Garden City Presbyterian Church are holding their annual Holiday Bazaar 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the church 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road.

On Friday there will be an all-you-can-eat Turkey Dinner served 4:30-7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7.50 for 12 years to adult, \$4.50 for children age 3-12. Children under age 3, eat free. On Saturday, there will be snacks and lunch served for a small fee.

Come and browse the different booths that will be open and maybe find that perfect holiday gift. There will be booths for Lia Sofia Jewelry, unique ornaments and the Silent Auction. There also will be many hand-made crafts of hats, scarves and afghans in the Krafty Korner, or discover a real treasure in Grandma's Attic.

There will be plenty of cookies to choose from at the Cookie Walk. Prices are \$10 for a large can of cookies, \$8 for a medium, and \$6 for a small can.

For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7620.

Grave blankets

The Women of the Moose are taking orders for grave blankets and wreaths.

The cost is \$40 for a blanket and \$20 for wreaths. They are made to order. The ladies also are making baby pillows for \$20. They will do special themes and colors of your choice.

All orders are due by Friday, Nov. 11, with a pickup date of Sunday, Nov. 20. To place an order, call Kim Dowidait at (734) 564-5777.

Guns vs. Hoses

The Garden City Fire Department will square off against the Garden City Police Department for the "Guns vs. Hoses" charity hockey game from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Garden City Ice Arena in Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman.

There will also be raffle prizes, 50/50, and more. Created by Bruce Shippe and Thomas Winchel, all proceeds will benefit the Burger School for Students with Autism.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; children are free with parents. Tickets can be bought in advance at the police and fire departments in the Civic Center complex on Middlebelt north of Ford. Tickets can also be purchased at the arena on game day.

Craft-Vendor Show

Garden City High School will be hosting a craft and vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. There will be more than 85 tables of home vendors such as Pampered Chef, Avon and Creative Memories, as well as a great variety of home made arts and crafts.

There also will be door prize raffles, 50/50 drawings, a Bake Sale, and Concessions available throughout the show. Admission is \$1 and includes a free raffle ticket.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt between Ford and Warren. For more information or for table availability, e-mail Sheryl at vendorshow@gmail.com or call (734) 367-0898 and leave a message.

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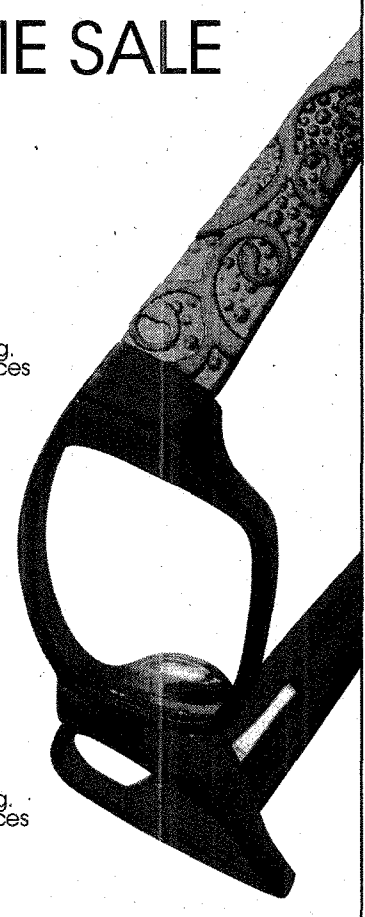
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On November 15, 2011, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI. County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2000	Chevrolet	Impala	Gold	2G1WH55K4Y9135518
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1999	Ford	Escort	Red	1FAFP13P7XW122811
2002	Ford	Taurus	Black	1FAHP53U72G117889
2000	Chevrolet	Cavalier	Gold	1G1JC1247Y7277287
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1993	Cadillac	Eldorado	Blue	1G6EL12B2PU601403
1997	Cadillac	Deville	Red	1G6KD54Y6VU265468
2003	Chrysler	Sebring	Black	1C3EL75T53N552579
2000	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	Black	2GWW12E9Y9321133

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after December 10, 2011 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1994	Nissan	Sentra/4 Dr	Silver	JN1EB31P2RU339087

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17

Location: One Under Bar and Grill, 3578 Five Mile, Livonia.

Details: The monthly dinner/meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will feature Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox with update on Mr. Ficano and the airport controversy. The cost for the dinner is \$18. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

Contact: For reservations and menu choice, please call (734) 522-7819.

VENDOR-CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: American Legion Auxiliary Post 396, 6860 Middlebelt, Garden City

Details: The post will be holding a Vendor/Craft Show, featuring Miche Bags, Avon, Solar Lites, Specialty Cards and quilts, plus many more. There also will be a bake sale, homemade soups and sandwiches will be available for a donation of \$3 for those who get hungry while they shop.

NIGHT OUT

Time/Date: 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18

Location: St. Mary Catholic School Activity Center, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: Come and enjoy pampering and shopping, raffle baskets and massages. Plus get an early start on your Christmas shopping. More than 25 vendors will be there. Admission is \$5 (pre-sale and at the door), a Buffet with finger foods, desserts and refreshments will be served. Beer and wine will be extra. All proceeds benefit St. Mary Catholic School.

Contact: For more information, call Liz Breitner at (313) 815-5216.

MASS AND FELLOWSHIP

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth,

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed individuals to celebrate Mass together on Sunday, Nov. 13, followed by refreshments, social time and information about other widowed activities in a safe setting. Check in at 2:15 p.m. for Mass.

Contact: For more information, call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia,

Details: The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will sponsor a seminar as part of its 15th Anniversary celebration. The guest speaker is a native of Ireland, Nuala Farrell Griffin. The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. The program will begin at 9:15 a.m. and run until 5 p.m., with a break for lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m. There will also be vendors throughout the day and door prizes. The cost for the entire day is \$35 before Nov. 12, and \$45 thereafter.

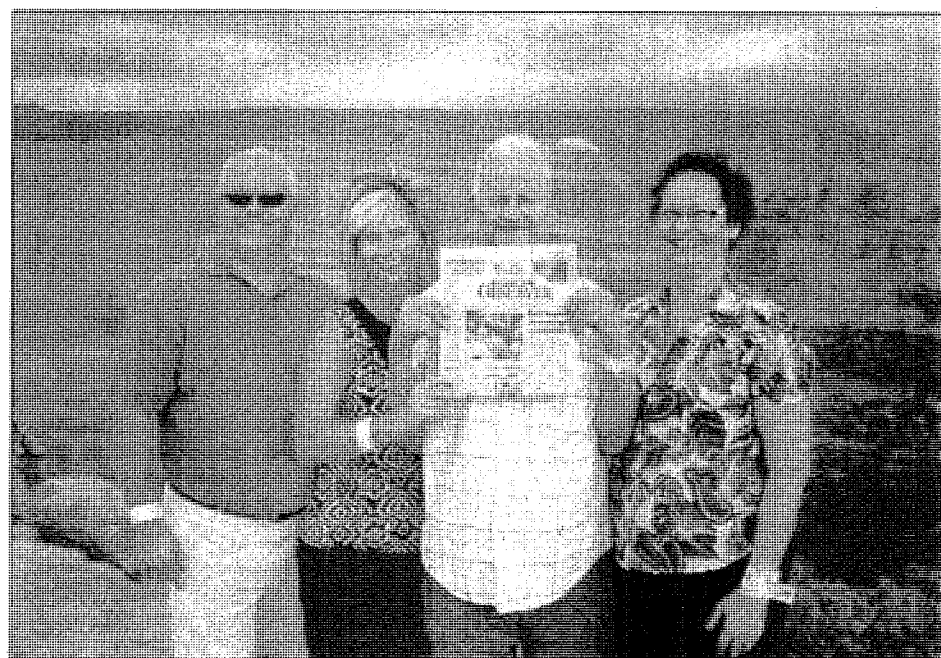
Contact: Information and registration forms are available online at www.rootsweb.com/miigsm.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, Farmington

Details: Widowed Friends, a "peer" group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, presents, "Coping with the Holidays." The program will include a guest speaker, social and small group interaction and a memorial/healing service. If your loss recent or distant, you are younger or older, come share this journey of new growth. The cost is \$20 per person, includes a box lunch and refreshments. Registrations must be received by Nov. 6.



Wish You Were Here

Dave and Dora Krusell of Garden City and Larry and Sandy Domogala of Westland used the Grand Canyon as the backdrop for their Wish You Were Here. The family enjoyed one of the world's natural wonders while on vacation there on Oct. 3. They walked across the sky walk which has a glass floor where guests can look down and see the canyon 4,000 feet below. It's "breath taking and a must see," said Donna Krusell. "Can't wait to go back and the weather was wonderful, too!" If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Contact: For more information, call Carol (313) 562-3080 or Joan (248) 478-1084 or visit the website at www.widowedfriends.org for the registration form.

TRAIN SHOW

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 27

Location: Parish Hall of St. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriam, Westland.

Details: St. Simon and Jude Church' Ushers Club is holding Railroadiana Train Show. Buy, sell or swap toys and trains. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

HIGHER ROCK CAFE

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

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

WEAVERS MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

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

Details: The Michigan Weavers Guild Winter Market will have a large selection of fiber items for sale, including clothing, scarves and accessories, household goods and linens. Many holiday gift ideas in all price ranges will also be available.

Contact: For more information, contact Andrea Anderson at weaver-mom@aol.com or visit the website - www.michiganweaversguild.org/?page_id=1360&albid=1 - to see participating artists and some of their work.

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: William Brennan Activity Center of St. Sebastian Church, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters and vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic Church-St. Anne Altar Society's Christmas Craft Show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5.

Contact: For more information, call Phyllis at (313) 561-1807.

ARTS AND CRAFT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

Location: Sts. Peter and Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: The church will be holding its 23rd annual arts and crafts show. Admission will be \$1 with raffle, plus 50/50 every hour. There also will be a bake sale, cabbage rolls and other ethnic foods available.

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

ORGANIZATIONS

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. The group also has an evening meeting the second Thursday of the month. Check www.westlandrotary.com for time and place of the evening meeting.

Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

AMERICAN LEGION

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

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251.com or www.post251.org.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

WRITING GROUP

Time/date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of

women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to sheptry@yahoo.com

TOASTMASTERS

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

Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

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

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

EARTH ANGELS

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

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

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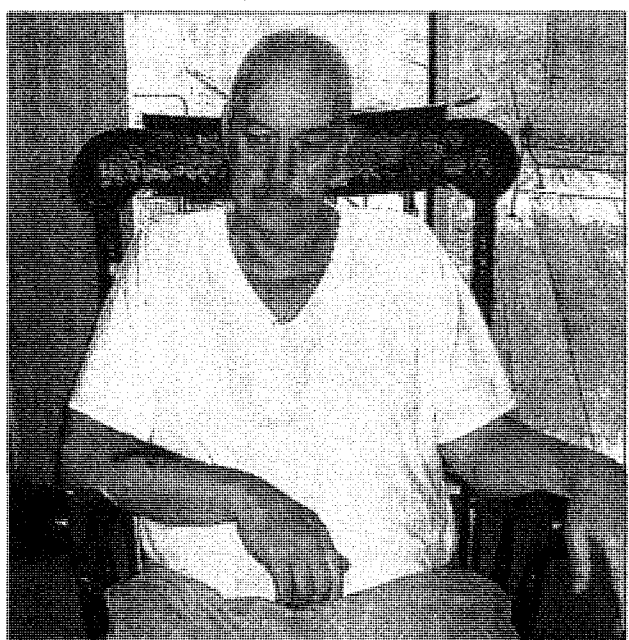
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GC woman organizes fundraiser for son-in-law battling cancer

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It is not something families like to do — planning for the death of a loved one. But for Betty Kelberlau, the planning includes a fundraiser to help with funeral expenses of her son-in-law, Michael Novotny.



Mike Novotny had no symptoms of pancreatic cancer until he experienced a pain between his shoulders and in his back. Diagnosed in August, the former Garden City resident has been given six months to live.

“All he has right now is Medicare, he was on disability because of his back,” said the Garden City resident. “He’s been going back and forth for treatment, but the big thing is the funeral expenses.”

The 60-year-old Novotny is battling stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He was diagnosed with the cancer on Aug. 8 at Grayling Hospital where he went because of upper back pain. The diagnosis of stage four pancreatic cancer was confirmed the next day by doctors at the University of Michigan.

“He’s a diabetic and he kept saying he had this pain between his shoulders and in his back,” said Kelberlau. “He went to the emergency room and the did a CAT scan and found the cancer. He had no other symptoms.”

At U-M, the doctors found an advanced and inoperable tumor in his pancreas and that the disease had spread to soft tissue and lymph nodes in his abdomen. They told he had six months to live.

The tumor is so large that it blocked a duct carrying fluids from the pancreas to the liver, so doctors put in a stent which is working, according to Kelberlau. However, he is getting “awful sick” with the chemotherapy he is receiving,

she said.

Novotny grew up in Garden City and is currently living in Lewisville with his wife, Connie. They make the trip to Ann Arbor every two weeks for the chemotherapy that takes some seven hours. Then they return home where he receives another bag of drugs through a port over a 48-hour period.

Novotny was on disability when he was diagnosed and has Medicare to help with the medical costs. The fundraiser at Vision Lanes in Westland on Sunday, Nov. 20, is to help with other costs, especially funeral and burial costs.

The benefit for Mike Novotny will be 1-6 p.m. at the bowling alley at 38250 Ford Road, west of Newburgh. It includes two games of bowling and shoes, two slices of pizza and a 12-ounce soda and a ticket for a door

prize. There also will be a 50/50 drawing raffles and extra tickets will be sold for the door prize.

Kelberlau is hoping to get at least 100 bowlers for the fundraiser. A seamstress, she has made two some of the gifts that are in the raffle and is trying to go to businesses to get donations at a time when she is also caring for her husband.

People who would like to help the family can make donations to “Benefit for Mike Novotny” at the Fifth Third Bank, 36700 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

“His friends and family are hoping people will find it in their hearts to help this wonderful man is his time of need,” she said.

For more information, call Kelberlau at (734) 338-9781.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Project Graduation

The Sports Venue Bar and Grill will be hosting a dine and donate for Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2012 on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Sports Venue at Maplewood and Middlebelt will donate 10 percent of all food and drinks to Project Graduation. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffles and a silent auction.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, Project Graduation will have a fundraiser at Applebee's at 26582 Ford Road, Dearborn. Dine at Applebee's and 15 percent of the bill will be donated to Project Graduation. Mention Project Graduation when ordering.

Project Graduation sponsors the all-night party for the Class of 2012 following graduation ceremonies.

Community Chat

Join Kerry Partin every Thursday night at 9 p.m. for GC Community Chat at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757>, a talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding area.

Listeners can call-in live at (724)444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or they can join in a live chat room at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757> where they can just listen to the show or also type their questions and comments.

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club

of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a “Baby Shower” for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project. The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Aman- tea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club is on the hunt for new members.

The local club was chartered in 1940 as part of the worldwide Rotary International organization and is guided by the Rotary motto “Service Above Self.” Charitable involvement covers the spectrum from local activities, such as college scholarships, literacy training, coats for needy elementary children, to projects including school construction and orphanage support in Latin America, as well as pure water, polio vaccination, and other international humanitarian efforts.

Rotary offers a wonderful opportunity for people to provide service for others on many different levels and to the extent they feel comfortable doing so. At the same time, it offers the availability for weekly contact and socialization with other, like-minded, nice people.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Aman- tea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east of Venoy in Garden City.

Individuals interested in more information about the club can call Steve Kelly at (734) 748-1345.

Shop online

Help Garden City Schools support its staff and students whenever you shop at Amazon.com.

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Recycle for cash

Drop off used ink jet cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and similar items at City Hall. Garden City Charities, a group formed by city staff, sends the items off to be recycled by Cartridges for Kids and gets cash in return. Money raised by Garden City Charities benefits local organizations.

Museum fund-raising

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

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

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfhonline.org.



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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

On staff

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing with the addition of four new doctors.

New Medical Staff members included:

- Dr. Abdulgadir Adam, Critical Care, Pulmonary Medicine, Sleep Medicine, with offices at 18181 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 208, Dearborn. For information, call (313) 272-5565.

- Dr. Syed Ala, Infectious Disease, with offices at 24350 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 111, Farmington. For information, call (248) 615-0889.

- Dr. Daniel Bow, Internal Medicine, with offices at 6149 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-2130

- Dr. Karen Wiarda, Cardiology, with offices at 30626 Ford Road, Garden City. For information, call (734) 261-9211.

For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral service at 877-717-WELL or visit www.gchosp.org.

Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. It has more than 360 physicians in 47 specialties able to serve the community.

Food collection

During its Customer Appreciation Days in November, OneMain Financial will provide its customers and area residents the opportunity to support their local community. During November, the One-

Main Financial branch at 35159 E Michigan Ave., Wayne, will be collecting non-perishable food to help feed those in need throughout the community. The collected food will be donated to in time to be distributed to Gleaners Community Food Bank in time to be distributed to local residents before the holidays.

"In the spirit of the upcoming holiday season, OneMain Financial is committed to making the neighborhoods where we do business better places to live and work," said Carl Stubbs, OneMain Financial Assistant Manager. "We have a strong tradition of supporting local organizations that help those in need, and we are excited area residents will be joining us in this effort during our Customer Appreciation Days."

As part of their Customer Appreciation Days, everyone who visits the OneMain Financial branch from Thursday, Nov. 17, through Wednesday, Nov. 30, can enter a sweepstakes to win a digital picture frame and pick up a complimentary 2012 wall calendar.

For more information, call OneMain Financial in Wayne at (734) 728-1157.

'Sing-A-Jing'

The 1-800-HANSONS "Sing-A-Jing" talent search is on for students in grades K-8 in Michigan and Ohio. Now through Saturday, Nov. 26, students will have a shot at their 15 minutes of fame by sending in their version of the 1-800-HANSONS jingle for a chance to win a savings bond and Toys "R" Us® gift card. More than \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded in this, the third annual "Sing-A-Jing" contest.

Students and their parents can visit www.hansonsjinglecontest.com and use the tabs at the top of the page to navigate or click buttons on the right to find out how to enter. Each entry should be two minutes or less of one student or a group of students singing the familiar 1-800-HANSONS jingle. Each entry will be posted online at www.hansonsjinglecontest.com where friends, family and the general public can vote for their favorite.

"We love sponsoring this contest and love to see all the great talent out there in these fine kids," said Brian Elias, President of 1-800-HANSONS. "Each year the entries seem to get better and more creative. It's our way of having some fun, discovering young talent, and helping out the schools in our community. Its all part of our company's continuing efforts to give back to the communities that have supported us over the years."

The grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 Series EE U.S. savings bond and a \$500 Toys "R" Us® gift card, and the student's school will receive \$2,500. The Second Prize winner will receive a \$2,000 Series EE U.S. savings bond and a \$300 Toys "R" Us® gift card, and the student's school will receive \$1,500. The Third Prize winner will receive \$1,000 Series EE U.S. savings bond and a \$200 Toys "R" Us® gift card, and the student's school will receive \$1,000. In addition, the school that has the most entries overall - with or without a winner - will receive \$2000 and a large screen TV.

Westland business finds room in CMA gift bags

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

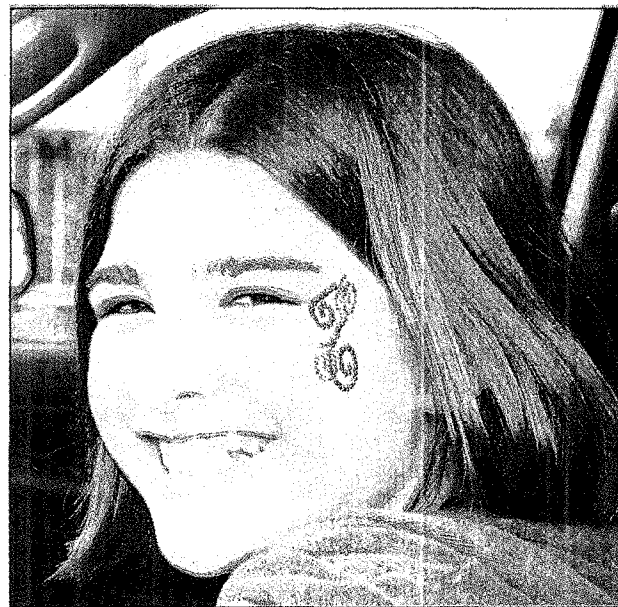
When artists received their gift bags at the Country Music Awards Wednesday, inside they found a product with a local connection.

Included in the bags were Face Flair, self-adhering decorative pieces designed by Kim Torres, a Canton resident who bases her business in Westland.

"They're all my own designs. They're kid-safe and you can reuse them," said Torres, who started Face Flair about 18 months ago with husband Patrick and her brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Karen Pomaranski, who live in Sacramento, Calif. "We're trying to make it worldwide."

A company called Distinctive Accents saw the Face Flair website and made the connection to the CMA gift bags. Each gift bag included a full-size classic flair along with a smaller mini flair four-pack.

"We included a postcard and sticker with our website information. Also a note that you can use Face Flair on your face but also on instruments and other objects," said Torres, who



Local company Face Flair provided decorations like this for gift bags at the Country Music Awards.

works full-time managing three groups homes for developmentally disabled residents.

Not able to afford to attend art school, Torres said she draws pictures for clients at the group homes. A past president of the Westland Jaycees, Torres said she came up with the idea for Face Flair after she used cell phone bling to make a design on her face at a Jaycees fund-raiser.

"Some random guys stopped me and asked where they could buy

the design for their girlfriends," said Torres, who also added face-painting to her services.

"I really love the face-painting and it gets the Face Flair out there," said Torres, who donates 20 percent of her face-painting booth proceeds when working at fundraisers.

Starting this week, Torres will be offering Face Flair at the Friday night Glow Skates at Westland's Mike Modano Arena.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Must be Santa

Santa Claus is coming to town.

Join Westland Shopping Center and Fresh 100.3 for Santa's grand arrival by helicopter at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. The decorations are in place and the sleigh where he hears the requests of boys and girls is ready and waiting.

Also a part of the celebration, Noah Munck who plays Gibby on Nickelodeon's popular *iCarly* show will make an exclusive appearance at Westland Shopping Center to meet and greet with his fans in the East Court.

Don't forget to mark your calendars, set your alarm clocks and be prepared to get in the holiday spirit. And that's not all that will be at the mall for the holidays. On tap is Breakfast with Santa and a ride on the Santa's Polar Express train. For details, go online to www.westlandcenter.com.

Good night's sleep

Dr. Roger Toma will present a free educational lecture on promoting a good night's sleep from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

Entitled "Snoring and Sleep Apnea - Their Effects on Your Health and Treatment Options," the lecture will feature information about how

snoring and sleep apnea can affect one's health, including discussion on the latest treatments for these conditions. A complimentary light dinner will be served.

Dr. Toma is a board-certified Otolaryngologist who graduated from the Wayne State School of Medicine in 2003.

To register for the free event please call (800) 543-9355.

Local Heroes

To celebrate everyday heroes who exemplify hometown values by making a difference in their communities, Culver's is launching the Hometown Hall of Fame Contest at their restaurants nationwide, including Culver's of Westland at 6500 Newburgh, Westland.

Now through Dec. 5, guests are encouraged to share the story of their local hero for a chance for their nominee to win \$5,000.

For the Hometown Hall of Fame, a hero can be defined as just about anyone who makes a difference; a firefighter, police officer, teacher, nurse, volunteer or a parent. Both the nominator and the nominee must be at least 18 years of age.

Guests can read the stories of the heroes on Culver's Facebook page, vote on a daily basis and share the contest via Facebook, Twitter and e-mail.

Culver's will select the winner from the top 20 vote-getters. This local

hero will receive \$5,000 from Culver's to help keep up the good work in their community. For highlighting the efforts of their hero, the person who nominates the winner will receive a \$350 Culver's gift card to enjoy a year of delicious meals.

For more information, to nominate a hero, share the contest or vote, visit www.culvers.com/facebook.

Help seniors

Join American House on Joy Road in Westland Thursday Nov. 17, when it hosts the third annual American House Foundation Holiday Hope for Seniors program.

There will be a spaghetti dinner at 5 p.m. and shopping from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will benefit more than 350 seniors in need throughout the metro Detroit area.

Enjoy festive music and refreshments while mingling with residents who have volunteered their time and creativity to make handmade gifts and holiday decorations to purchase. One hundred percent of proceeds will go toward the program. Gifts will range from \$5 to \$20 but donations in any amount will be appreciated.

Dinner costs \$8. To reserve a spot call American House at (734) 454-9838. The senior residence is at 39201 Joy, west of Hix in Westland.

Endurance: Key to success

By Clarity Patton
Newhouse
Guest Columnist

There are many attributes that contribute to a person's success. But one that doesn't get talked about as much as more glamorous attributes like talent is endurance. In other words, the sheer tenacity to:

See it through. In the words of James Arthur Baldwin, "Beyond talent lie all the usual words: discipline, love, luck - but, most of all, endurance."

A little bit of talent can go a long way, if it's backed by a sufficient amount of endurance. Let's be strong - and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

Thomas Alva Edison

PPS. Sunny Notes have a new social media home at www.facebook.com/sunnynotes. I hope you'll please "like" me and help spread the sunshine!

Clarity Patton Newhouse is co-president of Sunny Media Group Inc., located at 39209 Six Mile, Suite 165, Livonia. She writes "A Sunny Note" to brighten the day with encouraging insights for business and life. "A Sunny Note" also is published online at ASunnyNote.com for readers across America and beyond. To reach her call (734) 855-4728 or find her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sunnynotes.

Friday, November 11
"Holiday Ride to Dine" Train Outing



Board the train at 320 S. Division Street, Clinton at 5:30 p.m. for a leisurely train ride to Tecumseh, where you will offload to enjoy Tecumseh's downtown Holiday Open House extravaganza. Dine in any of the fine downtown restaurants at your cost or shop away in the stores open for this annual event. Train Fares are at \$15 per adult and \$9 for children ages 2 to 12 years. The train will wait for you to board at 8:30 p.m. to return from a lovely evening outing.

Saturday, November 12
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Veterans boarding the Southern Michigan Railroad train may remember when trains across America carried them to camps for training and then to ships for war time duties. Come honor all Veterans during this special weekend event. Train departs from Clinton at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. or from the northeast corner of Chicago and Evans in downtown Tecumseh at 12:30 p.m. Fares are \$10 adult and \$6 for children ages 2 to 12 years. **Any Veteran, no charge!**

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The center also has pinocle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

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

In concert

The Beatles tribute band Toppermost will perform a concert Saturday, Nov. 12, to benefit the Westland Veterans Association. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$100 for reserved tables for eight. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the concert at 8 p.m. at the

Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale.

For more information and tickets, call (734) 335-7943.

Bazaar/Bake Sale

The public is invited to the Village of Westland at 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman, Westland, for a Bazaar and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19, and noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

There will be a special sale of \$1 for hardcover books - fiction, biography, autobiography and memoirs - buy one get one

free. Hardcover non-fiction books, DVDs and CDs also will be \$1 with coffee Table Books priced at \$2. Large paperbacks will be 50 cents, small paperbacks, videos, cassettes, records 25 cents and small paperback romance and magazines 10 cents.

The coffee table books and other books in the Thanksgiving/Christmas section are great for holiday gifts. And add one of the Friends Reusable Green Book Bags for \$2 to your purchase for another great gift.

Preview sale for Friends Members will be 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. You can become a Friend at the preview sale.

Support the Westland Library by shopping at the book sale as the Friends are now paying for all programs that are held at the library.

For more information,

call (734) 326-6123.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

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

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours on Monday, Nov. 14, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public

Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Commodities

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

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities on 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, located at 32715 Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

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

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food there and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

For the month of November, apple juice, corn, beef stew, dried plums, mixed vegetables, UHT milk and possible additional items will be distributed.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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OUR VIEWS



Paying back a debt

Veterans deserve more than pat on back

President Barack Obama recently announced the war in Iraq will come to an end at the end of the year, and that all our troops will be coming home.

It seems Americans should have applauded the president's announcement that he was bringing the U.S. mission in Iraq to a conclusion and ending one of nation's longest wars. But the reaction to the speech seemed to be mixed at best. Those on the right said Obama's announcement was a political ploy in an attempt to boost his low popularity numbers, even though it was George W. Bush who signed the agreement to bring the troops home by the end of December 2011 (it was announced at the shoe-throwing press conference). Those on the left also decried the announcement as something that should have been done much sooner.

One group of people you can bet cheered the news, however, are those in the military and their families. Let's be honest, while the war to date has cost the country more than an estimated \$800 billion, they are the people who paid and continue to pay the real cost. More than 4,400 troops have been killed, and another 32,000 wounded — some suffering devastating, life-changing injuries. The Iraq War may have been one of the longest wars in our history, yet it has been fought completely by a volunteer force. As a result many of our troops have had to serve multiple tours in a nontraditional, but very dangerous theater of war.

In the end, historians will have to debate the merits of this war and its impact on the nation. Regardless how any of us individually feel about the war, however, we as a nation have a responsibility to pay our military families back — including those who are and have served in Afghanistan (and elsewhere in our battle against global terrorism).

Because the end of combat doesn't end the war for our troops — in some ways it is really just beginning. Many of them will have ongoing medical and psychological issues from their war experiences. And to make matters worse, they are coming home to a landscape scarred with unemployment and bitter partisan politics. We must make sure that we are providing them with the tools to succeed in their post-war lives. That means more than just tending to their medical needs. They should have full access to a college education, vocational training and even a job. If that means giving them government jobs re-building our nation's infrastructure then that's what we should do.

Oddly enough, over in Washington, the so-called congressional "super committee" has a couple more weeks to decide on a deficit-reduction plan. According to reports, committee members are discussing major cuts to the defense department, which will most likely mean reductions in veterans' benefits. This is not the time to be cutting aid to our veterans. We have a moral obligation to help them as they reintegrate back into society.

We owe these people — these warriors and defenders of our freedom — more than just a pat on the back once a year in November. They didn't let us down, and we can't let them down.

Think about that as we commemorate Veterans Day tomorrow.

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When do you start your Christmas shopping?

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



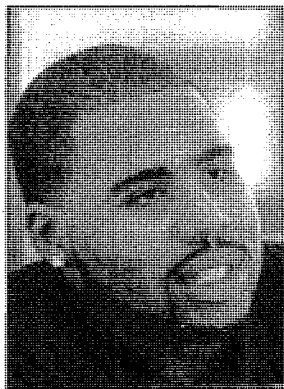
"The 24th of December, I'm serious. I like the rush of it all."

Maya Lewis
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"I do mine on Black Friday. I love coming to the mall at 3 a.m. and standing in lines out in the cold."

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"My wife does it on Black Friday. All I am is the guy who finances it."

Damien Funderburk
Taylor



"The last week of it, that way I can take time to decide what to get for people."

Amber Lysakowski
Canton

LETTERS

Allowing us to pay

I read today that Gov. Snyder is proposing a high-speed bus network for southeast Michigan. He's going to add to another layer of government to the corrupt Charter County of Wayne, the paralyzed Detroit City and SEMCOG (also known as the solution waiting for a problem).

He's not just poking around in southeast Michigan, however, his new plan reportedly include a new regional authority to oversee it. The state is pushing its way into local politics.

The worst part is new vehicle registration fees allowing counties or regions to raise funds for local transit projects. "Allowing" — he's going to "allow" you to pay higher fees so that your county or region is "allowed" to raise funds for local transit projects. The new vehicle registration fees are taxes. Gov. Snyder may use dictatorial powers to raise taxes.

I can understand town, village, city, county, state — but what form of government does a "region" fit into?

As for the high speed buses — Gov. Snyder recently endorsed Pete Hoekstra as Republican candidate for United States senator. He said Hoekstra is the "right man" for the job. Pete Hoekstra's family business puts together, sells, leases and maintains buses all across the state of Michigan.

From Hoekstra Transportation's website: "Welcome MDOT Agencies and Local Units of Government. This site is your resource for all open Hoekstra bus contracts as well as a source

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When it gets this bad and obvious then what's next?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Here they go again

The Republicans didn't win the 2010 election in Michigan. The Democrats did. The Democrats won the election for the Republicans by staying home and not going to the polls. The simple truth is that, in Michigan, if Democrats vote, they win.

Why did Democrats stay home? The Republicans, with their endless supply of money, through their media blitz and dishonest ads, convinced Democrats that Republicans were going to win and that and going to the polls would be useless. They are doing it again!

The propaganda, this time, is that Obama is going to be a one-term president, a goal D.C.

Republicans actually expressed was their No. 1 priority — not jobs.

"I voted for him in 2008, but I'm not going to vote for him again." Have you seen that TV ad yet? Republicans have already started the media blitz. Michigan is a pivotal state for both parties. Don't be sucked in.

Remember how we felt in 2008 when Obama won? We can all feel that way again. Let's not let the Republicans win by default in 2012.

Allyn Ravitz
Commerce Township

Abide by the rules

A judge in Florida ruled that the new law passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Rick Scott was "unconstitutional." This is the problem with our government: the separation of how a government should be run as opposed to how a business is ran. They should parallel each other not run in different directions.

The argument is always made that operating a government is not the same as a business because government has to take care of the sick, the young, and elderly. If government ran like a business, these things would take care of themselves just as business has by investing in retirement, healthcare and long-term disability plans.

If people want to "live off the system" that we fund, they need to abide by the same rules and regulations we do.

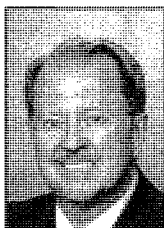
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GUEST COLUMN

Small Business Innovation Research Program, Michigan jobs, in jeopardy

By Glenn S. Anderson
Guest Columnist

In 1982, Congress established the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program to stimulate technological innovation and utilize small businesses to meet federal research and development needs. SBIR is a competitive program that provides American-owned and independently operated small businesses critical support during a new technology company's start up and development stages.



Glenn Anderson

In the 29 years since its establishment, more than 80,000 patents have been delivered by SBIR firms, which employ 1.5 million people.

To date, more than 1,700 Michigan businesses have benefited from the SBIR Program and used it to launch or expand technology ventures

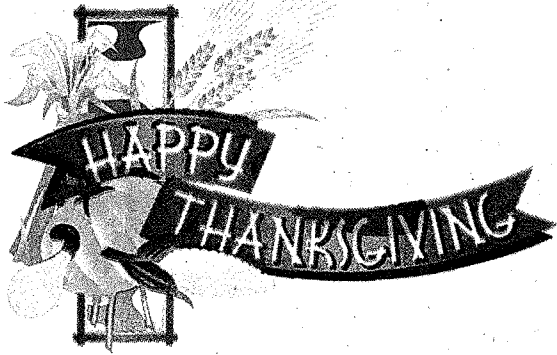
and create thousands of jobs in our state. In our neck of the woods, this includes A123 Systems Inc., which opened the largest lithiumion battery manufacturing plant in North America in Livonia, creating more than 400 jobs. Other area companies that have received support through the SBIR are Alternative Fuel Technology in Redford Township, which received a contract from the U.S. Army through the program, and Dear-born Gage (now a part of Hanlo Gages & Engineering in Livonia).

Unfortunately, Congress is considering eliminating the Small Business Innovation Research Program, jeopardizing the tens of thousands of high-paying jobs it has helped create. The U.S. House of Representatives is preparing to take up House Bill H.R. 1425, a bill that proposes damaging changes to SBIR, including eliminating the program's current merit-based system. This will open up the distribution of funding to political favoritism instead of basing it on a com-

pany's economic viability, as it should. National House and Senate leaders are believed to be in negotiations to reauthorize SBIR and come to terms on how much the program can spend and how, but as it stands now, the SBIR Program's authorization is set to expire on Nov. 18.

We should not be playing political games with Michigan jobs, whether it's at the state or federal level. We have seen the benefits of the SBIR Program and companies like A123 that it supports firsthand, and we can't afford to lose this valuable resource for our small businesses. I urge you to contact your Congressman and tell them to stand up for Michigan small businesses and oppose House Bill H.R. 1425 and any other efforts to eliminate or diminish the Small Business Innovation Research Program.

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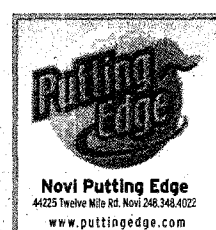
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Zebras stalled in regional

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Temperance Bedford had history on its side against upstart Wayne Memorial in Tuesday's Class A regional girls volleyball semifinal at Brownstown Woodhaven.

The Kicking Mules came in with a gaudy record (63-10-1), not to mention three state titles

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and four runner-up finishes under veteran coach Jodi Manore.

Bedford controlled the match from start-to-finish en route to a 25-17, 25-19, 25-16 triumph over the Zebras, who close out the season at 19-13-2 overall.

Poor serve receive led to Wayne's undoing as

Bedford had a total of 13 aces, including eight in the second set.

"We went to see Bedford on Saturday and we knew they were a really good serving team," Wayne interim coach Samantha Dye said.

"They beat Monroe 25-2, so we knew their serves were the main thing and we focused in on that yesterday (in practice). They

have that top-spin serve in the middle. We were a little off on our passing. We would have liked to have been better, but the girls didn't give it 100 percent, I guess, on that part."

Bedford used a balanced offensive attack to offset Wayne's talented 6-foot-1 junior Katie Horton, who led all hitters with 20 kills and four solo

blocks.

Emily Blank, a 6-foot-3 senior, and Emily Williams, a 5-11 senior, finished with 11 and 10 kills, respectively, to pace the Kicking Mules. Right-side hitter Taylor Foster added six.

"No. four (Emily Williams) and no. 18 (Emily Blank) when we scouted

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MU harrier rules WHAC

Freshman Bianca Kubicki (Canton) made Madonna University cross country history on Saturday as the rookie became the first MU runner to ever win the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's individual championship held on the 5-kilometer course at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Kubicki won the race by a full six seconds (18:37) over Aquinas' Catie Rietsema to earn WHAC Runner of the Year honors and become the second Crusader (Sarah Sherwood — 2008, 2009, 2010) to earn first-team All-WHAC honors and join Sherwood in earning a bid to the NIAA National Championships, Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Fort Vancouver (Wash.) Historical Site.

Fellow freshman Jaclyn Sawasky and sophomore Karli Kuchka (Livonia Stevenson) earned All-WHAC second-team honors by placing 11th and 13th with times of 19:25 and 19:31, respectively.

Other MU finishers included senior Kari Saarela (Livonia Franklin), 29th (20:39); senior Cassie Yarnall, 32nd (20:49); freshman Shannon Dusute, 42nd (21:43); and senior Emily Bambach (Livonia Ladywood), 54th (22:29).

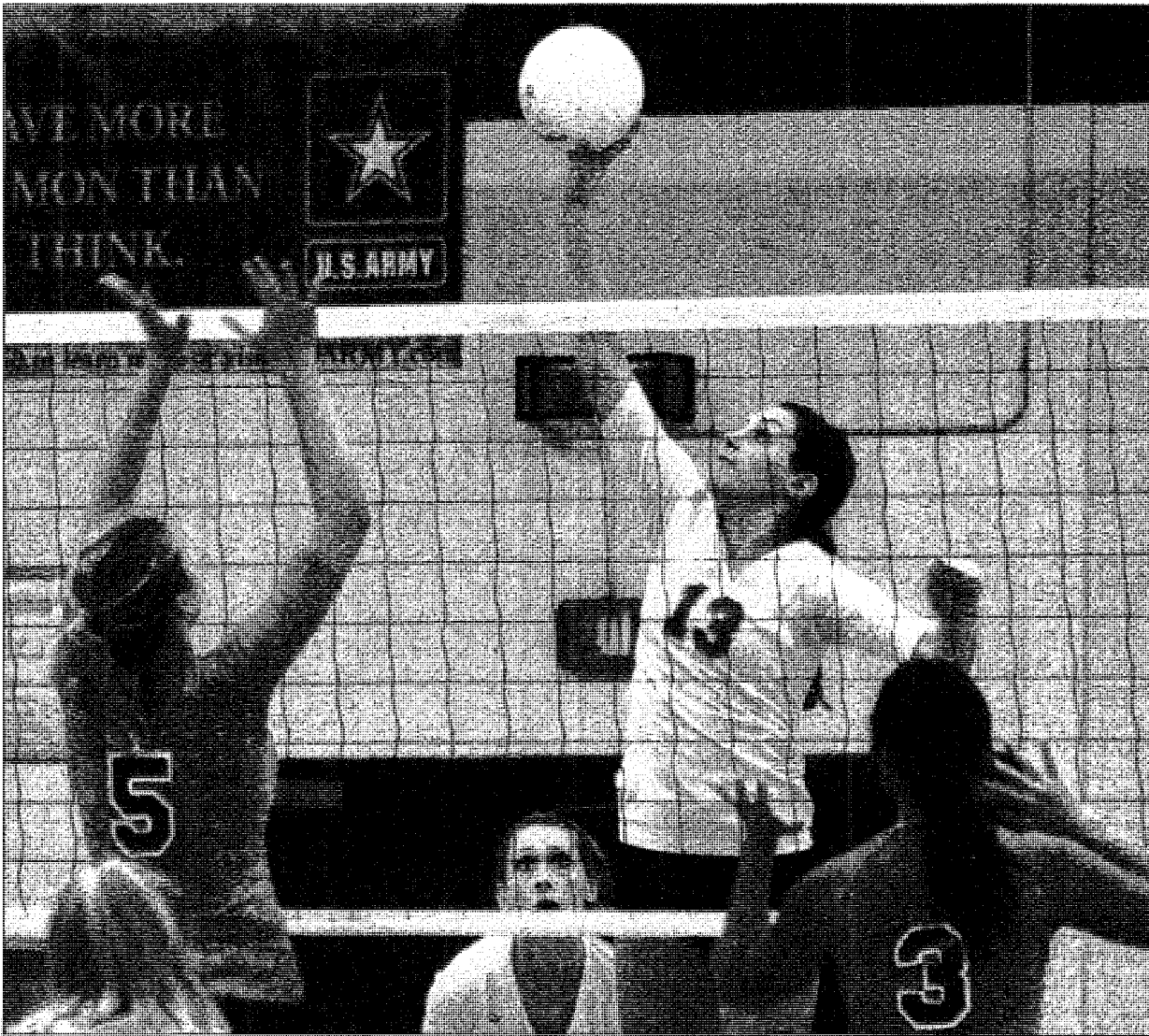
As a team, the Crusaders placed third overall.

MU pitcher All-America

Madonna University junior pitcher Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) has been named to the Preseason All-America team by the NIAA Baseball Coaches Association All-America Selection Committee.

The Dearborn Divine Child grad earned NAIA All-America first team honors in 2011, posted a 9-0 record as a starting pitcher to help guide the Crusaders to the program's fourth straight and sixth Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) championship in the last seven years.

Gooding, a two-time All-WHAC selection with a 19-1 career record, is the only conference player to garner preseason All-America honors from the NAIA for this upcoming season.



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Livonia Ladywood middle blocker Olivia Quinn scored on this tip during the second set of Tuesday night's Class B regional victory over Livonia Clarenceville. Defending on the play are the Trojans' Ashley Murphy (5) and Angela McAlpine (3).

Blazers oust pesky Trojans

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Upstart Livonia Clarenceville showed some serious spunk during the early stages of Tuesday night's Class B regional semifinal volleyball match against perennial power Livonia Ladywood.

But at the end of the day, the Blazers' nucleus of formidable seniors led them to a 25-17, 25-9, 25-15 at Carleton Airport High School.

Ladywood (39-17)

advanced to Thursday's 6 p.m. regional final against host Airport, which dispatched University Detroit Prep in three sets.

"I thought we played really well," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "Our seniors are really stepping up in the post-season and refusing to lose. We have a senior libero, a senior setter and a couple of our top hitters are seniors, which really helps."

"I thought Clarencev-

ille was much improved from last year. Their coach has done a phenomenal job. They're better trained and a better team. They gave us a good match."

Ladywood senior setter Alex Hines did a stellar job of mixing up the Blazers' attack as she dished out 27 assist-to-kills. Senior outside hitters Jennifer Rhodes and Kenzie Kettner both finished with 10 kills.

Rhodes and Kettner also topped the Blazers

in digs, racking up 11 and 10, respectively.

Playing in its first regional tournament since 1997, Clarenceville rocketed to a 9-5 lead in the opening set thanks in large part to the play of sophomore middle hitter Ayanna Buckley, who had a hand (literally) in five of the nine Trojan points. But Kettner and Rhodes soon established themselves at the net, leading Ladywood to an eight-

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Stevenson moves into region final

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Full steam ahead for the Livonia Stevenson girls volleyball team in the state Class A tournament.

The Spartans improved to 38-12-2 overall with a convincing 25-9, 25-9, 25-11 regional semifinal victory over Detroit Renaissance in a match played at Warren Cousino.

Stevenson advances to Thursday's regional final to face Sterling Heights, which defeated Detroit Cass Tech, 3-1, in the other regional semifinal. (Match time is 7 p.m. at Cousino).

"We hope to carry over the intensity and kick it up a notch because Sterling Heights is a scrappy team," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham of her regional final opponent.

Stevenson senior Kelly Vellucci led the way with 10 kills, 16 assist-to-kills and five digs, while sophomore Katie Tomasic finished with eight kills, five digs and two ace serves.

Other contributions for the Spartans came from Holly Mossoian (12 digs, three aces); Allie Koestering (nine assists); Jordan York (five digs); Amanda Hawkins (three kills); and Taylor McLeod (two kills).

"Overall we served pretty well," Graham said. "The first two sets we played good volleyball. The third set Holly (Mossoian) got us going with her serving with 10 points."

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Satisfactory: Charger girls 14th in state

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill girls cross country coach Sue Tatro had no real complaints about her team's showing during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 Lower Peninsula finals held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"Our performance at the state meet capped off a very solid season for us,"

CROSS COUNTRY said Tatro, whose team finished 14th in the 28-team field. "I expected to place in the top 15 because we have been consistent in all of our meets. I was relaxed going into the final stretch of the season because I sensed their confidence and determination, and I knew that

Please see CHARGERS, B3

Painful exit: PKs doom S'craft

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

This isn't the way it was supposed to end for the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team.

The Ocelots' quest to earn a trip to the NJCAA Division I Men's Soccer National Championships were derailed Saturday in La Plata, Md.

Schoolcraft, No. 1-ranked in the nation for the past four weeks, suffered its first defeat of the season at the hands of host College of Southern Maryland, 5-4, on penalty kicks after the two teams battled to a scoreless draw through 90 minutes of regulation and a pair of 10-minute overtime periods.

Region XII champion Schoolcraft ends its season at 22-1 overall, while Region XX champion College of Southern Maryland improves to 13-3-3 overall and advances to the NJCAA

Nationals, Nov. 18-20, at Paradise Valley CC in Phoenix, Ariz.

College of Southern Maryland made good on all five PKs against Schoolcraft's 6-foot-5 goalkeeper Scott Shewfelt.

Meanwhile, the Ocelots connected on four-of-five with Tom Nevill, Johnathon Heslop, Marco Lobo and Ryan Lemasters all finding the back of the net.

But the difference in the shootout was Hawks goalkeeper Dameron Hayden stopping the Ocelots' fourth PK shooter.

On two different occasions, sliding CSM defenders cleared Schoolcraft balls off the goal line. Nevill also knocked a shot off the crossbar during the first OT.

"We had a couple of chances in the first half and second half, and one in each over-

Please see SOCCER, B3



RENA LAVERTY | PHOTO

Schoolcraft's Marco Lobo (18), an All-NJCAA Region 12 and All-MCCAA selection, scored in a shootout, but the Ocelots' unbeaten season went awry Saturday in a loss on penalty kicks to host College of Southern Maryland.

LCSC U-18 champions

Livonia City Soccer Club United Red, an under 18 girls soccer team coached by Dave Horgan, defeated the SOCS Storm '94 Navy, 5-0, to finished undefeated in the Michigan State Premier Soccer program.

Team members include: Sam Beier, Melissa Bird, Rachel Blackney, Abbey Blanchard, and Lisa McMullen, all of Livonia Churchill; Shannon Black, Kim Griffith, Payton Kleven, and Tori Sears, Livonia Stevenson; Lexi Smith and Shannon Murphy, Livonia Franklin; Kelly Capoccia, Morgan Chops, Erin Cronyn, Livonia Ladywood; Ashley Cosenza, Dearborn Edsel Ford; and Erica Tackett, Taylor Kennedy. All are seniors except Shannon Murphy.

Home alone

Lady Ocelots break NJCAA record

The 16th-ranked Schoolcraft College women's basketball team set an NJCAA record Saturday with their 64th straight home win by defeating Lakeland (Ohio) Community College in overtime, 71-66.

The previous mark was held by Lakawanna College (Pa.).

Diamond Tolliver's two free throws with only three seconds remaining in regulation sent the game into OT and the Lady Ocelots outscored Lakeland, 11-6, as Kevin Brathwaite won in his coaching debut.

Charlise Slater led Schoolcraft (1-0) with 15 points, while Tolliver and Shawnicka Thomas added 14 and 12, respectively.

Ashley Beemon chipped in with nine points and nine rebounds, while Thomas added eight boards and five assists.

Diminika King led

COLLEGE HOOPS

Lakeland (0-1) and all scorers with 24 points to go along with a game-best 16 rebounds.

Alyson Lee chipped in with 10 points and nine rebounds, while Melyssa Kaposky added 10 boards.

Schoolcraft was out-rebounded 58-40, and shot 26-of-77 from the floor (33.8 percent).

Lakeland stayed in the game despite a total of 36 turnovers to Schoolcraft's 17.

EMU 99, MADONNA 42: On Friday, Taveyn James poured in 32 points and Olivia Fouty added 16 as host Eastern Michigan University rolled past Madonna University in an exhibition game at the Convocation Center.

India Hairston added 11 points for the NCAA Division 1 Eagles, who led 46-20 at halftime.

MU committed a total of 30 turnovers and shot only 25 percent from the field (12-of-48).

Heather Pratt finished with a team-high nine points for the Crusaders.

Brathwaite takes reins for Lady Ocelot hoops

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

PREVIEW

Familiarity — and a talented batch of freshmen — should make the head coaching change transition a smooth one for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball program.

Four-year assistant coach Kevin Brathwaite will take over the reins of the Ocelots after longtime head coach Karen Lafata accepted an assistant coaching position at Wayne State University.

"The thing I like the best about this group is that they're dedicated to work hard and they want to do whatever it takes to get better every day," said Brathwaite, who takes over a team that finished 28-4 and won both the MCCA and Eastern Conference titles. "Everybody is expected to do her part this year so that it's hard for other teams to double-team any of our players. If everybody is a threat to score, it makes us tougher to defend."

The Ocelots will be led by a trio of sophomore captains: 5-foot-4 guard Diamond Tolliver (Saginaw High), 5-8 guard Charlise Slater (Ann Arbor Huron) and 5-10 forward Shanequa Braggs (Saginaw).

"We were originally voting on two captains, but all three of these three players were thought of so highly by their teammates that we ended up with three," said Brath-

waite. "Diamond is one of those players who, at the end of the game, you can put the ball in her hands and she'll come through, whether by getting fouled and making free throws, or hitting a big shot."

"Charlise hit a lot of big shots for us last year. She does a nice job of getting the team ready to play — all of the captains do. Shanequa can play inside and outside. Her outside shooting has really improved."

Five more sophomores (four returning) will give the Ocelots plenty of valuable experience heading into the 2011-12 campaign: 5-3 guard Courtney Grove-Dyer (Warren Fitzgerald), 5-7 guard Amber Sammons (New Lothrop), 5-9

guard Domonique Jones (Ypsilanti), 5-9 guard Shawnicka Thomas (Warren Fitzgerald) and 6-foot forward Tabitha Mann, a transfer from Salem.

SC's fortunes have been bolstered by the addition of six talented freshmen: 5-7 guard Ashley Beemon (Saginaw), 5-9 forward Andrea Gordon-McClain (Westland John Glenn), 5-4 guard Jarmela Antoine (Detroit Consortium), 5-7 forward Infiniti Maxwell (Detroit Consortium), 5-7 forward Michelle Vanover (John Glenn) and 5-10 forward Monika Rudis (Livonia Stevenson).

The Ocelots will compete in the Cincinnati State Classic Nov. 11-12 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Schoolcraft starts 2-0 after 87-67 home win

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team is off to a 2-0 start following an 87-67 victory Saturday at home over Lorain (Ohio).

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LenDerrick Witcher had a team-high 17 points to go along with seven rebounds as the Ocelots broke a 35-all halftime deadlock by outscoring Lorain 52-32 over the final 20 minutes.

Schoolcraft's 2-3 zone limited Lorain to a pair of field goals during the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Also posting double-doubles for Schoolcraft included Karl Moore (15 points, 13 rebounds) and Wayne Memorial's Daniel Hill (11 points, 11 rebounds).

Christopher Kinney chipped in with 10 points and six boards, while Mohamed Elhaj dished out

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seven assists.

The Ocelots made 20-of-30 free throws.

Jacob Pope's game-high 26 points paced Lorain (0-2).

GRACE BIBLE (IND.) 74, MADONNA 73: Sophomore Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) earned all-tournament team honors, but a last-second put-back gave Grace Bible (1-2) the one-point victory Saturday over Madonna University (0-3) in the Dimmich Memorial Tournament at Indiana Wesleyan's Luckey Arena.

Naubert finished with a team-high 19 points and eight assists, while Fred Williams came off the bench to score 18. Travis Schuba contributed 15 points, while Eohann Stephens added eight points and nine rebounds.

Ryan Krombeen, who finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds, hit the game-winning jumper with only one second remaining for Grace Bible.

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point win.

"I told the girls, 'Don't let the name 'Ladywood' intimidate you,'" Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "I told them they had to go out and play their game, and they did. We started strong; the girls were playing with confidence, but in the end, they outplayed us."

Clarenceville senior Angela McAlpine was in the middle of the action most of the night, both at the net and as a defuser for the Trojans' defense.

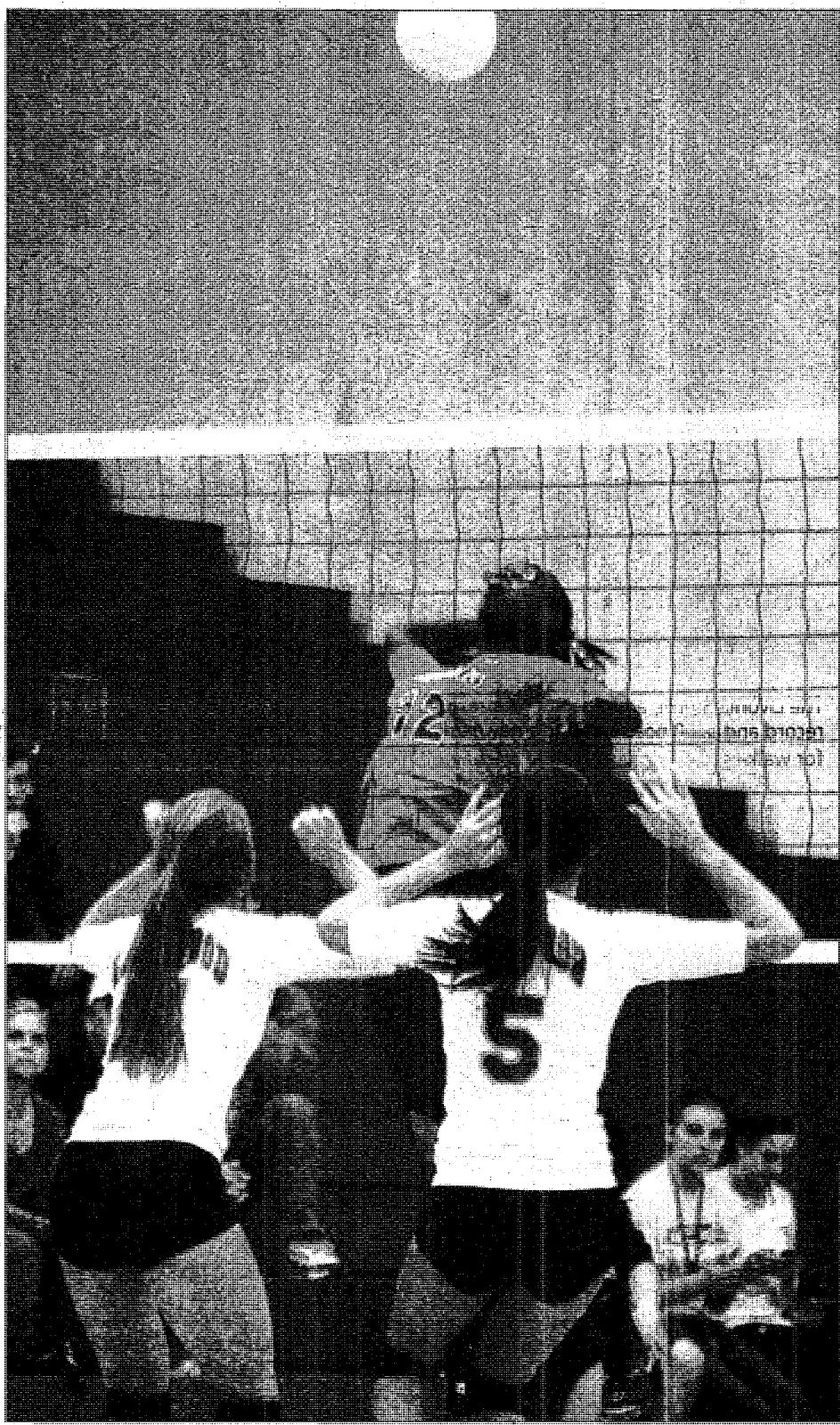
"I hated to take her off the floor," Merschman said of McAlpine. "When she wasn't out there, we struggled."

Ladywood bolted to an 11-2 lead in set two and never looked back. Senior libero Kristine Aurand, who was a defensive sparkplug all night, along with Izabella Porada, both reeled off impressive service runs in the 18-point rout.

Hines launched three consecutive aces midway through the set to give the Blazers complete control.

The third set was tight for awhile — Ladywood led just 7-6 early on — but the Blazers' offense started clicking big-time from there on out.

"We had a very good season," said Merschman, whose team finished 28-15-1. "We have a good, young team coming back, too, so I'm excited. The girls just have to continue to work hard."



ED WRIGHT | PHOTO

Clarenceville's Ayanna Buckley elevates high for a hit during Tuesday's Class B regional semifinal match against Ladywood.

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MU spikers clip Saints in WHAC quarterfinal

In a match that featured a record setting 38-36 final in the third set, the Madonna University volleyball team took advantage of a match-high 28 kills from senior Karie Altman and a double-double of 13 kills and 15 digs by senior Megan Fricke to down host Aquinas College, 19-25, 25-16, 38-36, 25-22, in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs.

The Crusaders, now 30-9 overall, captured their pool with a 2-0 record and now advance to the WHAC semifinals Friday in Fort Wayne to take on top-seed and No. 16-ranked Indiana Tech.

Nastija Baranovska added 17 kills, while setter Evia Prieditis contributed 63 assist-to-kills for the victorious Crusaders.

Other digs leaders for MU included Amanda Kozzela (22), Amanda Obyrcki (10) and Miranda Sechler (10).

Aquinas (26-10) got 19 kills from Chelsea Phillips and 13 from Allison Griffiths.

Setters Nicci Thomas and Jessica Bredeweg combined for 47 assists, while Sarah LeClair

paced the Saints defense with 19 digs.

Schoolcraft falls

Schoolcraft College fought its way all the way back from a first-round loss Friday to reach the semifinals of the NJCAA Division II District E Tournament hosted by Grand Rapids Community College.

But top seed Oakland CC ended the Lady Ocelots' season Sunday with a 25-14, 25-18, 25-19 win at Ford Fieldhouse.

OCC (38-3), led by MVP Lauren Maxwell, went to win the tourney with a 3-0 victory over second-seed Owens Technical CC (Ohio).

Schoolcraft's Lauren Macuga was named to the District E All-Tournament team as she helped the sixth-seeded Lady Ocelots earn victories Saturday over Flint Mott (19-25, 18-25, 25-21, 25-21, 15-12); fourth-seed Columbus State of Ohio (25-21, 25-22, 19-25, 25-18); and fifth-seed Macomb CC (25-16, 25-20, 21-25, 25-14).

Schoolcraft ends its 2011 season with a 29-14 overall record.

Madonna stays alive, topples Tech on PKs

Through 110 minutes of soccer Saturday between the men's sides from Madonna University and Indiana Tech, the score stood tied at 2-2 in a quarter-final match of the 2011 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs.

The match then went to penalty kicks and it boiled down to a shootout with MU prevailing, 5-4.

In the decisive shootout, MU's Franco Giorgi missed his attempt and Tech's Elliott Everson converted his to put the Warriors on top 1-0.

MU's Joe Carver, Derek Rosiek, Andrew Kidder and Dane Laird (Farmington Harrison) all converted their kicks as did Tech's Tom Pickersgill, Bryce Collier and Sam Terman, but Mark Baptist missed his chance to set up the sixth and final kicks.

The Crusaders' Steve Templeton knocked his shot past Tech goalkeeper Reece Richardson.

Aultain Gaye stepped up to the spot and had a chance to try and send the shootout to extra kicks, but MU keeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) knocked away the shot and the save sent the Crusaders into hysterics and move the team into its first WHAC semifinal appearance since 2009.

The first 110 minutes of the match were played fairly even with both sides posting 11 shots on goal and both keepers making nine saves.

MU got on the board first in the 17th minute when Laird finished off a rebound off of a Carver shot for a 1-0 lead.

The Crusaders' lead grew to 2-0 just over 10 minutes later when Carver bent in a corner kick for his team leading

sixth goal of the season.

After a Crusader foul in the box, Elliott Everson converted a penalty kick in the 51st minute and the Warriors' Sam Terman tied the match at 2-2 in the 80th minute to send the two sides to overtime.

MU had both of the overtime periods' scoring chances in the second, but Richardson stopped a pair of shots from Carver and Laird to send the game into the shootout.

Each keeper made nine saves in the match.

The Crusaders, who improved to 5-8-5 overall, took on top seed Cornerstone Wednesday in Grand Rapids in a WHAC semifinal matchup.

Carver accolade

England native Joe Carver of Madonna University men's soccer team and the Crusaders' leading scorer with 19

points, earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference as selected in a vote of the league's coaches.

The Schoolcraft College transfer leads MU with six goals, including two game-winners, along with seven assists.

A pair of Crusader juniors, Franco Giorgi (Windsor, Ontario) and Dane Laird (Farmington Harrison), earned All-WHAC second-team honors.

Senior Andrew Kidder (Rochester) and Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) were named to the third team.

MU sophomore goalkeeper Erich Richter (Southgate) was selected to the WHAC's Champions of Character team as the student-athlete who best exemplifies the NAIA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.



Gaels CYO champs

The Livonia St. Michael boys varsity soccer team ended a 25-year drought by capturing its first-ever Catholic Youth Organization title with a 1-0 victory over three-time defending champion Clarkston Everest Academy in a match played recently at Madison Heights Bishop Foley High School. Members of the Gaels include (front row, from left): Jermy Webb, Scott Cole, Zac Krauss, Asa Gandy, Sean Ebben (middle row, from left) Tyler Gregory, Noah Rimatzki, Brendan O'Dowd, Lucas Pucheta, Alex Freij, Matthew McGillivray, Dante Toppi, Connor Wingate, Matt Hughes, Thomas Peterson, Andrew Blazo; (back row, from left): assistant coaches Tom Strach, Gene O'Dowd, Bob Bowling, Rich Burke, Sean Brosnan and head coach Tim McGillivray.



Storm success

The Livonia Storm, an under-14 girls softball team, recently completed a successful season with a 10-2 regular season record and a 3-0 postseason tourney mark in the Belleville league. The Storm rallied for four runs in the final inning for walk-off 7-6 win over league co-champion Michigan Rage. Members of the Storm include (top row, from left): coach Rob Spellman, Maureen Butler, Maranda Armstead, Elynn Lamerato, Kerry Prowse, coach Tom Lipinski (middle row, from left) Megan Chapman, Kaelah O'Brien, Sarah Knapp, Valerie Lentine; (bottom row, from left) Natalie Moore, Rachel Spellman and Cassidy Lipinski. (Not pictured is Anna Lewis.)

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they would accomplish their team goals."

Grosse Pointe South edged Saline for the team title by five points, 106-111.

Rounding out the top 10 was Grand Haven (163), Birmingham Seaholm (185), Rockford (232), Rochester Adams (232), Traverse City West (235), Northville (259), Hudsonville (286) and Grand Ledger (293).

West Bloomfield junior Erin Finn led all runners with a 5-kilometer time of 17 minutes, 22.6 seconds.

The Chargers' top finisher was junior Kerigan Riley, who placed 20th overall in 18:40.8.

"It was exciting to watch Kerigan (Riley) achieve All-State hon-

ors as she is a very talented and determined young lady," Tatro said of the regional champion. "She ran a flawless race from start-to-finish. I'm extremely proud of the entire team."

Rounding out Churchill's top five was junior Sydney Anderson, 92nd (19:35.2); senior Bethany Pilat, 106th (19:43.0); sophomore Megan McFarlane, 120th (19:51.2); and junior Michelle Azar, 166th (20:19.4).

Non-scorers included senior Vivien Okechukwu, 182nd (20:37.8), and freshman Lauren Bernhardt, 201st (20:57.2).

Division 1 boys

Milford placed three runners in the top 10 to win the Division 1 boys team title with 128 points with Hartland and Waterford Mott placing second and third, respectively,

with 172 and 177. White Lake Lakeland's Garret Zuk was the 5K individual winner in 15:21.2.

Churchill senior Ryan Wise placed 179th in 17:13.9.

Division 4 girls

Lutheran High Westland earned 15th place in the team standings in Saturday's Division 4 girls finals held at MIS.

The Warriors, coming off their second straight regional title, scored 422 points with Hesperia taking the team crown with 67.

Lutheran Westland's top finisher was junior Erin Hardin, who placed 42nd overall in 20:27.4.

Other scorers for the Warriors included senior Erin Lyle, 64th (20:57.4); senior Jess Rice, 101st (21:36.2); junior Angela Morrison, 194th (23:49.1); and junior Jessica Drife,

196th (23:53.0). Non-scorers included senior Kelsey Kruger, 207th (24:13.6), and freshman Michelle Greening, 213th (24:45).

Division 4 boys

Lutheran High Westland finished 22nd out of 27 teams in the Division 4 boys state finals at MIS.

Concord, led by individual winner Spencer Nounsain (15:55.8), also captured the team title with 64 points.

The Warriors, who had a total of 528, were paced by senior Jake Fairbairn, 70th (17:34.6); junior Eric Smith, 113th (18:08.1); junior Daniel Bunge, 176th (19:05.9); senior Caleb Kempf, 190th (19:25.8); and junior Peter Sillanpaa, 210th (20:56.6).

Non-scorers included freshman Ian O'Banion, 218th (19:56.6), and senior Philip Welte, 240th (22:17.2).

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them we knew they were their two big hitters," Dye said. "Our goal was to block them, but actually they threw us off. When we saw them they were hitting middle and outside only. And tonight they knew they had the Hortons (Katie and Keri), so they switched it up. They did the slide every time to the outsides. They were making our middles really work on that block. Katie and Keri were doing their best. They were transitioning back-and-forth, back-and-forth, so I think that's what beat us. We didn't really adjust to that."

Wayne trailed 21-11 in

the second set before closing the gap to 23-19, but it was too little, too late.

Bedford simply had more ammunition in its attack and got four aces from Williams and two from junior libero Ellen Hays.

"We probably missed more (serves) today than we have all year," Manore said. "We kind of lost our concentration a couple of times, let them score two or three in a row. We just can't do that."

"But I thought we played pretty well. We hit well. We did what we had to and our setter got the ball to the hitters that we had to. I let them hit away."

Keri Horton, a 6-foot senior, added seven kills and three blocks, but the was the extent of the

Zebbras' offensive attack. Setter Samantha Hershey had 13 assist-to-kills.

Defensively, digs leaders for Wayne included Katie Horton (16), Keri Horton (15), Ciara Frazier and Danielle Robbins (14 each).

"We really didn't make a whole lot of adjustments other than to realize she (Katie Horton) was blocking clear across the net," Manore said. "That was No. 1, so we were going to spread our offense from antenna to antenna, and not run our short middles much."

"On defense, we wanted to take away the tip, give her the hard hit and put the double-block up."

Dye, a former Wayne player who took over the team after Robert Kelsch resigned unexpectedly in

early September, said she would like to continue as varsity coach next season on a permanent basis.

"I couldn't be more proud of the girls," she said. "Everyone from the beginning of the season doubted Wayne. Right away when we beat (Livonia) Franklin and (Westland) John Glenn, I knew this team was going to go far. Especially when we beat (Livonia) Churchill. That was huge win for us and I think at that point the girls finally realized that they can do this and beat any team that's put in their path."

"We made the regionals for the first time in 20 years and I couldn't be prouder of them."

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIM MEET

Nov. 4-5 at Novi H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon, 852; 2. Northville, 826; 3. Novi, 673.5; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 537; 5. Canton, 483; 6. Plymouth, 475; 7. Salem, 394; 8. Livonia Churchill, 231.5; 9. Livonia Franklin, 146; 10. Westland John Glenn, 102; 11. Wayne Memorial, 98.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Buha, VanderMey, Buha, Berg), 1:50.12; 2. Northville, 1:50.49; 3. South Lyon, 1:50.71; 4. Stevenson, 1:52.89; 5. Canton, 1:58.38; 6. Salem, 1:56.48; 7. Plymouth, 1:56.57; 8. Churchill, 2:04.27.

200 freestyle: 1. Berg (Novi), 1:55.16; 2. Green (SL), 1:56.02; 3. Seroka (Salem), 1:56.22; 4. Gerke (SL), 1:57.54; 5. Nagata (N'ville), 1:58.01; 6. Kipke (N'ville), 1:58.39; 7. Green (Canton), 1:59.7; 8. Madison (Canton), 1:59.74.

200 individual medley: 1. Cui (N'ville), 2:10.52; 2. VanderMey (Novi), 2:13.93; 3. Toro (P), 2:14.57; 4. Erickson (P), 2:14.72; 5. McCurry (SL), 2:15.67; 6. Dolinski (LS), 2:15.86; 7. Orr (Canton), 2:16.15; 8. Washko (LC), 2:16.47.

50 freestyle: 1. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 24.6; 2. Buha (Novi), 24.86; 3. Malarik (SL), 25.04; 4. Caldwell (SL), 25.11; 5. Schoenek (N'ville), 25.17; 6. Ethier (P), 25.43; 7. Hall (Novi), 25.44; 8. Matsui (P), 25.61.

1-meter diving: 1. Meister (N'ville), 434.10 points; 2. Eckler (SL), 415.50; 3. Aepelbacher (Novi), 411.95; 4. Boucha (N'ville), 369.90; 5. Marquardt (SL), 348.05; 6. Odum (Novi), 334.20; 7. Canadi (SL), 315.15; 8. Ziegler (Novi), 307.05.

100 butterfly: 1. Bonin (SL),

56.8; 2. Lohman (N'ville), 58.42; 3. Buha (Novi), 58.43; 4. Adams (Canton), 1:00.43; 5. Toro (P), 1:01.57; 6. Erickson (P), 1:01.83; 7. Shurmur (Novi), 1:02.22; 8. Jenkins (Canton), 1:02.25.

100 freestyle: 1. Green (SL), 53.09; 2. Malarik (SL), 53.97; 3. Caldwell (SL), 54.13; 4. Berg (Novi), 54.24; 5. Hall (Novi), 54.46; 6. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 54.55; 7. Matsui (P), 54.84; 8. Ethier (P), 55.86.

500 freestyle: 1. Seroka (Salem), 5:06.65; 2. Gerke (SL), 5:18.33; 3. Earls (P), 5:23.85; 4. LaFreniere (N'ville), 5:24.12; 5. O'Dowd (LS), 5:24.51; 6. Pray (Canton), 5:27.27; 7. Roque (LS), 5:29.78; 8. Yan (N'ville), 5:32.97.

200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Caldwell, Gerke, Malarik, Green), 1:39.23; 2. Plymouth, 1:40.91; 3. Northville, 1:41.64; 5. Canton, 1:42.3; 6. Churchill, 1:46.11; 7. Salem, 1:46.11; 8. Stevenson, 1:46.92.

100 backstroke: 1. Buha (Novi), 57.25; 2. Bonin (SL), 58.6; 3. Aumiller (Salem), 59.42; 4. Kipke (N'ville), 59.43; 5. VanderMey (Novi), 1:00.52; 6. Lohman (N'ville), 1:00.99; 7. Suriano (Salem), 1:01.32; 8. Morgan (Novi), 1:01.65.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cui (N'ville), 1:06.89; 2. Lohman (N'ville), 1:07.48; 3. McCurry (SL), 1:07.78; 4. Krueger (SL), 1:10.08; 5. Green (Canton), 1:11.28; 6. Adams (Canton), 1:11.29; 7. Jenkins (Canton), 1:11.67; 8. Stark (SL), 1:11.91.

400 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Caldwell, Bonin, Gerke, Green), 3:36.07; 2. Novi, 3:39.43; 3. Northville, 3:39.85; 4. Salem, 3:40.55; 5. Plymouth, 3:44.1; 6. Stevenson, 3:45.74; 7. Canton, 3:52.81; 8. Churchill, 4:01.76.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL FINALS CLASS A

at WARREN COUSINO
Thursday, Nov. 10: Livonia Stevenson vs. Sterling Heights, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Wayne Memorial vs. Brownstown Woodhaven regional champion.)

CLASS B

at CARLETON AIRPORT
Thursday, Nov. 10: Livonia Ladywood vs. Airport, 6 p.m.

(Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. Brooklyn Columbia Central regional champion.)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Friday, Nov. 11
(Cincinnati State Classic)
Schoolcraft College vs. Rend Lake (Ill.), 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 12
Madonna at Mich. Tech., 1 p.m. (Cincinnati State Classic)
Schoolcraft College vs. Lincoln Trail (Ill.), 1 p.m.

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time," Schoolcraft coach Rick Larson said. "He (Hayden) made some key saves, but we didn't really test him."

"Their defensive backline was very disciplined and very organized. They had two good defenders in the middle and a good wide-back. They played well together."

The Ocelots left Thursday afternoon following classes and the lengthy bus ride hit a snag for nearly two hours because of a traffic fatality on the interstate.

"The road was shut down," Larson said. "It was a weird set of circumstances. It turned out to be a 14-hour drive. We were in unfamiliar territory and they (CSM) had the recipe to beat us and

advance."

Schoolcraft earned back-to-back berths in the NJCAA Nationals in 2008 and 2009 and came up just short for the second straight year.

"Just getting out of our Region (XII) is always going to be tough," said Larson, who was named both Region XII and Michigan Community College Athletic Association Coach of the Year. "We played great all year. It was a high risk, high reward system to prepare ourselves for a game like this. We wanted to push the tempo."

Four Schoolcraft players earned both All-Region and All-MCCAA honors including Lobo, Lemasters, Nevill (who returns next year) and Michigan State-bound Brent McIntosh.

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KING, ILA Y.

Age 80, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away November 4, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



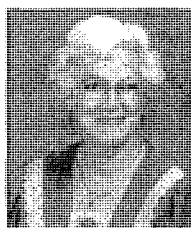
MAXWELL, JERRY HOLLIS

Celebrated Civil War historian and North Farmington teacher passed away October 29 at the age of 69. Jerry spent 32 years teaching various history courses at North Farmington HS, receiving various awards, most notably the DAR National Teacher of the Year in 1995. A historical lecturer and member of the Michigan Regimental Civil War Round Table since 1972, Jerry's passion for the Civil War culminated in The Perfect Lion, his definitive book on Artillerist John Pelham. Jerry was a loving and hilarious husband to Carlene, father to Brent and Holly, grandfather to William and Sofia, and friend and mentor to many more. A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, November 19th at the Embassy Suites in Livonia, MI from 4-9 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry Maxwell's name to Brandy Station, VA (www.brandystation-foundation.com) or to the Detroit Film Theater at the DIA (http://www.dia.org/support/tributes-memorials.aspx). He will be greatly missed and remembered by all who were touched by him.



NIEMAN, LUCILLE M.,

Age 89, November 2, 2011, former 50 year resident of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Fred Nieman. Loving mother of Rick (Cindy) and Kathy Nieman. Dear grandmother of Matthew and Molly. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 2 PM until Memorial Service at 3 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society. Share a memory of Lucille at www.rgharris.com



REDDEMAN, ERNESTINE M. (nee HARTUNG)

November 6, 2011 age 95. Beloved wife of the late Lester. Dear mother of Marjorie (William) Taylor, Ernest (Katherine) Reddeman and Robert (Sandra) Reddeman. Also leaves 6 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by one grandson. Visitation Friday 2pm-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be held on Saturday 11am. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



SERVALISH, DIANE

Age 49, Nov 6, 2011 of Livonia. Beloved wife of Craig. Loving mother of Andrew and Sean. Dear sister of Craig (Connie), Lance, Colleen and Scott Tracy. Special Aunt to Ryan, Darin, Molly and Chelsea. Daughter-in-law of Don and Sandy Servalish. In state Thurs 10 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 Wayne Rd. Westland. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland, MI. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice. To share a memory, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

RUPPEL, PAMELA LOHR

65, of Westland, Michigan passed away unexpectedly in her home on November 1, 2011. She was born on April 12, 1946 in Detroit to the late John and Edith (Lohr) Ruppel of Wayne. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and attended college at Northern Michigan University and Schoolcraft Community College. Pam retired in 2007 from the Wayne-Westland Schools system after more than 30 years of service. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Wayne. During retirement, she enjoyed spending quality time with her family and many friends. She loved to read and was always adding to her collection of frog memorabilia. She is survived by her brother John (Chris) Ruppel of Midland, her sister Kay (Ron) Bolenbaugh of Rockwood; her nephews, John (Lisa) Ruppel of Bedford, NH and their children Zachery and Nicole; Ken (Dawn) Ruppel of Columbus, OH; and Andy Bolenbaugh of Flat Rock and his daughter Samantha; and her good friend Robin McDougall of Livonia. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2011, 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, (2 Towne Square, Wayne, MI 48184), officiated by Rev. Daniel Vellinga. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested for The American Diabetes Association or the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Shoppers will find hundreds of ways to make gift-giving meaningful this holiday season through "alternative" fairs this weekend in Farmington Hills and next weekend in Plymouth.

More than 50 nonprofit organizations, including local charities, social service agencies and international fair trade groups, will sell goods and raise awareness and funds for their causes, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Hope Lutheran Church, in Farmington Hills, created the Alternative Christmas Fair 11 years ago and moved the event to roomier St. Fabian last year.

"We do have several new charities. We probably have 12-15," said Joy DeFranco, event chair. "We have the Kirsten Haglund Foundation this year. She was Miss America in 2008 and has a foundation for eating disorders. Another one we're excited to have this year is On the Rise Bakery from the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. They help men that have been in jail or involved in substance abuse. They're given an opportunity to be bakers. Their bakery items are fabulous."

Local vendors will offer everything from creative craft kits — from Arts & Scraps in Ann Arbor — to African art from Farmington Hills-based Touching Hands Helping Hearts, which supplies a village in Mozambique. Forgotten Harvest and



Shoppers buy homemade cookies last year at the Alternative Christmas Fair in Farmington Hills.

The Pink Fund will have holiday greeting cards on hand. Saints Peter & Paul Warming Center and Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries will sell food mixes. The Salvation Army will offer decorative baskets and bags and Paws With A Cause will sell gifts for furry friends.

Organizations with a global mission will sell handmade gifts from around the world, such as Guatemalan coffee, Afghan bracelets and Palestinian sculptures.

"Everything opens at 10 a.m. We do have a line out the door and we had over 1,000 shoppers last year," DeFranco said. Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, limits its alternative fair to an hour after Sunday worship on Nov. 20. The fair is open to the public and will start at 11:30 a.m.

Nonprofit organizations, such as Appalachian Service Project, Baldwin Center, Cass Community Social Services, First Step, and Habitat for Humanity, will be on hand with information and opportunities to donate.

"What we encourage people to do is to take literature home and instead of buying a material gift for some-

one on their gift list, to contribute to one of these organizations," said Rosemary Jones, fair coordinator.

Charities will include church members, such as Pam and Ron Fair, who work with overseas missions. The Fairs have spent time in Africa assisting Rafiki, an organization that helps orphans. Members of the Kappler family also will be on hand to spread the word about Kris and Sarah Kappler's mission in Uzbekistan.

Shoppers can sponsor a child's music lessons locally through the Michigan Fine Arts Academy or take a global approach by buying an animal — or a share of an animal — for individuals overseas through Heifer International.

"I've given my grandchildren an animal in their honor. You can give a goat, a heifer, rabbits, honeybees. It could be a pair of sheep, a chicken or rooster. They have a wonderful program. These are concrete things people can give and make a difference."

For more information about the fairs, visit www.alternative-christmasfair.org for the Farmington Hills event and www.pfumc.org for the Plymouth event.

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Performers celebrate art of storytelling

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

The Detroit Story League's annual fall performance in Livonia is part of a worldwide event for adults — and that's no tall tale.

When the organization's six storytellers take the stage Friday, Nov. 18 in the Livonia Civic Center Library, performers around the globe will be doing the same in their own locales with the same purpose in mind: to foster and preserve the oral tradition of storytelling and build community support for storytelling.

"Tellation," launched 23 years ago in Connecticut, bonds storytellers in spirit as they weave their yarns the same day, generally the Saturday closest to Thanksgiving Day.

Detroit Story League's event will start with a silent auction at 6 p.m., followed by storytelling at 7 p.m. and refreshments served at 8:45 p.m. All proceeds from the \$5 admission will benefit the Detroit Story League's scholarship fund.

Storytellers this year will include Judy Sima, Barbara Schutzgruber, Nola McDonald, Loretta Vitek, and a duo, The Fabricators. Andrew Feldstein serves as story concert maestro.

"Our group is diverse and that's what we pride ourselves on," said Barbara Shapiro, who co-chairs the event. "Loretta tells dragon stories and she's an expert in Italian stories. Barbara is a weaver. She has a strong background in education and does Scottish and English folk tales, and string stories. Judy is very well-rounded. She has written a book on storytelling."

McDonald is known for poetic stories and The Fabricators, known individually as "Milli P." and "Ami D," bring stories of famous African Americans to life.

As maestro, Feldstein will



The Fabricators, a storytelling duo, will bring the stories of African Americans to life at Tellation.

introduce the storytellers and keep the program moving.

Shapiro hopes Tellation will inspire attendees to learn more about storytelling by attending a Detroit Story League meeting. The group meets the third Saturday of the month and will gather for stories and a workshop at noon the day after Tellation, Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Redford Township Library, 25320 West Six Mile, between Beech Daly and Telegraph. Participants bring their own lunch and the organization supplies dessert. Sima will lead a workshop on feedback and critiques. The Fabricators and Jean Gruenewald will tell stories.

The Detroit Story League allows potential members to attend three meetings before

joining the group. Mentors are available to help them hone their storytelling skills and monthly workshops offer advice on a variety of topics.

"You don't read stories, you tell them. It can be scary," Shapiro noted. "We give them tips."

New members aren't required to tell a story until after they've logged their first year with the group. The organization offers lots of opportunities for public performance.

"Our organization is a service organization and we are available to tell in nursing homes," Shapiro said. "Many of us go to schools and tell in classrooms. We also tell in libraries and at camp sites. We go wherever we're needed."



Schutzgruber



Judy Sima is among the storytellers at Tellation, Nov. 18 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

TELLABRATION

What: The Detroit Story League's annual fall storytelling program

When: 7-8:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Maestro Andrew Feldstein emcees the program that includes Nola McDonald, Barbara Schutzgruber, Judy Sima, Loretta Vitek and The Fabricators. The event includes a silent auction from 6-7 p.m. and refreshments served at 8:45 p.m. The silent auction will include baskets with handmade items, educational materials about storytelling, books and more

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U-M-trained composer to lead orchestra

The Michigan Philharmonic's upcoming concert, "Música de las Américas," will feature music with a Latin flavor, including a composition by University of Michigan-trained Gabriela Lena Frank.



Gabriela Lena Frank will discuss her musical compositions at a pre-concert talk, Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Michigan Philharmonic's performance in Canton.

The concert is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The orchestra, conducted by Nan Washburn, will open the show with a concert version of *Malagueña* by Ernesto Lecuona, the Cuban composer and pianist. Other selections will include *Ocho Por Radio* by Silvestre Revueltas, the haunting *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5* by Villa-Lobos, and *Varicones Concertantes Opus 23* by Alberto Ginestrera.

One of the highlights of the concert will be *Elegia Andina* by Gabriela Lena Frank. Her composition draws from her ethnically rich Peruvian/Chinese/Lithuanian/Jewish ancestry.

According to Frank, *Elegia Andina* for Orchestra, written in 2000, is dedicated to her older brother.

"As children of a multicultural marriage our early days were filled with Oriental stir-fry cuisine, Andean nursery songs and frequent visits from our New York-bred Jewish

cousins," she stated. "As a young piano student, my repertoire included not only my own compositions that carried overtones from Peruvian folk music, but also rags of Scott Joplin and minuets of Bach. It was probably inevitable then that as a composer and pianist today, I continue to thrive on multiculturalism."

"*Elegia Andina* is one of my first written-down compositions to explore what it means to be of several different ethnic persuasions, of several minds."

Frank will discuss her music in a pre-concert talk at 1:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$22, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students. Call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.



Exhibit in Plymouth

"Meadow," an oil painting by Sharon Lee Dillenbeck is on exhibit, along with art by 10 other members of the Three Cities Art Club, through Nov. 29 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The multimedia show features watercolor, acrylic, oil, colored pencil and photography. Many of the pieces are for sale. The Three Cities Art Club, based in Canton, welcomes artists and art lovers to attend monthly events. Club members exhibit new work, participate in workshops, learn new techniques in various forms of art and enter their art in exhibitions for an opportunity to show and sell their work. Annual membership is \$25. The exhibit hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday. (734) 416-4278.

Chorus seeks holiday concert singers

Harmonytown Chorus has opened its rehearsals to men interested in singing with the group at its annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile.

The group rehearses from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Nov. 29 at Kirk of our Saviour Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Westland.

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Christmas songs with familiar arrangements in a relaxed atmosphere. The activity is free.

For more information, call Keith McDonald at (734) 679-1927 or e-mail him at Keithmac@wideopenwest.com.

The show at 3 p.m. Dec. 4 will feature favorite Christmas songs and an audience sing-a-long, Berkeley High School A Capella Choir and the quartet, Impulse.

Tickets are \$6; children 12 and

under pay \$3. Tickets are by advance sale only. For information or to order tickets, call (734) 743-1764.

To order by mail, send a check payable to Wayne Chapter, and send to Frank Adams, 38300 Lana Ct., Farmington Hills MI 48335. Include quantity, kind of tickets, and a phone number or e-mail.

If time allows, tickets will be sent by mail; otherwise they will be held for pickup at the event.

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Time/Date: Through Dec. 24; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, or by appointment

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Contact: (734) 420-0775

MICHIGAN WEAVER'S GUILD

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19

Location: The City Gallery, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Holiday Trunk Sale with an array of handwoven items by members of the Guild. Admission is free

Contact: (248) 473-1856

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through Dec. 10

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: The seventh annual Northville Holiday Art Market includes hand-crafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media for sale by well-known local artists. Hours for the market are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, on "First Fridays" only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m.

Coming up: An Antiques and Fine Arts Appraisal clinic



Handwoven items, like this scarf by Andrea Anderson, will be for sale at the annual Michigan Weaver's Guild exhibit Nov. 19 in Farmington Hills.

Location: 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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Time/Date: Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

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

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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Tim Kidd, through Nov. 12; Chris Barnes, Nov. 16-19; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 23, 25-26

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Time/Date: Robb Little, Nov. 10-12; Kathleen Madigan, Nov. 17-19; Dave Landau, Nov. 25-26; Alex Ortiz, Nov. 30-Dec. 3

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Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

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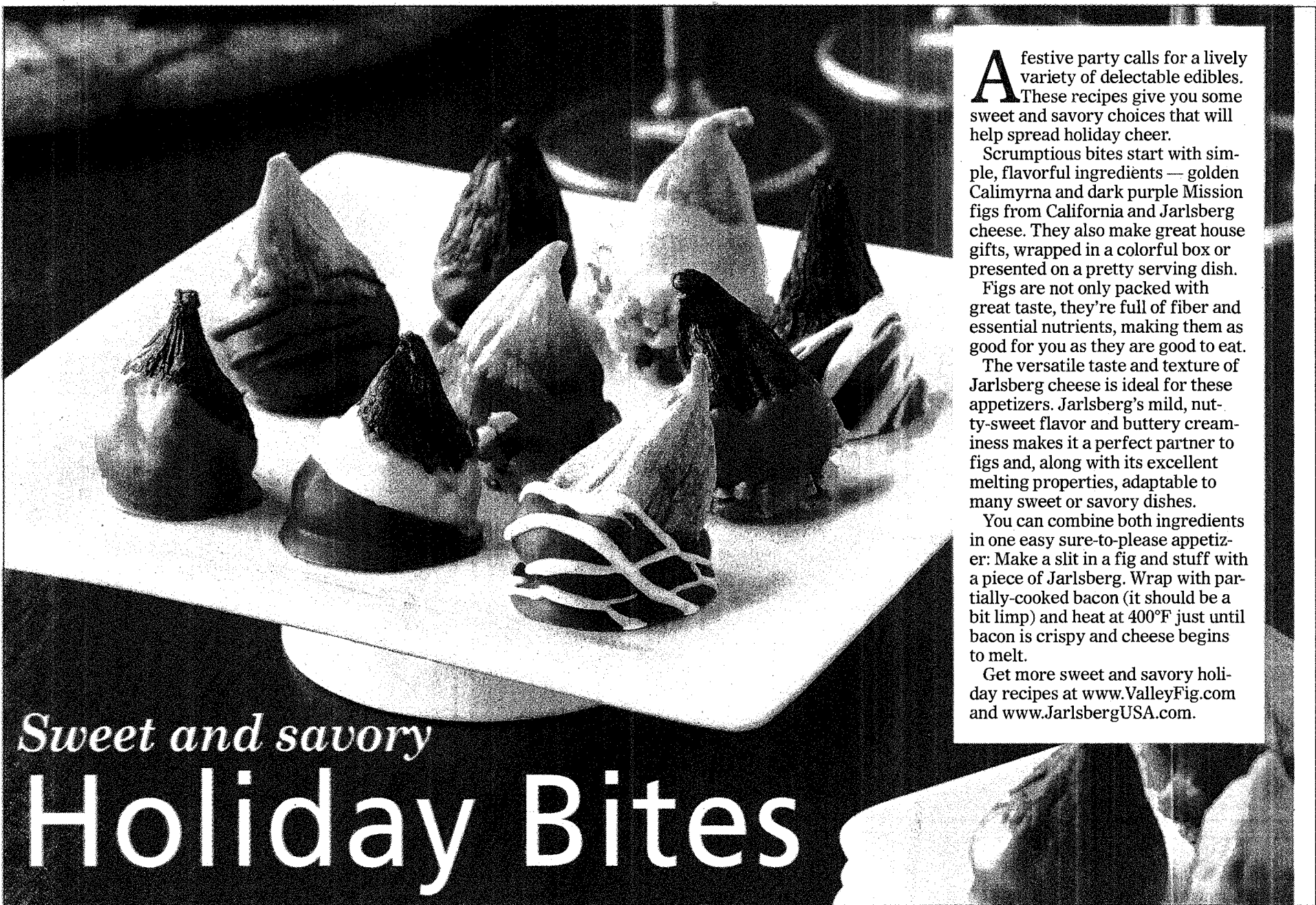
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Sweet and savory Holiday Bites



Fig Cranberry Bars with Caramel Drizzle

Cut into 32 bars

- 1 cup cranberries, fresh or frozen
- 2 tablespoons plus $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar, divided
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 cups old-fashioned oats
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup packed light brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup butter, melted
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups chopped figs
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped, toasted walnuts
- 1 cup caramel ice cream topping

In small bowl combine cranberries and 2 tablespoons granulated sugar; set aside.

In medium bowl stir together 2 cups flour, oats, brown sugar, remaining granulated sugar and baking soda. Stir in butter. Reserve 1 cup crumb mixture.

Press remaining crumb mixture in bottom of 13- by 9-inch baking pan. Bake in 350°F oven for 15 minutes.

Stir figs and walnuts into cranberries and sprinkle evenly over crust. Stir together caramel topping and remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour; drizzle over fruits and nuts. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture.

Bake for additional 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool in pan on wire rack.

Chocolate-Dipped Stuffed Figs

Makes 15 figs

- 15 figs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brandy (or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water mixed with $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla extract)
- 15 to 30 small pieces candied ginger, toasted nuts or chocolate
- 5 to 6 ounces semisweet, bittersweet or premium white chocolate, chopped

With sharp knife, cut small slit in bottom of each fig.

In small saucepan, heat sugar and water over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Stir in brandy and figs. Bring to a boil over high heat then reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. Drain figs, cool and dry thoroughly.

Stuff one or two pieces of ginger, nuts and/or chocolate into each fig.

Place chopped chocolate in 1-cup glass measuring cup or small microwave-safe bowl. Heat on medium/50 percent power until almost melted, stirring after every 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. Remove from oven and stir until melted.

Hold stem of each fig and dip in melted chocolate. Place figs, stems up, on wax paper-lined tray until chocolate sets. Decorate with white chocolate or nuts, as desired.

Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

Savory Jarlsberg Thumbprints with Fig-Pepper Jelly

Makes 40 cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 large egg yolks
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded Jarlsberg cheese
- 1 cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups finely chopped, toasted pecans or unblanched almonds
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped, stemmed figs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hot pepper jelly (red or green)

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Place butter in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Beat in egg yolks. On low speed, gradually beat in flour. Stir in Jarlsberg, Parmesan and nuts.

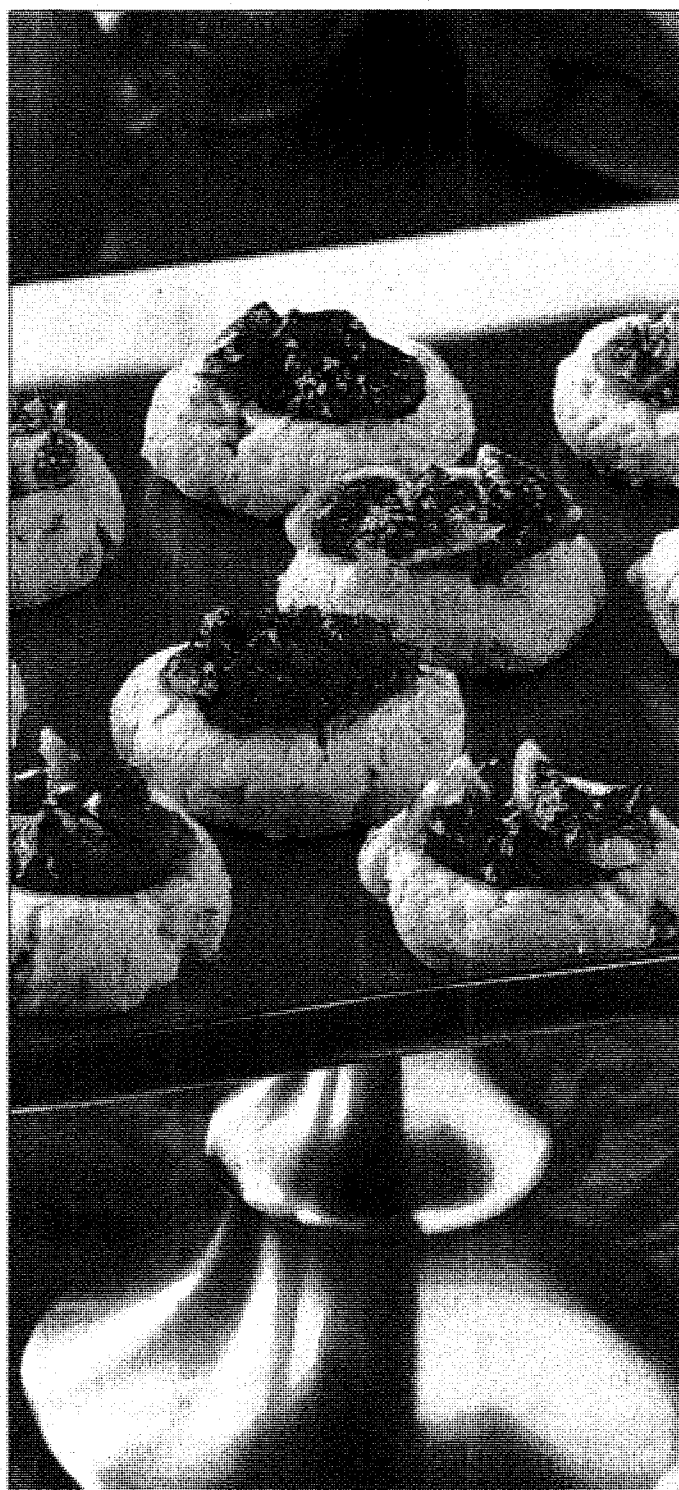
Divide dough into 4 equal portions. Wrap 3 in wax paper or plastic wrap and chill. On work surface, form remaining portion of dough into 10 ($1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch) balls.

Place balls, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart, on ungreased baking sheet. With thumb or back of wooden spoon, make $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch indentation in center of each cookie. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown. If needed, press back of teaspoon into cookies to re-form indentations. Remove cookies to wire rack to cool.

Repeat shaping and baking with remaining dough.

To serve, in small bowl, stir together figs and jelly. Fill each cookie with about 1 teaspoon fig-pepper jelly.

Make ahead note: Dough can be prepared 1 to 2 days ahead. Form dough into $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch cylinder, wrap airtight and chill or freeze for longer storage. Baked cookies can be stored unfilled, in airtight container for 2 days or frozen. To re-crisp, place on baking sheet in 350°F oven for 2 to 4 minutes. Cool. Fill with fig-pepper jelly as directed.



Jarlsberg, Ham and Herb Swirls

Makes about 26 swirls

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry (half of 17.3-ounce package), thawed
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard (optional)
- 3 tablespoons thinly sliced green onion
- 1 tablespoon dried basil or thyme leaves
- 1 cup (4 ounces) finely shredded Jarlsberg cheese
- 4 ounces thinly sliced Black Forest or other lean ham

Unfold pastry onto lightly floured board; cut in half, lengthwise, to form two pieces. Brush beaten egg on entire surface of each piece.

Leaving a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch border around each pastry, top with the following, dividing evenly: Dijon mustard, green onion, basil and Jarlsberg. Top each with sliced ham, cutting to fit in a single layer within border.

Starting at the long ends, carefully roll up each pastry. Gently pinch ends to seal pastry rolls. Wrap each in plastic wrap. Chill rolls, seam side down, for 2 hours or up to 2 days.

To serve, preheat oven to 400°F. Unwrap rolls and cut each roll crosswise into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch slices. Place, 1 inch apart, on 2 greased baking sheets.

Bake one sheet at a time for 14 to 16 minutes or until golden. Place on wire rack to cool slightly. Serve warm.

BBB: Beware of bogus loan offers

The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula has received several complaints over the last few weeks from people across the country inquiring about a company identified as UNITED COMMERCIAL CREDIT, allegedly located on East Fort Street in Detroit. Consumers are informing the BBB that they have been approved for a secured loan but are required to wire a collateral deposit of \$700-\$1000 to cover insurance on their loan.

Consumers are promised they will receive their loan in 24-48 hours or refunded their deposit. To date, no one has received the promised refund. Two of the complainants who did not receive their loan were told that funds could not be released due to their credit history unless they paid an additional insurance premium at which time the funds would be released. One victim faced this excuse on several occasions and wired the scammers over \$6,000.00 but still has not received a loan.

The Michigan Office of Financial & Insurance Regulation has informed the BBB that UNITED COMMERCIAL CREDIT is not an active Michigan corporation and that it does not have a valid license to provide lending and financial services in Michigan. The BBB report is being revised to reflect the BBB's current investigation.

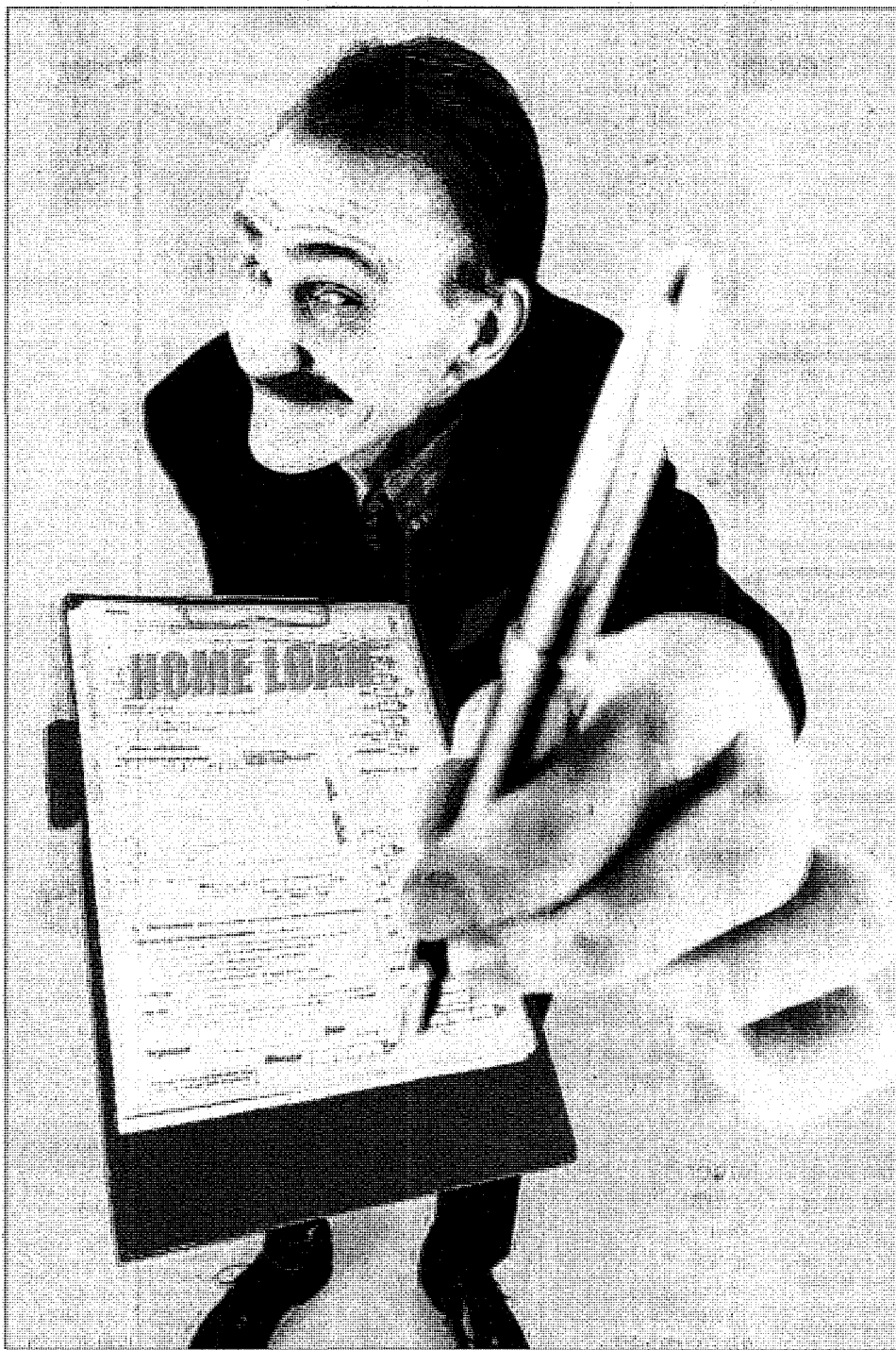
The BBB reminds consumers that advance fee loans are illegal and advises against wiring money to anyone you don't know. Consumers should also be leery of any websites or e-mails they receive which claim to guarantee loans regardless of credit. Remember, anytime you're asked to pay money upfront to qualify for a loan, the offer is fraudulent.

Signs of an advanced fee loan scam:
• You are guaranteed a loan even if you have no credit, bad credit or a bankruptcy.

• You are guaranteed a loan even if local legitimate lending institutions have refused you.

• Upfront fees are not disclosed.
• You are asked to wire money to the company to pay an upfront fee for insurance, administration or legal fees.

• The company pressures you to send the money right away.



• Written communications contain typos and grammatical errors.

• When you telephone, no one is ever "in"; your calls are not returned, or the voicemail box is always "full."

Victims of bogus loan brokers are encouraged to file a complaint with

the BBB (www.bbb.org) or (248) 223-9400 and the Michigan Attorney General's Office at (877) 765-8388. While the chance of recovering the payment fee is minimal, victims can provide information to help BBBs warn consumers and assist government investigations.

Finding recourse for a hoarder

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: What do we do with someone who is hoarding all kinds of junk in their condominium unit, including a situation which is causing mold, animal waste, vermin and a potential fire hazard?

A: It is, of course, a difficult problem, but most of the time your condominium documents allow for recourse by the association. Obviously you need to identify the problem and the association's obligation, if any, to deal with it. You need to request access with a board representative and an outside expert to scope the problem. You need to deliver the scope to the co-owner and give them a date certain to have the place cleared out or restored, if applicable. Upon the co-owner's failure to remove the stuff and restore it, if applicable by the date certain, after notice



Robert Meisner

to the co-owner the association's expert should have the stuff removed and the work done, if at all possible, upon the advice of counsel. If you need an

Injunctive Order from the court, you will have to start a lawsuit. You may also want to consider contacting local social service agencies to determine whether or not there is a psychological problem with the "co-owner." Obviously, if the owner does not remove the materials, you may have the right under the documents to do so without liability to the association, its managers, directors, etc. On the other hand, you may have to get a Injunctive Order and hopefully recover all costs, expenses and legal fees from the co-owner.

Q: Can you give me some information concerning the insurance requirements which FHA is now requiring of homeowner and condominium associations?

A: For all new and established projects with more than 20 units, the homeowner's association is required to obtain and maintain an Employee Dishonesty-Fidelity Bond Insurance. The association must maintain this insurance for all officers, directors of the association and all other persons handling or are responsible for funds administered by the association. The coverage must be no less than the sum equal to three months aggregate assessments in all units plus reserve funds unless a state law mandates that a greater amount of required insurance. If the homeowner's association engages the services of a management company, the Homeowner's Association must require the management company to maintain the insurance coverage for its officers, employees and agents handling or are responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of, the homeowner's association. The required coverage must meet the following requirements:

1. Must name the owner's association as an obligee;
2. Must be an amount not less than the estimated maximum of funds, including reserve funds, in the custody of the owner's association or managing agent at any given time during the term of each bond;
3. In no event may the aggregate amount of such bonds be less than a sum equal to three months aggregate assessments in all units plus reserve funds unless state law requires a maximum amount of required coverage.

Obviously, it is important that you review this requirement with your attorney to make sure that your association is in compliance.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 1-5, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

2249 Ashbourne Dr	\$410,000
43118 Avon Rd	\$180,000
6862 Carriage Hills Dr	\$139,000
39464 Cather St	\$110,000
48551 Central Park Dr	\$345,000
7072 Copper Creek Cir	\$107,000
41922 Coventry Way	\$127,000
1920 E Roundtable Dr	\$118,000
8401 Forrest Dr	\$125,000
46011 Graystone Ln	\$168,000
3256 Greenwich Ct	\$235,000
50048 Hancock St	\$129,000
45537 Holmes Dr	\$210,000
42501 Majestic Ct	\$115,000
277 Meadowlake Rd	\$160,000
45417 N Stonewood Rd	\$110,000
47742 Pavillon Rd	\$320,000
44344 S Umberland Cir	\$159,000
41703 White Tail Ln	\$110,000

GARDEN CITY

31476 Bridge St	\$65,000
31440 Chester St	\$67,000
29160 Florence St	\$57,000
32919 John Hawk St	\$60,000
6548 Sharon St	\$69,000

LIVONIA

36300 Six Mile Rd	\$128,000
9725 Adams St	\$125,000
38182 Ann Arbor Trl	\$29,000
34480 Capitol St	\$112,000
14950 Cavell St	\$105,000
28409 Cleveland St	\$98,000
17122 Dolores St	\$85,000
36240 Dover St	\$90,000
17522 Edgewood St	\$210,000
11017 Edington St	\$175,000
14224 Ellen Dr	\$120,000
14626 Ellen Dr	\$120,000
19992 Ellen Dr	\$383,000
14718 Fairway St	\$115,000
9915 Farmington Rd	\$215,000
17907 Floral St	\$113,000
29436 Grandon St	\$60,000
15900 Harrison St	\$95,000
37951 Jamison St	\$105,000
11750 Jarvis St	\$126,000
36340 Lyndon St	\$169,000
11300 Mayfield St	\$115,000
14378 Melvin St	\$145,000
31621 Middleboro St	\$45,000

NORTHVILLE

49525 Seven Mile Rd	\$385,000
42381 Anchor Ct	\$56,000
18312 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$450,000
41648 Elk Rd	\$180,000
550 Grace St	\$495,000
262 Hutton St	\$180,000
42801 Ithaca Ct	\$51,000
18241 Parkshore Dr	\$550,000
18128 Pinebrook Dr	\$285,000
18537 Steep Hollow Ct	\$530,000
18885 Stonewater Blvd	\$471,000
710 W Main St	\$828,000

PLYMOUTH

46701 Barrington Ct	\$269,000
11636 Butternut Ave	\$90,000
14695 Garland Ave	\$70,000
44860 Lynn Dr	\$95,000
40441 Newport Dr	\$70,000

REDFORD

15836 Lenore	\$24,000
19144 Macarthur	\$40,000
11367 Mercedes	\$60,000
10038 Riverdale	\$22,000
9003 Seminole	\$53,000

WESTLAND

30742 Ann Arbor Trl	\$49,000
34569 Blackfoot St	\$48,000
33605 Calumet St	\$12,000
38000 Hixford Pl	\$86,000
8286 Huntington St	\$10,000
34943 Lewis St	\$63,000
29836 Lonnie Dr	\$85,000
29049 Manchester St	\$23,000
34425 Marina Ct	\$88,000
6143 N Berry St	\$39,000
6275 N Dowling St	\$42,000
27608 Powers St	\$30,000
1511 S Sutton St	\$104,000
1745 Selma St	\$30,000
570 Van Sull St	\$66,000
640 Van Sull St	\$80,000
516 Worchester St	\$112,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 25-29, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

31724 Auburn Dr	\$160,000
18300 Beverly Rd	\$190,000
18166 Kinross Ave	\$162,000
32076 Rosevear St	\$251,000
31773 Waltham Ct	\$341,000

BINGHAM FARMS

30875 River Crossing St	\$186,000
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1676 Banbury St	\$110,000
532 Bennaville Ave	\$224,000
748 Chapin Ave	\$435,000
444 Chester St	\$150,000
548 Chesterfield Ave	\$550,000
2435 Devon Ln	\$676,000
1048 Ridgedale Ave	\$275,000
1244 S Eton St	\$111,000
565 S Glenhurst Dr	\$428,000
541 Wimbleton Dr	\$340,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4683 Brightmore Rd	\$417,000
2142 Coach Way Ct	\$240,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2075 Bootmaker Ln	\$201,000
7022 Cathedral Dr	\$285,000
3301 Highmeadow Ct	\$175,000
841 Highwood Dr	\$1,150,000
1556 Island Ln	\$400,000
2745 Lahser Rd	\$180,000
1170 Lenox Rd	\$385,000
7141 Paterese Dr	\$165,000
1736 Saint Johns Ct	\$250,000
4425 Squirrel Rd	\$200,000
5245 Wayfind Ln	\$890,000

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4235 Bluebird Dr	\$435,000
1723 Carriage Hill # 206	\$293,000
7969 Farrant St	\$586,000
7904 Flagstaff St	\$470,000
4085 Forest Edge Dr	\$251,000
2160 Palmetto	\$230,000
4983 Parkgate Dr	\$343,000
5870 Pickbourne St	\$32,000
340 Polvadera St	\$122,000

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36986 Dartmoor Dr	\$88,000
23410 Haynes St	\$103,000
39283 Heatherbrook Dr	\$250,000
28357 Kendallwood Dr	\$144,000
29040 Oak Point Dr	\$174,000
35746 Old Homestead Dr	\$225,000
32777 Raphael Rd	\$85,000
35986 W 13 Mile Rd	\$575,000
28341 Westerleigh Rd	\$115,000
Lathrup Village	
27610 Goldengate Dr W	\$50,000
27051 Lathrup Blvd	\$135,000

MILFORD

266 E Canyon Dr	\$211,000
623 Mill Pointe Dr	\$185,000
887 W Maple Rd	\$235,000

NOVI

27453 Albert St	\$237,000
27355 Benjamins Way	\$45,000
51195 Brompton	\$205,000
26226 Fieldstone Dr	\$230,000
27079 Ladbrooke St	\$217,000
41692 Magnolia Ct	\$116,000
41050 N McMahon Cir	\$54,000
24559 Olde Orchard St	\$43,000
25524 Portico Ln	\$115,000

PLYMOUTH

24822 Portsmouth Ave	\$275,000
47154 Scarlet Dr S	\$187,000
23325 W Le Bost	\$124,000
28311 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000

SOUTH LYON

61155 Allen Dr	\$205,000
58721 Carriage Ln	\$298,000
1375 Cartwright Ln	\$287,000
52073 Copperwood Dr N	\$50,000
495 Eagle Way	\$195,000
995 Oak Creek Dr	\$140,000
21001 Pontiac Trl	\$218,000
51847 Red Cedar Ct	\$295,000
831 Westbrooke Dr	\$209,000
302 Whipple St	\$75,000

SOUTHFIELD

21767 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$30,000
29146 Rambling Rd	\$40,000
30057 Rambling Rd	\$48,000
28673 Regent Ct N	\$31,000
21335 Wallace Dr	\$51,000

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FOREVER DOLLS: Will be at the Arts & Crafts Show Nov 12th, 10-4pm at Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Rd in Plymouth, S of 5 Mile. (734) 453-2600

Auction Sales

ESTATE AUCTION Sat. Nov. 12th, 7pm

Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth MI Furniture/Accessories Collectibles & Antiques Coins & Currency Household Items Cash/MC/Visa Bank Debit Cards No Checks Doors Open 6pm JCC Auction Service, LLC 734.451.7444 jccauctionservices.com

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

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19050 Fairfield, Detroit 48221 Fri. & Sat. 11/11-11/12, 8:45am-4pm Sun. 11/13, 12pm-5pm go to estatesales.net for more info SEE YOU THERE!!!

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Sat. 9-5pm, 14628 Fairway, Livonia, S of 5 Mile, E of Levan. ESTATE SALE - NORTHVILLE: 18036 Winchester Drive, Fri. Nov 11, 10-6 pm, numbers at 9. Sat., Nov. 12, 10-2 pm. Furniture, china, Christmas items, antiques, grandfather clock, house full! Go to: www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/230247.aspx for info & pics. Wonder Women Estate Sales. 517-256-0695

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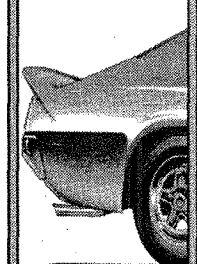
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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

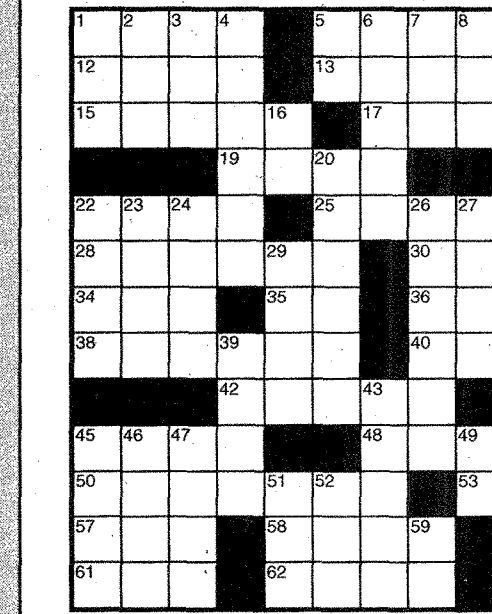
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 - Went to the bottom
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 - Not busy
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 - Quay
 - Audience approval
 - Mine car
 - Evil ensign
 - Opulent
 - "Cosmos" host
 - UFO crew
 - Tailor's measure
 - It moves mountains
 - Big Ben numeral
 - Gridiron pos.
 - Arg. neighbor
 - Artists' stands
 - Jeweled coronets
 - Whinny
- DOWN**
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 - Race the engine
 - Infants do it
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 - Calif. neighbor
 - Green parrot

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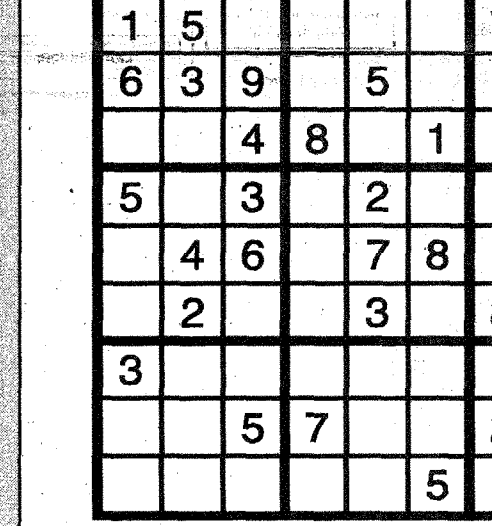
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SUDOKU



Fun By The Numbers

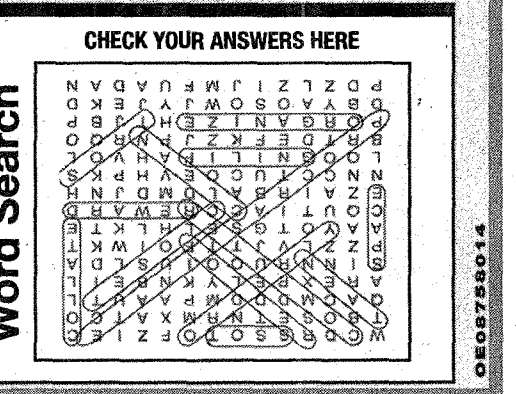
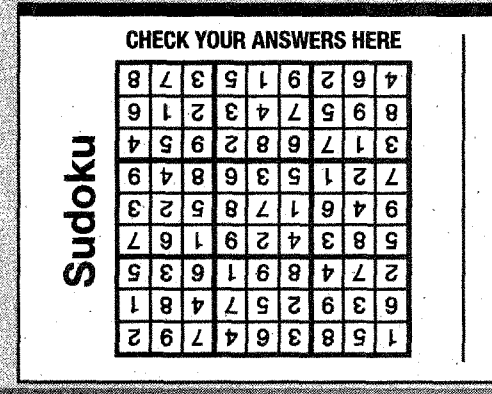
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The Classified Department of the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Weekly Newspapers will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24th so our employees may enjoy Thanksgiving Day with their family and friends. The office will reopen at 8:30am Friday, November 25th.

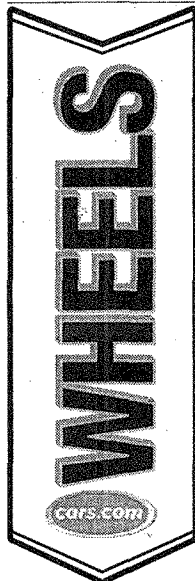
Deadline for classified advertising For Thursday, November 24th issue - Deadline: Monday, November 21st at 4pm

Deadline for Obituaries: For the Hometown Weekly Papers: (Milford Times, Novi News, South Lyon Herald and Northville Record): Deadline: Monday, November 21st at 9:30am

For the Observer Newspapers: Deadline: Tuesday, November 22nd at 9:30am.

We wish all of our readers and advertisers a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday!

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