

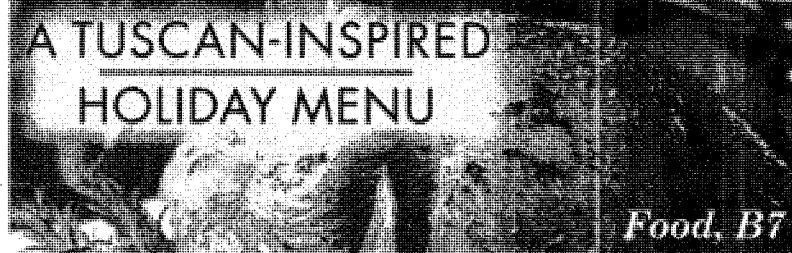


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Santa visits

Santa Claus is coming to the Octagon House at Westland Historic Village Park from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

The event is free. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Guests are encouraged to bring cameras to take photos with Santa. There will also be a mailbox for youngsters to mail letters to Santa.

Historic buildings including the Octagon House will be decorated for Christmas. The Westland Historic Village is located at 857 N. Wayne Road.

Westland Historical Commission member Jo Johnson also thanked Westland Mayor William Wild for including a flyer in city water bills announcing a recent appraisal clinic by DuMouchelle Galleries, hosted by the Westland Historic Village Park.

"The callers all said they saw it there. It was the most money we ever made on this," Johnson said.

Share the holiday

This Thanksgiving, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers want to share Thanksgiving dinner with you and your family.

We're asking local families to take their Westland Observer to dinner and take a family photo with your paper — be as creative as you'd like!

Is the turkey reading the Observer? Or is Uncle Bob using the front page as a bib? The best pics will be named the Feast Photos and the photographer will be awarded movie passes to Emagine Theater, just in time to catch those new holiday blockbusters.

Send your photos to Sue Mason by e-mailing in jpeg format to smason@hometownlife.com. We'll publish the photos during the holidays.

SMART cuts would impact Westland riders

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Until about a month ago, Westland resident Henry Johnson took the SMART bus five days a week going to his job in Detroit.

"It became difficult to get the connectors and I wasn't able to get to work on time," said Johnson, who used to take the bus

that travels along Michigan Avenue from Canton to downtown Detroit. "I used to take the bus to the Rosa Parks Transit Center and catch a connector that dropped me steps from my office. Now I would have two transfers to D-DOT."

Cuts proposed by SMART — the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transporta-

tion — to take effect Dec. 12 would make it more difficult to use the line. Currently, the buses are scheduled to run every 30 minutes weekdays and hourly on weekends. The proposed changes would only have buses running during peak hours — from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the bus would stop at Fairlane Mall in Dearborn and not take riders

to Detroit.

"They are adding riders to D-DOT (Detroit Department of Transportation) which is woefully inadequate. Half their bus fleet is down," said Johnson. "People complain that a two-hour wait is not uncommon."

The proposed service cuts by SMART would be more severe on other routes. SMART plans

to eliminate existing bus service on Cherry Hill and Warren Road with service on Ford to be continued weekdays but eliminated on weekends.

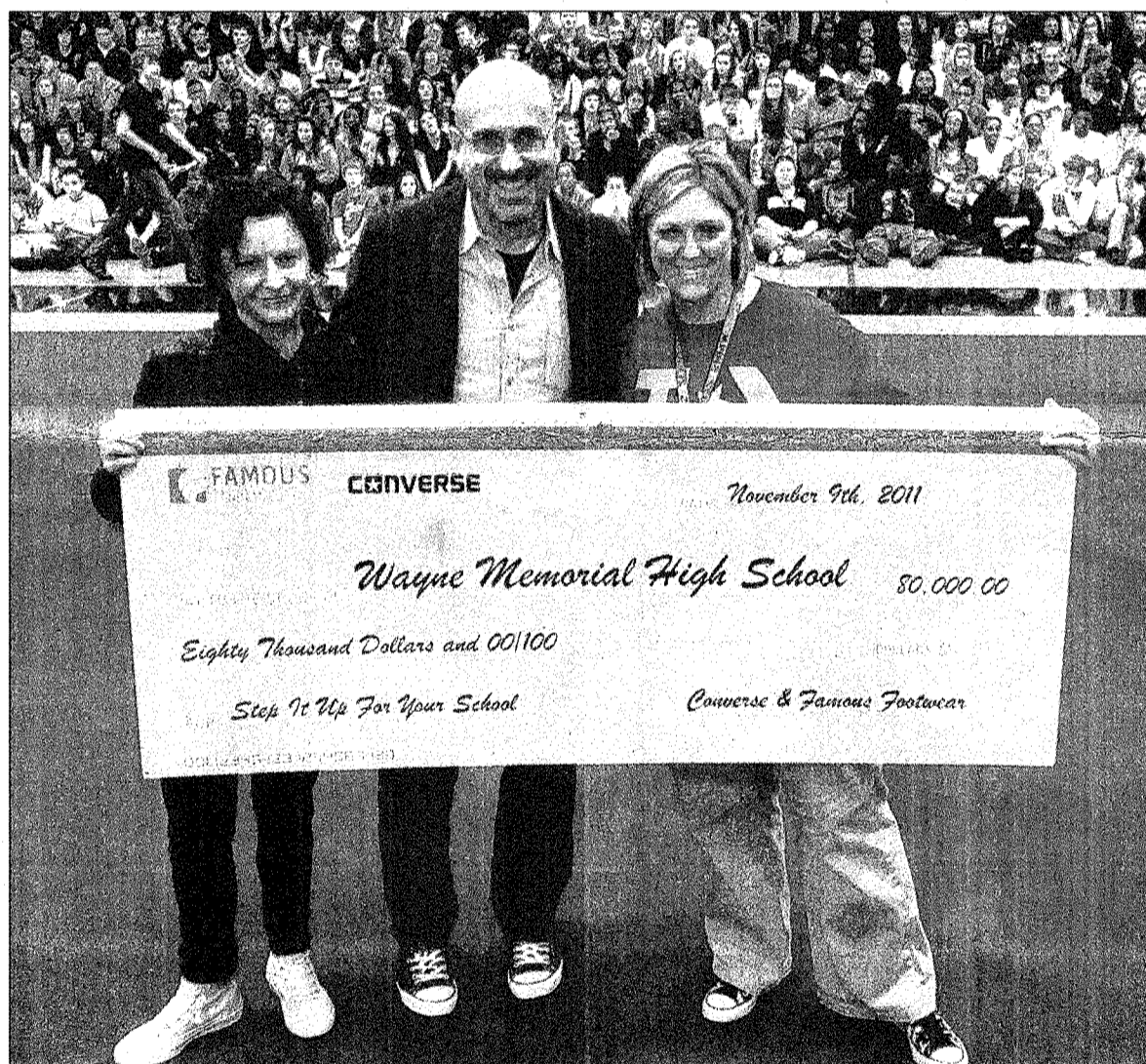
All of those routes, along with Michigan Avenue, run through Westland. The proposed cuts have spurred hundreds of calls to the office of Westland

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Money, money

Community steps up to help Wayne High win contest

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer



Joy Howard of Converse, Terence Reilly of Famous Footwear present Wayne Memorial Principal Valerie Orr with a check for \$80,000 that will be used for the high school's literacy initiative.

There's something about voting in online contests and Wayne Memorial High School. Less than three months after accepting a check for more than \$21,000 from Big Lots! for an online video contest, Principal Valerie Orr found herself on the receiving end of another oversized check, this time for \$80,000 from Famous Footwear and Converse.

Terence Reilly, vice president of marketing for Famous Footwear, and Joy Howard, Converse vice president marketing-North America, were at the high school Wednesday to celebrate with staff and students after an essay by Orr won the companies' Step It Up For Your School online contest.

According to Reilly, 700 schools entered the online contest and 16,000 votes were cast and "because of one person who is so in love with her school, with her students and with the staff," Wayne Memorial was the big winner.

"I want to get a look and a taste of what winning looks like," Reilly said. "You're a good looking bunch."

Famous Footwear and Converse came up with the contest for back to school, a "big time of the year" for the shoe companies.

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Wayne Community Center rolls out welcome mat

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

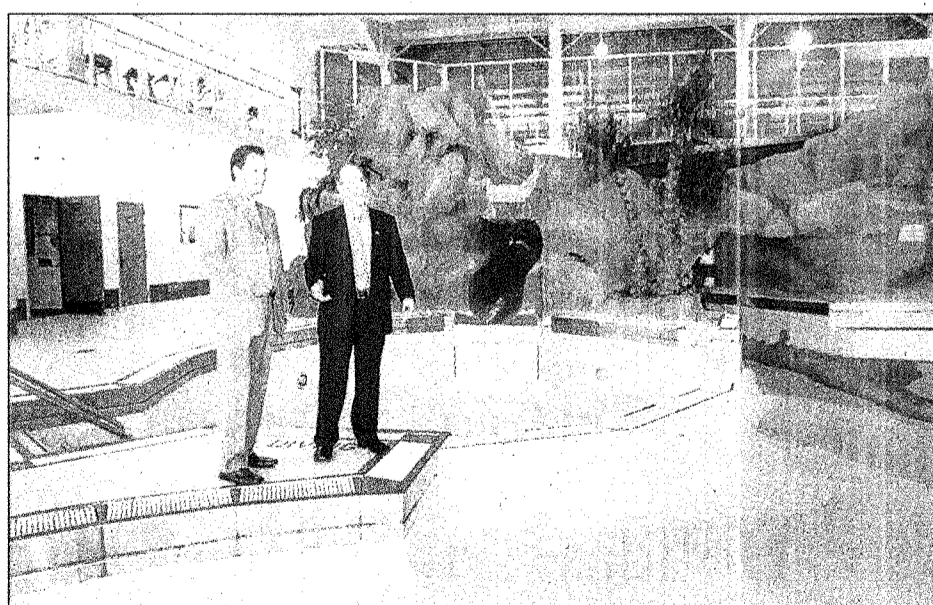
There are some similarities in the programs and facilities offered by the Westland and Wayne parks and recreation departments.

What will likely interest residents of both communities are the differences. The two most noticeable differences — Westland has its municipal golf course and Wayne has an indoor swimming pool complete with adult and youth slides that is

scheduled to reopen Feb. 1. Thanks to the Good Neighbor Acceptance Plan adopted by both cities earlier this year, Westland and Wayne residents qualify for resident rates at all facilities in both cities.

"We only have an outdoor pool and their indoor pool is second to none," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, who saw an increase in Wayne residents playing golf. "It's a

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Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski (left) and Nathan Adams, Wayne Parks and Recreation director, are both looking forward to the Feb. 1 reopening of the indoor swimming pool at the Wayne Community Center. Under an agreement between the two cities, Westland and Wayne residents pay resident rates in each community.

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"We're more than a shoe company," Howard said. "We're committed to inspiring you to do what you love to do. You have the passion and the courage."

The students packed the Alumni Arena for the celebration that included performances by the Converse high-top wearing cheer team, the marching band and choir that did a choreographed performance of *Footloose*. The students also were on their feet to give Orr a standing ovation as she was called to receive the check.

"I appreciate this award and I want to thank you for voting for my essay," she told the crowd. "The reason we keep winning is because Wayne Memorial has an extremely supportive community that steps up and votes for the Zebras."

Orr's essay received more than 2,900 votes. Those votes translated into a \$60,000 prize, which grew to \$80,000 when Orr donated the \$20,000 she won to the school. In recognition of her donation, Reilly presented Orr with a gift — an iPad.

In her essay that was posted online, Orr described Wayne Memorial students as "deserving and talented kids."

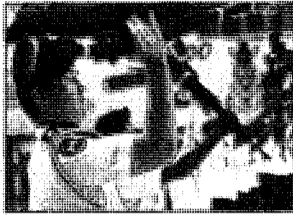
"Our school is an exemplary school with a magnetic culture that draws students in and doesn't let go until they're on a road to success," she wrote. "Our kids come from diverse backgrounds and face difficult challenges, however, they never cease to amaze us with their personal and scholastic accomplishments ... Wayne Pride shines through daily."

The money will be used



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Wayne Memorial Principal Valerie Orr acknowledges the cheers of the crowd as she steps up to read her winning essay and accept an \$80,000 check.



The Wayne Memorial JROTC drill team showed off their spectacular moves, with a contemporary sound.

for a literacy initiative at the school. Plans are to purchase iPads and downloadable books for reading classes that support struggling readers, computer software to help teachers identify struggling readers "so we can move them into one of our many safety nets."

The money also will be used to purchase resources to support reading and writing across the curriculum, she said.

The giving didn't end with the check presentation. The two companies gave out Famous Footwear gift cards, gift bags, five iPod Nanos and an iPad to students. The name of every Wayne Memorial student was placed in a drum and the winners picked from it.

"All of you did a great job voting for your principal," Howard said. "You have a wonderful principal."

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Westland man faces prison for killing officer

A Westland man is scheduled to be sentenced to life in prison with no parole Nov. 28 for fatally shooting a Taylor police officer in 2010.

Tyress Mathews, 32, was convicted by a Wayne County Circuit

Court jury of first-degree murder and murder of a police officer, both of which carry sentences of life in prison without parole, being a felon in possession of a firearm, a fire-year felony and felony firearm, a two-year

mandatory consecutive sentence.

Mathews was found guilty of killing Taylor Police Cpl. Matthew Edwards in July 2010. The first Taylor officer killed in the line of duty, Edwards was killed

responding to a reported burglary that turned out to be a domestic violence call. Police said that Mathews had argued with his wife and shot the officer several times. The 31-year-old officer had been hired in January of 2005.

SMART

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Mayor William Wild.

SMART officials have been unable to reach concessionary agreements with labor unions representing over 800 workers. Like other agencies funded through property tax millage, SMART has seen revenue drops due to property value decreases.

"These bus route cuts are not smart for the City of Westland. We've worked hard to create more green options that are convenient and enhance the mobility of our citizens, and these cuts will hurt people and the environment," said

Wild. "I hope the many issues that have caused the elimination of these routes can be resolved in a timely and efficient manner."

Based on data from a 2010-11 survey of bus riders by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, on a typical weekday approximately 1,500 passengers use SMART to and from Westland. Of these, 62 percent are commute trips. About 80 percent of these riders use the SMART system three to seven days per week. According to the survey, these numbers are typical of what is seen in most SMART communities.

In asking the council to pass a resolution call-

ing on SMART to find alternatives to the service cuts, Wild noted that Westland voters overwhelmingly supported SMART millage renewals in 2006 and 2010.

"These cuts will have a negative effect on Westland and the region," said Wild, who encouraged residents to contact SMART regarding the proposed cuts by e-mailing complaints to publichearing@smartbus.org.

Westland Shopping Center is one of the busy stops on the Warren Road bus route, said Johnson, noting people working at the mall won't be able to get to their jobs without public transportation.

"I'm a rider of choice. It gave me an hour and

a half to make calls and prepare for work," said Johnson. "Others aren't going to be able to go to the doctor or to work. They will lose their jobs. It's really sad."

With SMART pushing riders onto the already strained D-DOT bus system, Johnson said it's time to push for a regional transit system.

"I really believe mass transit is a civil right. Many people can only live a fully involved life in the community due to mass transit," said Johnson. "To reduce that for the disabled, the elderly and the poor is diminishing their civil rights."

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win-win for us."

"The biggest thing for our residents is the golf course and the gymnasium (at the Bailey Recreation Center). And the outdoor swimming pool — our day camp uses the pool each day in the summer," Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams said.

The cities had worked closely on parks and recreation programs before the Good Neighbor Acceptance Plan was adopted, Kosowski said, but without the resident rate benefit.

"Wayne and Westland is really our base (of users) with Garden City right behind, especially with the pool," Adams said, adding the community center lost many more members than expected when the pool closed last year.

The 110,000-square-foot Wayne Community Center was remodeled in 2008, moving the weight room to the first floor and upgrading the wet and dry saunas. Four racquetball courts were converted into a wellness areas.

Seniors can get a year membership at the Wayne Community Center for \$140. The cost is \$180 for 16- to 49-year-

olds and \$320 annually for a couple, with \$40 additional for each child. That membership includes access to all services at the building including the pool, wellness center and free open skating (there is a skate rental fee for those without their own skates).

Anyone considering a membership at the Wayne Community Center can sign up for a free week to try out the facilities. The center also has room rentals that are used for events such as birthday and retirement parties, showers and wedding receptions.

At a time of shrinking municipal budgets,

the partnership between the two cities is aimed at increasing the number of people using recreational facilities in both communities.

"Both cities want to bring value to their respective cities. The thing with the governor (pushing for shared services) is a big thing," Adams said. "I think that is what pushed our elected officials together."

The Wayne Community Center, located at 4635 Howe just south of Michigan Avenue, is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

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It will be "Guns vs Hoses" from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Civic Arena as Garden City's police and firefighters take the ice to benefit the Burger Center for Autism. Among the players for the benefit hockey game: for the police department Sean Breen (left), Bruce Shippe, Don Barton, Jeff Bobby, Ray Glenfield and Greg Redmon. For the fire department: Clinton London, Brian Finneren, Eric Tews and Mike Terch.

Cops, firefighters take the ice for Burger Center

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

A Garden City firefighter and a Garden City police officer put their heads together and created a family fun event.

Firefighter Tom Wincel and Officer Bruce Shippe will gather their co-workers Sunday for a charity hockey game. It's called Guns vs. Hoses.

"We decided to put on the event to create a positive event in the community for citizens to go to and have fun," Wincel said. "There are a lot of negative issues in the city with the city and state economic crisis. We thought the charity hockey game would be a great way to get citizens out for a fun night and for a great cause."

The game is 6:30-9:30

p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Civic Arena, in City Park on Cherry Hill, east of Merriman.

The proceeds from the event will go to the Burger Center for Students With Autism in Garden City.

"This is the largest autism school in the United States," Wincel said. "There are a lot of great young smiles every time we go there. We want to do something special for them. We got together with the head of staff at Burger and told them our intent on the fundraiser. The staff was ecstatic and said every penny would go to the kids."

The organizers also have support from businesses that they believe deserve recognition.

They are: Gordon Chevrolet, Fanatic U, Albert's on the Alley,

TGI Friday, Emagine Theaters, Joey's Comedy Club, James Coleman, State Farm Agent, Great Lakes Trophy, 1-800-BOARDUP and the Plymouth Whalers.

"The charity hockey game should be really enjoyable for everyone," Wincel said. "There's some great raffle prizes, too."

Tickets are \$10 for adults. Children have free admission with parents.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the police and fire departments located at 6000 Middlebelt in the Civic Center complex on Middlebelt, north of Ford.

Tickets can also be purchased at the arena on game day.

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Church hosts early holiday dinner

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

"Be around people who care and who care for you."

That's an invitation forthcoming from Quenton Chestang-Pittman.

A member of Community Baptist Church, Chestang-Pittman has aggressively tried to get the word out for the second annual free Thanksgiving dinner at the church which is located at 28237 W. Warren Road in Garden City.

"There is no need to make reservations," he said. "Just show up."

The dinners are available from 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

Chestang-Pittman diligently endeavored to get the word out and to find sponsors for the event which will also feature giveaways.

"It is generating a lot of support from the local community, including many of last year's contributors like Westland Party Store and De Luca's Restaurant," he said.

Guests should come prepared to be waited on.

Just by showing up, the guests are registered for a chance to win gift certificates and prizes in the free raffle. All who enter will have an opportunity to win prizes, from local sponsors like Chili's of Livonia and North Brothers Ford of Garden City.

"The Community Free Feast is all about being a light to our community," said church staff member Mia Sponenburgh-Schelli. "This event is our gift to the community. We are blessed by all who come."

For more information, call the church at (734) 522-3710.

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Student Technology Showcase

Students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center recently participated in the 11th annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase held at the State Capitol Building in Lansing. The students, Mitchell Leinbach (left), Arthur Roberts, Brandi Caloia and Natasha Ayala visited with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland). The school was one of nearly 35 elementary, middle and high schools statewide that participated in the event, whose purpose is to show elected members of the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used in the classroom to enhance student achievement.

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Slow driver arrested

5 A 23-year-old Dearborn Heights woman was arrested Nov. 14 for driving with a suspended license after an officer stopped her in the area of Cherry Hill and Cardwell for impeding traffic. The officer noted that the driver was traveling at 25 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Sex offender

6 A 24-year-old Garden City man was arrested Nov. 14 for failing to comply with sex offender registry duties after he came to the lobby to report an address change.

The officer discovered that the man had failed to complete a required quarterly registration in October and was currently listed as noncompliant on the public sex offender registry list.

The man was taken into custody and a warrant request submitted.

Attempted home invasion

7 Residents in the 31400 block of Bock called police Nov. 13 after hearing glass breaking. When the caller investigated, a broken window was discovered and a gold Taurus or Sable was seen leaving the area.

Officers discovered a single BB lodged between the double panes of glass. Damage is estimated at

\$200.

Break-in

8 Homeowners in the 5800 block of Arcola reported to police that upon their return from church Nov. 13, they discovered someone had broken into the residence by removing a screen and window. Reported missing were jewelry, a safe, coins, currency and a handgun valued at over \$22,000.

Larceny from a vehicle

9 Employees of Enterprise Leasing, 31981 Ford, reported Nov. 12 that three air bags had been stolen from vehicles on their lot during the overnight hours.

The employees told police the vehicles were intact when they closed the night before but when they arrived the following morning they discovered the air bags, valued at \$3,000, were gone. Officers found no signs of forced entry.

Underage drinking

10 Three men, all under age 21, were arrested Nov. 12 after a traffic stop at Ford and Gilman.

The officer detected signs of intoxication

in the 19-year-old driver from Wayne and administered field sobriety tests which the man failed.

The two passengers, a Wayne man, 20, and a Plymouth man, 18, were also found to be under the influence of alcohol and were taken into custody.

Break-in

11 Two men were arrested and another was being sought by police after a residential burglary in the 29600 block of Hennepin Nov. 11.

The homeowner called police after discovering an intruder inside the residence about 3:30 a.m.

Officers responded and, armed with the information from the caller, were able to locate and take into custody two of the three suspects involved. Those arrested, ages 17 and 19, were both from Taylor.

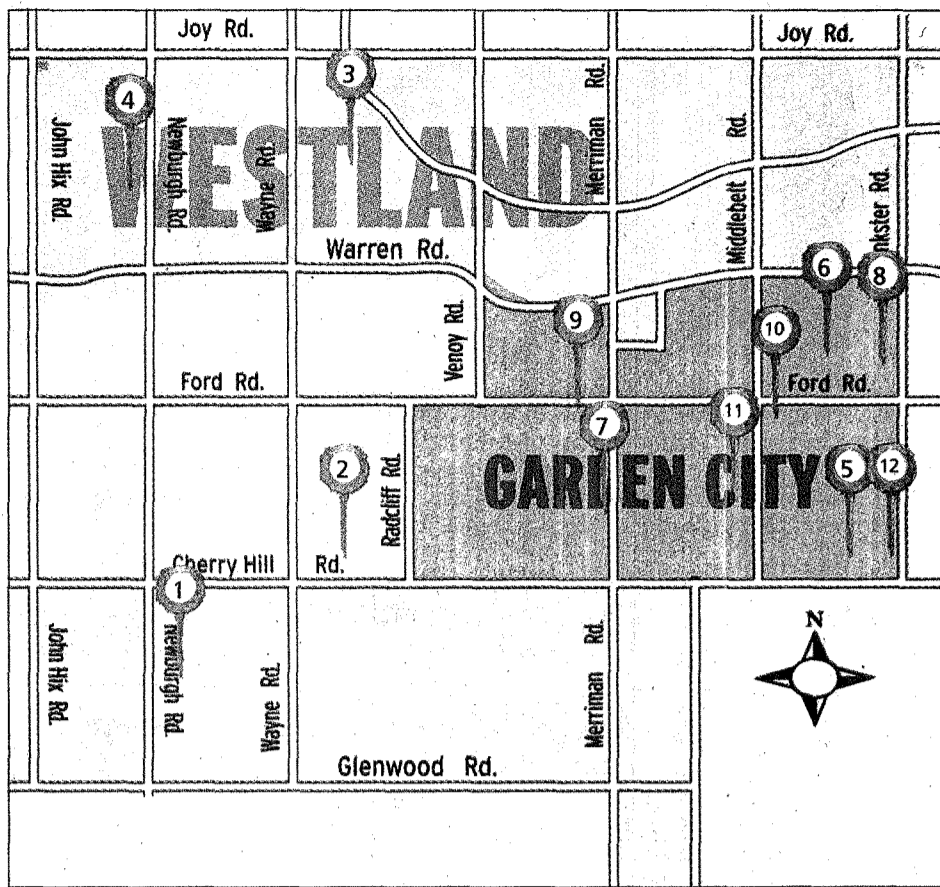
Fleeing and eluding

12 A 21-year-old Taylor resident was arrested Nov. 10 for fleeing and eluding after an officer spotted a vehicle traveling on Cherry Hill at nearly 70 mph.

When the officer attempted a traffic stop, the driver fled onto the side streets in the area. The officer pursued and found the vehicle parked but still occupied up in a driveway in the 800 block of Cardwell.

The man was taken into custody without further incident.

By Sue Buck



WESTLAND

Scrap rims reported stolen

Break-in

1 Approximately 50 scrap aluminum vehicle rims were reported stolen from Westgate Auto, 158 S. Newburgh, Nov. 14. The owner told police that he had found the fenced area broken into on Nov. 11-12. He said he had repaired the fence but it had been cut open again when he returned on Nov. 14.

The stolen rims, valued at \$840, had been taken from the back of a box truck. The lock on the truck box had been cut off. The officer posted an alert online to notify area scrap yards about the theft.

Larceny

2 A kerosene torpedo heater, a chain saw, an edger, a leaf blower, hedge trimmer and a generator were among items valued at \$1,840 that were reported stolen from a shed at a home in the 400 block of Larchmont Nov. 10. The owner told police he found the handle to the shed had been broken.

Larceny from a vehicle

3 On Nov. 8, a resident of Holliday Park Cooperative, in the 34000 block of Fountain Boulevard, told police that someone had broken

into his Jeep and stolen assorted tools valued at \$3,000. He said the vehicle had been left locked the night before. The officer noted pry marks on the top and inside of the drivers door.

Larceny from a vehicle

4 A resident of the Fountain Park Apartments, in the 37000 block of Fountain Park Circle told police Nov. 8 that someone had stolen all four tires and rims from his 2010 Ford Taurus. The tires and rims were valued at \$3,000.

By LeAnne Rogers



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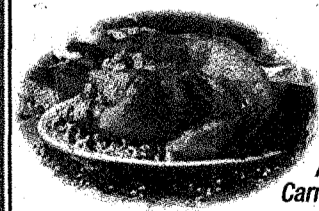
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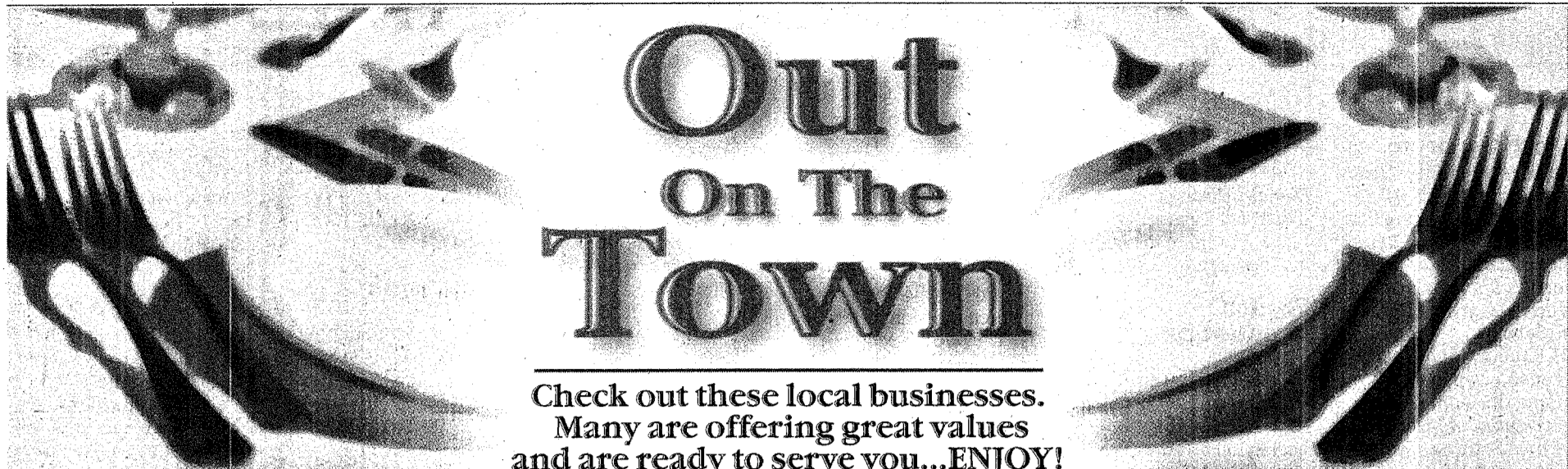
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Clothing drive

The Garden City Kiwanis is asking residents donate their clothing that is too big or too small to a clothing drive they club is conducting in partnership with the Garden City Public Schools.

Clothing will be made available to people who attend the monthly Cougars Care Cafe which will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at Henry Ruff.

Clean clothing in all sizes, all age groups, and all styles will be accepted. The clothing items can be taken to Henry Ruff

at Maplewood and Henry Ruff 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If necessary, contact a Kiwanian to make arrangements for pickup.

Project Graduation

Flood plain meeting State Rep. Bob Constan (D-Dearborn Heights) is hosting an informational meeting for residents with concerns about flood plains noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the John F. Kennedy Jr. Public Library, 24602 Van Born, Dearborn Heights.

Pat Durack, Southeast Michigan's repre-

sentative for the National Flood Plain Insurance Program from the Department of Environmental Quality, will join Constan to discuss where the flood plain lies, who is at risk of flooding and what people can do to protect themselves and their homes. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, (888) 345-8017 or e-mail bobconstan@house.mi.gov.

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 "Ser-

vice 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.

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 fund-raiser 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. The fliers can be printed from Project Graduation Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ProjectGrad2012 or requested by sending an e-mail to sjenglen@yahoo.com.

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

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.

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Cookie Walk

A Cookie Walk and crafts will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10 at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merri-man at Maplewood.

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Ss. Simon and Jude Church is at 32500 Palmer, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

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.

Trivia tourney

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW 6896 is holding a Trivia Tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at the post, 28945 Joy, Westland. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tables are \$20. There will be a cash bar, pizza, raffles and cash prizes. Call for reservations.

The post also is holding a "Euchre Friday" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. The donations \$5. Practice starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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.

Cookie Walk

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is holding a cookie walk 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10. Homemade holiday cookies and candies will be available. Cookies will be sold by containers, candies sold by the pound.

The church is located at 3 Town Square, Wayne across from the Wayne Post Office. The event is handicapped accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, West-

land. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com.

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Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

Keep walking

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer — mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8:30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court.

Return it to the Customer Service associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, December 1, various items of the City Westland, Special Investigations Unit, will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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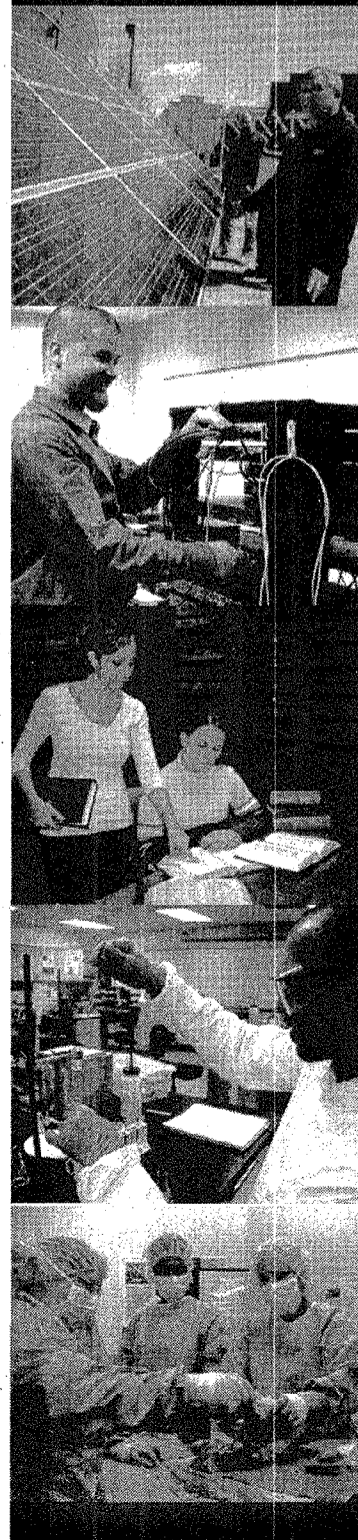
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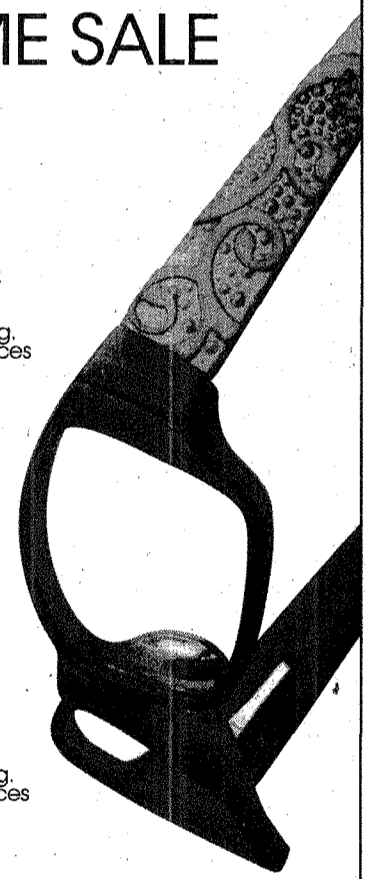
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Ficano, Patterson support second bridge, regional transportation, but worry about Detroit's finances

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer



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The Pledge of Allegiance opens the program for L. Brooks Patterson and Robert Ficano.

They sit on opposite sides of the political aisle, but they share the same regional interests and hopes of improving the business climate in southeastern Michigan.

Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson spoke at a luncheon Tuesday of the Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers of commerce at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Both support a new bridge to Canada, a regional transportation system and both believe that Detroit's current financial problems will impact their respective counties and communities.

Patterson cited a headline in one of the daily newspapers: "Without cuts, Detroit runs out of cash by April."

"It's critical for all of us," Patterson said. "Vendors don't get paid, employees don't get paid. Detroit Water and Sewer employees don't get paid, and the list goes on and on."

Budgets cut

Patterson highlighted some of the cost-cutting measures of Oakland County, getting rid of lon-

gevity pay, health care coverage of retirees and pay freezes and reductions over a five-year period for county employees, among other measures.

"I believe in long-range planning vs. crisis management," Patterson said. Patterson also highlighted the county's three-year budgets and planning for them.

Ficano reflected on what has happened in the region over the past two years since General Motors and Chrysler received the bridge loan from the government to stop bankruptcies for the companies.

"Two years ago, if you would have read the national publications, you would think that we have the dumbest engi-

neers here," Ficano said. "What's remarkable is that in two years, a survey of most Americans would show that American-made cars are better than what they've seen in foreign cars."

Ficano said on a recent trade mission, he spoke to business and government leaders. "There are three cities they know, New York for Wall Street, Los Angeles for Hollywood and movies, and Detroit. For 100 years, we've had a history of putting the world on wheels and they recognize that."

Ficano said the county cut its work force and cut all salaries by 10 percent, including his own.

Support 'a system that works'

On transportation, Patterson said he, Ficano, Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel were meeting to "try to come up with a system that works." Money remains the issue, Patterson said.

Ficano and Patterson also cited other areas where the two work together, from Cobo Center to business organizations involving Eight Mile and Woodward Avenue.

"One of the biggest is the water department," Ficano said. "We're trying to work together in terms of what is fair." The Detroit Water and Sewer Department has been criticized by suburban communities and customers for rate increases, so those communities want a regional board to oversee the water

and sewer system.

"There's been more done on that issue in the last year than in the last two decades," Patterson said.

On revitalizing small business, Patterson said the former Single Business Tax was an "onerous tax" for small business. Patterson said advocacy groups testified in Lansing for tax reform and fewer regulations to improve the business climate.

Ficano said the county's TURBO program can help cut taxes by eliminating property taxes on new construction on qualified properties. "It encourages you to invest," Ficano said. "You won't have to pay the full amount on the property."

The county executives were asked one question about what their policies are on severance packages.

The FBI is investigating Wayne County, stemming from the severance pay scandal of Turkia Mullin, the recent airport director and former economic development director, and Wayne County's land bank.

The FBI has subpoenaed records about contracts and companies tied to a nonprofit once headed by Mullin.

While not mentioning Mullin by name, Ficano said the former economic development director was the only one who received severance. "The money was given back," Ficano said. Oakland County does not have severance packages.

On presidential politics, Patterson said he supported Mitt Romney, calling the nomination "his to

lose." He also joked about Romney, saying that Romney had three qualities, "a background in finance, a background in politics," then Patterson paused as if he forgot the third one, in reference to GOP presidential candidate Rick Perry's gaffe at the debate last week.

Ficano reminded the audience of the bridge loan to the automakers by President Barack Obama two years ago. "It was done against the popular sentiment of the rest of the country," Ficano said. "I want you to think about where your business would be if that bridge loan didn't happen. It saved two major OEMs and it also saved the auto suppliers."

Building a bridge

Both support Gov. Rick Snyder's efforts to build a bridge to Canada. Patterson believes that Gov. Rick Snyder should sign an executive order for the bridge, if he needs to.

Patterson also has met with Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis who indicated that Canadians will not accept the bridge that Mattie Moroun wants to build near the current Ambassador Bridge. "If Canada is not going to support it, you can't build half a bridge," Patterson said.

Ficano agreed with Patterson that the bridge needed Canada's support for the location, and that officials in Michigan needed to move on the issue. "One of the problems is we are racing against other communities," Ficano said. Ficano said Detroit was competing with Buffalo for the new bridge.

Chamber members thought the lunch was informative.

Jack Johnson, business service representative for the Michigan Works office in Livonia, said the two were amicable. "They work together and share more of a camaraderie than I thought," Johnson said. "They are less competitive than what I expected."

Eleni Anastos of Livonia said Ficano showed candor. "He reminded us of some of the good news that is going on, some of the development and the good things that are happening, that we are responsible for the engineering and so many things in the world."

Farmington Chamber member Alicia Douglas, executive vice president of Special Days Camp in Ann Arbor, said both officials brought perspective to business ownership in their respective counties. "Oakland County is smaller business, while Wayne County is large business," Douglas said.

Douglas was impressed with Patterson's planning of the budget over three years and use of his best appointees in tackling the budget problems and work to help businesses.

"I didn't realize that he still has his business roundtable," Douglas said. "He keeps his best people and he listens to their advice."

Steve Saules, Livonia Chamber member and assistant vice president of KeyBank, said he enjoyed listening to them so he could compare and contrast their strategies. Both officials cooperate, Saules said.

"They can learn from each other," Saules said.

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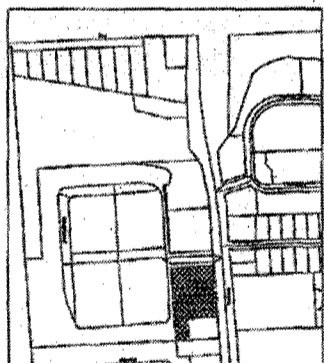
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1390B, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Retail Pharmacy, 8301 N. Wayne Road, Woodcrest Plaza, West Side of Wayne Road, South of Joy Road, Parcel #014-99-0022-003, Essa Mashni (Frank Dabaja)



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., December 6, 2011.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

KENNETH B. SHARP, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 23 11/7/11

- Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
- 188: Appr: minutes of regular meeting held 10/17/11.
 - Appr. req. from Texas Roadhouse to set up trailer in their parking lot from 11/25 thru 12/29/10.
 - Appr. co-bid for bulk road salt to Detroit Salt: amt.; early fill @ \$45.93 per ton, late fill @ 46.09 per ton.
 - Placement of board-up fees on 2011 winter tax bills.
 - Intro Ord. 5-A-B, to amend Ch. 50, Art. II, Sec. 50-36, 50-38, & 50-39 of the Westland City Code to adopt International Fire Prevention Code as amended.
 - Adopt Ord. 254-B to amend Ch. 34, Art. II of the Westland City Code to amend Sec. 34-32, 34-35, & 34-36 to address payments in lieu of taxes by Federally Assisted Housing Developments.
 - Adopted Prep. Res. approving disposition of 1 property to Habitat for Humanity.
 - Adopted prep Res. opposing proposed SMART bus cuts.
 - 191: Appr. Deputy Fire Chief's Pay at 100%.
 - 192: Appr'd R. Millard to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr. term to exp. 9/2/14.
 - 194: Appr'd B. Cameron as ZBA Alt. Commissioner to fill unexp. 3 yr. term to exp. 5/12/13.
 - 195: Appr. checklist: \$ 417, 789.06 & Prepaid: \$2, 864,200.03.
- Mtg. adj. at 8:02 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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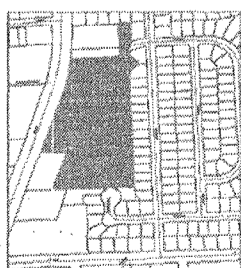
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1530G, Public Hearing for Proposed Mechanical Amusement Devices License, MJR Theater, 6800 N Wayne Road, East Side of Wayne Road, South of Warren Road, Parcel #034-99-0003-705, (Dennis Redmer)



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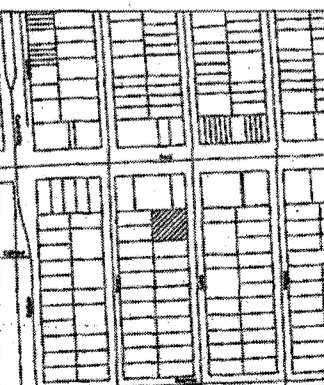
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2142B, Proposed Land Division, 2055 N Berry, Parcels #045-01-0380-000, West Side of Berry, South of Ford Road, West of Wayne Road, Hassan Barakat.



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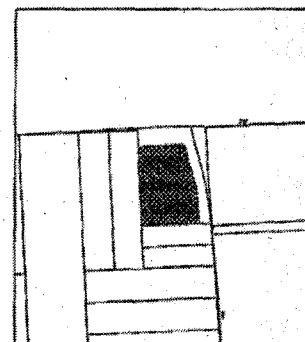
A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2182, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Dining Room Addition to Mangia Pizza & Catering, 38411 Joy Road, Parcel #022-99-0009-003, SW Corner of Joy Road and Hix Road (Frank J. Chiemento Jr.).

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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission



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Zoo to make orphaned cubs feel right at home

By Sandra Armbruster
Eccentric Staff Writer

ROYAL OAK — If three orphaned grizzly bear cubs from Alaska could sing, they might find harmony in crooning "I'll be home for Christmas."

And with good reason. The three cubs, who at 10 months are about 2 1/2 feet tall and weigh 125 pounds each, will soon be on their way to a new home at the Detroit Zoo.

The three were orphaned in October when their mother was shot and killed by a poacher, according to Patricia Mills Janeway, communications director for the zoo.

The cubs, who won't have names until they arrive at the Detroit Zoo, were rescued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game after they were spotted rummaging for food in a residential area. The bears are being cared for at Anchorage's Alaska Zoo and are scheduled to arrive in Detroit in a couple of weeks — just in time for Christmas.

The AFAG department sought out the Detroit Zoo, since it was feared that the cubs would not be able to survive an Alaskan winter. Cubs are usually cared for by their mothers until they are 3 years old, according to the zoo.

"It's tragic that the cubs' mother was killed. We will take good care of them," said Ron Kagan, Detroit Zoological Society executive director.

Known for its grayish — or grizzled — tips of its fur, the grizzly bear is listed as threatened under the Endangered



PHOTOS BY JOHN GOMES/ALASKA ZOO.

Three orphaned grizzly bear cubs will be coming from Anchorage to find a new home at the Detroit Zoo.

Species Act. Only about 1,000 remain in the continental U.S. Grizzlies still roam the wilds of Canada and Alaska, according to the zoo.

So how do you get 375 pounds of wriggling bears from Anchorage to Royal Oak? After all, web site estimates of the distance between the two range from 2,922 to 3,865. And one site said it would take 60 hours to drive that distance, then added that it would probably take far longer.

Any way you count it, that's a long time to have a bear sitting in the back seat. They may not ask, "Are we there yet?" but they no doubt have a way of getting their message across.

Well, not to worry. The two zoos have that all figured out.

"The cubs will arrive in a couple of weeks via FedEx! No kidding; they'll be transported on a Federal Express aircraft out of Anchorage," Janeway said. She didn't mention whether they would be traveling business class or coach.

Once they arrive, they will be held in quarantine

for 30 days before public viewing is allowed, according to the zoo.

The cubs may have a welcoming party for them at the zoo in the form of two other grizzlies, both of whom were relocated twice in the wild before arriving at the Zoo as 2 year olds.

Female Kintla, 27, was captured by Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in 1986 after showing interest in the area's honey industry, frequently "inspecting" the beehives. Male Lakota, 26, arrived at the Zoo from Wyoming in 1987 after being deemed a public threat at Yellowstone National Park and being captured by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Yet to be decided is how to pay for the bears' care.

"We are considering the possibility of a fundraising appeal for their care; regardless, rescuing animals is part of our mission of celebrating and saving wildlife," Janeway said.

Any den mothers out there want to help?

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at the Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunt-

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ORDINANCE NO. 254-B

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE II, OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 34-32, 34-35 AND 34-36 TO ADDRESS PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES BY FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

Section 1. That Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-32 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to define the terms "Annual shelter rent", "HUD" and "Sponsor" as follows:

"Annual shelter rent means the total collections during an agreed annual period from or on behalf of all occupants of a housing development representing rent or occupancy charges, exclusive of charges for gas, electricity, heat, or other utilities furnished to the occupants.

HUD means the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or any of its subdivisions.

Sponsor means persons or entities which have applied to the authority or HUD for an authority aided or federally aided mortgage loan to finance a housing development."

Section 2. That all other definitions that are contained in Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-32 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-35 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"A resolution of the city council granting tax-exempt status, as provided in this article, shall be adopted for each housing development qualified under the terms and provisions of this article. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15(a)(5) of the Act to the contrary, a contract between the city and the sponsor, with the authority and/or HUD as third party beneficiary under the contract, to provide tax exemption and accept payments in lieu of taxes, as previously described in this article, is effectuated by enactment of such a resolution by the city council."

Section 4. That Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-36 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"The service charge in lieu of taxes as determined under this article shall be payable in the same manner as general property taxes are payable to the city, except that the annual payment shall be paid on or before February 28 of each year commencing in the calendar year following the year in which the certificate of occupancy for the first residential unit is issued by the city in the case of new construction or commencement of rehabilitation in the case of rehabilitation."

Section 5. That all other provisions of this Chapter of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 8. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

ADOPTED: November 7, 2011
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Roperti's turkeys a Thanksgiving tradition

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

In the late 1940s, Tom Roperti owned land in Livonia near Five Mile and Levan.

Roperti fed and raised cattle, and sold milk to a large dairy from that era.

"He was selling milk to Twin Pines, but it was too much work for him so he sold the cattle," said Christine Roperti, Tom's daughter.

A conversation during a card game with a friend led to another idea. "My dad asked his friend, 'Rocco, what am I going to do?' and Rocco said, 'Why not raise a few turkeys?'"

So in 1948 Roperti bought 50 turkeys and sold them to friends and family. That led to the sale of 100 the next year, then 200 the year after that.

Sixty three years after those first turkey sales, Christine Roperti continues to raise and harvest turkeys.

Thanksgiving business

Last year, the farm ran out of turkeys for Christmas, so Roperti ordered more turkeys this year, up to 4,000. "We usually have about 200 left after Thanksgiving, but we only had 20 last year," she said.

The business remains a family affair, including grandchildren, similar to when Christine worked with her parents, Tom and Mary Roperti, as a 13-year-old.

Family members involved in the business include Roperti's husband Wesley Bates, who takes a month off of his job at Detroit Body at this time of year; son Tommy Roperti and his wife, Ferida; son Tony Skrabut, and his wife, Tricia; grandchildren Patrick Skrabut, 18, Brittany Skrabut, 17, Murita Roperti, 10, and Maverick Roperti, 8.

The grandchildren help with everything from taking orders to bagging the smoked turkeys, Christine said. "They're all good kids," she said. "I love 'em to death."

Roperti learned a lot from her father, particularly "being honest and having a good product," Roperti said. "And giving is probably the most important thing. I learned from him that the more you give, the more that act of giving seems to give back."

Roperti buys the turkeys from a man who gets them a day old from a hatchery and feeds them until they are 9 weeks old. The turkeys are shipped to Roperti the last week in August.

The turkeys walk around the five acres of the Roperti Turkey Farm on Five Mile Road. The wide open space allowing the turkeys a "free range" and the feed mix of corn, oats and wheat give the turkey meat its juicy texture, Roperti said.

"If you feed an animal properly, whether it is a lamb, pig or cow, it will be juicy, flavorful and tasty from what it's been eating," Roperti said. The mix is purchased from the Ida Co-op in Ida, Mich.

Roperti had to raise her prices this year up to \$3.29 per pound for the 18- to 27- pound hen turkeys and 32- to 40-pound tom turkeys. Smoked turkeys cost \$4.99 a pound.

"Corn has gone up 103 percent since 2009. I didn't raise prices last year, but this spring was worse." Corn reached \$8.50 a bushel, up from the \$5-\$6 range last year.

Roperti gives a reporter and photographer a quick tour of the fenced area where the turkeys roam and very old shoes are needed for walking. "The turkeys grow better," Roperti said. "It's a natural way for them to grow." At night, the turkeys crowd around a barn and some stay inside it.



Christine Roperti's family has raised turkeys on Five Mile Road for more than 60 years.

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Smoked turkeys are already coming out of the smokehouse.

Motorists on Five Mile may see the sunflowers in bloom in the summer along the fence near Five Mile, but the turkeys are not fed the sunflower seeds and the sunflowers are just for show. "It's just to make Five Mile look pretty," she said. "It is Livonia."

Good employees, good company

Running a successful turkey farm is like any other business. "It takes good workers and I have very good workers," Roperti said. "I appreciate them, and they appreciate me. They take a week off of work of their full-time jobs just to work here. Most of them have jobs, but they enjoy working for me."

Roperti has a total of 40 employees working four days on the Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday immediately before Thanksgiving. They receive a Thanksgiving turkey, along with their wages, Roperti said.

Roperti prepares the smoked turkeys by bringing the turkeys for 24 to 48 hours, then smoking them in the smokehouse for 17 hours. Those turkeys still need to be cooked once they are brought home, Roperti said. She sells about 200 smoked turkeys a year.

Customers also request other parts of the turkey.

Turkey feathers are used for fishing lures. Soup makers already know the secret to good chicken stock is chicken feet, necks and backs, and turkey feet play the

same role.

Roperti doesn't ship but customers will order them and have them shipped UPS. "I've had people from New Hampshire and Virginia order them," Roperti said.

Some customers will fly into Detroit, then drive to their destination with the turkey. One flew into Detroit Metro Airport, then drove to pick up the turkey in Livonia, then continued to the Upper Peninsula.

Another drove from Toledo to pick up two fresh turkeys, one smoked one and a ham Roperti gets from Dearborn Sausage. "A guy from Dundee stopped by with his cooler and he was going Up North," Roperti said last week.

An annual purchase for customers

Other customers have

known about the turkeys for years — even decades.

Mary Waldock knew Christine Roperti when both attended Ladywood High School. Waldock figures she's been buying turkeys from the farm for more than 50 years now.

Waldock lived in houses on Gary and Fairlane streets near the turkey farm before she and her husband moved to Hartland about 10 years ago.

Waldock was asked why she buys a turkey from the farm, and not a supermarket, even though she's moved several miles away. "That's what people always ask me, but I know how she feeds them," Waldock said. "You can drive by and watch the turkeys grow. They're nice and fresh."

Waldock's history with the turkeys goes back to her childhood. Waldock's

mother, Juanita Murdock, purchased turkeys from Christine Roperti's father after the family moved to Livonia. "My mother loved fresh birds, and bought them when we lived in Detroit, so when we moved out here, she went there for her turkeys," Waldock said. "I guess it's a bit hereditary for me."

Waldock said she can't really compare the taste of Roperti's turkey with one purchased at a supermarket. "I've only bought turkeys from her," Waldock said.

Truly 'farm to table'

Doug Mooradian of Canton said there's "no comparison" between a Roperti turkey and one purchased at a supermarket.

Mooradian and his wife, Carol, hosted a "farm to table" dinner for six couples at their home earlier this month. The Mooradians

got the idea for the theme, which emphasizes locally grown and produced foods, while visiting their son in San Francisco and taking a drive to Napa Valley, where farm to table is emphasized at the restaurants.

The couples each brought foods from farmers markets in Detroit and Ann Arbor, while the Mooradians purchased a turkey from Roperti, a 23-pounder. Mooradian had to give Roperti a 48-hour notice as to when he needed it.

The Mooradians prepared a turkey scallopin dish with it.

"It was a phenomenal dinner," Mooradian said. "This turkey was just so fresh and lean."

Mooradian said he and Carol have been purchasing turkeys for about 15 years from Roperti. They will buy another next week for their Thanksgiving dinner.

"She gets her family involved, and she really explains everything to you about the turkeys, like how much she pays for the feed," Roperti said. "She loves her customers."

Waldock appreciates that Roperti continues to operate the farm. "I think it's great," Waldock said. "She employs people in the area, she's generous to them all, and she's good to us as customers."

"She's done a great job. It would be easy to give that up, but we've all encouraged her by buying from her."

If you want one

Roperti's advice to those who want a turkey: call early and arrive early to pick it up. If customers want a turkey for Christmas, they should check availability by calling the day after Thanksgiving, Roperti said.

Roperti prefers the smoked turkey. "I love sweet potatoes, green beans and you have to have cranberries with it," Roperti said. But on Thanksgiving Day, the Ropertis apparently aren't in the mood for turkey. "We eat filet mignon," Roperti said. "We do a lot of hard work." She also trades a turkey for crab claws and key lime pie with her sister in Hollywood, Fla.

Roperti said she loves to see the turkeys come and loves to see them go. "And all customers have something good," she said.

How long will Christine keep turkey farming? "Until I can't do it anymore," she said.



Christine Roperti is careful about what the turkeys eat.

Oncologist to be cancer program surveyor

The medical director for oncology at St. Mary Mercy Hospital has been selected by the Commission on Cancer to serve as a cancer program surveyor.

As a physician program surveyor, Dr. Harmesh Naik is responsible for auditing accredited cancer programs across the U.S. for monitoring and improving quality of cancer care per established standards.

"I strongly believe nationwide program standards are important tools to improve cancer care quality and directly benefit patient care," said Naik. "In my new role, I plan to continue pursuing these goals."

After completing surveyor training, Naik will start his program duties in 2012.

Naik is board certified in oncology and a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. He has published numerous articles on cancer treatment.

He received his medical degree in Baroda, India, and served his residency and clinical fellowship at Wayne State University. He completed his research fellowship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is located in the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy, 14555 Levan Road, Livonia.

The hospital also has several new medical staff members:

• Dr. Jennifer A. Gerteisen, Podiatry. She received her degree at Des Moines University College of Podiatric Med-

icine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa. She completed her residency at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan, and is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association, Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, and an Associate of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Dr. Gerteisen has offices at Dr. Kane & Associates, PC, 35210 Nankin Blvd., Suite 301, West-



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land. Dr. Tamam Mohamad, Cardiology. He received his degree from Damascus University School of Medicine in Damascus, Syria. He completed an Internal Medicine

residency and Cardiology fellowship at Detroit Medical Center Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit.

Dr. Mohamad is board certified in Internal Medicine - Cardiovascular Disease and Internal

Medicine. He is a member of the American College of Cardiology and American Medical Association.

Dr. Mohamad is at the Heart and Vascular Institute, 4160 John R., Suite 510, Detroit.

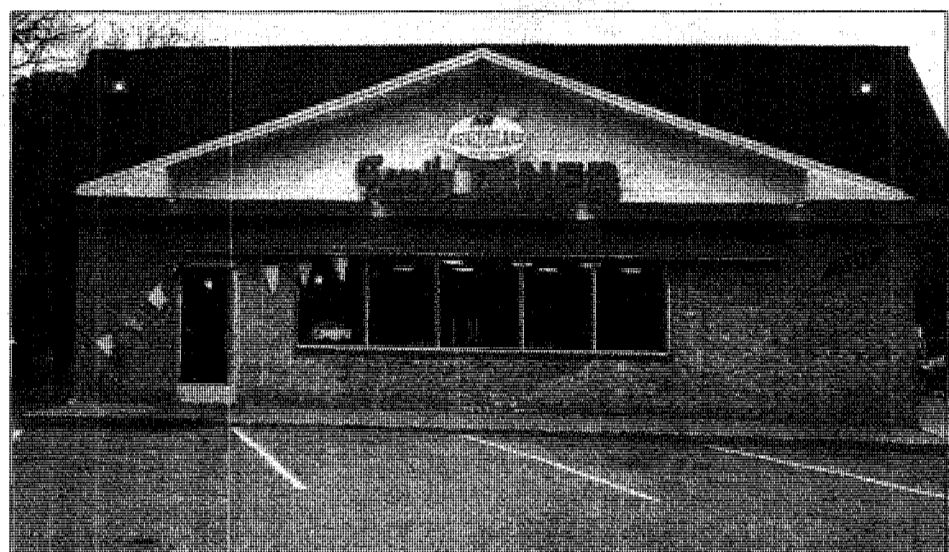
• Dr. Nicholas J. Szerlip, Neurological Surgery. He received his degree from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He completed a Neurosurgery residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Szerlip is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, and Society for Neuro-Oncology.

Dr. Szerlip is at the Wayne State University Physician Group Depart-

ment of Neurosurgery, 4160 John R., Suite 925, Detroit.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is a 304-bed hospital providing acute-care medical and health services to the community by board-certified doctors and registered nurses in its 24-hour Emergency Center, Senior ER, Heart and Vascular Center, Cancer Center, Birthing Center, Women's Center, Center for Joint Replacement, Inpatient and Outpatient Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Units, Sleep Center, Wound Care Center and Michigan Bariatric Institute.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is at Levan and Five Mile in Livonia. For more information about St. Mary Mercy, visit www.stmarymercy.org.



Nk Coney Island on Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill, is serving homemade food at reasonable prices, according to owner Osama Jouni. It opened Oct. 8.

Nk serves homemade food at good prices

A new family diner has opened in Westland, and it's a great new place to bring the family, according to owner Osama Jouni.

Jouni has long been in the restaurant business for 14 years, where he started off as a dishwasher as a young boy. He then moved up, and was a manager at Leo's Coney Island. He loved interacting with customers so much, he decided to open his own Leo's in Howell.

Jouni then decided to expand and opened his second restaurant, Nk Coney Island, on Oct. 8 in Westland.

According to Jouni, Nk has almost everything diners might have a craving for like great breakfast. It has \$1.99 breakfast special from 7-11 a.m. Monday-Friday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (only \$2.75)

NK CONEY ISLAND

Address: 501 S. Wayne Rd., just south of Cherry Hill, Westland

Owner: Osama Jouni of Dearborn

Business opened: Oct. 8, 2011

Business Specialty: Homemade food at reasonable prices

Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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that comes with two eggs, and hash browns or American fries, choice of meat, and toast.

There are also daily lunch specials for \$4.99 and dinner specials that come with homemade soup or salad.

It also has a large menu

with great healthy alternatives, like a Michigan salad with dried cherries, mandarin oranges, walnuts, tomatoes, cucumbers, cheese and a delicious raspberry vinaigrette dressing.

For dinner, you there's Chicken Gallaba - sauteed chicken with green peppers, onions, and mushrooms - served over hummus with pita bread, or try Nk's broasted chicken served with choice of potato or upgrade to a loaded baked potato, smothered in cheese and bacon, topped with sour cream.

Don't forget about dessert. Go with a piece of apple pie a la mode or a hot fudge cream puff with Saunder's hot fudge.

"At Nk's we consider ourselves family. We would like you to come in and be part of our family, too," said Jouni.

WESTLAND CHAMBER CHAT

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, Westland's top restaurants and hundreds of hungry people will come together at the Hellenic Cultural Center for some fantastic food, fun and prizes.

The Westland Chamber is holding its annual Holiday Taste Fest. Join us for this gourmet adventure featuring the area's finest restaurants and culinary artists. Graze on gourmet goodies while enjoying holiday music. Do some holiday shopping by bidding on some

of the exciting items in our silent auction.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. This is a great opportunity to put your businesses name in front of 500 people at this very popular event. Sponsorship levels are:

• Gold Partner - \$300.

Includes 10 tickets, signage at the event, pre-event entrance at 5:30 p.m., reserved table for 10. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$20 each.

• Silver Partner - \$200. Includes four tickets, sig-

nage at the event and pre-event entrance at 5:30 p.m.

• Bronze Partner - \$100. Includes two tickets and signage at the event.

Ticket for the Holiday Taste Fest will cost the same as last year - \$25 each. For tickets or more information, call the Chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Partial proceeds from the event will go to the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund.

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Get building

K'NEX, America's Building Toy™ company and Cedar Point amusement park/resort in Sandusky, Ohio, are sponsoring the second Cedar Point K'NEX Great Thrill Ride Build-Off in 2012. The contest runs through April 2, 2012.

School groups grades 6-12 are challenged to build the most innovative and thrilling amusement park ride model using only K'NEX pieces. A select group of K'NEX designers and Cedar Point ride engineers and officials will choose five winners to exhibit their creations at Cedar Point during Math and Science Week and remain on display throughout the park's 2012 operating season. Additional prizes include K'NEX building sets, online store credit codes and Cedar Point tickets.

New in 2012, one of the five winners will be chosen by the public to be the "Fan Favorite."

The five winning models chosen by K'NEX and Cedar Point will be posted at www.knex.com for the K'NEX and Cedar Point fans to vote upon. The "Fan Favorite" will receive a variety of additional prizes including an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Cedar Point and an invitation to visit K'NEX headquarters in Hatfield, Penn.

"We were extremely impressed by the quality of rides submitted by the school groups last year," said Rob Decker, corporate vice president of planning and design at Cedar Point. "We look forward to seeing the unique and inspiring projects submitted for this year's contest."

To be eligible, students must consider mathemat-

ical and scientific applications, such as potential and kinetic energy, speed, acceleration and gravity. The project is intended to encourage students to apply their knowledge of math and science in a fun and innovative way.

To enter, school groups must submit a 500-600 word description as well as a video and photos of the ride. Entries will be evaluated on creativity, uniqueness, detail and accuracy of the ride description. Class or student groups can register by visiting the K'NEX website.

For more information regarding the Cedar Point K'NEX Great Thrill Ride Build-Off, visit the Cedar Point or K'NEX website and receive updates throughout the duration of the contest on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cedarpoint or www.facebook.com/buildknex.

OUR VIEWS

Giving time

Goodfellows, Salvation Army need your help

The sound of the Salvation Army Red Kettle handbells marks the official kickoff of fundraising for the holiday season.

Volunteers are the spirit of the season. Without them, much of the charitable giving would not happen. The ability of charities to provide Christmas for needy families depends on volunteers from the Salvation Army's bell ringers, the people who coordinate the Goodfellows collection programs in Westland and Garden City, to the Scout groups and school children who collect toys for the Toys for Tots program.

In September, the U.S. Census Bureau reported the number of Americans in poverty jumped to 15.1 percent in 2010, a 27-year high. Michigan's poverty rate also rose to 16.8 percent, up from 14 percent last year.

Westland Goodfellows hold fundraisers throughout the year to help them meet their motto of No Child Without a Christmas. They have had success by making citywide appeals for donations and other fundraisers, such as weekly bingo at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, a progressive raffle at Buffalo Wild Wings and charity poker nights at Marvaso's Electric Stick.

Last year, the Goodfellows raised \$80,000 and provided a better Christmas for nearly 1,000 Westland children. Families were provided with vouchers to be used at Target or Meijer for toys and clothing, along with a box of nonperishable food and vouchers to purchase perishable foods at Heartland Market. There were also gift boxes of toys donated through collection boxes and school supplies.

Keep the Goodfellows in mind this holiday season. Visit its website at www.westland-goodfellows.org for locations where toy and food donations can be dropped off and other ways to help. Or read the thank-you notes from last year's recipients.

Last Christmas, the Salvation Army saw a nearly 20-percent increase in demand for help and expects requests to increase again this year as families and seniors struggle with limited resources, according to Maj. Mark Anderson, general secretary and metro Detroit commander for the Salvation Army.

Continuing that long-standing tradition, now through Dec. 24, bell ringers will collect donations at more than 400 Red Kettle sites at places like Kroger, Walmart, Macy's, Sam's Club, J.C. Penney, Walgreens, Gordon Food Service, ACO Hardware, Hiller's markets and the Salvation Army Family and Thrift Stores.

The money raised through the Red Kettle campaign helps support millions of people in poverty who turn to the Army for food and toys at Christmas, utility and homeless assistance, senior and child care, drug abuse treatment and many other social services.

For those who would like to give their time to the cause, the Salvation Army has volunteer spots for bell ringers open at the more than 400 Red Kettle locations it maintains throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. All volunteer opportunities are posted at www.ringbell.org. Anyone can log on and pick a preferred location and shift that is convenient for them.

It's also easy to give to the Salvation Army by putting money in the Red Kettle, by calling (877) SAL-MICH, by logging on to the website at www.salmich.org or by texting "GOODMICH" to 80888 to make a \$10 donation, enough to feed one person for an entire month.

The Salvation Army is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance. In 2010, the Salvation Army provided 91,553 Christmas gifts to children and seniors. Families in need of assistance in Garden City can contact the Dearborn Heights Citadel at (313) 563-4457. Westland residents can call the Wayne-Westland Corps at (734) 722-3660.

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

For those who already committed themselves to helping — you know who you are — we say thank you. In these tough economic times, it's great to see the concern and caring you have for your fellow residents.

Holidays are about love, helping others.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you celebrate Thanksgiving?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



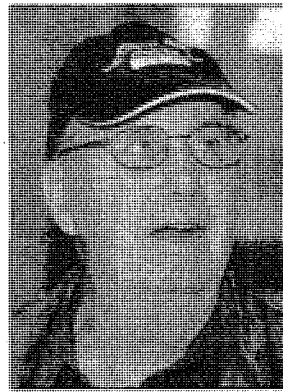
"I celebrate with the family, we celebrate at my grandmother's house. The kids help make the pies, our specialty is caramel apple pie."

Diana Brang Schroeder
Redford



"We celebrate with the family."

Patricia Ede
Livonia



"We're invited to our nephew's house in Novi."

Everett Mullins
Garden City



"Usually I go to my cousin's and my daughter's there. It's just for dinner and then spend the evening with my cousins."

Ruth Schultz
Livonia

LETTERS

Honoring a vet

The day after Veterans Day I went to visit my mother in the nursing home. When I went in, one of the residents, that I simply know as the "Door Man" stopped me to tell me with great pride that "two soldiers gave me a flag and a doughnut." He was so proud that they recognized him as a vet.

To you two great gentlemen, I want to thank you for making this man's day. Sometimes the littlest action means the most.

I will never forget the pride and happiness that this man spoke in just for this little token of appreciation. He is so proud of being a vet that next to his room's door is a picture of him in uniform. He is truly an American hero, and I am honored that he stops and talks to me when I visit. So don't wait until Veterans Day to talk to a vet.

Judy McKinney
Westland

Protect birds

Last month, the mayor of San Francisco signed into law Standards for Bird-Safe Buildings — a measure designed to reduce, over time, the number of birds that die after colliding with windows. San Francisco is again taking the lead in a national issue that can serve as a model for other cities and counties.

While it is not widely known, building collision is a leading cause of bird mortality in North America, accounting for the deaths of up to one billion birds each year.

While some jurisdictions have already taken action — such as the State of Minnesota, Highland Park, Ill., and Toronto, Canada — many more are actively looking at ways to reduce building collision threats.

And not just for the benefit of the birds. Some of the provisions in the San Francisco guidelines will save money. For example, placing small dots or "frits" on windows in particular patterns not only alerts birds to the presence of glass, it also helps reduce solar heat gain in buildings, thereby reducing cooling costs without significantly impacting outward views of building occupants. Reducing unnecessary interior and exterior lighting, especially during the bird migration seasons, reduces risks to birds, but also reduces building operating costs and energy consumption. Protecting and helping birds is not only the right thing to do, it is also good for the national economy. Americans spend about \$36 billion each year on birding related expenses, supporting some 670,000 U.S. jobs, according to federal studies. Birds are also invaluable as controllers of crop insect pests, pollinators of plants, and seed distributors.

All things considered, isn't it in the best interest of all cities to do what they can to protect birds?

Dr. George Fenwick
president
American Bird Conservancy

Corruption is corruption

There were many a newspaper sold during the Kwame Kilpatrick

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fiasco. This was by both of the local dailies. So much so that one could have wallpapered all the towers of the Ren Cen after they were done reading.

Now there is a new public enemy No. 1 and the media should not treat him any different than the way they treated the former mayor of Detroit. This sordid tale that paid an employee that voluntarily left a job to go to another one is just as ridiculous as the "Red" Navigator incident that captivated an electorate and media some years ago.

I applaud Heather Cattalo and the investigative team over at Channel 7 for keeping the public abreast of the "Turkiagate." And for the rest of the media that chooses to not want to make this story that it is, shame on you.

The blame for this mess does not fall solely on the back of the airport CEO, Turkia Mullin, but the elected official who is responsible for knowing what is going on under his watch. Robert Ficano does not deserve a pass on this mess and the media owe it to their base to get to the bottom of this. He needs to be called on the carpet in the same way that Kwame Kilpatrick was raked over the coals (rightfully so).

This is not the time for any double-standard grandstanding on the part of the media. In the same fashion that the media failed to expose the current mayor for not being this great businessman that he was made out to be, dropping the ball on this latest scandal encompassing the Wayne County executive is not an option. The media should be going after him with the same vigor and venomous zeal that they went after Kwame.

For anyone that has been reading my posts over the years, you will know that I am in no way a fan of the former mayor. However, fair is fair and the media owes it to the public to expose what appears to be some wrongdoing in the county seat of Wayne. There is too much of a story being told that just does not add up and the media needs to get to the bottom of this in the same way that they got to the bottom of the Kwame soap opera.

Whatever "golden boy" perception that many had of Robert

Ficano, it appears that the glow has been tarnished. If there is a culture of corruption over there, then what was good for the Kilpatrick goose is just as good for the Ficano gander.

Media, do your job and unwrap this gift that has been handed to you.

Eric Brown
Canton

Show respect

Diplomatic immunity has gone too far. People want to come to America because they like the fact that our laws provide more freedom, but once they come to the United States, they show little respect for those who provided them with more freedom.

These Americans who allowed and approved them to move to the United States of America respect their beliefs and culture. My grandfather once said, "Show respect to those who show it." Meaning that those who have shown respect toward you, you should be respectful toward them.

We respect their way of living once they come here but they do not seem to respect our way of living. The males from other countries respect woman so differently and disrespectfully. They make their women hide what they look like, from not just people, but from the world. And if nothing is done, then sooner or later, they will not only treat American women the same way, but they will lose respect for us American women. I think that if you move to the United States, you should respect us, as Americans.

Katelyn M. Schack
Farmington

Call the GOP

Mitch McConnell and Eric Cantor are very uncomfortable with the Wall Street protesters. Eric Cantor called them a "mob." They are a reminder that all is not well here in the U.S. They would have them suffer in silence.

They would want you to believe that all Americans back the Republicans in their attempt to destroy our Social Security, our Medicare, our Medicaid, our public education system, etc. The big push to have a flat tax by the Republicans that even some right wing commentators say will cause us serious economic problems.

Meanwhile, Mitch McConnell and Eric Cantor and John Bohner keep repeating the same all give the rich more tax breaks and get rid of all regulations so they can gut our country ... they block all President Obama's attempts to put middle class and poor people back to work.

We should all call these Republicans and tell them enough is enough. Pass the Jobs Bill. The young people protesting on Wall Street want good government not broken government.

Joanne Braund
Royal Oak

Protect yourself by diversifying portfolio

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

If you had told me a week ago that the iconic coach of Penn State, Joe Paterno, would have been fired and that Penn State University would have been mixed up in a child molesting case, I would have said no way — it's impossible. As I've followed the news coverage, I have continued to shake my head in utter disbelief. I bring this up because these types of events also happen in the investment world.

Just think about what has happened over the last few years. We've had the Bernie Madoff scandal where Madoff, considered a Wall Street guru beyond reproach, turned out to be nothing more than a thief. We've also seen other head-shaking events such as the bankruptcy of General Motors. If I would have told you a few years ago that General Motors would declare bankruptcy and shareholders and bondholders would lose all their money, most would have said impossible. As investors, we must accept that just about anything can, and does, happen and that we have to take that into consideration when it comes to our portfolios.

When it comes to investing, one of the basic principles that I've always followed is diversification. I believe it is important to spread risk out over a variety of investments. This is not only to

ensure a better performing portfolio, but also to protect your portfolio in case something goes horribly wrong. Investors who had the great bulk of their portfolio with Bernie Madoff or in General Motors know the importance of diversification.

Ways to diversify

When it comes to diversifying a portfolio, I do it in a number of ways. The first way is to use mutual funds. The average mutual fund — which invest in a hundred different positions — provides an investor with an easy way to diversify. If you buy an emerging market mutual fund that is investing in new economies throughout the world, you will typically find that an emerging market mutual fund has investments in over a dozen different countries and typically, in over 20 different industries. This allows you to be diversified within that asset class. The same can be said whether it is investments in large cap U.S. funds or small cap international funds. In each one of these categories, mutual funds allow investors to protect themselves by investing in a variety of different positions.

Another way to diversify a portfolio is by investing in different mutual funds from different companies. I don't put all of my money in one mutual fund, no matter how good the fund. Typically, in a portfolio that I manage, I am probably going to have at least 15 different mutual funds. This allows me to improve the performance of the portfolio and spread risk out over a number of different funds. In that regard, when I am buying 15 or

so different mutual funds for a client, I am not buying them from the same company but using different funds which again, gives me the ability to spread risk out over many different investments.

One thing I see quite a bit with investors is that they have a large portion of their portfolio in one or two stocks. Whenever I question it, they always bring up the fact that they have done well with the stock so they are loyal to it. Loyalty is a great attribute, however, it is not one that works for investors. Investors should not be loyal to individual investments but rather treat their investments as a tool to use in accomplishing a goal. One of the goals that everyone should have for his/her portfolio is to protect themselves. I believe one of the best ways to do that is to have a well balanced and diversified portfolio.

In this crazy, ever-changing world, we have to accept the fact that anything and everything can happen. As investors, to ignore this fact and put our heads in the sand is not wise. The only way to proceed and to protect yourself is to have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. Don't let false affection for an investment prevent you from doing the right thing. After all, your investments don't love you so why should you love them. Good luck!

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Friends of the Rouge meet

The Friends of the Rouge will be hosting its annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

The event will begin with a fund-raising dinner at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person for members and \$40 per person for non-members. The keynote speaker is Dr. John Hartig from the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge. The event will also include a tribute to the late U.S. Federal Judge John Feikens.

All current FOTR members are invited to attend the complimentary portion of the event beginning at 7:30 p.m. which includes the FOTR Annual Report Presentation and Board of Directors elections. A special beer brewed by Liberty Street in Plymouth, in honor of FOTR's 25th anniversary, will be on tap at the cash bar.

During the annual meeting, Best Friend of the Rouge awards will be presented for outstanding community volunteers and pro-

fessionals. Awardees this year include: ITC, Detroit Country Day Middle School, Atlas Specialty Bags, and Carl VanAartsen with Redford Township.

To register for the event, contact Aimee Kalisz, at repastmgr@therouge.org. Anyone interested in running for the board of directors, can e-mail to Hanna at opdir@therouge.org. For more information please visit their website at www.therouge.org in the events section.

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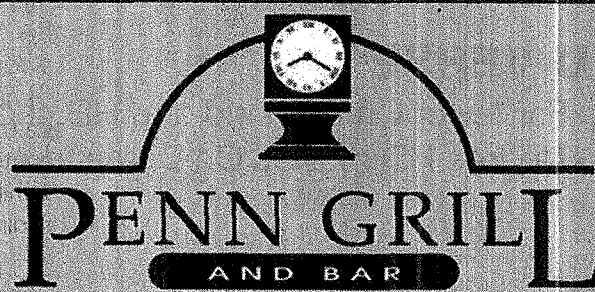
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By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There were moments in Tuesday's Class A girls volleyball quarterfinal when it appeared the Livonia Stevenson girls volleyball team was poised to make reservations for the Final Four in Battle Creek.

But Temperance Bedford had other ideas and the Kicking Mules proved to be too stubborn as they pulled out a hard-fought 25-22, 27-25, 23-25, 25-21 victory over the Spartans before a spirited crowd at Wayne Memorial.

Bedford (65-10-1) will be gunning eighth state finals appearance under coach Jodi Manore when they face Rockford in a 5:30 p.m. semifinal matchup Thursday at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

Stevenson, coming off its first regional title conquest in 18 years, ends its season at 39-13-2 overall.

"Front row, back row, we never gave up," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "We chased a lot of balls down and kept balls in play. We got blocks when we needed to. Obviously you're going to have runs and mental mistakes. There weren't a lot of mental mistakes in a row. It was back-and-forth. The

score really didn't dictate how close it was." The Kicking Mules' balanced offensive attack proved to be the difference as they were led by senior outside hitter Emily Williams' 19 kills.

Miss Volleyball finalist Emily Blank, a 6-foot-3 senior, added 15 kills, while Kayla Gwozda chipped in with 10. Taylor Foster collected six solo blocks and five kills.

Junior libero Ellen Hays, who was all over the floor, keyed Bedford's defense with 55 digs.

That offset Stevenson's two-headed monster of 5-11 senior setter/outside Kelly Vellucci and 6-foot sophomore outside hitter Katie Tomasic.

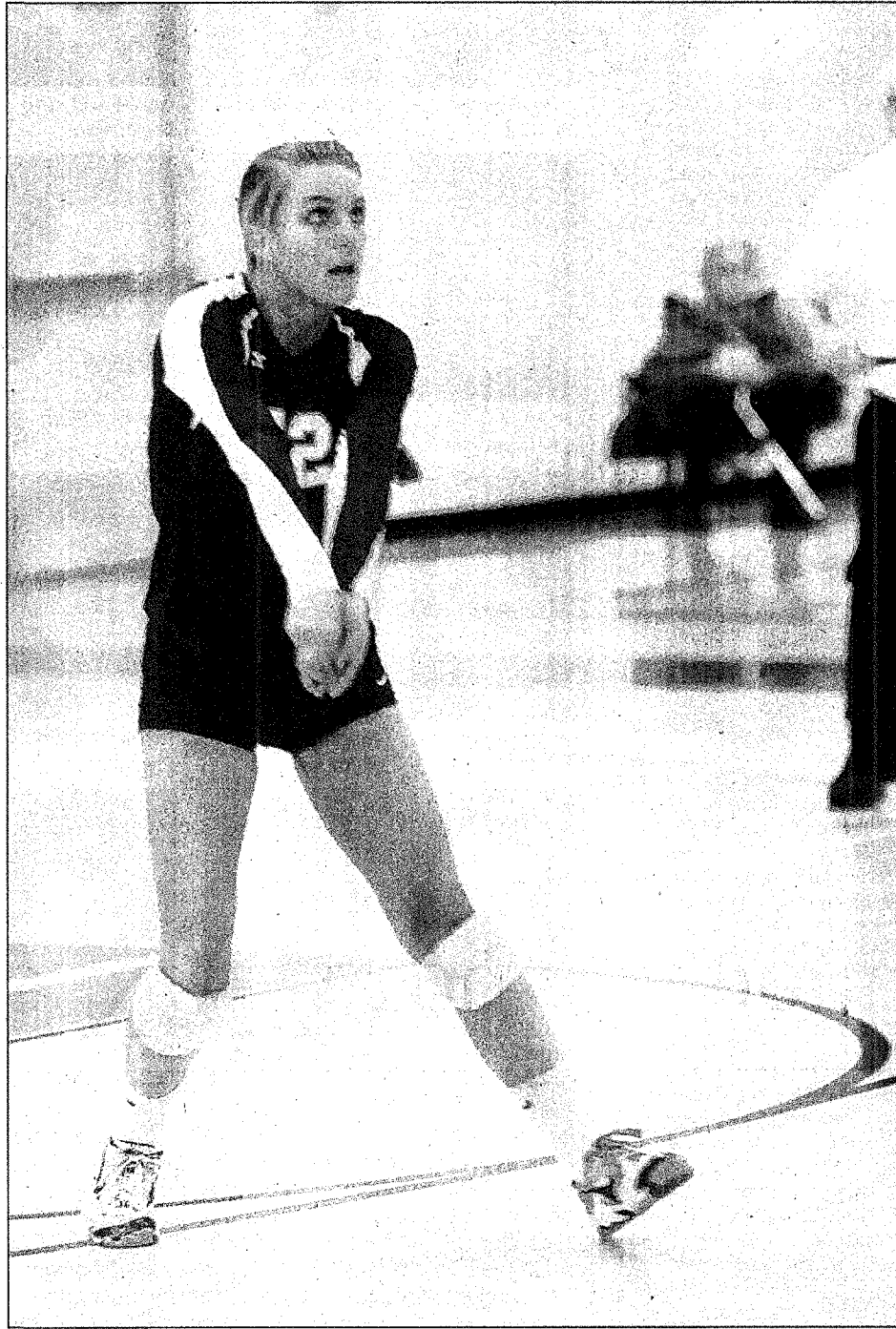
Vellucci finished with 24 kills, 18 assist-to-kills and 30 digs, while Tomasic added 18 kills, two blocks and 26 digs.

Sophomore Abigail Whitehead and junior Morgan Copperstone contributed seven kills apiece, while junior setter Allie Koesterling had 20 assists.

Senior senior libero Jordan York finished with a team-high 34 digs.

"They (Stevenson) played awesome defense," Manore said. "They made saves, and I had told the girls that

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Stevenson senior libero Jordan York had a team-high 34 digs in Tuesday's Class A 3-1 quarterfinal setback to Temperance Bedford.

MSU harriers make NCAAs

Michigan State, bolstered by Livonia Churchill grads Sara Kroll and Rachel McFarlane, qualified for the NCAA Division 1 Women's Cross Country Nationals Nov. 21, in Terre Haute, Ind., with a runner-up finish in Saturday's Great Lakes Regional in Toledo, Ohio.

Michigan (55 points), MSU (77) and host University of Toledo (84) all earned team berths.

Kroll, a sophomore, placed fourth overall with a 6-kilometer time of 20 minutes, 37.3 seconds, while McFarlane, a redshirt senior, placed 27th in 21:20.6.

Michigan's Danielle Tauro and Rebecca Addison finished one-two in 20:27.9 and 20:34.8, respectively. Eastern Michigan University junior Courtney Calka (Livonia Stevenson) finished 74th in 22:08.3.

Ocelot spikers earn plaudits

Several players from the Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team earned postseason honors led by sophomore defensive specialist Lauren Macuga (Canton), who made first-team All-NCAA Region 12, All-MCCAA and All-Eastern Conference.

Macuga also earned All-District E Tournament honors as the sixth-seeded Lady Ocelots (29-14) reached the semifinals before losing to second-seed Owens Tech (Ohio), 3-0.

Sophomore outside hitter Amber Aldrich (Fowlerville) was named second-team All-Eastern Conference, while setter Nicole Kempinski (Livonia Churchill) earned third-team All-Eastern Conference and was also selected to the All-Conference Freshman team.

All-Eastern Conference honorable mention selections included sophomore outside hitter Chrissy Maleske (Churchill) and sophomore setter Kelly MacDonald (Salem).

All-Academic prep golfers

The Livonia Stevenson girls golf team, coached by Brian Gulick, will be recognized for Academic All-State team honors on Sunday, Nov. 20, by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association in a banquet at Hawk Hollow G.C. in Bath.

Seniors Becca Buberheimer and Dana Smith were also named to the individual Academic All-State team.

Other Stevenson team members include senior Sarah Smith, junior Laura Shureb and sophomore Madelyn Ormietanski.

Qualifiers

Livonia Emerson Middle School students Natalie Douglas and Calvin Hilt, members of the Stickman United Running Club, qualified for the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Association championships this Saturday at Cass Benton Park in Northville by finishing in the top 25.

In last Saturday's meet at Cass Benton, Douglas placed fourth in the Girls 13-14 Youth Division with a 4-kilometer time of 17 minutes, 10 seconds, while Hilt took 10th (15:45) in the Boys 13-14 Youth Division.

'She gives a hoot'

Rockets' Covile newest Temple Owl

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Bill Cosby is hands-down Temple University's biggest fan.

And yet another convert to the Owls' program is Westland John Glenn guard-forward Erica Covile, who planned to sign an NCAA basketball letter-of-intent this week.

The 6-foot Covile, a first-team All-Observer pick, averaged 13 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and three steals per game during her junior season with the 19-4 Rockets after transferring from Detroit Cody High School.

Temple coach Tonya Cardoza offered Covile a scholarship despite undergoing extensive knee surgery on Aug. 2 to repair a dislocated left kneecap.

Covile, who has been doing light running and shooting, was expected to be out four to six months.

"She (Cardoza) called me the day I went into surgery," Covile said. "It feels great, I'm getting stronger and



Covile

I hope to be back by the end of December. They said me quad was weak and it was my tendon. They put screws in to stabilize it."

Covile drew interest from Pittsburgh, North Carolina-

Wilmington and Iona (N.Y.) before settling on Temple where she plans to major in sports medicine.

She took only official visit to the Philadelphia campus in late September and came away impressed.

"I really like it, I can't wait to go," Covile said. "I really wanted to go there. I didn't want to stay in Detroit. There's so much to do around there and it's all in the same area that I won't even need a car."

Temple, a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference, has made eight straight NCAA Tournament appearances, including three in a row

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Lindsey, McGrath lift Crusaders to victory

Keyed by a late surge, the Madonna University women's basketball team remained undefeated Tuesday at home with a 74-62 triumph over Spring Arbor University.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Junior Michelle Lindsey paced all scorers with 23 points as MU improved to 2-1 overall.

Teammate Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) posted her second double-double of the season with 20 points and 10 rebounds - including five on the offensive end - to go along with five assists.

Senior Becca Wojcinski added 14 points and eight rebounds as the Crusaders won the battle on the glass, 39-35.

MU led 36-25 lead into the intermission and extended its lead out to 49-32, using a 13-7 run over the opening 4:59.

Spring Arbor (2-3) then began to chip away, taking advantage of eight Crusaders turnovers and a suddenly cold shooting MU quintet to pull within two, 57-55, with only 5:29 remaining.

Lindsey nailed a triple the next trip down the floor to put the Crusaders on top by five, 60-55.

The three-pointer ignited a 12-0 run over the next 3:27 that put the MU on top 67-55 with 2:02 left before closing out the victory.

Jessica Garrison paced Spring Arbor (2-3) with 18 points, while Audra Norris and Alex Glenn added 17 and 13, respectively.

SCHOOLCRAFT 77, LINCOLN TRAIL (ILL.) 59:

Domonique Jones scored 16 points and dished out six assists Saturday as Schoolcraft College (3-0) downed Lincoln Trail Community College of Illinois (0-3) in

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Madonna eyes NAIA tournament

The Madonna men's soccer team continued its upset ways Saturday in Grand Rapids with a 1-0 double-overtime win over host Aquinas College for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff championship.

The upstart Crusaders, who improved to 7-8-3 overall, advance to the 32-team NAIA National Tournament for the first time since 2008 and will travel Saturday to face fifth-seed Rio Grande (Ohio), which is 17-2 overall with both losses coming against No. 2-ranked Lindsey Wilson (Ky.). (Game time is 5 p.m.)

It will be MU's third NAIA Nationals appearance overall and the first for coach Eric Scott.

Sophomore Brandon Hess (Livonia) scored the match's only goal in the 101st minute off of a short corner from Schoolcraft College transfer Joe Carver and Ryan Williams for the 1-0 win.

"We were going to sub Brandon out but he came over to the bench and said he didn't want to come out so we took the sub away," Scott said. "It takes one



TOM WILLIAMS

Members of the Madonna University men's soccer team celebrate their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship 1-0 double-overtime win over host Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

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Top girls harriers blaze the trails

FIRST-TEAM

Kerigan Riley, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The junior captain earned all-state honors in Division 1 by finishing 20th in the state finals with a 5-kilometer time of 18 minutes, 40.8 seconds.

Riley, who carries at 4.07 grade-point average, also captured the Willow Metropark regional (19:24.3) and was runner-up in the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet (18:55.4). She also was Public Schools of Livonia (19:19) and Monroe Jefferson Invitational (19:19.4) champion. She also added a 15th at the Michigan State University Invitational (18:40.0).

"Kerigan is one of the most talented and decorated athletes to come through the Churchill cross country program," coach Sue Tatro said. "In addition to being extremely coachable, she is a hard-working and determined young runner with unlimited potential. It was a lot of fun watching her cap off her season as a regional champion and all-state runner."

"Kerigan has proven to herself and others that she is a powerful force, and I look forward to seeing what she can accomplish next season."

Heather Smith, Sr., Mercy: The senior runner ended her high school career with a 36th-place finish (18:59) at the Division 1 state meet. She ran a season best of 18:31 at the Brighton regional in which she was fifth. Smith also finished second in the Catholic League, fifth at the River Rat Invite and 17th in Oakland County. She won two CHSL divisional jamborees and was second in a third.

Smith is a four-year varsity letter winner, a three-time all-Catholic honoree, a two-time all-area, first-team selection and a two-time state qualifier. She was named Mercy's Catholic Women's Coaches Scholar Athlete of 2011 and an all-state academic runner by the coaches association.

"Heather has been a coach's dream," coach Gary Servais said. "She has improved and become more competitive each season. We look forward to an exciting track season for her this spring. Her time of 11:40 in the 3,200-meter run at the county meet last year gave us an idea that she would have a great 2011 cross country season. It will be very difficult to fill her shoes next fall."

Gabby DeFlorio, Sr., Farmington: The senior is a three-time state qualifier and three-time FPS city champion. DeFlorio finished third and 13th at the Shamrock and Spartan invites, respectively, seventh at Oak-

2011 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FIRST TEAM

Kerigan Riley, Jr., Churchill
Heather Smith, Sr., Mercy
Gabby DeFlorio, Sr., Farmington
Victoria Irwin, So., N. Farm.
Lindsey Gallagher, Fr., Steve.
Teagan Dillon, So., Mercy
Sydney Anderson, Jr., Churchill
Marina DeBiasi, So., Plymouth
Nicole Traitses, Sr., Plymouth
Bethany Pilat, Sr., Churchill
Jenny Rogers, So., Farmington

SECOND TEAM

Angela Wright, Sr., N. Farm.
Erin Emmanuel, Fr., Churchill
Allysen Eads, Fr., Mercy
Megan McFarlane, So., Church.
Adrianna Beltran, Sr., Salem
Alejandra Beltran, Jr., Salem
Emily Bizon, Jr., Salem
Amanda Beyer, Sr., Salem
Shannon Flynn, Jr., Salem
Jessica Siegler, So., Canton

COACH OF THE YEAR

Sue Tatro, Churchill

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Michelle Azar, Vivien Okechukwu, Lauren Bernhardt, Maggie Crum, Jenna Hickson, Elyssa Hofmann, Erica Krupsky, Sediqa Nedam, Julia Twigg; Franklin: Madeline Herman, Tiffany Lambie, CC Shoemaker; Stevenson: Aphrodite Palazis; John Glenn: Abbey Wright, Shekinah Johnson, Kirsten Smith; Ladywood: Alexandra Darr, Katherine Taylor, Hannah Pereira; Lutheran High Westland: Erin Hardin, Erin Lyle; Canton: Emily Southern, Katie Grimes, Allison Spitz, Paige Calvert, Anna Gorzalski; Salem: Autumn Burin, Hannah Stoliker, Natasha Stevenson, Kelly Kerwin, Katy Robeson, Rebecca Lopez, Madison Goodpastore, Lauren Arquette; Plymouth: Elyse Grynievicz; Plymouth Christian: Terra Crown, Megan McHugh; Farmington: Olivia Salinas, Sarah Gallagher, Joelle Locherie, Cara Whinnery; North Farmington: Sophia Farquhar, Erin Dennis, Maria Vicini, Christie Goodwin, Alyssa Robert, Rachel Rosinski; Harrison: Catherine Barkach, Shayna Kotzian, Erika Abbott, Jordan Scrimger; Mercy: Celeste White, Katelyn Toloff; Garden City: Mariah Carver, Breanna Grant, Hayley Plummer; Redford Union: Erin Milley, Kelly Milley.

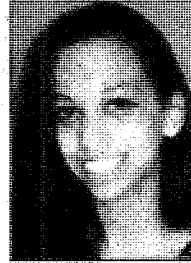
land County and eighth in the Waterford regional. She also had second- and third-place finishes in two OAA White Division jamborees.

"Gabby is a super dedicated worker who cares about the sport and her teammates very much," coach Charles Bridges said. "She's such a good runner and talented kid; she's the girl who does all the right things. She gets enough sleep, watches what she eats, is at practice every day and runs on the weekends. Gabby is looking to continue her career in college and should continue getting better."

Victoria Irwin, Soph., N. Farmington: In her first year of cross country, Irwin finished 42nd at the Division 1 state meet with a season best time of 19:04. She was a medal winner in seven races, finishing eighth at the Early Bird, 16th at MSU, third at Linden, 15th at



Kerigan Riley Churchill



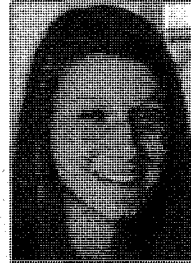
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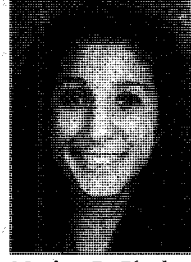
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Nicole Traitses Plymouth



Bethany Pilat Churchill



Jennifer Rogers Farmington



Sue Tatro Coach of Year

Oakland County, second at the River Rat, fourth in the OAA White Division and sixth at the regional. Irwin also finished second in the FPS city meet. She was the team's No. 1 runner all season and was named its most valuable runner.

"It was Tori's first year running cross country, and she was on an exponential learning curve on how to race," coach Bill Pinnell said. "She was solid for us all season, and she was very consistent with her racing. It did not matter what type of course we raced on, Tori was running consistently under 20 minutes."

"You finish where your goals are, and Tori's goal all year was to make it to the state meet. She's a very driven athlete; she is dedicated, determined and disciplined, and she has a strong desire to succeed. It was awesome seeing Tori run so well at the state meet. It was a great way to finish a successful season."

Lindsey Gallagher, Fr., Liv. Stevenson: The ninth grader missed qualifying for the Division 1 state finals by only one place with a 16th at the tough Huron Meadows regional (18:54).

Gallagher also took 10th at the Wayne County (19:53) and Kensington Conference (19:25) meets. She added a sixth at the Haslett Invitational (19:41) and took fourth at

the White Lake Lakeland freshman-sophomore meet while helping her team to a second-place showing.

"Lindsey hands-down is one of the most gifted runners I have had the opportunity of coaching," Stevenson's Keith Hearn said. "What makes Lindsey stand out from the rest is her drive. She comes to practice every day ready to train with the purpose of getting faster than the previous week. Her hard work and work ethic propelled her to a level in which every race she felt as if she could compete to win. I am excited to see what the future has in store for Lindsey both as a runner and a student."

Teagan Dillon, Soph., Mercy: The sophomore and two-year letter winner ran her best time of 19:12 at the Brighton regional. She finished 20th but would have been a Division 1 state qualifier in other regionals. Dillon was first at Warren Mott, fourth in the Catholic League, sixth at the River Rat Invite and 33rd in Oakland County. Aside from the Mott race in which Heather Smith didn't run, she was Mercy's consistent No. 2 runner all season. Dillon also placed fifth, second and third in three CHSL division jamborees.

"Teagan will have the job of filling Heather Smith's shoes next year,"

coach Servais said. "She's a good leader who trains hard and races harder. We're looking forward to seeing her do well on the track this spring and in cross country again next fall."

Sydney Anderson, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The junior enjoyed a breakout season placing 92nd in the state finals (19:35.2), 13th at the regional (19:28.1) and 11th in the Kensington Conference (19:28.1). Anderson also earned academic all-state honors with a 4.25 GPA.

"It was a joy watching Sydney step it up to the next level this season," Tatro said. "She ran like a true veteran runner all season long, where she was a consistent top finisher in all of our meets. She is a confident and intelligent runner who truly knows how to prepare for her races. She is also a fabulous leader who is extremely supportive of her teammates. I'm looking forward to seeing her continue to improve into her senior season."

Marina DeBiasi, Soph., Plymouth: Just a sophomore, DeBiasi is already well on her way to an excellent high school career.

Her highlight of the season was registering a time of 19:09 at the KLAAs conference meet at Huron Meadows, for her personal best.

She also qualified for the Division 1 state meet, with a time of 19:44.63 at the regionals at Willow Metropark.

In October, DeBiasi's time of 19:55.51 was good for 12th place and an All-County medal at the Wayne County Championships, also at Willow.

"Marina is an extremely talented and gifted runner, who is determined to realize her potential," coach Dale Maskill said. "Her combination of motivation, toughness and talent is rare and I'm excited to watch the rest of her running career at Plymouth."

Nicole Traitses, Sr., Plymouth: The senior showed leadership on the course and off, as she was the Wildcats' captain and MVP.

Traitses had plenty of highlights, capped off by her personal best of 19:32 at the Division 1 state meet. She qualified for the meet after registering a time of 19:58.20 at the Willow Metropark-hosted regionals.

Another top achievement came at the Wayne County Championships, where she came in 13th with a time of 19:58.65 — like teammate DeBiasi, good for an All-County medal.

"Not only is she a great competitor and a highly motivated runner, she is a pleasure to be around

and coach," Maskill said. "Nicole always has a smile on her face. Even in the worst of weather and the hardest workouts she keeps a positive attitude."

Bethany Pilat, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior placed 106th in the state finals (19:43), sixth at the regional (19:49.2) and 17th in the Kensington Conference (19:49.3).

She also excels in the classroom carrying a 4.06 GPA.

"Bethany had a solid four years at Churchill where she was a consistent varsity runner during her entire high school career," Tatro said. "Nobody is more dedicated than Bethany."

"Despite experiencing some adversity this season due to an injury and illness, she was able to rebound and finish her season on a strong note. I am proud of her determination and perseverance."

Jenny Rogers, Soph., Farmington: The sophomore ran in her first state meet and finished 116th with a time of 19:49 in the Division 1 race. Rogers was 13th in the Waterford regional, 13th at the Lakeland freshman-sophomore race, fourth in the FPS city meet and seventh at the last OAA White Division jamboree.

"Jenny improved throughout the season and really came on the second half of the year," coach Bridges said. "Jenny's times gradually improved all year as she placed better and better. 'Overall, she ran a great state meet. She can go back there with confidence, knowing she can run better. I thought it was a good experience for her, and it was a nice cap to a really fine season.'

COACH OF THE YEAR Sue Tatro, Liv. Churchill: The 36th year coach guided the Chargers to their 11th state finals appearance in 12 years.

Under guidance of Tatro, Churchill captured the Willow Metropark regional title and place runner-up in the Kensington Conference meet. Churchill also captured to the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational and KLAAs South Division dual meet crown, as well as placing second at Wayne County.

"I am extremely proud of what the Churchill girls accomplished this fall," said Tatro, who ran track and cross country at Michigan State. "Their commitment, work ethic, dedication, and confidence made for a consistent and solid season from start to finish. I thoroughly enjoyed working with this group, and I feel that the positive team chemistry helped to contribute to our overall success this season."

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would happen. We had the target on our back and they were the underdogs. They just had to go all-out and they exactly did that."

Stevenson enjoyed leads of 15-9 and 17-14 in the first set, but Bedford rallied late by using the old reliable slide attack.

The Spartans then made a service error leading 24-23 in the second set as Bedford battled back to win 27-25.

"Mental mistakes and they had some good shots," Graham said of going down 2-0. "We battled with our blocks a lot. They (Bedford) were getting in between. The blocks were hitting one of the arms, they were deflecting and we couldn't pass the ball. That was a huge problem

— the slide (attack)."

In the third set, Tomas recorded eight kills and one ace serve as the Spartans regrouped to win 25-23 and keep the match alive.

"It could have gone either way," Manore said. "That third game was a good indication of that. A couple of calls ... not bad calls, just close calls ... good, bad or otherwise, could have gone either way."

In the fourth set, Bedford jumped out to a 14-10 lead, only to have the Spartans answer with a 9-4 run to take a 19-18 advantage.

"We played awesome defense and never gave up," Graham said. "We served strong when we needed to. We had some awesome side-outs and some awesome kills."

But the Kicking Mules, getting seven kills from Williams, and four kills and a block from Blank,

closed out the match with a 7-2 run.

"Our number 18 (Emily Blank) has had mono(nucleosis) the last three weeks," Manore said. "She was winded, I could tell. This is the first time she's played defense in three weeks, or played back row. She's a senior, she's a Miss Volleyball (finalist). You got to do it. You go with your top guns here."

Despite the setback, Graham was pleased with her team's performance all season.

"Even though it was a loss, they accomplished so much more than any other team that I've ever had," the Stevenson coach said. "They never gave up, battled and worked hard together ... they should be proud of that."

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moment in this game. Nobody wins on stats. You win by putting the ball in the net and Brandon did that today."

Hess was a bit shocked himself at the deciding play.

"To be honest I wasn't even looking at the time," the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High grad said. "But I heard the Aquinas guys call out short corner and I turned around. Willy (Williams) played it to Joe and he sent it in and I got a head on it and put it in."

Goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) made 12 saves as the Crusaders were outshot 34-8 and trailed 12-2 in shots on goal.

"AD (Motta) was fantastic today," Scott said. "He kept us in the match and

we got our one chance."

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PREP HOCKEY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
 Head coach: Pete Mazzoni, 11th season.
 League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
 Last year's overall record: 15-11-2.
 Titles won last year: Division 1 regional champs.
 Notable losses to graduation: Steve Klisz (second-team All-Area); Joe Williams (third-team All-Area); Mike Kutek, Cam Benson.
 Leading returnees: Jake Otto, Sr. F (third-team All-Area); Ben Proben, Sr.; Nick Proben, Sr. F; Devin Smythe, Sr. F; Mike Gambino, Sr. F; Kevin Louwers, Sr. F; Brad Milks, Jr. F; Tommie Carey, Jr. F; Riley Brown, Jr. F; Matt Sinclair, Jr. F; Jim Lelekatch, Sr. Def.; Chris Mireles, Sr. Def.; Mike Rybinski, Sr. Def.; Charlie Yost, Soph. Def.; Evan Gibboney, Soph. Def.; Alex Estes, Sr. G.
 Promising newcomers: Chris Adams, Soph. G; Nick McGee, Jr. Def.; Andrew Puishes, Soph. Def.; Justin Reinholdt, Fr. F; Blake Burnette, Jr. F; Luke Otto, Soph. F.
 Mazzoni's 2011-12 outlook: "We return the majority of our team and many of these players have been with us for quite some time. We ended last year with a nice little run and hope to pick up where we left off. The KLA A continues to improve top-to-bottom as we hope to be playing our best hockey come February. Our schedule should provide us with the experiences to do so. I think this is the most experienced team we have fielded. It is up to us to use that to our strength. I think

our depth can be one of our strengths. We have a good locker room and look forward to the challenge this season."
LIVONIA FRANKLIN
 Head coach: Scott Wirgau, fifth season.
 League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
 Last year's overall record: 8-14-4.
 Titles won last year: Taylor Christmas Tourney.
 Notable losses to graduation: Tyler Dewhirst.
 Leading returnees: Danny Donahue, Sr. Def. (captain); Brian Roulier, Sr. Def. (captain); Tyler Satkowiak, Sr.; Josh Dudek, Soph.; Spencer Thomas, Sr.; Ritchie Wiczorek, Jr.
 Promising newcomers: C.J. Cromie, Soph. F.
 Wirgau's 2011-12 outlook: "We look to surprise a lot of teams this year. This year's team starts with the best overall attitude and locker room cooperation that we have seen in a long time. Franklin is starting with eight seniors and a list of supporting underclassmen that should bring at the very least a great brand of hockey. Our team took it upon themselves to prepare physically to play very aggressively this year. The season should be a lot of fun for not only the players, but especially our fans."
LIVONIA STEVENSON
 Head coach: David Mitchell, fourth season (second stint).
 League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (Central Division).
 Last year's overall record: 16-7-3.

Notable losses to graduation: John Mandryk (first-team All-Area); Ryan Urso (first-team All-Area); Andrew Palushaj (second-team All-Area); Josh Shureb (fourth-team All-Area); Kyle Gabrielson, Brendan Hay, Christian Wood, Cam Humitz, Nick Barr, Tim Pruchnik, J.J. Pettersson.
Leading returnees: Connor Humitz, Jr. G (third-team All-Area); Nate Sink, Sr. F; Thomas Ross, Chris McDonald, Sr. Def.; Joey MacDonald, Sr. Def.; Dominic Lutz, Soph. F; Mike Kanitra, Jr. G; Greg Yon, Sr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Mario Tomei, Sr. F; J.D. Byrne, Sr. F; Travis Harvey, Jr. Def.; Tim Kelly, Jr. F; Devin Kelly, Soph. F.
Mitchell's 2011-12 outlook: "There is no doubt that losing 15 seniors from last year's club will be a challenge to replace. But we are extremely fortunate to be able to field an older team this season with 11 seniors and seven juniors, as well as some young players who are ready to step in and contribute. It has been an extremely hard working and focused group. They have a very good idea of what they want to accomplish, but with so many new faces... it might take some time and energy to find the right balance, so patience will be stressed. We know that its a long season and we have to focus on getting better everyday, no matter what happens the day before. As far as expectations, we only hope to battle and compete every night and, again, to improve with each passing day. Our schedule is extremely difficult with a very,

very tough conference schedule and non-league games versus the likes of (Novi-Detroit) Catholic Central, (Birmingham) Brother Rice and Trenton to name a few. We are excited to begin."
LIVONIA LADYWOOD
 Head coach: Bruce Peck, 10th season.
 League affiliation: Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.
 Last year's overall record: 9-11.
 Titles won last year: Catholic League champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Jenny Rohn, Jessica Pavela.
Leading returnees: Brittany Galvin, Sr. Def.; Katherine Folk, Sr. Def.; Erin Doyle, Sr. Def.; Hannah Pereira, Jr. C; Lane Kolpacke, Sr. C; Rana Freij, Sr. winger; Virginia Matherly, Jr. winger.
Promising newcomers: Erin Cronyn, Sr. W.
Peck's 2011-12 outlook: "We have a solid group of returning players which should make this an interesting year. We should be solid defensively, but losing a three year starter at goalie will be tough to replace. However, we do have confidence that Sarah Koch will ably fill that role. One of our keys this year will be to generate more offense. With a strong group of forward skaters, we plan to be more aggressive and hope to generate more scoring opportunities. With good team chemistry, hard work, and dedicated effort, I have confidence that we can be successful and achieve the goals that we have set for the year."

THE WEEK AHEAD

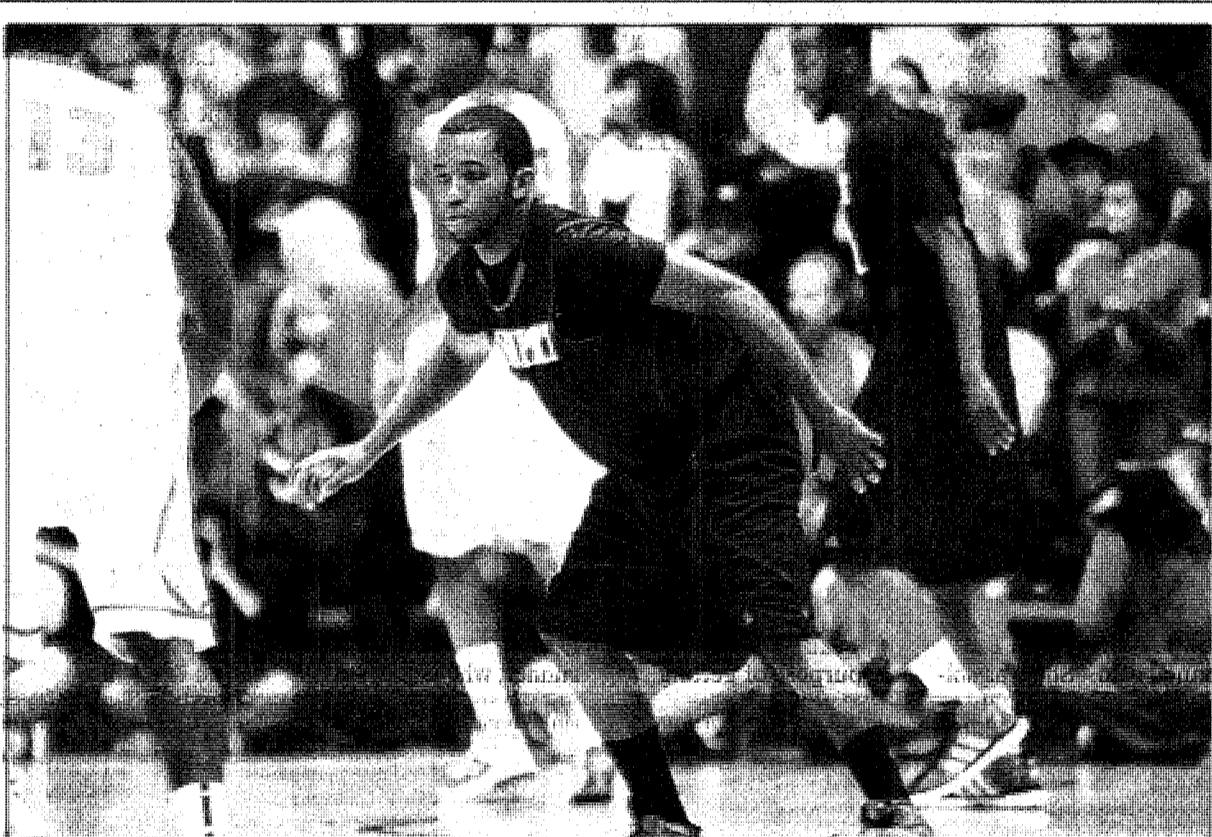
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Nov. 18
 Franklin vs. A.A. Skyline at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 (Metro Inv. at Novi Ice Arena)
 Stevenson vs. Farm., 5:30 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Clarkston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19
 Ladywood vs. A.A. Pioneer at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m.
 (Metro Inv. at Novi Ice Arena)
 Churchill vs. Farm., 11:30 a.m.
 Stevenson vs. Lake Orion, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19
 MHSAA Division 1 finals at EMU's Jones pool, noon.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Friday, Nov. 18
 (WHAC/MCC Challenge)
 Madonna vs. Olivet College

at UIM-Dearborn, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19
 (WHAC/MCC Challenge)
 Madonna vs. Alma College at UIM-Dearborn, 5 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Friday, Nov. 18
 Madonna vs. Bethel (Ind.) at Indiana Wesleyan, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19
 Madonna at Indiana Wesleyan, 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Nov. 17
 Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 18
 Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19
 Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.



Ladywood signees

Livonia Ladywood's softball team will be sending three seniors to the collegiate ranks next year. Among those signing letters-of-intent recently include (from left): Division 2 All-State and three-time first-team All-Observer pitcher Briana Combs, Cleveland State; catcher Allyssa Kashat, University of Findley (Ohio); and first-team All-Observer second baseman Carli San-Millan, Davenport University. They helped Ladywood to a 37-4 and a berth in last June's state semifinal.



AARON SAGRAVES

Assist kingpin

Davenport University senior point-guard Lonnie Fairfax (Livonia Clarenceville) became the school's all-time assist leader with 282 after dishing out seven in a 65-62 men's basketball win Saturday over visiting Huntington University (Ind.) in the Ness Brothers Hall of Fame Tournament. Fairfax, named tournament MVP, surpassed the previous mark of 279 held by Sai-Quan Griffith (2006-09). The 5-foot-10 captain is averaging 6.3 points, 6.8 assists, 3.3 steals and 3.8 rebounds per game as the Panthers are off to a 4-0 start. "Lonnie is what our program is all about," Davenport coach Burt Paddock said. "Lonnie is one of the toughest kids both mentally and physically I've ever been around. Our team goes as Lonnie goes and we are very fortunate he is leading our team."

Shamrocks' defense stars, 21-0

By Jeff Theisen
 Staff Writer

Catholic Central football prides itself on two things, playing a suffocating defense and pounding the ball on offense. Saturday's 21-0 blanking of Ann Arbor Pioneer was a perfect example of what the Shamrocks are all about to wrap up the regional title at home. "The core of our program is defense," CC coach Tom Mach said. "We think championships in the end are won with defense. We're very happy that we're able to do that." Pioneer star running back Drake Johnson was the main focus for the Shamrock defense. He put up huge numbers throughout the season but was held to just 44 yards on 16 carries, playing both running back and some quarterback. "The boys played well, they really did," said Shamrock defensive coach Dan Anderson. "With a great running back like Drake Johnson, you've got to concentrate on him. We talked all week about gang tackling and getting to the ball. I thought all 11 kids came and got to the ball as quick as they could. It was a great team effort."

Ann Arbor Pioneer (9-3) lost its starting quarterback earlier in the year, and the passing game suffered to the tune of 0-for-6 passing with two interceptions. Johnson, the state's leading rusher who committed recently to Michigan, threw one of the interceptions on the last play of the first half and the second interception came from Aedan York for the last offensive play for the Pioneers in the second half courtesy of CC linebacker Clay Behrman. "The defense knew we had to come out strong today," said Behrman. "I was happy with the effort. I knew what we were capable of. I knew we were capable of this. We just came out and did it today." "Playing CC defense is a dream come true. Defense wins championships." The Shamrocks took control early by rolling the opening drive of the game 66 yards on 13 plays. Quarterback Kyle Cooper completed a pair of passes to help work through a second-and-17 after a reverse was blown up. The Shamrocks went the final 40 yards of the drive on the ground in seven plays.

Zach Bock finished off the drive with a four-yard pitch to the left. The drive ate up more than seven minutes. Pioneer got a first down to start its opening drive, but it would turn out to be the only one of the half. Things got so bad for the Ann Arbor offense later in the half that the Pioneers elected for a quick kick on third down when backed up to its own five. The Shamrocks took over at the Pioneer 37 and used 10 plays to find pay dirt on a six-yard run by Anthony Darkangelo with 1:19 to play in the half. The big play of the drive was a five-yard run by David Houle on fourth and two at the Pioneer 17. Catholic Central took a 14-0 lead into the half, but it might as well as been 140. The Shamrocks held the ball for more than 18 of the 24 minutes in the first half. The CC offense churned out 125 yards on the ground and 33 through the air in the first half. Pioneer ran 11 plays and gained just six yards with an interception to end the half. The second half was a mirror of the first. The Shamrock defense locked down Johnson and the Pioneers didn't have a second option to turn to. Following a three-and-

out by Pioneer to open the second half, the Shamrocks took complete command with the final scoring drive of the game. Bock turned in a big punt return to set up shop at the Pioneer 30. Four plays later, Darkangelo scored untouched from the nine for a 21-0 lead. "You never feel comfortable in a playoff game. The team we were playing has won seven games in a row," said Mach. "One run by the running back could've put them at 14-7 and now you're in a game that's altogether different. I never felt good until we were at 21. I felt better." Pioneer never reached midfield throughout the game and would manage just two first downs in the second half. CC finished with 193 yards rushing on 53 attempts. Bock led with 77 yards on 12 carries. Darkangelo found the end zone twice and had 52 yards on 14 carries. Houle pitched in 58 yards on 15 carries. Cooper finished 3-for-8 passing for 33 yards and ran five times for 10 yards. Pioneer finished with 35 total yards on 21 runs.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

K-8 wrestling club
 The newly-formed Livonia Wrestling Club for youths in kindergarten through eighth grade will be run from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 29 through March 29, at the Franklin High School wrestling room, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. All coaches and volunteers will be under the direction of the Franklin coaching staff. The \$75 registration fee can be paid at the first practice of the season (includes T-shirt). Checks should be made payable to: Livonia Wrestling Club. For more information, e-mail Dave Chiola at chiola44@yahoo.com; or call (248) 752-2340.

WYAA volleyball
 Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays through November (or until teams fill) at the WYAA's Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road). Registration will be for the following age groups: 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17. Games and practices will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center. Coaches are also wanted. For more information, call Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251; or (734) 516-9269. You can also call the WYAA Compound at (734) 421-0640.

HOOPS

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 the Cincinnati State Classic at the Sugar Center. The 16th-ranked Lady Ocelots also got 14 points from Shawnicka Thomas and 12 from Charlise Slater. Schoolcraft led 39-28 at halftime and put the game away with a 16-2 second-half run to take a commanding 6:20 to go. Justyne Sublett and Kristien Malone each scored 14 points for Lincoln Trail, while Alex Morgan and DeAsia Phillips added 12 and 10, respectively. Schoolcraft was outrebounded 45-32, but Lincoln Trail committed 45 turnovers to the Ocelots' 22. **MICH. TECH 64, MADONNA 52:** A season-high 21 points from junior guard Shantelle Herring could not hold off a rally by last year's NCAA Division II National runner-up Michigan Tech (1-0) on Saturday as visiting Madonna University (1-1) at SDC Gymnasium. Herring, a junior guard from Macomb Dakota, was 6-of-10 from the floor, including 3-

of-6 from three-point range. She was also 6-of-8 from the foul line. In addition to Herring's effort, junior center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) scored eight points and added eight rebounds. The Crusaders opened the game on an 11-1 run with Herring scoring seven during the first five minutes. Michigan Tech, ranked third in the NCAA Division II poll, then returned the favor by going on a 15-2 run over the next eight minutes and took a 27-22 halftime lead. Coming out of intermission, the Crusaders pulled to within three, 27-24, on a layup by senior Becca Wojcinski and whittled the deficit down to two on an Erin Bentley basketball to trail 28-26 with 17:35 left. But Michigan Tech then began to pull away, going on a 16-4 run over the next seven minutes to take a 44-30 advantage. MU trimmed the Huskies' lead to single digits on a pair of occasions, but could not get any closer than nine the rest of the way. Lynn Giesler and Sam Hoyt paced Michigan Tech with 13 points each, while Lindsey Lindstrom added 12.

COVILE

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 under Cardoza, a former University of Virginia player and assistant coach at UConn. Last year the Owls finished 24-9 and reached the second round of the NCAAs. "I have a pretty solid chance to play right away," Covile said. "They said I can play the two through the five (position) and they like the fact that I'm versatile. They said if I work hard, I'll get playing time." Covile is the second Glenn cager to sign with

an NCAA Division 1 program joining teammate Joslyn Massey (Purdue). Erica is one of nine children and comes from a basketball family. Her twin brother, Eric, is a senior starter at Glenn, while another brother, Christian, also played for the Rockets and graduated in June. She also has an older brother, Kawana, who plays for Tuskegee University (Ala.) and another brother, Ryvon, who played at the University of Detroit Mercy before going overseas to play professionally in France. bemons@hometownlife.com
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BRODERSEN, HAZEL IONA

Age 79, November 12, 2011 of Westland. Beloved wife of George. Loving mother of Ronald (Trish) and Donna Brodersen. Dear grandmother of Joshua and Daniel. Sister of Louise (Jim) Balderas and Bettie (Windell) Phillips. She was preceded in death by grandson Caleb, brother Robert & his wife Helen, nephew Larry Basham & niece Linda Parham. Funeral Services were held in Tennessee



MILLARD, FREDERICK EUGENE "FRED"

December 25, 1930 - November 10, 2011, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Barbara. Dear Father of Robbin (Lera) Millard, Dawn Lee Millard Sholtz, and Kim Lawrence Millard. Grandfather of James Edwin Sholtz, Mary Constance Leona Millard, Justin Eugene Kim Sholtz, and Jaelyn Rae Millard. A Funeral Service was held on Monday Nov. 14th at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, MI. Those wishing to make a contribution in Fred's name are asked to consider the Ward Presbyterian Church, Deacons Fund, R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia was in charge of the arrangements. Please share a memory at: www.rgrharris.com

SOVA, JOHN H.

November 13, 2011 Age 81 of Westland. Beloved husband of Margaret and the late Joyce. Dear father of Mary (William) Lefler, Judy (late James) Hall, Tammy (Mark) Olson, Terry (Brian) Wiltse, Gordon (Shelly), David, and the late John H. Jr. Brother to Dolores Stevens, Marie Palmer, Ruby Dinkens, and Grace Severn. Grandfather to twenty four, Great Grandfather to fifty three. Funeral services at First Baptist Church of Garden City, 30268 Marquette, Garden City, Friday 1pm. Visitation at The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Thursday 11am-9pm, and at the church Friday from 11am till time of service. Burial to take place at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery. Family Requests memorials to D.A.V., Detroit Rescue Mission, or the homeless shelter of your choice. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



TRUMBULL, GEORGE T. JR.

Of Lansing, MI passed away October 30, 2011 after a brief illness. He leaves to mourn him his loving wife Jan Allemen of twenty-five years, two siblings Nancy and Elliot, and other family members including, Debbie, Sebastian, Emily, David, Lee, Christopher, Amy, Teresa, Tracy, Rhonda, Brenda, Kyle, Jessica, Colin, Emily, Drew, Ashton, Isaac, and Ryan; his mother-in-law, several brothers and sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, George T. Trumbull, Sr. and Florine (Elliot), a brother-in-law, and his father-in-law. Born May 20, 1929, George's early childhood was spent in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of the Cranbrook School, he went on to earn a B.A. in journalism from Michigan State University where he was a Beta Theta Pi fraternity member. After graduating from MSU, he served as a first lieutenant in the army antiaircraft artillery. In 1955, he started his career in journalism as a reporter for the Pontiac Press (now The Oakland Press), and in 1962 he was invited by former Governor George Romney, a man he greatly admired, to serve on his campaign staff and later as his assistant press secretary. He left politics in 1969 and consulted for a short time for Ernst & Ernst. He then worked for Panax Newspapers. In 1974, George made the transition from journalism to the world of public relations and athletics when he became the Midwest "continued in next column"

WALTON, SHIRLEY A.

90, passed away in Manteca, California on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Mrs. Walton was born in Tennessee on April 27, 1921. She worked as a Quality Control Supervisor at McDonald Douglas Aircraft. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Lucerne and an active member at the Lucerne Senior Center. She is survived by her daughters Betty Ann Litsey of Beulah, North Dakota and Nancy de Abreu and husband Frank of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; son Allan S. Walton of Manteca, California; granddaughter Patty Toombs and husband Jeff of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and grandsons Michael Gurzi of Florida and Thomas Gurzi of Auburn, California. Mrs. Walton had 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband William S. Walton; son, W. Harold Walton; and grandson Timothy Walton. A visitation was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at Kraft Bros. Chapel in Woodland, California. A graveside service was followed at Monument Hill Memorial Park in Woodland, California, under the direction of Pastor John Everson of West Valley Baptist Church. Kraft Bros. Funeral Directors assisted the family with arrangements.



WELLS, IRENE

Age 80 November 14, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Paul G. Loving mother of Paulette (Frank) Wilson, Gary (Vicki), Jeanne (Norm) Frazier & Barb (Billy) Lankford. Dear grandmother of 16. Great grandmother of 26. Beloved sister of Evelyn, Johnny, Gregory, Rosemary and the late Rita, Dorothy & Jerry. She will be dearly missed by many family members and friends. Visitation Thursday 2-5pm. Funeral service Friday 1pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Vitas Hospice. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

FISHER, NANCY

Age 54, of Traverse City, passed away peacefully Sunday, November 13, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. Nancy was born in Detroit on Friday, January 11, 1957, the daughter of Edwin T. and Mary E. (Stevens) Pfeiffer. She graduated from Plymouth-Canton High School in 1975, having lived in the Detroit and Plymouth areas until she moved to Traverse City in 1978. On Saturday, May 19, 1979 in Northville, she married Edward A. Fisher. She is survived by her husband Edward; her daughter Shannon Fisher of Traverse City, teaching in Stavanger, Norway; her son, Mitchell Fisher of Traverse City; her mother Mary Pfeiffer of Plymouth and her sisters Anne Marie (Richard) Klene of Belleville, IL and Mary (Michael) Genrich of Plymouth. Nancy was preceded in death by her father Edwin "Ned" Pfeiffer and her father-in-law Alex Fisher. A time of celebrating Nancy's life was held Wednesday, Nov. 16 in Traverse City. Burial was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. The family asks the memorial contributions in Nancy's name be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please visit Nancy's online guest book at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to record your favorite memory of Nancy for her family. The family is being served by The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

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Festival keeps dancers on their toes with classes, shows

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Two professional dance troupes will kick off the 6th Annual Oakland Dance Festival, a celebration of performances, master classes and auditions. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

DDCdances and Patterson Rhythm Pace Dance Co., will present "Together," a joint concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 in the high school auditorium, 29995 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for festival participants. They are available at the door, or online at www.detroitdancecollective.org.

This is the first year the festival will run two days and include professional dancers.

"I'm excited to do this. The company is thrilled and it will be an interesting concert," said Barbara Selinger, DDCdances artistic director and a Farmington Hills resident.

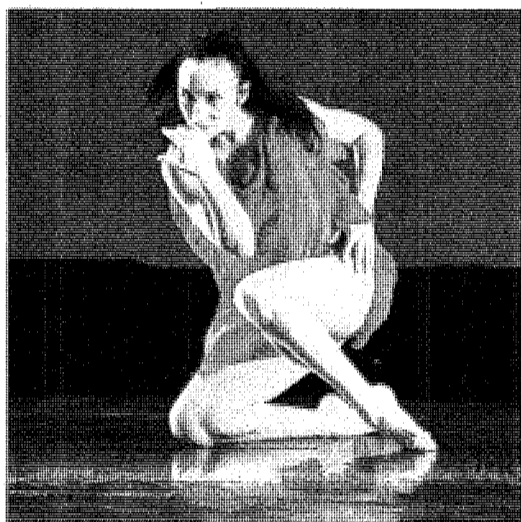
The Harrison High School Dance Company, directed by Toi Banks, dance teacher at the school, expanded the one-day event to two days with the addition of the "Together" concert this year.

"I've worked with her students at Harrison High School over the years, but this is the first time I'm totally involved in the festival," Selinger said. "The festival has been growing every year. It's fantastic for dance."

DDCdances, formerly known as Detroit Dance Collective, has performed modern dance for 32 years, toured nationally and educated audi-



DDCdances performs "The Room," a multi-media dance.



Nia Silao performs with DDCdances.

PHOTO BY STEVE SELINGER

ences to contemporary dance through performances, lecture demonstrations and workshops.

Patterson Rhythm Pace Dance Company was

founded in 2000. Gregory Patterson, chair of dance and associate professor of dance at Oakland University, is artistic director.

gin', which melds choreography and music of the 40s and 50s. *Space* explores personal space and how individuals can become either comfortable or uncomfortable when their space is invaded. *Swingin'* was first performed as an evening-length concert and was inspired by Patterson's work, *Sweet Ella Suite*.

"His work is different than mine because his is more contemporary jazz," Selinger said, adding that DDCdances focuses on modern dance. "I'm excited about presenting this to people of all ages."

The festival will continue on Saturday with college entrance and scholarship auditions from 9-noon, high school performance evaluations from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and master classes and workshops in ballet, modern dance, hip hop, musical theater jazz, improvisation-based modern dance, jazz, African dance, movement fundamentals and more from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.. It ends with a showcase of college dance groups at 7:30 p.m.

Admission for the college showcase is \$5.

Master classes cost \$12 per class and scholarship auditions are \$20. For registration forms, visit harrisondance.wiki.farmington.k12.mi.us. For more information call (248) 426-1167 or e-mail to harrison.dance@gmail.com.

Wear your hat to tea

The Transition Center of Schoolcraft College will host a tea party luncheon with a focus on hats at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 2, in the VisTaT-each Center on the college's main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Valerie Greech, who spent many years living abroad attending events that required hats, will discuss "History and Design of Women's Hat Wear." She started researching and collecting hats after moving to the United States.

Reservations are \$20 per person and will include lunch prepared by the college's Food Services Department. Reservations deadline is Nov. 23 by mail — a form is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/transition/ — or by calling (734) 462-4443.

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Greech will highlight the hat wearing tradition, which reached its zenith in the 1920s and officially ended with the "swinging 60s." A brief history of the origin of the most popular hat styles will be included, along with stories about the wearers who made them famous. Greech, who is a consultant for the shop, Detroit Vintage, will showcase some of her own vintage hat collection.

Greech's presentation is part of the Transition Center Luncheon Series. Proceeds benefit the scholarship programs of the Transition Center that are directed to the needs of non-traditional college students. For more information visit <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/transition/>.

Modern, jazz

DDCdances will perform three works during the "Together" concert. The company will dance excerpts from *Dances for Isadora*, a historic work choreographed in 1971 by Jose Limon and inspired by the life of dance pioneer Isadora Duncan. The piece is performed to the music of Chopin.

Dancers also will per-

form *Pier: What is Left Behind*, a piece inspired by the contemplative nature of water, and *The Room*, a multi-media piece choreographed by Selinger in collaboration with photographer John Sobczak.

Patterson Rhythm Pace Dance Company will perform *Space*, choreographed by Patterson, and excerpts from *Swi-*

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Art



Shaqe Kalaj's drawings and paintings — made with her feet — are on display through Dec. 24 at Art & Ideas in Plymouth. This drawing is of the Wilcox House.

ART & IDEAS

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

Location: 15095 Northville Road, in Plymouth

Details: "Downtown Foot Art" includes works by the gallery's artist-in-residence, Shaqe Kalaj. She focused on historical buildings in downtown Plymouth for her series of works which she sketched and painted with her feet in the outdoors over the summer

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 with Robert DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of 3 items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event if time allows. Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event.



Canine Characters

Darius Tremaine, (left) Jillian Carey and Daniel Millhouse rehearse a scene from "Go, Dog! Go, a musical based on the children's book, by P.D. Eastman. The play, produced by the Eastern Michigan University Theatre, runs at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9, and 2 p.m. Dec. 3-4 and 10-11 in the Quirk Theatre, located in the Quirk Dramatic Arts Building at East Circle Drive and Best Hall on Eastern Michigan University's campus in Ypsilanti. The play follows the antics of several colorful dogs who behave an awful lot like humans as they drive cars, get jobs, have parties and wear hats. The play is aimed at family audiences with children, ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$15 for regular admission, \$12 for students, \$9 for "mainstage" patrons and \$7 for children, ages 5-12. Call (734) 487-2282.

Register in person, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday or call Northville Art House

Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in November

Location: 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Details: Drawings by Marilyn Meredith of Three Cities Art Club

Contact: (734) 416-4278

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

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

Location: 340 N. Main, G-11, behind Plymouth Crossing Restaurant, in downtown Plymouth

Details: Holiday sale; refreshments served

Contact: (734) 207-8807

Comedy

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

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

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

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Chris Barone through Nov. 19; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 23, 25-26; Alex Ortiz, Nov. 30-Dec. 3; Chad Daniels, Dec. 7-10; Joey's Comedy All Stars, Dec. 22; John Roy, Dec. 28-31

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

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Kathleen Madigan, through Nov. 19; Dave Landau, Nov. 25-26; Mike Green, Dec. 1-3; Kivi Rogers, Dec. 8-10; Lars Callieou, Dec. 15-17; David Dyer, Dec. 22-23; Joe Devito, Dec. 29-31

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

Dance

MOON DUSTERS

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

Family

BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livornois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Contact: (248) 541-5717

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18; 5 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Dolphin Tale," \$3

Coming up: "Moneyball," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 25-26 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27

Holiday Classics: "It's a Wonderful Life," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; "White Christmas," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8; "Polar Express," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 17-18; and "Elf," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22 and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23; all seats \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 18 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 19

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "Fiddler on the Roof," tickets \$4

Coming up: "Miracle on 34th Street," 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 3; "Christmas Here We Come," featuring Laurel & Hardy in "Big Business" and guest artist Walt Strony on the Barton pipe organ, tickets \$12 for adults and \$8 for ages 12 and under; "It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Dec. 16 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 17

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Heidelberg 25 through Nov. 27; Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31 Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

Contact: (313) 494-5800

CRANBROOK

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 18

Location: In the heart of the University of Michigan campus, 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" will explore the story of a site excavation initiated by U of M in the 1920s and 1930s. It will illuminate the historical records of a single village community, located 80 kilometers southwest of Cairo in the Egyptian countryside, during Egypt's Greco-Roman period

Contact: (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Dragon Wagon & Sargent Katz-n-Crump, Nov. 17; An

Evening with Dar Williams, Nov. 18-19; Pieta Brown, Nov. 20; Drew DeFour, Nov. 22; Matt Watroba, Nov. 25; Mr. B, Nov. 26; Gemini, Nov. 27; Blackie & the Rodeo Kings, Nov. 27; John Primer, Nov. 29; Judy Collins, Dec. 1; The April Verch Band, Dec. 2; Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players, Dec. 3; Shawn Colvin and Rose Cousins, Dec. 3; Bill Kirchen Honky Tonk Holiday Show, with George Beard, Dec. 4; Riders in the Sky, Dec. 5; Lee Murdock: The Christmas Ship Concert, Dec. 6; Open Stage, Dec. 7; Melissa Ferrick, Dec. 8; Student Songwriter Series, Dec. 9; Commander Cody Band, Dec. 9; The Ragbirds present Ebird and Friends, Dec. 10; The Wheeler Brothers, Dec. 11; Raul Malo Christmas Show, Dec. 12; Decembersongs: An Acoustic Holiday Celebration, Dec. 13; Emerson Hart of Tonic, Dec. 15; Graham Colton, Dec. 16; The RFD Boys, Dec. 17; 10th Annual Concert for Peace, Dec. 18

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The show includes eight open mic performances and a featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families and offer free admission to monthly concerts

Coming up: Pairadocs Trio, with host Jeff London, 7 p.m. Nov. 19

Contact: (248) 347-6881

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: Fourth Tuesday; next show is Nov. 22

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Paul VornHagen quartet with VornHagen on reeds, Kurt Kranke on bass, Pete Siens on drums, and Chuck Shermetafo on keyboard; \$5 donation at the door

Contact: (734) 453-1780

MOTOWN BEAT

Time/Date: Dec. 13

Location: Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Holiday Brass by The Detroit Chamber Winds

Coming up: "From Broadway to Hollywood with the MOT," Jan. 14, 2012; Blackthorn, March 9-10, 2012

Contact: https://recreg.fh.gov.com or (248) 473-1848

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18

Location: VisTaTech Center at the college, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Cellist Robert deMaine and pianist Pauline Martin will perform. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 per student

Contact: (734) 462-4403

SOUNDS OF CANTON

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Magic of Fall" concerts feature songs related to the seasons and Michigan's beauty. The Sounds of Canton consists of singers, 55 and older. The group often sings at nursing homes, community clubs and school groups. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students

Coming up: For tickets call (734) 394-5460; for information about joining the group call (734) 394-5485 or e-mail seniors@cantonmi.org.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Stella, Nov. 18; Claudia Schmidt, Nov. 19; The Potter's Field, Nov. 20; The Rickety Nelsons with Doug and Telisha Williams, Nov. 26

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

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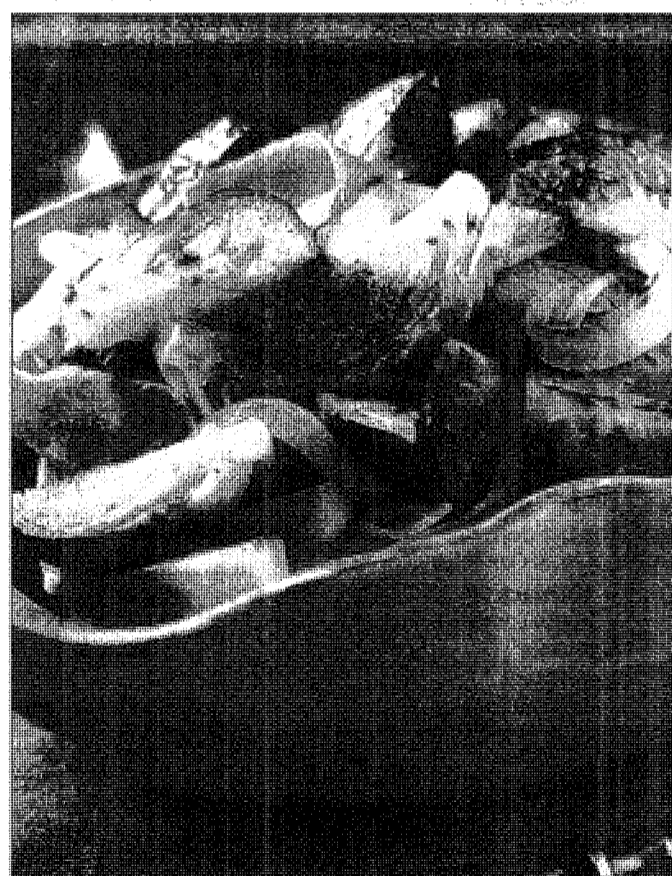
These Tuscan-inspired recipes from Carapelli Olive Oil will enhance and lighten up your holiday favorites with the distinctive taste of heart-healthy olive oil. Naturally cholesterol free, olive oil is a monounsaturated fat, which makes it a healthful substitute for butter, shortening and other oils.

Whether you are entertaining a large crowd or serving up a small family-style dinner, this Tuscan Roast Turkey will be the centerpiece of your holiday table. The juicy flavors and crisp, golden brown skin come from a Tuscan Herb Paste made with fresh herbs and a blend of olive oils.

After you've tried Olive Oil and Herb Mashed Potatoes, you may never want to go back to plain mashed potatoes again. The creamy texture and robust flavor are a perfect complement to the turkey.

For another amazing side dish, try sweet and salty Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions and Prosciutto — it just might become the family's new favorite.

The rich taste of olive oil promises to elevate your holiday cooking to delicious works of art. For more recipes that will turn any meal into an unforgettable feast, visit www.carapelliusa.com.



Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions and Prosciutto

Serves 12

2 pounds fresh Brussels sprouts, blanched, quartered
4 tablespoons Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 onion, julienned
1 ½ ounces prosciutto, sliced into ½-inch strips
4 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
Sea salt
Fresh cracked black pepper

Trim stem end of Brussels sprouts. Discard wilted outside leaves. Boil in salted water until cooked through (about 7 minutes) and just tender. Shock in ice water. Quarter the cooled sprouts.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, caramelize onions in olive oil for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from pan. Place in bowl, mix with prosciutto.

In the same skillet, over high heat, lightly brown Brussels sprouts. Add onion-prosciutto mix, toss.

Deglaze by adding white balsamic vinegar and scraping bottom of pan. Season with salt and pepper.

Olive Oil and Herb Mashed Potatoes

Serves 12

10 8-ounce potatoes, (about 5 pounds) peeled and cut in half
¾ teaspoon white pepper
1 ½ tablespoons kosher salt
½ cup Tuscan Herb paste
½ cup Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 cup heavy cream, warmed

Boil potatoes in salted water. When cooked tender, mash potatoes. Mix salt and pepper with Tuscan Herb Paste, olive oil and warm heavy cream. Fold into potatoes.

Tuscan Roast Turkey

Serves 16

1 16-pound young turkey
Kosher salt, to taste
1 cup Tuscan Herb Paste
1 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed
2 teaspoons celery salt
3 fennel stalks with fronds, rough chopped
3 onions, large dice
1 stalk celery, small dice
2 ¼ quarts chicken stock, divided
3 ounces all-purpose flour

Remove giblets from turkey's cavity, rinse cavity and pat dry, set aside. Season turkey inside and out with kosher salt.

Mix Tuscan Herb Paste with crushed fennel seeds and celery salt. Starting at the neck of the bird, slip your hand between the meat and the skin to loosen.

Rub half the paste mix under skin, and rub remaining paste inside the cavity and over the rest of the turkey.

Place two-thirds of the chopped onion and fennel stalks inside cavity. Truss bird. Place turkey in a roasting pan. Roast at 400°F for 30 minutes.

Reduce temperature to 325°F and continue cooking the turkey to an internal temperature of 160°F, approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours. Baste turkey often during cooking with juices from pan. If turkey begins to overbrown, cover it loosely with aluminum foil.

As turkey roasts, simmer giblets (neck, heart and gizzard), the other one-third of the fennel stalk, onion mix and diced celery in 1 quart chicken stock until tender, approximately 1 ½ hours.

When turkey is done, remove from roasting pan and set aside to rest. Degrease roasting pan, reserving 3 ounces of fat to make a roux.

Deglaze pan with a small amount of chicken stock. Transfer stock to a saucepot, and add remaining stock and broth from giblets. Bring to a simmer and degrease.

Make a blond roux with reserved fat and flour. Add roux to the liquid, whisking well to prevent lumps. Simmer 15 minutes. Strain gravy through a fine-meshed strainer. Adjust seasoning.

Tuscan Herb Paste

Yield: 2 1/4 cups

1 tablespoon fresh basil
2 tablespoons fresh rosemary
½ packed cup fresh Italian parsley
1 tablespoon fresh thyme
2 tablespoons fresh sage
½ teaspoon crushed red pepper
¾ cup Carapelli Extra Light in Taste Olive Oil
1 cup Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Blend herbs and crushed red pepper with light olive oil using a blender or food processor, then stir in extra virgin olive oil.

Serving Ideas: Rub under the skin of turkey for Tuscan Roast Turkey. Use to flavor vegetables for grilling and mushrooms for roasting.

Relax and eat out this Thanksgiving Day

Untie those apron strings, close your recipe files and let a local restaurant cook your dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Here's a sampling of locations, their prices and menus for Nov. 24:

• **Beaver Creek Tackle and Beer**, 1609 N. Wayne, Westland

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. The turkey dinner costs \$13.99 for adults and includes white turkey breast, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, and bread basket. Children, 10 and under, pay \$4.99 for turkey, mashed potatoes and corn. Desserts are a la carte and include pumpkin pie for \$2.49 and apple dumpling for \$2.99. Make reservations at (734) 722-5330.

• **Courthouse Grille**, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth

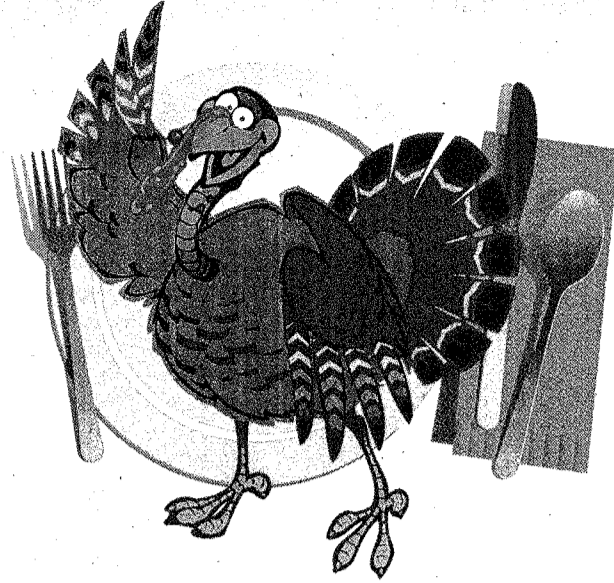
Choose seatings from noon-6 p.m. and order off of a special holiday menu that includes a roasted turkey dinner with gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing and a choice of mashed or sweet potato and green beans with almonds or honey-roasted root vegetable, soup and rolls for

\$17.99. Not a turkey fan? The menu also includes such dinners as roasted butternut squash ravioli, pecan-crusted wall-eye, prime rib, Veal Parmesan and honey-roasted ham. Make reservations at (734) 453-2002.

• **Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center**, 8768 N. Teritorial Road, Plymouth, offers two buffets.

Reservations for the Golden Fox are available 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost for adults is \$31.95 and for children, 3-12, \$11.95. The menu includes a breakfast station with items such as scrambled eggs and Pumpkin Cranberry French Toast; a seafood station with shrimp, oysters, smoked white fish and calamari salad; soup station; salad station; an entree station with turkey pot pie, Cavatapi Noodles tossed with spinach and roasted pecans in a pumpkin coulis, chicken cutlets, baked Cajun tilapia, beef brisket; roasted turkey, and apple-glazed pork; omelet station; carving stations with turkey, prime rib, ham and more; and a dessert table.

A traditional Thanksgiving buffet also will be served 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fox Classic. Cost is \$21.95



for adults and \$9.95 for children, 3-12. Children under 3 are free. Salad bar, sides, ham and turkey, along with pumpkin, apple and pecan pies will be available.

For reservations for either buffet, call (734) 453-7272.

• **Ginopolis' Bar-B-Q Smokehouse**, 27815 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

The restaurant will be open noon-8 p.m. The turkey dinner is \$18.99 for adults and \$7.99 for children 10 and under. The dinner includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, salad and pumpkin

pie. Make reservations at (248) 851-8222.

• **G. Subu's Leather Bottle**, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Make reservations at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. Adults pay \$17.99 and children, 10 and under, pay \$10.99. The menu will include roast turkey, ham, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, corn niblets, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and apple pie. Call (734) 474-2420 for reservations.

• **Meriwethers**, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield A traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner is

available 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Adults pay \$21.99 and children, 10 and under, pay \$10.99. The dinner will include turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, butter-nut squash and pumpkin pie. Reservations aren't required but are accepted; (248) 358-1310.

• **One Under Bar and Grille**, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia

Seatings are available at 11 a.m., 1 p.m.; and 3 p.m. Cost is \$18.99 for adults, \$14.99 for seniors, and \$7.99 for children, 7-10. Children, 6 and under are free. The menu will include roasted turkey, baked ham, breaded white fish, cornbread stuffing, green bean casserole, potatoes, seafood bar, cranberry and orange relish, fresh fruit and cheese, assorted salads, desserts, chicken fingers, tater tots, mini corn dogs and beverages. Omelet and waffle stations included during first two seatings. Call (734) 464-5555 for reservations.

• **Sophia's**, 38259 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills Thanksgiving Day buffet will be served 2-6 p.m. Cost is \$14.99 for adults

and \$9.99 for children, 10 years and under. The buffet will include turkey and all the trimmings, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, ham, desserts and more. For reservations call (248) 987-2303

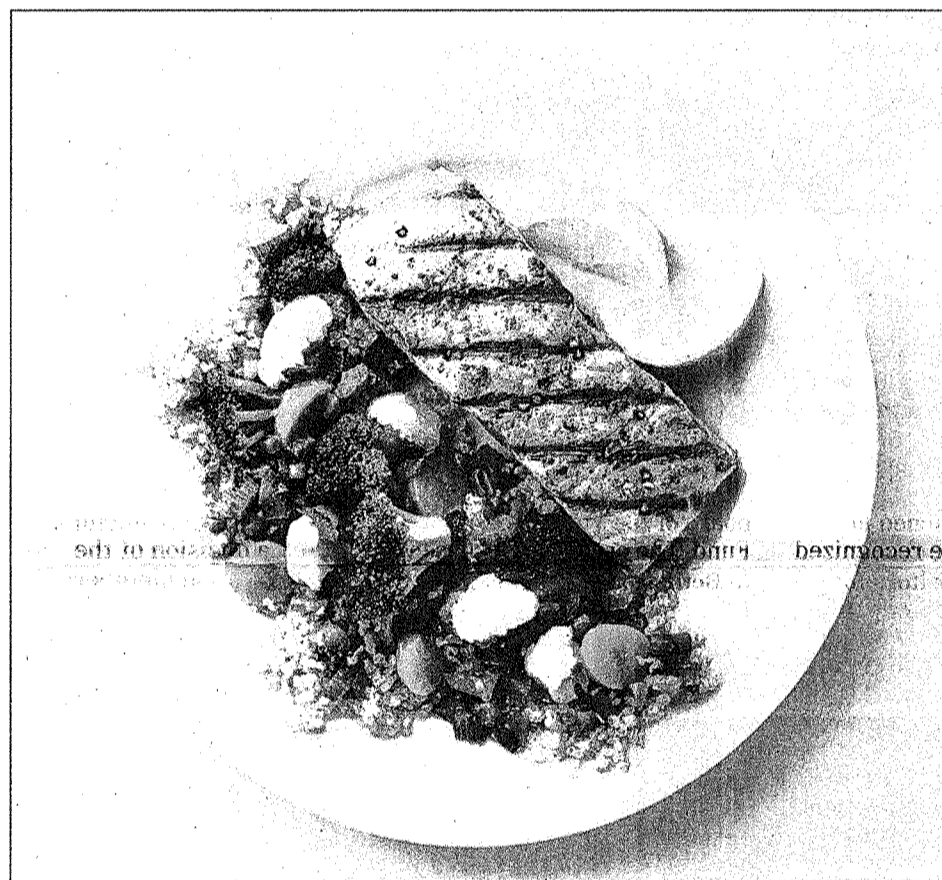
• **Station 885, 885 Starkweather**, Plymouth

The restaurant will be open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and will serve a buffet. Cost is \$21.99 for adults and \$10.99 for children ages 3-10. The menu includes roast beef, turkey, ham, baked chicken and salmon, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cranberry relish, stuffing, lasagna, Pasta Primavera, fresh vegetables, baked mac and cheese, assorted salads, shrimp, fresh fruit, assorted appetizers, assorted desserts. Call (734) 459-0885 for reservations.

• **Thomas's Family Dining**, 3971 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Eat a special Thanksgiving Day meal with turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, soup, pumpkin pie and more for \$12.00. Carry out available, too; (734) 261-8890.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay



Vegetable Quinoa Pilaf makes a colorful, tasty side dish.

Power up your plate with veggies

With only six percent of Americans getting the recommended amount of vegetables a day, according to The 2010 National Action Plan Report Card, National Fruit and Vegetable Alliance, access to delicious, easy and versatile veggie-powered meals is more important than ever. Marcus Samuelsson, an award-winning chef and cookbook author, has joined Birds Eye vegetables to help inspire and enable people to think about vegetables as a pleasure, to shake up old habits and help bring vegetables back to the center of the plate — especially for the next generation.

• Don't Hide, Highlight Veggies

Vegetables deserve center stage because they're amazing. They are delicious, colorful, good for you and taste great, too.

Inspiring people — especially kids — to discover the wonder of vegetables starts with highlighting vegetables as the center of the plate, not as an understudy. "Vegetables are great for any meal, so put them forward as a gift to your family every day," says Samuelsson. "It's extremely important that we start making nutritious, veggie-powered meals for ourselves and the next generation."

• Follow the 60/40 Rule

Instead of thinking about dishes as 60 percent pasta and 40 percent vegetables, turn it around, serving veggies as 60 percent and pasta as 40 percent of the meal. "Flipping the proportions of your favorite meals is a quick, easy way to incorporate more veggies into meals your family already loves."

• Mix and Match Colors, Textures and Flavors

Enjoy a variety of veggies at the same time to truly showcase the wonder of a veggie-powered plate. Incorporating many different veggies brings flavor, crunch and a nutritious punch to almost any dish. "My ideal veggie-powered plate is a Vegetable and Quinoa Pilaf. It's loaded with a wonderful broccoli, carrots and cauliflower medley from Birds Eye."

Build a customized veggie-powered plate at www.Facebook.com/BirdsEyeVegetables. For every veggie-powered plate created on Facebook, Birds Eye will donate vegetables for 10 meals as part of its Feed Kids Better initiative with Share Our Strength (up to 1 million meals through September 2012).

Vegetable Quinoa Pilaf

Makes 6 servings

- 1 bag of Birds Eye Steamfresh Broccoli, Carrot and Cauliflower Medley
 - 1 cup quinoa
 - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
 - 4 scallions, white and green parts, thinly sliced
 - 1 tablespoon peeled and minced fresh ginger
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
 - 1/2 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
 - 1 teaspoon smoked sweet-paprika
 - Salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper
- Cook vegetable medley according to package directions; drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, rinse quinoa well under cold water in a fine wire sieve; drain.

Bring to a boil with 2 cups water and 1/2 teaspoon salt in medium saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to low and cover. Cook until the quinoa has absorbed the water, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat.

Melt butter in large skillet. Add celery, scallions, ginger and garlic and cook, stirring often, until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add cooked vegetable medley and mix well. Stir in parsley, mint and paprika.

Transfer quinoa to serving bowl. Fluff quinoa with fork. Add vegetable mixture and mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

— Family Features

Chicken Cordon Bleu takes center stage

According to a recent survey conducted by Infogroup/Opinion Research Corporation on behalf of Perdue Farms, 91 percent of Americans believe in the importance of a sit-down, home-cooked meal.

While families today are busier than ever, they are willing to go to great lengths to get a meal on the table the entire family will enjoy, including:

- Customizing a recipe to their family's liking — 88 percent
- Preparing the best side-dishes to accompany the meal — 85 percent
- Purchasing higher-quality products — 74 percent

While the survey revealed roast chicken as Americans' best chicken dish, Chicken Cordon Bleu is the dish people most want to learn to cook.

Perdue's Executive Chef, Chris Moyer, created an easy recipe and how-to video for Chicken Cordon Bleu. He also incorporates some tips to help both cooking novices and enthusiasts get this great meal on the table:

- Start with high quality ingredients. Selecting all-natural chicken from a brand you can trust is a good place to start. Look for chicken with the USDA Processed Verified Seal.
- Want to dress it up? Use prosciutto ham, gruyere cheese and thyme for your filling.
- Side dishes matter, too. The survey also revealed that 95 percent of Americans feel that getting a nutritious and delicious meal on the dinner table is important to them — so make sure your side dishes consist of a healthy grain and a green vegetable high in nutrients and fiber.

Visit Perdue.com on Facebook to learn more about their commitment to providing better chicken and to find tips, tools and recipes for families to help get a great meal on the dinner table.

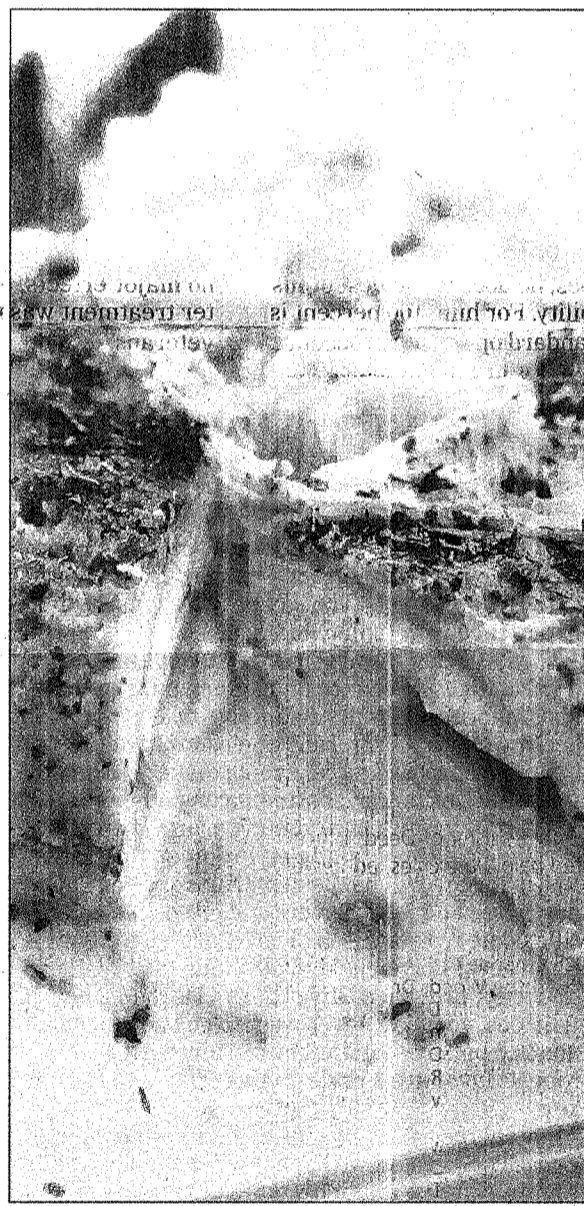


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Chicken Cordon Bleu

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Prep Time: 10-15 minutes
Serves: 3

- Ingredients
- 1 package PERDUE® FIT & EASY® Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts
 - 6 thin slices of salt-cured Virginia-smoked ham
 - 3 slices domestic Swiss cheese
 - 1 whole egg
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 1 cup breadcrumbs
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/2 tablespoon table ground black pepper
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil

Slice chicken horizontally without cutting all the way through to create butterfly breast. Place chicken on cutting board with sheet of plastic wrap over top. With meat mallet, gently pound chicken to even thickness of breast. Place two slices ham and cheese on one side of breast and fold back over. In bowl, whip together egg and water to create egg-wash. On two separate plates, put flour and breadcrumbs. Season flour with salt and black pepper. Carefully dredge chicken first into seasoned flour, then into egg-wash, followed by breadcrumbs.

Heat olive oil in ovenproof sauté pan. Place chicken in pan to brown. Cook for 2 minutes on one side, then flip each breast over. Place pan into oven at 350°F and cook until each chicken breast reaches 170°F internal temperature, about 20-25 minutes.

— Family Features

'Good Neighbor' builder reaches out to help returning veterans

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Vito Anthony Pampalona is a longtime real estate broker and owner of Vito Anthony Homes in Rochester. His company started in Rochester in the 1980s.

Pampalona, an Oakland Township resident, served in 1966-67 as a machine gunner on an assault helicopter in Vietnam. As he came home to start his real estate career in January 1968, he found Vietnam veterans often weren't treated well on the homefront.

As more recent conflicts like Iraq began, Pampalona, 65, started to work with disabled veterans at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. His efforts have grown since 2003, and he was recently recognized with the Good Neighbor Award of the National Association of Realtors REALTOR Magazine.

"I'm very proud of that award. It's quite an honor." There were many applicants, said Pampalona, earlier one of the 10 finalists for Good Neighbor recognition.

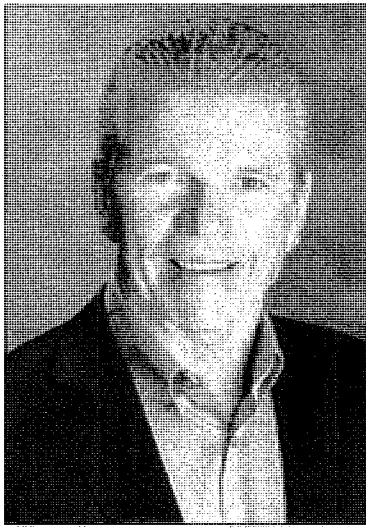
"I always felt when we came back we were not really appreciated and welcomed," he said of his fellow Vietnam veterans. "It was always in the back of my mind."

Iraq hostilities in 2003 were when he started to get involved. "It was just something I was doing and had a passion for. I felt very good in helping with these returning veterans. It just became part of what I do. I never really thought it would grow to this."

Bob Taylor, a practitioner with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Birmingham, who was hired into real estate by Pampalona in 1974, said in a statement about Pampalona: "Everything he does, he does to the best of his ability. For him, 100 percent is standard operating procedure."

Taylor urged Pampalona to allow his story to be told to fellow real estate professionals and the public, and said he'd do the application.

Pampalona will host two yule parties this year, Dec. 7 and 8. Last year, he was invited to the Navy hospital. In Sep-



Vito Anthony Pampalona
Good Neighbor honoree

tember, the Walter Reed hospital was combined with Bethesda National Naval Medical Center to create the U.S. military's largest medical facility, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center — and Pampalona looks forward to serving more military veterans there.

He will be at the new hospital this year, plus the Fort Belvoir, Va., Army base hospital.

"It took some of the patients when they closed Walter Reed," said Pampalona, who'll host a total of over 300 vets plus their families and caregivers.

As more recent conflicts continued, he's stayed involved.

"The need was there and more. Until all our soldiers come home, I'm staying the course." His goal is to help them to transition into civilian life.

"When you meet these young people, they've got tremendous adversity in front of them. Their lives are changing. It's a very challenging time for them."

He won the Distinguished Flying Cross. "I saw a lot of combat there. Combat has an effect on everybody." He's had no major effects, but felt better treatment was needed for veterans.

Pampalona is married, with four grown kids and two grandchildren 6 years and 9 months, "the love of my life."

"I've been successful in business. I'm fort to have a lot of resources at my disposal." He travels a lot to Washington, D.C., and built a barrier-free

home for a soldier in Macomb County with his partner and Homes for Our Troops.

"I'm lucky I have that time to commit to it. The Lord's been good to me. Those are all somebody's children that are in there and need help."

Family support helps Pampalona carry out his charitable work.

"They're very proud of it. They support me. They work with me." All his family is involved in fundraising efforts. All three sons have traveled to Walter Reed with him.

Pampalona has spent the past eight years raising money — nearly \$500,000 in total — for veterans.

REALTOR Magazine's Good Neighbor Awards recognize Realtors who have made an extraordinary impact on their community, or on the national or world stage, through volunteer work.

Thousands of vets per year are transitioning back home, Pampalona said. "There's all those different types of injuries and effects they have," he said. "A lot of them can't do the jobs they had before."

Some have a number of surgeries over period of years, and take many medications to ward off infection and pain. "It's very, very involved."

Five winners are announced each fall in REALTOR Magazine of the National Association of Realtors. Winners are recognized annually at the Realtors Conference & Expo, and receive \$10,000 grants for their charities. Winners also receive travel expenses to the conference and national and local media exposure for their cause. In addition to the winners, five honorable mentions each receive a \$2,500 grant.

The Good Neighbor Awards program was launched in 2000 and has since recognized more than 100 Realtors for their service to their communities. Through Good Neighbor Award grants and associated programs, Good Neighbor charities have received more than \$900,000 in donations.

Known as "Uncle Vito" to Walter Reed staff and patients, he has made sure that recov-

ering soldiers have comfy workout clothes, a pantry full of healthy snacks, good movies to watch, a huge collection of books and audio books, and gifts galore at an annual Christmas party that has become the highlight of the year for patients and their families.

"I try to fill the void in what the government is providing," he said.

Marine Corps Sgt. Tim Lang came home from Iraq with a fractured vertebrae and a missing right leg. He met Pampalona in 2007 while recovering at Walter Reed. "He treated me like I was a piece of gold," says Lang, 26, who's now retired from the military and lives in Ann Arbor. Lang was interviewed by the real estate magazine.

After about a year of sending packages, Pampalona worked with hospital staff to plan what has become his signature event, Uncle Vito's Christmas Party. The event features pizza, raffles, and gifts such as watches and electric toothbrushes.

Pampalona's holiday parties became legendary among the patients and staff at Walter Reed. Year round, he also provided enough snacks to fill an entire pantry, a video and audio library, and athletic gear for the injured soldiers.

"You could tell he spent some money — and put his heart in it too," says Lang, who recalls receiving a Detroit Pistons T-shirt, athletic shorts, CDs, videos, and a nice backpack at his first Christmas party hosted by Pampalona. "Everything in the bag was something we absolutely loved."

To get involved or donate, go to www.yellowribbonfund.org. Pampalona serves on the board of the Yellow Ribbon Fund. The organization, based in Bethesda, Md., helps with efforts for veterans. Pampalona most recently raised more than \$73,000 for the annual Yellow Ribbon Fund Golf Outing last summer at a country club in Rochester.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

Heed lawyer's words

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am a member of the board and we haven't had our documents revised in 30 years. The attorney we went to said we should amend our documents to 2011 standards, but there are still board members that think we should go to the co-owners first for their approval to proceed. What do you think?

A: I have been confronted with that issue many times for many years. Some boards are not willing to spend money to upgrade

their documents which is just as important as fixing the roofs in many instances. Board members who refuse to spend money on improving and upgrading their documents which may, in some instances, include protecting the directors, Officers and committee persons from potential liability is unfortunately an act of penuriosness which may amount to gross negligence. You should write a letter to the other board members demanding that they take action so that you have documented your concern about the actions or inactions of the board. It is a board decision to proceed to draft new documents, not a decision of the association members.

Q: Our attorney boasts about his credentials as a consummate condo lawyer, but his collection administrators seem to not respond to our phone calls. I have tried to speak about it with him, but he has appeared to be more than rude in regard to accepting any criticism. What can we do?

A: It is unfortunate that you are experiencing that type of situation as I can attest to the fact that a law firm is only as good as the lowest administrative person working for it. I would not accept any rudeness on the part of the attorney and I would also tell the attorney that unless he or his collection underlings gets back to you with a satisfactory response, you will terminate their services. I would also tell the managing agent, if any, at the association that you are displeased with the service that is being provided which obviously reflects badly on the management company who may well have recommended that attorney.

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. 8-12, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
4028 Amanda Ct	\$165,000
835 Ashton Woods Dr	\$50,000
1329 Centennial Dr	\$408,000
42091 Cherrylawn Ct	\$148,000
45101 Claymore Dr	\$170,000
2504 Cranbrook Rd	\$157,000
4039 Elizabeth Ave	\$73,000
200 Essex Ln	\$128,000
49791 Flushing Ave	\$380,000
49057 Founders Ct	\$385,000
47179 Glenhurst Dr	\$264,000
2672 Graham Ct	\$285,000
50096 Grant St	\$206,000
50130 Grant St	\$206,000
50144 Grant St	\$202,000

47817 Hastings Rd	\$320,000
42716 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$40,000
787 Meadowlake Rd	\$106,000
353 Queen Anne Dr	\$325,000
927 Queens Way	\$110,000
42700 Versailles Rd	\$130,000
1891 Vine Way Dr	\$49,000
1722 Whittier Dr	\$137,000
GARDEN CITY	
32953 Donnelly St	\$19,000
28355 Maplewood St	\$62,000
LIVONIA	
36968 Five Mile Rd	\$139,000
30355 Bretton St	\$78,000
29819 Buckingham St	\$81,000
36384 Dardanelia St	\$213,000
9804 E Clements Cir	\$92,000
17675 Francavilla Dr	\$165,000
9290 Louisiana St	\$131,000
32417 Meadowbrook St	\$89,000
29824 Minton St	\$80,000
37476 N Laurel Park Dr	\$118,000
9057 Newport Way	\$60,000
15516 Penn Dr	\$165,000

37813 Pickford Dr	\$186,000
20160 Rensellor St	\$70,000
30952 Schoolcraft Rd	\$100,000
36721 Sherwood St	\$121,000
19847 Stamford Dr	\$180,000
18292 Westchester Dr	\$395,000
29423 Westfield St	\$20,000
16596 Woodside St	\$160,000
NORTHVILLE	
47472 Arbor Trl	\$200,000
15428 Bay Hill Dr	\$510,000
19737 Hayes Ct	\$85,000
16753 Lyonhurst Cir	\$240,000
48209 Manorwood Dr	\$485,000
42956 Richards Ct	\$50,000
18018 Ridgeview Dr	\$75,000
39410 Springwater Dr	\$108,000
PLYMOUTH	
522 Ann St	\$245,000
1670 Cassidy Place Dr	\$134,000
48025 Colony Farms Cir	\$120,000
49426 Commons Blvd	\$525,000
44777 Erin Dr	\$135,000
15252 Farmbrook Dr	\$195,000

45557 Leighwood Ct	\$256,000
9634 Tennyson Dr	\$181,000
REDFORD	
9600 Crosley	\$89,000
14146 Norborne	\$70,000
17448 Wakenden	\$33,000
18655 Wakenden	\$15,000
WESTLAND	
33658 Blackfoot St	\$65,000
34127 Cowan Rd	\$89,000
38454 Deer Creek Blvd	\$82,000
8422 Fremont St	\$63,000
1457 Gloria St	\$70,000
32711 Grandview Ave	\$30,000
2431 Hannan Rd	\$250,000
131 Larchmont Dr	\$115,000
32029 Mackenzie Dr	\$55,000
32808 Merritt Dr	\$85,000
635 N Karle St	\$16,000
7753 Princeton Ct	\$67,000
722 Ravencrest Ln	\$92,000
328 S Marie St	\$101,000
8560 Sanford Dr	\$74,000
38527 Scott Dr	\$88,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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

BEVERLY HILLS	
32297 Robinhood Dr	\$393,000
17355 W 14 Mile Rd	\$104,000
BIRMINGHAM	
995 Canterbury St	\$322,000
1485 Cedar Dr	\$212,000
2292 Dunstable Rd	\$177,000
1989 Graefield Rd	\$75,000
1200 Hillside Dr	\$385,000
1385 Pierce St	\$800,000
180 Ravine Rd	\$1,590,000
891 S Bates St	\$360,000
1505 S Bates St	\$299,000
1627 Stanley Blvd	\$458,000
767 Suffield Ave	\$1,420,000
2793 Windemere Rd	\$312,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
7285 Bingham Rd	\$181,000
2401 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$135,000
1556 Georgetown Pl # 30	\$84,000
451 Goodhue Rd	\$2,000,000
770 N Cranbrook Rd	\$816,000
6350 Telegraph Rd # 2	\$74,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
764 Briar Hill Ln	\$180,000
3705 Burning Tree Dr	\$345,000
4335 Echo Rd	\$480,000
7202 Lindenmere Dr	\$300,000
637 Overbrook Rd	\$398,000
5563 Pebbleshire Rd	\$306,000

4605 Ranch Ln	\$234,000
6223 Thorncrest Dr	\$237,000
6210 Westmoor Rd	\$275,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8310 Arlis St	\$240,000
1772 Chateau Rd	\$110,000
2780 Ivy Hill Dr	\$240,000
4121 Mallard Ct	\$295,000
5870 Turnberry Dr	\$335,000
FARMINGTON	
22765 Frederick Ave	\$125,000
21252 Robinwood St	\$180,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29239 Aranel St	\$132,000
37645 Avon Ln	\$183,000
38917 Country Cir	\$77,000
32386 Craftsbury Rd	\$115,000
28984 Forest Hill Dr	\$220,000
36973 Fox Run	\$265,000
28561 Green Willow St	\$148,000
29348 Morningview	\$255,000
31702 N Marklawn St	\$131,000
29346 New Bradford Dr	\$190,000
32220 Nottingham Knls	\$142,000
32348 Nottingham St	\$170,000
26362 Pillsbury St	\$186,000
31034 Pine Cone Dr	\$217,000
30341 Pipers Ln	\$201,000
38943 Plumbrook Dr	\$250,000
22146 Purdue Ave	\$48,000
39399 Silverthorne Bnd	\$245,000
32503 Sprucewood St	\$169,000
34907 Stoneridge Ct	\$280,000
30475 Sunderland Dr	\$192,000
21095 Whitlock St	\$128,000
28855 Wintergreen	\$200,000
FRANKLIN	

25800 Franklin Park Ct	\$290,000
25131 River Dr	\$290,000
MILFORD	
953 Abbey Ln	\$170,000
953 Abbey Ln	\$140,000
1598 Hunters Lake Ct	\$155,000
515 Knight St	\$151,000
1820 Pinewood	\$215,000
438 Pondview Ln	\$330,000
433 S Main St	\$63,000
712 S Milford Rd	\$67,000
599 Tower Ridge Ct	\$190,000
NOVI	
24974 Acorn Trl	\$370,000
50653 Amesbury Dr	\$552,000
25750 Beck Rd	\$71,000
50553 Billenca Dr	\$511,000
50854 Calvert Isle Dr	\$604,000
50945 Chesapeake Dr	\$670,000
23185 Donnington Ct	\$510,000
1310 E Lake Dr	\$370,000
26245 Fieldstone Dr	\$240,000
27472 Harrington Way	\$45,000
24369 Holyoke Ln	\$390,000
40502 Lenox Park Dr	\$238,000
23415 Mystic Forest Dr	\$315,000
24682 Olde Orchard St	\$56,000
24746 Olde Orchard St	\$57,000
45786 Sheffield Dr	\$253,000
41576 Thoreau Rdg	\$285,000
23610 Valley Starr	\$124,000
22009 Worcester Dr	\$380,000
SOUTH LYON	
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18 Ruhr Valley city
19 Draw together
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23 Selling point
27 Have a hunch
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DOWN

1 Seam, in mining
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3 Gridiron option
4 Porcelain
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6 Director Ferrara
7 The Force was with him
8 Keats' saint

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	A	R	C	P	I	N	L	O	I	D
O	H	I	O	R	A	W	A	L	O	E
N	A	C	L	A	N	T	E	D	A	T
B	O	O	E	D	B	Y	F	A	R	
B	L	A	N	K	A	M	Y	R	O	B
R	U	L	E	L	I	P	D	I	R	E
A	G	E	F	E	D	G	I	B	E	D
B	E	S	T	S	L	O	R	D	S	
S	P	L	I	T	P	E	A	O	R	A
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T	E	T	E	L	E	A	E	W	E	S

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15			16							17		
18					19		20					
	21		22					23	24	25	26	
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7	9	2		3	6					
6		5							8	
							1			
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9	8	8	7	7	1	6	9			
1	7	6	9	9	8	7	2	8		
2	4	5	6	6	1	9	7	8		
4	2	9	8	7	6	8	9	1		
6	9	8	1	9	2	7	9	7		
3	7	8	1	4	1	5	9	2	8	6
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8	4	2	7	6	9	8	1	1	9	
1	9	8	1	1	8	6	8	7		

Word Search

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Q	A	R	T	P	I	N	G	A	A	Q	Q
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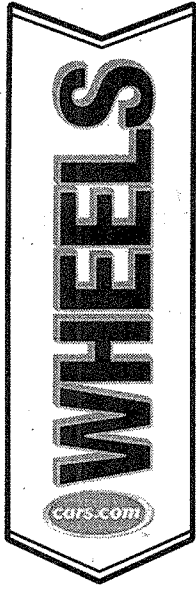
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Deadline for classified advertising for Thursday, November 24th issue - Deadline: Monday, November 21st at 4pm

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