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Pass the spaghetti

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the center will hold its game night on Thursday, Nov. 15, and its spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 16. The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle 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.

Hours cut

Beginning on Jan. 1, the Wayne County Clerk's Westland Satellite Office will discontinue late hours on Thursday due to budgetary constraints.

The Westland Satellite office is located at 3100 Henry Ruff. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Services affected by these partial closings include birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, assumed names, notary publics and concealed weapons.

For extended hours, visit the downtown Detroit location at 2 Woodward Ave., which will continue to be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Diabetes Day

Garden City Hospital will present a Diabetes Education Day Saturday, Oct. 27, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland.

Living with diabetes can appear overwhelming because of its ability to impact various aspects of daily life. Learn more about not only why but how to manage diabetes today to prevent complications in the future.

Diabetes Education Day will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and included lectures, passport for health screenings and lunch, door prizes and giveaways. Speakers will discuss the evolution of diabetes care throughout the years. There is a \$20 fee per person, or \$30 for two people. A limited number of scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Garden City Hospital's Diabetes Self-Management Education Program at (734) 458-4330.

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Word change could resolve unions merger agreement

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A one-word change may get a letter of agreement on the merger of the Wayne and Westland fire departments moving forward again.

It's the difference between will and may in a provision regarding a possible future self-funded fire authority with funding through passage of a millage or a similar mechanism.

The Westland City Council tabled the agreement between the two cities and their respective firefighter unions after Councilman Bill Johnson voiced

concerns that the language would require millage and was inappropriate in the unions' letter of agreement. The Wayne City Council and both unions have already approved the agreement.

That particular language had to be viewed in conjunction with wording higher up in the agreement, said City Attorney James Fausone, which reads that the parties intend to accomplish the merger in three stages.

"The parties' intention is different than an obligation," said Fausone. "That sets the baseline for the rest of the agreement. This simply says there is the

intention to set up a self-funded authority. It doesn't box the city in — if intentions change, they wouldn't do it."

Mitch Tokarski, president of the new merged Western Wayne Firefighters Union, said that the firefighters agreed with Fausone's reading of the agreement. The firefighters union attorney also submitted a letter to that effect.

"If it means nothing, it doesn't need to be in there," said Johnson. "The way I read it, the millage (to fund the fire department) will happen at some point in the future."

How the self-funded entity

would be established and funded is a decision the councils will have to make in the future, Fausone said.

The city is expecting to get a state grant to fund a study, likely to take a year to complete, on how to best organize the merged fire departments going forward. Funding would also be available for getting the two departments equipped to operate as a single department.

Johnson commented that he would like language that the self-funding for the fire department would come from a transfer of

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Pennant fever

Fans stock up on all things Tigers

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

With the National League Championship going seven games, the Detroit Tigers didn't know until Monday that they would be facing the San Francisco Giants in the World Series.

That didn't matter to Tigers fans who weren't waiting to start stocking up on shirts, caps and other memorabilia.

"When they started playing the Yankees (for the American League pennant) that's when it really heated up," said Mike Odetalla, owner of Play Ball Sports in Westland. "Everything is moving — the American League champions hats and shirts. Anything they see the players wearing."

Play Ball, in business for 24 years, has 200-250 Detroit



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Greg Epacs and wife Karen of Westland take pictures of a Detroit Tigers playoff shirt to let their son Matthew, who lives in Arizona, know what they have picked out for him and his wife Jessica at Playball Sports in Westland.

Tigers items from jackets, jerseys, hoodies and shirts to lanyards, mugs, floor mats, lunch boxes and, specially for Halloween, Justin Verlander masks.

"Hockey is big for us, so this comes at a great time. We'd been dying without the Red Wings (due to the lockout)," said Odetalla, who had been hoping to see the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series. "I'd

like to see pay back for 2006 (when the Cardinals defeated the Tigers)."

Westland resident Mike Selke was buying two American League Championship T-shirts — one for himself and one for his father, who lives in Florida.

"I'm a big baseball fan. I think we'll have an easier time against San Francisco. I guess it doesn't matter," said Selke. "Our starting pitchers are

our strength. The Tigers have as good a chance as anyone, a heck of a good chance."

Unlike most other shoppers, Westland resident Traci Pienton was looking for some Detroit Lions hair decorations in anticipation of the Lions Monday Night Football appearance.

"I do have a Tigers shirt," she said.

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Westland approves new round of housing rehabs

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Contracts to rehabilitate vacant Westland homes, including one to be remodeled by construction technology students, have been approved.

The city is using federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds for the renovation of two homes in the Annapolis Park Subdivision. Much the city's NSP redevelopment focus has been on homes in the Norwayne area.

"Annapolis Park for the most part has occupied homes — not like Norwayne," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell. "It is still a stable, traditional community. I love its history."

One home, at 5044 Midlebelt, was acquired

from Guy Construction which had been contracted to rehabilitate and sell the home. Instead, Qualified Construction has been awarded a nearly \$45,000 contract for the project.

The second home, 30125 Matthew, will receive \$25,000 in funding for rehabilitation by students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' construction technology program.

"They have two classes — a daytime class for high school students and an evening program for students over 18," said Campbell. "The evening class will be doing the work on Matthew. Council approved it on Monday, and the students were ready to go on Tuesday."

The building trades program is already building a new home

oh Second, also funded through NSP. This is the sixth project through the city-school district partnership.

Once the renovations are complete, the houses will be sold to eligible homebuyers, under the city's Homebuyer Assistance Program.

To better serve first time home buyers, the city selected two non-profit organizations to manage the Homebuyer Assistance Program.

National Faith Homebuyers and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will administer this program, where first-time homebuyers can receive up to \$5,000 for closing costs for houses purchased throughout the city. Funding is available for up to 20 new home buyers.

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Newest fire rescue comes with LED lights

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The purchase of a new Westland Fire Rescue vehicle, the department's first outfitted with all LED lights, has been approved by the Westland City Council.

"We have four front line rescue vehicles, we buy one rescue vehicle each year," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy. "That means every four years we replace a rescue vehicle."

As they are replaced, the front line rescue vehicles become backup units, Reddy said. "We use the backups if the front line vehicle goes down. The backups are older and hard to keep in service," said Reddy. "We run the trucks 24/7 so they get a work out, no doubt. The turn over process has worked good. We don't have too many

breakdowns."

The price for the rescue vehicle, outfitted with a state-of-the-art cardiac monitor, is \$152,222 with \$76,111 of the cost covered by federal Community Development Block Grant Funds. The remainder of the cost will be through the capital outlay budget of the Westland Fire Department.

Assigned to Fire Station 3 located on Annapolis, the new Type III Rescue Marque Ambulance has an upgraded front end for safer handling and long-term durability and is on a Chevy G4500 Chassis.

"The safety of the residents of our city will always be our top priority and this front line rescue vehicle will help ensure that," said Mayor William Wild.

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DILLON BREEN

If you were to give the Livonia board of education a letter grade from A to F, what would it be? Explain why: I would give our



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Board of Education a B. Although meaning well, the board continues with stagnate methods of communication and doesn't show a willingness to embrace a new and robust parent-friendly relationship, which I believe would better serve our district.

What strengths do you would you bring to the board that the board is currently lacking?

I would bring to the Board of Education a vibrant, fresh perspective that is willing to work with parents and members of our community to best advance our children's education. I will be a tireless advocate for communication reform and parental rights. I have a strong understanding and knowledge of state and local government that I will be able to apply in advocating for our district.

Do you support asking voters to approve a construction bond? If so, for how much and what types of improvements. If not, why not?

I would support and advocate as a board member a bond issue

Five vie for two seats on LPS ed board

Here is the first of five stories on the candidates campaigning for two seats on the Livonia school board in the Nov. 6 general election. The candidates are incumbent President Patrice Mang, Tammy Bonifield, Dillon Breen, John Grzebek and Julie Robinson. Vice President Gregory Oke is not seeking re-election. The remaining candidate responses will be published in Sunday's *Westland Observer*.

that would include not only much-needed repairs and repaving of our classrooms, but also a technology portion. If we want to keep Livonia a great place to live, we must keep families in our city and a first-rate education with 21st century technology is key.

Last year, some school candidates ran on the platform that they wanted to improve communication and the level of trust between the board and the public. Do you think it has been improved? What else, if anything, needs to happen?

I do not believe the level of communication and trust has improved. In fact I believe it has deteriorated further as a result of the terrible events at Webster Elementary. Restoring trust in our public schools is my top priority and to do so we must reinvent the way our district communicates.

Where do you see Livonia

Public Schools trimming expenses? Where can the district consolidate with neighboring districts or the private sector to reduce costs?

As a fiscal conservative I support actively looking for cost-saving measures that will reduce our overhead costs without sacrificing quality for our students. This will require working collaboratively with other districts to implement successful and responsible fiscal policies. The board is ultimately accountable to the generosity of our taxpayers; I will stand for fiscal discipline and accountability as a board member.

What would be your goals on the board, if elected?

If you noticed a pattern while reading this questionnaire, you will have seen that reinventing the way our district communicates is among my top priorities. The only way our district can re-establish trust

DILLON BREEN

Age: 19
City of residence: Livonia, 19 years

Family info: Brother Connor, attends Holmes Middle School

Occupation: Small Business Owner and City Commissioner on the Human Relation Commission

Education: LPS Graduate and College Student

Elected offices held: None

Community service work: Livonia Performing Arts Innovative, Greenmead, Member of the Livonia Historical Society

is to communicate with our parents in an honest, open and inclusive manor that lets their voices be heard and results to be accomplished.

What are the biggest issues the district faces, and how should those issues be addressed?

Economic times are tough for families in our district. We've all had to tighten our belts in this recession, so I truly hope that when the current board proposes this bond issue it stays with the basics of vital construction/repairs, as well as technology that will give our students the best possible educational experience and avoids unnecessary burdens on the taxpayer.

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In addition, the city has also approved demolition contracts for two duplexes in the Norwayne community and one property in the Carver subdivision, in the southeast section of the city. Berkshire Development and Lead Head Construction will complete those activities, removing blighted structures and making room for new development opportunities.

"The City of Westland is fortunate to receive federal funding to support much needed community development activities," said Mayor William Wild. "This is an excellent opportunity for the community, to see the pro-

ductive use of the federal funds, creating jobs, providing affordable housing and creating stronger neighborhoods."

Westland has received \$500,000 in NSP III funding which Campbell said should fund rehabilitation of eight to 10 additional homes.

"We'll have funding as long as Congress approves it. It's not the big grants like the first NSP," said Campbell, referring to earlier \$2 million in NSP funding received by Westland.

For more information regarding these and other community development projects, contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at (734) 595-0288.

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revenues currently collected. The concern was that additional new millage would be levied for fire operations although that would require voter approval and hasn't actually been proposed.

"We can't lose sight of why we are doing this — it's to save money. It's not for new millage or to create costs for the Fire Department," said Mayor William Wild.

Wild cited the example of Rochester Hills, where voters approved a dedicated police millage which shifted existing funding from the general fund without increasing the levy.

"The two cities have saved \$250,000 by hav-

ing one fire chief. Wayne is letting us use their (administration) building since we are becoming one department at the end of the day," he said.

Under a new entity operating jointly, Wild said new hires would have different pensions and other changes, resulting in cost savings. The city is also earning state Economic Vitality Incentive Program funds by moving ahead with the merger.

The consensus of council was to change the word will to may when it comes to asking voter approval for millage and establishing a self-funding entity.

The Wayne council and the union will both need to agree to the change.

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TIGERS

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Over at Fanatic U in Garden City, business was also brisk.

"It's been crazy — out of control," said Patti Croskey, who has worked at the store for five years. "When the Tigers won the division, it started to pick up."

But things really got busy the morning after the Tigers swept the Yankees to take the American League pennant.

The big sellers were the locker room T-shirts worn by Tigers players after clinching the pennant and the postseason hoodies worn by players in the dugout.

"We have three left — otherwise we have sold out," said Croskey, wearing a crown offered to commemorate Miguel Cabrera's triple crown.

Garden City resident Judy Rhoades was buying two Tigers American League Championship T-shirts — one for herself and one for her husband, Jim.



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Managers at Play Ball Sports in Westland, Sam Qaoud and Rita Aneed, both from Westland, show off the Detroit Tigers merchandise that has been a hot seller since the team clinched the American League pennant and a spot in the 2012 World Series.

"The jerseys are a little too steep. We're Tigers fans — tried and true," she said. "I might possibly buy more shirts, if they win the World Series. I might even go for a jersey."

Hunter Ohman, a 10-year-old who attends Douglas Elementary School in Garden City, was at Fanatic U with his father, Brad. Hunter, who plays football and

baseball, said baseball is his second favorite sport behind football.

"The Tigers are going to win," said Hunter without hesitating. "I want them to play San Francisco."



Detroit Tigers car flags are among the items for sale at Fanatic U in Garden City.

St. Louis won the World Series last year. I'm kind of worried about them."

Hunter was getting one of the last remaining locker room hoodies — something his father was hoping to preserve as a keepsake but Hunter was plan-

ning to wear. Both Fanatic U and Playball will be adding new merchandise based on the outcome of the World Series.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Appraisal Clinic

Gather up those items you've always thought might be a valuable and get an answer as the Westland Historic Village Park hosts an Appraisal Clinic by DuMouchelle Galleries. The clinic will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Octagon House.

The cost is \$10 per item for verbal appraisals with a maximum of three items per person. Appraisal items must be able to be brought inside the building.

Call (734) 522-3918 with the number of items to be appraised and get an estimated time slot

for the appraisal. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appraisals.

Octagon House is located in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road south of Marquette.

Diabetes check

The Westland Friendship Center at 1119 Newburgh, will host "Diabetes Unchecked" as part of the journey to better health 1-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

Senior Madonna University Nursing students will be guiding a presentation and discussion on diabetes and its potential impact on health and

quality of life. Information will be brought to light regarding borderline diabetes and the progression of the disease, if it goes "unchecked." A question-and-answer period will follow presentation.

Call (734) 722-7632 to sign up. Light refreshments will be served.

Taste Fest

The Westland Chamber of Commerce and Westland Rotary Club are joining forces to host the 2012 Holiday Taste Fest 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

There will be food from the area's finest restau-

rants and culinary artists along with an opportunity to bid on auction items ranging from fabulous baskets, trips and services to golf.

New this year will be live musical entertainment by Westland's own Elvis impersonator Fred Wolfe.

Ticket are \$25 per person with a cash bar. Sponsorships are available. Partial proceeds from the event will benefit Westland Rotary Charities, the Joseph Benyo Scholarship and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

For tickets or information, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 or visit

westlandchamber.com or westlandrotary.com.

Wrestling Club

Westland Bottle Rockets, a wrestling club for ages 4-14, meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for beginners and 6-7:45 p.m. for advanced wrestlers, in the Wrestling Room of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland. Practice will begin Tuesday, Nov. 27, and run through March 2013.

Registration will take place 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, outside the Wrestling Room at the high school. The membership fee for the season is \$50 and

includes a T-shirt. More information and/or a copy of the registration form can be obtained by visiting the club link at glennwrestling.com. Questions can be directed to the coaches at brclubwrestling@gmail.com or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Town hall meeting

Mayor William Wild will hold his final town hall meeting to discuss with the public the City Hall project 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Cooper Upper Elementary at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

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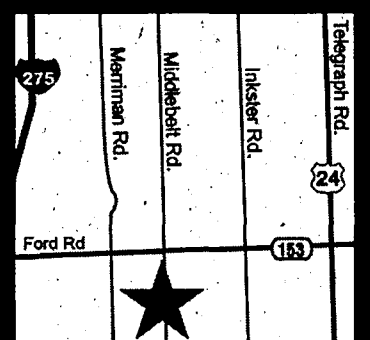
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PUBLIC SAFETY

GCH nurse discovers patient took her jacket

Stolen jacket

A nurse at Garden City Hospital at 6245 Inkster Road was surprised when a man wearing a jacket inside out asked her for directions to the employees parking lot about 5:45 a.m. Oct. 16.

She was even more surprised later when she found out that it was her jacket he had on which he stole from the back of her chair at her work station.

Her car keys were in her jacket pocket.

She contacted hospital security when she realized what happened and everyone determined that it was a just-released patient who stole her jacket.

The Garden City police arrested the 21-year-old Westland man in the Maplewood and Hartel area after he was spotted at Maplewood and Deering. The police found the nurse's car keys on her car seat when they went to investigate.

Stolen car

An employee at Garden City Hospital at 6245 Inkster Road returned to the parking lot at 11 p.m. Oct. 21 to find that her 1999 Jeep Cherokee was stolen.

It had been parked in the emergency room employee parking lot. She told police that she didn't know of anyone who would want to steal her car.

Break-in

The police were summoned to Cars with a Past, 29949 Ford, Oct. 16 because of a burglary alarm.

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The front door was open but nothing seemed out of place, however, the manager determined that an envelope of money was taken from a drawer.

The police said that a bathroom window had been removed in order to gain entry into the building.

Nothing else was removed from the building.

Theft

A landlord in the 100 block of Belton reported items stolen from the home soon after a woman was evicted.

He came to the lobby of the police station Oct. 16 to report the loss which included appliances.

Disorderly conduct

The police arrested a Livonia man for disorderly conduct about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 21.

They arrived in the area near Ford and Middlebelt to find that a truck had been left up on the curb and the boat being towed was blocking westbound traffic on Ford.

The police could immediately see hunting gear and two long guns inside the truck but there was no driver.

A man who was yelling across the street near the Rite Aid store was determined to be the driver.

When the police ordered him to stop he went around the Rite Aid store to try to get

away. When he finally did stop, the police determined that he was highly intoxicated and registered a .24 blood alcohol level which is three times the legal limit.

He was arrested and transported to the police station where his two long guns and a starter pistol was placed in a locker for safekeeping.

Property damage

A manager of a business at 29866 Ford found that a BB gun had shattered the window of a Ford van Oct. 18.

The police noted in the report that there were other reports of windows being shot out in the area. They were looking for suspects riding in a dark-colored PT Cruiser which was speeding.

A vehicle owner in the 29000 block of Elmwood reported that the driver's side window of his 2000 Ford was shot out with a BB gun Oct. 18.

Theft

A man who forgot his wallet at the Bulk Food Store, 5636 Middlebelt, found that it was gone when he remembered it and went back to retrieve it Oct. 17.

When he checked his account, he learned that someone almost immediately started fraudulently charging purchases. They included a Red box rental, a Shell gas purchase and a food purchase.

He was declined three transactions at the Meijer store in Livonia.

By Sue Buck

Copper plumbing among items stolen from Westland home

Break-in

A 10-gauge 300-foot commercial extension cord and a construction radio valued at \$700 were reported stolen, along with all the copper plumbing, from a home in the 1100 block of Selma Oct. 21.

The owner, a Plymouth man, told police he had been out of the home for a couple of weeks but had left some belongings.

The officer noted the copper pipe had been cut out with some type of powered saw and a caused a leak in the basement.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 2200 block of Buchanan Court told police Oct. 19 that someone had stolen a digital camera, two portable DVD players, a calculator and a leaf blower, valued at \$550, from his 1997 Ford Expedition which had been left unlocked.

Break-in

On Oct. 19, a resident in the 34000 block of Fairchild told police that someone had pried open the service door to the garage. Once inside, the GPS/stereo unit, a Cobb access port and an iPod valued at \$1,500 were stolen. There also was \$300 in damage to the dashboard.

Also reported stolen from the garage were a radial saw, a gas-powered leaf vacuum and a lawn mower valued at \$800.

Stolen vehicle

A 2004 Ford Explorer was reported stolen

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from a home in the 32000 block of Avondale Oct. 18. The owner said he leaves the vehicle keys inside the center console and unlocks the vehicle with a keypad.

Break-in

A resident of a unit in the Hines Park Apartments, 31610 Cowan, told police Oct. 22 that she arrived home to find the locked door had been forced open. She said nothing appeared to have been taken but a drawer was opened.

Attempted break-in

Police were called to a home in the 39000 block of Nottingham Oct. 21 about an attempted break-in. The owner told police she is in the process of moving out and the home is for sale.

The owner still is collecting mail at the address and arrived to find someone had attempted to pry open the side door. The screen had also been removed from a window.

Break-in

A resident in the 33000 block of Belding Court told police Oct. 20 that someone had entered her home in the early morning hours to steal \$350 and a radio valued at \$100.

The family dogs had barked around 2 a.m., the resident said, but she hadn't gotten up to check on them. Later

when she did get up, she said the rear glass door was open slightly. The cash was missing from her purse, she said, with the radio taken from the kitchen.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Farmington Hills man told police that someone had stolen the license from his 2001 Chrysler Town and Country while it was parked at Holliday Park Cooperative, 34130 Fountain Blvd., Oct. 19-20.

Stolen vehicle

Just after 2 a.m. Oct. 20, a Livonia man told police that his 1998 Jeep Cherokee valued at \$10,000 was missing from the parking lot of Bumpers, 8631 N. Newburgh. The owner told police the vehicle is paid off and he had all the keys.

Vandalism

Police were sent to a duplex in the 31000 block of Bay Court Oct. 19 where the owner reported someone had shot two rear windows with a BB/pellet gun damaging the glass. The units are vacant and being remodeled. The damage was set at \$320.

Larceny

A resident in the 30000 block of Nelson Circle told police Oct. 17 that someone had stolen the air conditioning unit from her home. She said the unit, valued at \$2,000, had been stolen sometime during the previous three weeks.

By LeAnne Rogers



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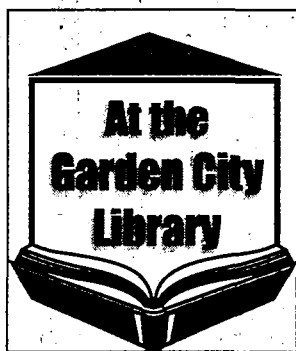
Election happenings @ your library

Beginning on Nov. 1, the Garden City Library will be holding its own election.

Readers of all ages are invited to submit a vote for their favorite book or favorite character from a book. The sky's the limit as the ballot is open to whoever gets nominated!

Have a book that you feel everyone would love or a character that is just the perfect candidate? Come on in to the Garden City Public Library. The voting is open to the whole family - no need to be 18 to exercise your right to vote in this election. Each voter will receive an election themed sticker.

Be sure to pick up a bookmark while in the library too to put in your election reads. Stickers



and bookmarks will be available on a first come, first serve basis, and the election will last the whole month of November. Be sure to watch for the results in early December.

Election Reads and Views

It is hard not to turn on the television, the radio

or pick up the newspaper or a magazine without something covering some component of the election. If you are in need of nonpartisan information for the election, be sure to check out the League of Women Voter's website at www.lwvww.org or stop the library to pick up their election guide.

Perhaps you have an interest in politics or you have children or teens asking about the election? Your library is a great resource for resources, including the voting guide, informational books and movies as well as fictionalized stories to draw you into the political intrigue or is some cases, the hilarious side of elections. Here is a list of some

of the election-themed titles available at the Garden City Public Library:

Adult Titles to Consider:

- Books - *D.C. dead* by Stuart Woods, *Sneaky Pie for President* by Rita Mae Brown, *What Really Happened* by Rielle Hunter and *Killing Kennedy: the End of Camelot* by Bill O'Reilly.

- Audiobooks - *Dutch: a Memoir of Ronald Reagan* by Edmund Morris and *The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln* by Stephen Carter.

- Movies - *The Ides of March*, *My Fellow Americans*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, *Milk* and *Man of the Year*.

Teen Titles to Consider:

- *Hunger Games* by

Suzanne Collins, *Divergence* by Veronica Roth and *Smart Girls Get What They Want* by Sarah Strohmeyer.

Youth Titles to Consider:

- Picture Books - *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin, *Vote for Me* by Ben Clanton,

- Fiction Titles - *Bad Kitty for President* by Nick Bruel, *The Franditate* by Jim Benson and *Addie on the Inside* by James Howe.

- Nonfiction Titles - *White House Kids: The Perks, Pleasures, Problems and Pratfalls of the Presidents' Children* by Joe Rhatigan.

- Youth DVDs
- American Presidents, Volumes 1-4.

If any of these would receive your vote, call

the library at (734) 793-1830, and we will be happy to put them on hold for you.

The library is located at 31735 Maplewood Street in Garden City. The best entrance to get into the library is off of Balmoral, one road south of Maplewood. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday.

At the Library was Stephanie Charlefour, youth and teen librarian, and Lawrence Marble, library director. Contact Charlefour at scharlefour@garden-city.lib.mi.us or at (734) 793-1837. Contact Marble at lm Marble@garden-city.lib.mi.us or at (734) 793-1830.

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Families celebrate fall at Lathers festival



Five-year-old Cerynitea Williams of Garden City gets a flower painted on her cheek at this year's Fall Festival at the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center.

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

How do you describe giving out 465 trick or treat bags in a three-hour period?
If you are Suzanne March, the word is "awesome."

The principal of the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center, March and her staff invited Garden City parents and their children to the school Friday evening for a Fall Festival.

"We were pretty packed, it was a wonderful evening," March said.

Parents paid \$2 per child for the festival that included face painting, cider and doughnuts, arts and crafts, a petting farm with pony rides, pumpkin decorating contest, balloon artist, cake walk and bake sale. There also were nine stations set up one hallway of the school for youngsters to trick or treat.

There also was a Scholastic Book Fair, handled by the PTA, which also provided volunteers for the festival.

"We had one big rush between 6 and 7:30," said March. "We absolutely loved it, the families absolutely loved it. We actually had people show up who didn't have any kids."

Admittedly a lot of work, March credits her staff with its success. After bills were paid, the event raised about \$200 which will go toward more activities at the school.

"It wasn't even about breaking even," she said. "It was about bringing in the families from the community."

This is the second year the staff has put on the Fall Festival and, according to March, there will be more. However, in between, those events there will be a special read-in with Santa Claus from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11.

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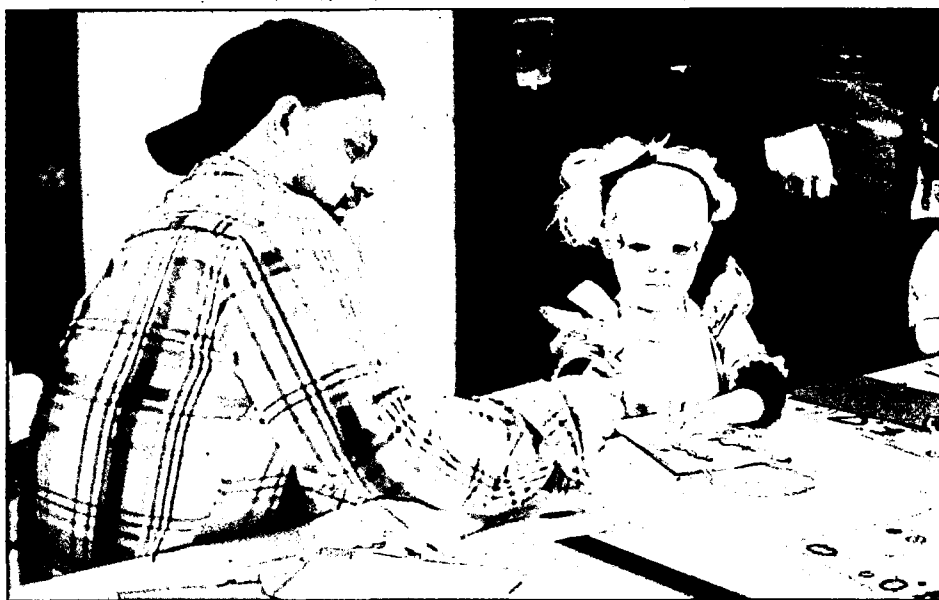
The rainy weather didn't stop 3-year-old Nathaniel Gutierrez of Garden City from petting the baby goats at the petting zoo.



Neal Kalkun of Garden City gives his little tiger, 5-month-old Cade a hug and a kiss as while his family enjoys the Fall Festival.



Four-year-old Garden city resident Niklas Kieltyka is all smiles riding the pony lead by Sarah Biroth of Chamberlin Pony Rides Company of Howell.



Jack Collins of Garden City helps his 3-year-old daughter Cheyanne decorate her bag.



Cousins, Meadow Welch and Andrew Smith trick-or-treat down the hall of the Lathers Center during the second annual Fall Festival.

Don't let fear, panic dictate investment decisions

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Last week — Oct. 19 — was the anniversary of an event that most of us as investors would like to forget. It was the 25th anniversary of the stock market crash of 1987 or as it has been affectionately referred to — Black Monday.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

That was the day that the Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered its largest one-day drop. On that day, the Dow dropped 508 points, which was 23 per-

cent of the Dow's value. In addition, the Standard & Poor's 500 dropped 20 percent.

Although a lot has changed in the world and the economy, there are some similarities today worth mentioning. After the crash, there were numerous articles written that compared 1987 to the Great Depression of 1929. The fear mongers were out in force talking doom and gloom and scaring investors.

It reminds me of what happened during the 2008 financial crisis. If you recall at the time of the financial crisis there were numerous stories both in print and on TV comparing the situation to 1929.

Once again, the doom and gloomers were out in force scaring investors.

The result was that in both 1987 and 2008, many investors let fear dictate their decisions and bailed out of the market moving to what they considered safer investments, such as CDs and U.S. treasuries.

Unfortunately, the investors who did bail out in 1987 and in 2008 missed the recovery.

What is also similar is that our economy did not collapse and we did not return to 1929. In fact, within two years after the crash of 1987, the market regained its strength.

Losses recouped

Although we have not fully recovered from the meltdown in 2008, we have regained the great majority of losses.

Both today and in 1987, investors that panicked

and bailed out of the market did not give their portfolio a chance to recover. In both instances, if investors were patient and had stayed the course, they would have been in much better shape than they were by bailing out.

If you go back to 1987, many investors who bailed out stayed out for a long period of time.

Most of those investors missed a significant run in the market in the 1990s. Unfortunately, many of them jumped back in the market at a time when the market was at its all-time high only to suffer the consequences of the dot com meltdown in early 2000.

The result was that once again, they bailed out of the market and suffered significant losses.

es. It seems today many investors follow that same strategy of buying high and selling low; it just doesn't work.

One thing today that is similar to 1987 is that certain investors look for opportunities during market volatility. Many investors, who did not panic in 1987 or during the financial crisis, ended up profiting from the market volatility. The strategy of buying low and selling high is one that works for investors today and worked back in 1987.

As we look back to October 1987, the lessons that investors should have learned is that you cannot make investment decisions in the midst of a crisis. Investors with patience have always been rewarded.

In addition, we should

all know that our economy and our markets are a lot different than they were in 1929. When people in the midst of a financial crisis compare things to 1929, they are just trying to scare you and create fear. As investors, we cannot let fear dictate our investment decisions.

Lastly, the most important lesson to be learned from 1987 and the recent financial crisis is that the strategy of buying low and selling high is the only way for investors to profit. Good luck!

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McCotter staffers face trial on felony charges

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Two former staffers of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter were bound over for trial on several felony charges Tuesday by 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh.

Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang were bound over to Third Circuit Court for charges related to McCotter's failed re-election bid.

Yowchuang, a Farmington Hills resident, faces 10 counts of forgery and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Seewald faces one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Yowchuang also faces six misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as a circulator, while Seewald also faces nine similar misdemeanor counts.

Kavanagh took two weeks after the pair's preliminary examination, which saw McCotter testify, to review transcripts of interviews with investigators. After the review, Kavanagh

decided there was enough evidence on the conspiracy charges to send the men to circuit court in Detroit.

Kavanagh said two weeks ago that he believed there was enough evidence in the 10 counts of forgery against Yowchuang.

"I was convinced there was enough evidence presented," he said. "There's no discussion on that one."

The pair are two of four former McCotter staffers charged after the Michigan Secretary of State determined nominating petitions had photocopied signatures from previous elections.

Defense attorneys for the two argued the conspiracy charge was incorrectly filed and should be dismissed, as the two conspired to perform an illegal act — unlawfully signing nominating petitions to get McCotter on the primary ballot. Since the act of signing a petition and not being the circulator is a misdemeanor, Seewald's attorney Mark Mandell said the pair should be charged with misdemeanor conspiracy, rather than felony charges.

Kavanagh said he believed the transcripts indicated enough evidence on the conspiracy charges to go to trial and the pair may have conspired to commit an illegal act through legal means, but admitted it was a difficult decision.

"That's what they thought they were doing," he said. "It would have been a lot easier if they had been charged in the misdemeanor statute."

The circuit court may decide otherwise, Kavanagh said, and could dismiss the felony charge.

Former staffer Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, pleaded no contest last month to five misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. Another staffer, Mary Melissa Turnbull, of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

Seewald and Yowchuang are set to be arraigned at 9 a.m. Nov. 6 in circuit court in Detroit.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Craft shows

• Garden City High School will be host its annual craft and vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt between Ford and Warren Road.

There will be 75 tables of home vendors, such as Pampered Chef, Avon and Creative Memories, as well as a variety of homemade arts and crafts, door prize raffles, 50/50 drawings, a bake sale and concessions available throughout the show.

Admission is \$1 which includes a free raffle ticket. For more information or for table availability, email Sheryll at vendorshow@gmail.com or call (734) 367-0898 and leave a message. All proceeds will benefit the Garden City Middle School PTSA.

• American Legion Auxiliary Post 396 will hold a Vendor/Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Lucerne, Redford. Admission is \$1. Food will be available for purchase, and there also will be a bake sale.

Financial aid

Parents and students who are thinking about college or are in the process of applying for college can get help at a College Financial Aid Night being held at Garden City High School Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The program will start at 6:30 p.m. and provide information on such things as the elements of financial aid, free application

for federal student aid (FAFSA), including how to receive personal assistance when completing the application, recommended financial aid resources and the next steps in securing financial assistance.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road. For more information, call the high school at (734) 762-8350.

Wine tasting

Some of the finest wines in the world can be sampled Friday, Nov. 9, during the Wine Tasting Benefit and Auction in Livonia, sponsored by Community Opportunity Center (COC).

More than 100 wines from all over the world, ranging in price from \$10 to \$150 a bottle, can be sampled at the event that will benefit COC, which provides housing and supportive services to people with developmental disabilities in western Wayne County.

The Wine Tasting Benefit and Auction is sponsored by The Fine Wine Source of Livonia on behalf of COC and will be held 6:30-10:30 p.m. in the Aspen Room of Laurel Manor on the north I-96 service drive west of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

The event also includes a silent auction, live auction, and an array of hors d'oeuvres in addition to wine tasting. Tickets at \$65 per person or \$120 per couple. They can be reserved by calling Diane or Larry Janes at (734) 422-5525.



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Photo tips for smartphone users

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

You don't need a fancy camera to be an amateur photographer anymore. And because most of us have our phones on us at all times, they are a more convenient picture taking option in this digital age.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

Here are a few tips to help you take better looking photos and videos from your smartphone or a similar handheld device.

Hold your phone horizontally: When taking pictures and especially videos, avoid holding your phone vertically. Holding your phone vertically makes it easier to take a picture or video, but the orientation diminishes the quality upon playback. Much of the screen will be cut off or appear black. By holding your phone horizontally, you can achieve a widescreen effect that provides much better quality upon playback.

Clean the lens: This is a no brainer but sometimes we forget how dirty our handheld devices can get from being in our hands and in our pockets all day. To be safe, always clean your device with

a soft, fleece or microfiber cloth. Use water if necessary but never any chemicals as they may damage your lenses or other parts of your device. The same method can be used to clean your phone's screen or other electronic devices.

Avoid the zoom: While it may seem like a good idea at the time, you will regret zooming later. Zooming distorts both photos and videos alike. A better alternative: get closer to your subject. If that's not possible, take the picture and crop it later. You can crop it from your phone by using an application like PhotoShop, Facebook Camera or Instagram.

You can also edit the photos on your computer. Even if you aren't "Tech Savvy" cropping is feasible as it is one of the most basic editing functions. A quick google search can walk you through the process if you are still having trouble.

Shoot in HD quality: High definition video is better than standard definition but it also takes up more space. Many devices give users the option of which video they want to capture. Make sure your HD function is on.

Steady the camera: You don't have to buy a stand or try and hold your breathe. Just take a deep breathe and relax before taking the important shot. Steady-

ing your camera will help reduce blur and help ensure your shot is centered the way you want.

Use the light: This tip might be the easiest one on the list. To make sure your picture isn't dark or covered in shadows, make sure your subject is facing the light. A common mistake from amateur photographers is giving themselves the light.

Test the flash: Flash doesn't always give you the best results. If you have an LED flash on your camera take some test pictures to examine the quality. The results may be surprising.

Fix camera resolution - Just like the HD option, some cameras allow users to take pictures in better resolutions. For best results take photos at a larger picture size and quality. Again, you can always crop them later if needed.

If these tips still don't help, you can always revert to one of the most popular techniques as of late: put the photo through Instagram. Add borders, different color tones and other enhancements to hide your subpar photography skills. That's what I do.

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Michigan fitness retailer Running Fit is among several stores making their debut at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Airport adds international, local retailers to McNamara Terminal

McNamara Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport will have a new transformative new retail program, following its approval by the Wayne County Airport Authority Board.

The new program, which will include a more than \$13 million retailer investment in the airport, will introduce new major brands and local specialty shops to Detroit travelers, including the launch of five new concepts not yet found in any airport worldwide.

"When the McNamara Terminal opened in 2002, it swept industry awards and traveler rankings for unmatched customer satisfaction largely due to the variety of shopping and dining options it features," said WCAA CEO Tom Naughton. "Ten years later, this new retail program will position us well to serve changing traveler demands and expectations well into the decade ahead."

The new McNamara Terminal retail program will introduce internationally-recognized brands, including The Body Shop, Spanish fashion label Desigual, EA SPORTS, The Economist, Johnston & Murphy, The New York Times, PAN-DORA, Spanx, Tim Horton's and The Wall Street Journal while also reintroducing popular existing stores Brighton Collectibles, Brooks Brothers, Brookstone, Caribou Coffee, CNBC Smartshop, Erwin Pearl, PGA TOUR Shop and Starbucks in completely re-designed venues.

Also new to the terminal are several concepts that will be the first to appear in any airport worldwide, including the first-ever retail outlet for NBC's highly-rated morning show TODAY, TIME magazine's first newsstand, and the first airport boutiques for Dylan's Candy Bar and NBC News. DTW will also feature the

first airport location in the Americas for Porsche Design.

Local specialty stores

In addition to new and national brands, several local, specialty stores are also part of the new program, such as the family-owned, Birmingham-based Mills Pharmacy + Apothecary and Michigan fitness retailer Running Fit which is also making its airport debut. Also included are two outlets specializing in local merchandise. Michigan Sports will offer licensed apparel and accessories for Michigan's professional and collegiate teams, while Detroit! will feature Made in Detroit and other locally-themed products.

"This new retail program will take Detroit Metro Airport's Concession program to the next level," said WCAA Director of Concessions and Quality Assurance Greg Hateher. "It's more than just new and celebrated brand names. Most of these new concepts completely re-imagine the airport shopping experience by integrating new and interactive technology, infusing local merchants with international brands, adding more eco-friendly products, integrating gourmet coffee and comic books into our new travel stores, and more."

Detroit Metro Airport's retail program for the McNamara Terminal was among the first in the world to feature a wide-variety of shops run by a mix of national and local operators when the terminal opened in 2002. By design, few shops are located adjacent to another venue operated by the same firm, which encourages competition among vendors in both price and customer service.

All of the new retail contracts were compet-

itively solicited and provided opportunities for two prime operators (11 venues each) as well as nine direct opportunities for individual spaces. The Airport Authority conducted extensive community outreach to encourage participation in the latest retail solicitations, and the fit-out of transformed retail spaces is expected to result in a number of new, local construction jobs.

Hire current workers

All new retail operators have committed to hiring from among the current airport retail employees to ensure a seamless transition and minimal job displacement. As a whole, WCAA's retail and dining concessions program directly employs approximately 3,100 people.

The new retail contracts approved by the Airport Authority Board will be phased-in over the next year in order to ensure some concessions remain open for customers throughout the transition. Additionally, several newly-added retail stores in the terminal - L'Occitane, Swarovski, Solar Shades, Croc's, Vino Volo and the terminal's two Duty Free Americas stores - as well as the retail concessions located in the terminal's Concourse C, which opened in 2005, will remain as part of the new retail program.

The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive any tax dollars to support airport operations, making revenue from sources, such as concessions critical to supporting the airport as key regional asset. The new retail program approved is expected to return \$7.7 million to the Airport Authority in its first full year of operation, a 16.9 percent increase over the current program, and more than \$62 million over the seven-year terms of the contracts.

Oakwood names community outreach director

Oakwood Healthcare Inc. recently named Betty Priskorn as its new Corporate director of community outreach.

Priskorn has a long, distinguished career of non-profit and community service. She comes to Oakwood from The Guidance Center, where she served for 18 years as executive vice president. She also served on the city council in River-

view. "This is what I love doing," said Priskorn. "I want to have a positive impact on the community."

Priskorn has a master's degree in social work from the Univer-

sity of Michigan and received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is already familiar with Oakwood because she once trained at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and through her work at the Guidance Center, which is a comprehensive social service agency and a significant partner with Oakwood through services like its school and adolescent clinics.

"With Betty Priskorn on the Oakwood team, we will be stronger and steadier in pursuit of our mission to provide excellence in care, healing and health to the individuals and communities," said Mary Zatina, senior vice president of corporate communications for OHI. "She brings a host of tal-

ents, personal relationships and positive energy to this position and we are thrilled to have her."

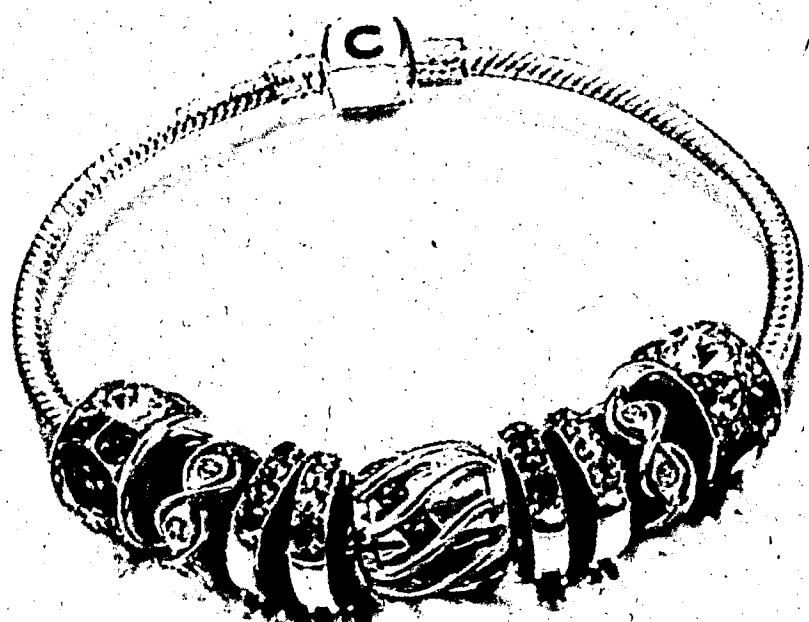
In her new role, Priskorn will be responsible for leading the process to update the organization's Community Health Needs Assessment. In addition she will oversee clinical and non-clinical activities in the Oakwood Community Health Department, Oakwood's adolescent and school-based health clinics and Oakwood's Ryan White Clinic. She will also guide existing programs such as myNutratek, the Oakwood Red October Run and more.

"I am proud to be part of an Oakwood team that is dedicated to its patients, employees, and the community," she said.



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Brooke Kennedy's relatives who want jail time for her death are (from left) maternal grandparents Denise and Eugene Gabany and Kennedy's aunt and uncle, Diane and Glenn Gibbons.

Family wants jail for driver in fatality

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Grieving relatives implored a 35th District Court judge Monday to impose a jail sentence on a driver accused of ignoring a flashing red light in Canton and causing a two-car crash that killed Belleville teens Brooke Kennedy and Danielle Beavers, passengers in his car.

However, a defense attorney portrayed Rufus Thomas Brandon II, 24, as a remorseful preacher's son and college student who shouldn't be jailed for a tragic decision he made while driving sober through the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road shortly after 2 a.m. July 24.

Judge Ronald Lowe, calling it perhaps the hardest decision he has faced in 18 years on the bench, has set a Nov. 13 sentencing date for Brandon, who could face a maximum one-year jail term and a longer probation sentence. He pleaded no contest Monday to one count of a moving violation causing a death, and a second count was dismissed.

Outside the courtroom, Kennedy's maternal grandmother, Denise Gabany of Westland, had fought back tears as she worried that Brandon might receive probation Monday.

"How can it be that two girls who were just starting their lives died — and their lives are only worth probation?" she asked. "Where is the justice behind that? It just doesn't make sense."

Couldn't face court
Gabany said her daughter — Kennedy's mother — has been so distraught she couldn't even go to court.

"Brooke wasn't just her daughter. She was her best friend," Gabany said. "She lost part of her soul."

Inside the courtroom, Gabany and others pleaded with Lowe to give Brandon jail time amid statements by Eric Sterbis, the prosecuting attorney, that Brandon came to "a rolling stop" and drove through a flashing red signal. According to the car's black-box data, Sterbis said Brandon slowed to 14-18 mph and had reached 25 mph when the passenger side of his vehicle was struck.

Brandon was driving his Chevrolet Cavalier southbound when it was struck by a Monte Carlo being driven eastbound along Michigan Avenue by a 21-year-old Westland man on his way home from work, authorities have said. Brandon was taking Kennedy and Beavers home from work after a gathering at the nearby Ruby Tuesday, where they all worked. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Beavers' relatives didn't attend Monday's court hearing, but Lowe urged Sterbis to advise them of the Nov. 13 sentencing.

As Brandon sat at a defense table, Eugene Gabany, Kennedy's maternal grandfather, called for the most punishment Lowe can impose. Kennedy would have celebrated her 19th birthday three days after the sentencing date for her death.

"In our family's eyes (the punishment) could not be harsh enough," Eugene Gabany said. "We'll never see her 19th birthday or her wedding."

Remorse shown
Defense attorney Constance Ross argued for a two-year probation sentence among other court orders, saying Brandon has shown remorse for the teens' deaths. Ross said Brandon attends Eastern Michigan University and doesn't drink alcohol or use drugs. "He is on the right

path," she said. "I'd like to make sure he doesn't crawl into a hole over the trauma of that evening."

Sterbis told Lowe that Kennedy's family wants a punishment Brandon can feel. "Does probation give him something he can feel? Probably not."

Diane Gibbons, Kennedy's aunt, described her life after the double fatality. She and husband Glenn Gibbons of Romulus went to the accident scene until Kennedy was pulled from the car.

"I haven't slept since this happened," Diane Gibbons told Lowe. "I cry every day."

Glenn Gibbons said Kennedy's family isn't being unfair by seeking jail time. He said his wife hasn't been the same since losing her niece.

"I want her back, and I don't know when I'll get her back," he told Lowe.

Kennedy's paternal grandmother, Donna "Nana" Kennedy, told Lowe she doesn't believe Brandon should ever be allowed to drive again, though Lowe can't impose such a sentence. Lowe, who has two teenage sons, called it the first time he has faced sentencing a defendant who caused a death. Most cases involving death are decided in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Lowe advised Brandon and his attorney to develop a plan for how the situation could be used to help society while still showing that Brandon is hurt by the tragedy.

"I'm not ruling jail out," Lowe said, adding later, "I'm looking for the community to benefit from this."

Kennedy's family expressed relief that Lowe, rather than granting probation Monday, has put sentencing on hold until Nov. 13.

"It's not going to be a cakewalk anymore," Glenn Gibbons said.

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OUR VIEWS

WCCCD millage

Vote yes on college's tax request

It might be one of the least talked about proposals on the general election ballot, but on Nov. 6, residents of the Wayne County Community College District will be asked to approve a 1-mill tax increase.

The college district covers a large part of Wayne County, including the Wayne-Westland Community Schools portion of Westland and Canton and the city of Wayne. WCCCD receives some state aid, but a vast majority of its funding is from property tax levies and tuition. Currently, residents of the district pay 2.25 mills. One mill is a permanent levy, while the remaining 1.25 mills is a 10-year levy renewed by voters in 2008. The tax request would generate more than \$21 million a year and would offset the revenue losses the district has experienced because of declining property values.

The college district was established in 1967 and has five campuses. It is one of the largest multi-campus community colleges in the nation, serving more than 70,000 credit and non-credit students in 93 degree and certificate programs.

The college has worked hard to meet the needs of its students and has seen its enrollment steadily climb, especially the past few years, due in part to unemployed workers seeking new job skills. WCCCD has a strong emphasis on occupational and career programs and transfer programs to four-year colleges and universities, but it also has found partnerships with school districts like Wayne-Westland where dual enrollment allows high school students to do their course work in their high schools.

WCCCD has proven to be a wise steward of the money it receives. But without the new millage, it would have to scale back its programs. It already has cut staff, had furloughs and, this year, capped enrollment. That's bad news for the people who are turning to the college for the training and skills needed to get a job and keep a job.

We recommend the Wayne County Community College District millage.

Vote yes in the Nov. 6 election. Help WCCCD continue to meet the needs of its students now and in the future.

Halloween safety

Next Wednesday, the streets will be filled with costumed youngsters and the sounds of "trick or treat" as we celebrate Halloween.

Halloween is thought to have originated centuries ago with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts.

While it's meant to be a fun time for children, in the past, it has been marred by people who chose to tamper with the treats, putting such things as razor blades, pins and pills into sweet treats. As a result, parents must exercise caution when it comes to Halloween treats.

For many years, Westland's 18th District Court has been open on Halloween evening to do candy checks. And that tradition continues this year. The court house, located on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road, in the civic center complex, will check candy between 6:30-10 p.m. on Halloween, Oct. 31. For parents who are concerned about their kids' treats, it's a good place to stop at on Halloween.

Many churches are also offering alternatives to trick or treating. Kirk of Our Savior in Westland and the First United Methodist and St. Mary's Church in Wayne are holding Trunk or Treat Halloween this weekend. And even businesses are getting in the spirit with trick or treating activities, including Westland Shopping Center which will hold trick or treating between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, and businesses in downtown Wayne which will hand out treats on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should walk, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk, if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should avoid trick or treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult and only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.

Halloween is a time of excitement for children and our wish is that it continues to be.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How well do you think the Tigers will do in the World Series?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I really don't know anything about baseball, but I think the Tigers will win in five."

Caleb Richter
Belleville



"I think it'll be Tigers in five because of the Tigers pitching."

A.J. Seltz
Ypsilanti



"I say Tigers in six. I think it's going to be exciting."

Kole Niemi
Garden City



"It's going to be a sweep. Tigers have to do that."

Travis Fry
Romulus

LETTERS

Thanks, golfers

To all golfers, Hole Sponsors and volunteers,

We would like to extend a sincere and hardy thank you to all of you who attended the first annual Golfers Against Diabetes Golf Outing. It was a wonderful day, beautiful golf course and good friendship. We hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

We want to congratulate the winning team of Steve, Kevin, Tom and Jeff.

We also want to thank the staff at Fellows Creek Golf Club and Albert's on the Alley for doing such a great job at hosting our event.

The financial results of the outing are that we contributed \$2,920 to the American Diabetes Association. Please pass on this information to other members of your team and give them a big thank you for being a part of this wonderful event.

The pictures taken at the outing will soon be on the website for both www.AlbertsontheAlley.com and www.FlemingFinancialSvcs.com.

If you have any comments concerning the outing, please feel free to pass them along to any one of us.

Thank you again and see you next year at the second annual Golfers Against Diabetes Golf Outing which will be held on Saturday, May 18, at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

John Fleming
Steve Valenti

Wrong choice

I made 100 percent clear throughout my campaign that I was going to be an independent voice for our community, and I pointed out that David Knezek is beholden to the far-left fringe elements of our party. This couldn't be more evident since his victory in the August primary.

He has abandoned our community, and snubbed the ideals and views of our residents. Promising in his victory article that he will be back on the ground, "earning our votes," he has done just the opposite, spending time crisscrossing the state for other Democrats.

Claiming that he will not accomplish anything unless his pals win their elections, has he thrown out bipartisanship without even being elected? Has he thrown in the towel to be nothing more than an ineffective legislator beholden to those who bankrolled his campaign?

Our community deserves better, we deserve a voice that is willing to cross the aisle and get the job done. We are in a crisis, over half of all recent college graduates are unemployed, home prices and sales have remained stagnant, more of our children are falling further behind in school, and our small businesses continue to collapse under an antiquated tax system and erroneous regulations. Moving our community

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Cody Bailey
Garden City

Vote for Alaniz

Attention, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Garden City and Westland residents! Please vote for Gretchen Alaniz for the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. This is a nonpaid, nonpartisan position.

Gretchen has over 25 years of experience working in a leadership position in large manufacturing businesses. She has also served the Livonia business community on the Chamber of Commerce Board for over two years. Her expertise in building new teams and processes in a multicultural manufacturing environment has resulted in a proven track record for building effective partnerships, greater controls, better processes and more efficient operations.

Gretchen can bring the right balance to the board and help ensure the strategy of Schoolcraft College results in educational programs that provide skilled employees for local industries — to help families stay local by working local. We need a frequent and direct dialogue to share manufacturing needs to design programs to provide employees with the right skills at the right time and to find opportunities for students to gain access to local businesses for mentoring and internships. Gretchen can help bring that collaborative relationship between business and education. Please vote for her in November.

Annette J. Horde
Westland

Re-elect President Obama

Lest we not forget: The American auto industry was saved by President Barack Obama. His competitor said let it fail, let them go bankrupt. And because the car companies were saved, the domino effect included countless other businesses that depend on the auto industry for

survival. We now have a golden opportunity to thank President Obama by voting for him on Nov. 6, 2012.

President Obama had to work with two unfunded wars at the same time that previous revenues that were available in the budget were shut down, including taxes for the rich which were dramatically cut. So, the spigot of revenue was turned off and we were taken into not one unfunded war, but two unfunded wars. With plain arithmetic, anyone can see that the president was not spending but simply paying bills that are already in the budget, plus two unfunded wars, and had to pay these bills with a much smaller source of revenue. It's no mystery, if one simply takes these facts and does the arithmetic.

Further, when President Obama was elected, it was no secret, because publicity and frequently his opponents stated that their one goal for 2012 was to make him a one-term president. So during four tough years, during the biggest recession since the Great Depression, President Obama, despite the continuous obstructionist behavior across that aisle, with the unbelievable work with his cabinet, was able to bring our country, slowly out of the financial sink hole.

President Obama set the compass for our recovery and the country is slowly emerging from the ravages of the big recession. Unemployment is down, the housing market is recovering slowly, the auto industry is booming, millions of Americans, for the first time in our history, are covered by health care. In addition, as promised, President Obama ended the unfunded war in Iraq and is winding down the unfunded war in Afghanistan. And Osama Bin Laden, the leader of the 9/11 terrorist attack, is dead. All of this was done with a revenue spigot that was turned off due to tax cuts that obviously we could not afford.

And all along, President Obama continued an unending battle to Protect Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. He continues his fight to save the middle class. He addresses all life issues that face many of us daily: jobs, health care, housing, education (including student college and postsecondary loans) and the environment. One cannot sustain life without a living wage, without health care, without housing, without education. All of these issues are life issues for which President Obama is fighting for.

So, if we want to save the middle class, and because the contract is so clear, we have only one option on Nov. 6. We need to re-elect President Obama so he can finish the recovery job. He deserves four more years. Please vote for President Obama on Nov. 6.

James and Mary Murphy
Westland

PROPOSAL 6: VOTERS WILL DECIDE NEED FOR NEW BRIDGE

PRO: Too many uncertainties with new bridge proposal

By Paul Opsommer
Guest Columnist

For years, supporters of the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor have promoted the benefits a new bridge would bring to Michigan.

As chair of the House Transportation Committee, I have followed this matter with great interest. After reviewing all of the facts, I am deeply concerned that citizens in my district and statewide will be stuck sending their tax dollars to Detroit for an unneeded and unlawful project. I believe the people of Michigan deserve a say on this issue, that's why I support Proposal 6.

In agreeing to indebted the people of Michigan to a foreign power without legislative approval, Gov. Snyder has taken a tremendous gamble on the future fiscal health of our state. There are too many uncertainties, and too much at stake, for taxpayers to be cut out of the decision making process for an infrastructure project of this magnitude.

The Legislature has tried to be a productive partner in this process. The fact remains, however, that during formal House committee hearings and following Senate Committee hearings, seven concerns have never been addressed:

1. No investment grade study has been conducted to support claims that tolls will pay for the bridge.
2. No legislative oversight is included in the agreement with Canada.
3. No reference to the Michigan "Open Meetings Act" in the proposed agreement. Federal Courts have ruled this is needed to ensure American access to meetings.
4. No ban or limit to the creation of a community benefits program for Detroit and Windsor. During House discussion Detroit wanted \$100 million with no strings attached.
5. The Governor's agreement violates PA 63 sec 384 passed by the legislators and signed by the Governor. It states, "MDOT shall not commit the state to any new contract related to the construction planning or construction of the Detroit River International Crossing or a renamed succe-

sor unless the Legislature has enacted specific enabling legislation to allow for construction."

6. The agreement has no reference to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Federal courts have ruled that the news and media outlets in New York have no standing when requesting information on New York/Canadian bridge authorities.

7. The governor's agreement violates PA 236 which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in June of 2012.

In reference to concern number one, the House Transportation Committee received some additional information.

This past spring executives from the Detroit Windsor Tunnel and the Detroit Windsor Rail Tunnel testified that traffic increases between the two cities will not exceed 1.5 percent in the foreseeable future. This figure is consistent with economic forecasts related to the crossing needs given in both the Michigan House and Senate.

In addition, the "public private partnership" industry admits that projects of this scope and magnitude have large cost overruns and typically over estimate potential future revenue by as much as 50 percent. We have two examples of this happening right here in Michigan: our own Mackinac Bridge and the second span built between Port Huron and Sarnia.

Finally, Gov. Snyder has promised the NITC would bring jobs and enhance industry in our state. But as a Canadian Crossing Authority will control the design and construction of the bridge, and the governor has requested a waiver from federal requirements for the use of only U.S.-produced iron and steel, there is great uncertainty as to whether the project would bring any tangible benefits to Michigan.

Proposal 6 does not stop the construction of the bridge, it simply gives us a say. The governor may believe he can ignore the will of the people's elected officials, but he cannot ignore the people when they voice their will directly.

That is why I will be voting YES on Proposal 6.

Rep. Paul Opsommer, R-Dewitt, represents Michigan's 93rd District in the State House of Representatives, where he serves as Associate Speaker Pro Tempore and Chair of the House Transportation Committee.

CON: 'No' vote on Proposal 6 good for jobs, economy

By Gov. Rick Snyder
Guest Columnist

Proposal 6 is bad for Michigan's future. It asks voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would require a vote of the people before any new bridge or tunnel could be built between Michigan and Canada. Because the proposal is poorly

written, it may impact new bridges needed across the state as well.

I am voting NO because it jeopardizes a binding agreement Michigan has made with Canada for a New International Trade Crossing at no cost to our state — threatening the creation of thousands of jobs — and because it could hamper future projects needed to improve our state's infrastructure.

A billion-dollar special interest is funding this proposal and is spending millions of dollars to air misleading advertisements to coerce your vote. This special interest actually owns the existing 83-year-old Ambassador Bridge, a trucking company that hauls things across the bridge, and even a gas station conveniently located nearby. It's understandable that such a monopoly would fight so hard to keep things the same. But what's good for this monopoly is not good for Michigan.

The importance of the crossing cannot be overstated. It is the single most important trade crossing between the United States and Canada, our country's number one trade partner. Nearly 70 percent of all commercial truck traffic in the region, about 8,000 trucks every day, crosses our two countries at that location. That equated to more than \$120 billion in goods last year alone. About 218,000 Michigan jobs rely on trade with our neighbor. It is significant. But the Ambassador Bridge is outdated, vulnerable and actually limits our economic growth. We need both bridges.

A 21st century economy deserves a modern infrastructure, particularly when it involves America's busiest

trade crossing. In June, I joined Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper in announcing the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor. This new bridge will provide direct, highway to highway access for commuters, unlike the existing span that dumps traffic onto city streets.

Also, the new bridge will be six lanes wide and feature dedicated lanes for prescreened commercial haulers, which will benefit the auto industry and is one of the reasons why Ford, Chrysler and General Motors all support the plan. The Ambassador Bridge is narrow, which often causes lengthy traffic backups. A new, more efficient customs plaza will also enable speedy inspections. All of these modern features will allow more products made and grown in Michigan to be marketed and sold faster, and that's good for our businesses and families.

The NITC is all about jobs. It will better support the hundreds of thousands of existing jobs that rely on trade with Canada. In the short term it would create nearly 12,000 good-paying construction-related jobs to build the bridge, and in the long term it will create even more.

Thousands of citizens, major manufacturers and retailers, chambers of commerce, and Republican and Democratic leaders all recognize it is a wonderful opportunity for Michigan and one that will not cost us anything.

The cost of the NITC has been a major focus of proponents of Proposal 6. Misleading ad after misleading ad claims it will cost Michigan. Those ads are not true. The NITC will not cost Michigan taxpayers. Independent reviews have verified this fact. Canada will fund the bridge entirely and a private concessionaire will design, build, finance and operate it.

A "No" vote on Proposal 6 is a vote for Michigan and will help create more and better jobs and a future for our kids.

Rick Snyder is serving his first term as Michigan governor. You can reach his office at (517) 335-7858 or at rick.snyder@michigan.gov. You can find him online at Facebook.com/RickForMichigan or Twitter.com/OneToughNerd.

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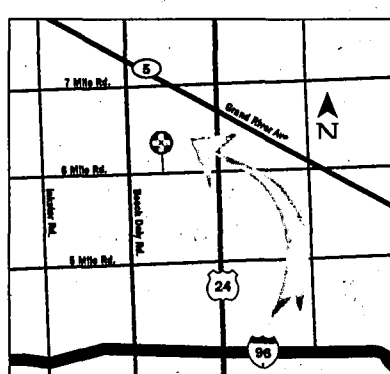
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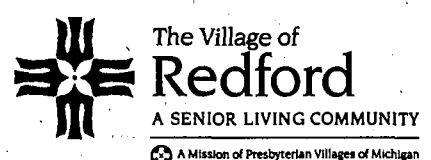
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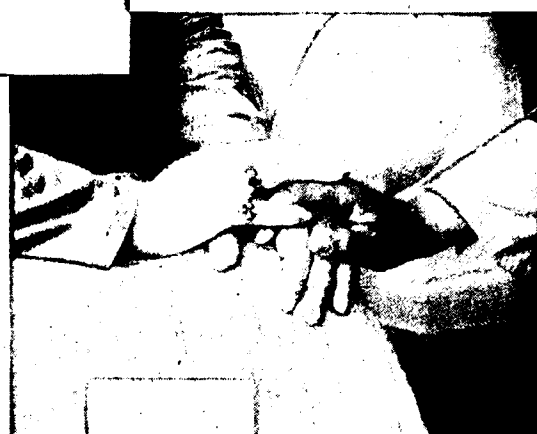


We need you to join us

1. Food/blanket drive in support of Active Faith, a non-denominational charity based in South Lyon. Canned food (especially soup) and blankets are needed. Drop off your donation between 10 a.m. and noon on Oct. 27 at the South Lyon Herald Office, 101 N. Lafayette, in downtown South Lyon.

2. "Pennies from Heaven," collection to benefit Canton Goodfellows, a group dedicated to ensuring every child has a Christmas. Bring your pennies to the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. The Canton Goodfellows recently lost its leader — Nancy Spencer, a longtime community philanthropist. **The goal is one million pennies.**

3. Jaycee Park Beautification: Volunteers are needed to clean up/spruce up Jaycee Park in Redford. The Redford Jaycees along with O&E Media staff and other community volunteers will work from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come help and make a difference for all of the youth and families who use this community park. If you are a Redford resident, a former Redford resident or someone who just wants to make a difference for the Redford community, join us at Jaycee Park, 10102 Beech Daly Road, between Plymouth and W. Chicago Roads. Refreshments will be served.



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SPORTS

C'ville accepts WWAC invite

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville's nomad status will become a thing of the past starting with the 2013 spring sports season. The Trojans, who found themselves as an independent since the Metro Conference disbanded in 2009-10, were accepted Monday into the 13-

school Western Wayne Athletic Conference in a vote of the WWAC's superintendents. Clarenceville will become the WWAC's smallest school with an enrollment 587. Also joining the WWAC is Inkster, which was also an independent after failing to meet the conference's minimum number of athletic teams (10).

For the 2013 football season, the WWAC will be divided into two divisions with Clarenceville competing in the Red along with Garden City (1,344), Inkster (1,193), Redford Union (978), Romulus (979), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (814) and Dearborn Heights Robichaud (720). The Blue Division will consist of Dearborn Ford-

son (2,442), Dearborn (1,790), Belleville (1,678), Dearborn Edsel Ford (1,508), Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1,233) and Redford Thurston (1,088). The divisions can be realigned every three years based on playoff points and record. "We currently compete with a lot of these schools already in a nonleague setting and we've been

able to compete with them, although many of them are much bigger than us," Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy said. "It allows our kids to play a league title and to earn all-league status as an individual, which they haven't been able to do the last three years."

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Barber earns CCHA award

For the second straight week, a member of Miami's hockey team was honored by the CCHA as freshman forward Riley Barber (Livonia) was tabbed Gongshow Rookie of the Week, the Central Collegiate Hockey Association announced Monday. Barber was stellar against Providence last weekend, totaling two goals and two assists in a tie and a win against the Friars for a four-point weekend. He scored Miami's only goal in a 1-1 tie Friday, pulling the RedHawks even in the second period. Saturday he recorded his first multi-point game with a goal, the first of the game, and the first two assists of his career in a 4-3 overtime win. His second assist was the primary helper on the game-winner in overtime. Barber has now scored a goal in three straight games after one in each game against the Friars. He posted a plus-3 rating on the weekend, including plus-2 Saturday. Barber was the No. 2 star of the game Friday and the No. 3 star Saturday, playing a role in four of the five goals Miami scored on the weekend. He ranks fourth in the country among rookies with 1.25 points per game and is tied for first among freshmen with three goals on the year. Barber and the RedHawks are back on the ice this weekend as they open CCHA play Friday and Saturday at No. 6 Michigan at Yost Ice Arena. Both games begin 7:35 p.m.

In Sync:

Charger O-Line is 'Hog Heaven'

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

They're affectionately called "The Hogs." But Livonia Churchill's offensive line works so well together that they might be mistaken for being classical musicians. They're certainly the unsung heroes who blocked their way to a perfect 9-0 season, the first Charger football team to do it since 1978. And with the postseason on the horizon and a rematch Friday night in the Division 1 playoff opener with rival Livonia Stevenson (6-3), it's more than likely that tailback Romello Brown and quarterback will get their share of the limelight once again like they have all season. Brown has racked up 1,472 yards rushing and scored 25 touchdowns, while Suida has thrown for 1,552 yards (94-of-151), including 16 TDs with only two intercep-



BRAD EMONS | PHOTO

Churchill's offensive line has produced prolific numbers this year led by (front row, from left) Anthony Groat, Riley Moynihan, Zack Trussler, Alex Promo and Matt Skibinski; along with (top row, from left) assistant coach Matt Fryer, Tim Cummings, Charlie Yost and David Forstyk.

tions. Receivers Jeremy Lewis and Andre Abram have combined for 49 receptions for 872 yards and 11 TDs. But it could not be done without the invisible men in the trenches. "Those three guys do all the little things to make us a successful unit

offensively," longtime Churchill line coach Matt Fryer said. "That's why Romello has gotten the yards that he's gotten and Seth is able to throw the ball a little bit because those guys work so well together. "One of the things that we tell them: A team may have a rottweiler, but

we have five pit bulls up front that are going to do the job." Center Zack Trussler (5-10, 190) and right guard Riley Moynihan (6-0, 230) were the two returning starters from a year ago off Churchill's 6-4 playoff team. They are joined up front by right tackle

Anthony Groat, a 6-6, 235-pound senior; left tackle Matt Skibinski, a 6-5, 240-pound sophomore; and left guard Alex Promo, a 6-1, 235-pound junior who saw limited action last year on the varsity. "Riley is the glue of that unit along with

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Area golfers finish season

Jackie Burdette (Livonia Churchill) and Laura Shureb (Livonia Stevenson) completed their rounds Saturday in the MHSAA Division 1 Girls Golf Finals held Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (East Course). Burdette shot a two-day total of 84-91-175, while Shureb carded a 94-93-187 to finish fifth and 12th, respectively, among additional individual state qualifiers.

Parent earns WHAC honor

Madonna University sophomore striker Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario) has been selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week (ending Oct. 21). Parent earned the award for the first time in her career and her selection marks the fourth time a Crusader has been selected this season. She joins fellow sophomore Katlyn Krysiak who has been selected three times (Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Oct. 15). On Oct. 17, Parent set two program records - most goals in a single match (5) and most points (11) in a single match - against Lawrence Tech. Her five goals broke the previous mark of four set by All-Americans Kelly Japowicz (2005) and Sarah Pack (twice in 2003). The 11 points is the most since Japowicz collected nine points against the against Indiana Tech seven years and 12 days prior to Parent's feat.

Stevenson's Mims making the grade

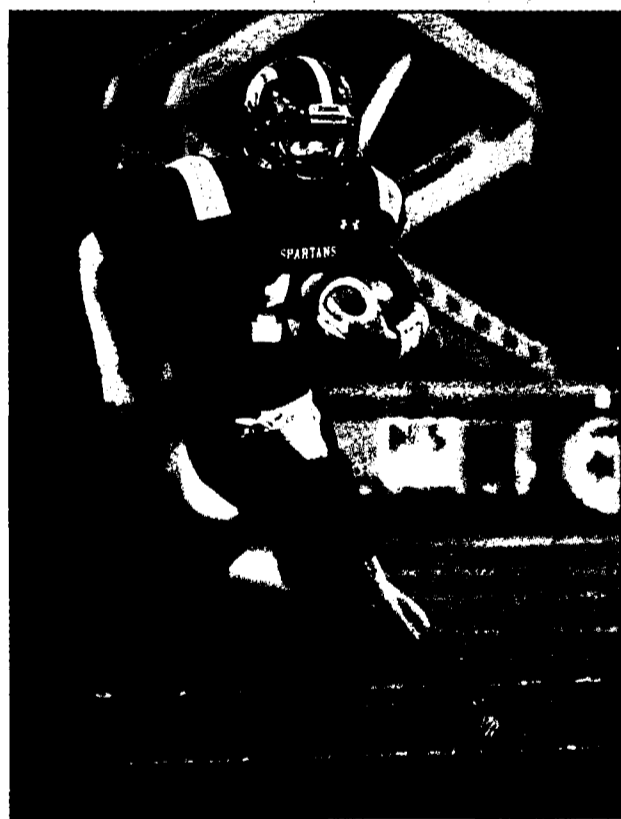
By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

When the Livonia Stevenson football team got into a bind this season, leave it to Joe Mims to figure things out. The 6-foot, 170-pound senior quarterback is in his third year as a starter for the Spartans, who are back in the postseason after a two-year absence. Mims and his 6-3 Spartans teammates, however, will be huge underdogs when they face rival Livonia Churchill, 9-0 and the No. 2-ranked team in Division 1. It was only last Friday that the Spartans got shellacked by Churchill,

49-10. In that game, found itself down 42-3 at the half. The two teams will square off for the second consecutive week in the Region 2-District 2 opener beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Churchill. "We just have to get the confidence level back up," said Mims, who has thrown for 1,506 yards and 14 touchdowns this season. "We can make plays against these guys, we just got to trust ourselves. Me and the other captains talked to the guys to get the confidence level back up. We can make plays, but we have to run crisper routes and make better blocks

to get into those guys. Churchill is a good team, so we're going to have to play our best game." Mims started his entire sophomore year and put up impressive numbers during his first season completing 102-of-204 passes for 1,392 yards and 10 TDs. The Spartans finished 3-6 that year in Tim Gabel's final season as coach. During his junior year, Mims struggled with a mid-season injury and his passing numbers were diminished as the Spartans dipped to 2-7 under first-year coach Matt

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MIKE IVEY | PHOTO

Stevenson quarterback Joe Mims is a third-year starter leading the Spartans back to the Division 1 state playoffs in a rematch Friday night at Churchill.



BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia's Bianca Moldovan, a 16-year-old sophomore from Stevenson High, captured an International Tennis Federation Girls 18s title last weekend in Burlington, Ontario.

Livonian nets Girls 18s crown in Canada

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Bianca Moldovan continues to break new ground on the junior tennis circuit, but this time it was on the international stage. The 16-year-old sophomore from Livonia Stevenson High fought her way through qualifying draw and won a total of eight matches to capture the Ace Tennis Under-18 International Tennis Federation Grade 5 World Ranking Event in Burlington, Ontario. Moldovan defeated

Anjana Suresh of Canada in the finals on Saturday, 6-3, 6-1, to cap an 8-0 singles run over the six-day tournament. "This is definitely the biggest, at least the most important for me because it helped me get a junior world ranking," said Moldovan, who is now ranked 1,033 in the ITF. "I didn't have any points before, so this was my second ITF event and I did well." When Moldovan arrived at the Cedar Springs Health, Racquet and Sports Club, she was classified as an alter-

nate. Ironically, it was the same scenario when she staged a series of upsets against some of the top American juniors to win the Girls 18 USTA Level 2 National Open title last May in Grand Rapids. "I wasn't sure I'd get in," Moldovan said. "I just went there by chance. I was the second to last to get into the tournament. My mom (Andrea) called the director of the tournament and he said from the past history of ITFs, all the girls that were on-site alternates they got into the tournament. So

my mom just decided it was a good risk to take." That meant Moldovan had to navigate through three rounds of qualifying just to get through to the main draw. And it was mission accomplished as she defeated three Canadians - all in straight sets - including Ines Milosevic (6-2, 7-5), Liesha Gadacz (6-1, 6-0) and Olivia Peisachovitz (6-0, 6-3). During the first two rounds of the main draw, Moldovan got past two more Canadians - Maria

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PREP GRID PICKS

Table with columns: Round, Date, Location, Wright, Smith, O'Meara, Emons. Rows include Round 1 (Friday, Oct. 26) and Round 2 (Saturday, Oct. 27) with various matchups and scores.

Warriors get 6th win; AB&T again

By Brad Emons, Observer Staff Writer

With quarterback Jacob Richter leading the way, Lutheran High Westland is back in the Division 8 state football playoffs for the second year in a row. The Warriors automatically clinched a spot with their sixth win of the season earning a 19-14 triumph last Saturday at home over Detroit Allen Academy. Lutheran Westland (6-3) gets a rematch in Region 2-District 2 beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at home against Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology (6-3), which is coming off a 20-14 loss to Riverview Gabriel Richard. In last year's first-round game, AB&T's elusive 5-foot-7 quarterback Darrylnotay Hines torched the Warriors for 208 yards rushing and 99 more in passing en route to a 46-14 victory. "They (AB&T) have tons of speed, but Gabri-

el Richard ran right at them and had good success," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusè said. "They got kids who can run the ball for sure. They ran the ball well, but they (Richard) kept them off field by running right at them, and that's hopefully what we can do as well." The Warriors racked up all 420 yards of their total offense against Allen Academy (2-6) with the 5-foot-8, 145-pound Richter going for a game-high 241 yards on 28 carries. Allen, however, scored first on a 45-yard Tavier Thomas-to-Pikiya Ellis scoring pass (followed by the two-point conversion) after an 11-play Lutheran Westland drive stalled at the Wildcats' 45. Richter then went to work with second-quarter TD runs of 44 and 14 yards to give the Warriors a 12-8 lead at halftime. Lutheran Westland came out in the third quarter with a surprise

play when Martin Kemp recovered his own inside kick and later scored on a 9-yard TD run. Kemp finished the game with 134 yards on 20 carries to augment Richter's big afternoon. Although leading 19-8, there were a few anxious moments for the Warriors during the final period. With 4:40 to play and Lutheran Westland forced to punt deep in its own end, Allen Academy's Terrance Love returned the punt 35 yards for a TD to cut the deficit to five. The Warriors then fumbled at midfield, but their defense held at fourth-and-two on their own 44 to seal the victory with over just over two minutes remaining before running out the clock. Greg Klein had a total of six tackles, including two sacks, to lead the Lutheran Westland defense, which held Allen Academy to 88 yards rushing on 19

attempts. (Thomas was 11-of-14 passing for 119 yards.) Jonah Lambart also came with a pair of fumble recoveries, including one that led to Richter's go-ahead TD in the second quarter. The victory, however, proved to be costly for the Warriors, who lost sophomore tight end and defensive end Jacob Davenport, the team's leading tackler, to a broken leg in the second quarter. Sophomore running back and corner back Austin Olsen, a key contributor of late, was also held out due to injury. "The kids who replaced them did a good job," Gusè said. "We had to play it close to the vest. Allen was big up-front and I thought we handled them well. It was a good run-up to the Melvindale game. "We're excited about having a home game." bemons@hometownlife.com (313) 222-6851



Senior quarterback Zach Kubiak leads Livonia Clarenceville in a rematch against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep Saturday night in the Division 4 playoff opener.

C'ville needs to eliminate big plays vs. Notre Dame

By Brad Emons, Observer Staff Writer

When the Livonia Clarenceville football team gathered Sunday to watch the MHSAA pairings on FoxSports Detroit, they were taken a little bit by surprise. Some prognosticators figured the Trojans would open their Division 4 quest on the road at nearby Dearborn Heights Robichaud, an 8-1 team with a 91.33 playoff average. But instead, Clarenceville (6-3) gets a rematch with Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (8-1), the top seed with a 93.222 average in Region 4-District 1. Ironically, it was only two weeks earlier (Oct. 12) when the Trojans fell in their final home game to the Fighting Irish, 29-7. "They were excited that they were playing them," Clarenceville third-year coach Ken Fry said. "They thought, second time around ... the first time we played them we had nothing to lose. It was our last home game." Notre Dame Prep outgained the Trojans, 369-240, in total yards, but there was one player that made the difference. And it still remains etched in Fry's mind. "We gave up a lot of big plays, number six (Jermain Johnson), he had 305 all-purpose yards, which is gigantic," Fry said. "He ran back a punt (67 yards), then he ran back a kickoff (68 yards), then they did a screen play to him that went for 50 yards. That's where he really hurt us was that big play. We definitely have to eliminate the big play." Notre Dame Prep's ended the regular season with a 17-12 loss in the Catholic League Prep Bowl to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, a team the Trojans also lost to earli-

er in the season, 35-7. "We really have to be aggressive and really go after the ball," Fry said. "Our special teams play has to pick up." One player who has been a pleasant surprise this season for the Trojans is sophomore running back and outside linebacker James Hill, a 6-foot-2, 185-pound sophomore. He scored the lone Clarenceville touchdown on a 26-yard run in the Oct. 12 setback to Notre Dame Prep. "With Jalen (Bryant) and (Kimani) Dooley we knew what we had," Fry said, "but James has really stepped up because I thought it would be another year for him, but he's really played well this year. He's got a very deceptive walk/stride that makes him faster than what he appears." The Trojans will also try to balance out their offensive attack in the second meeting between the two teams. "Zach (Kubiak) had a really good game," Fry said of his senior quarterback. "He threw the ball well (151 yards), and that's part of our strength, spread'em out. We'll have to have another game like that. But we really have to establish the run to offset the pass." And the overall team speed factor is another concern that Fry has about the rematch, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at Notre Dame Prep. "Their about the same size, but they're just as quick," the Clarenceville coach said. "Their linemen are quicker, in fact, than our linemen, so it's really difficult to play against them. They really move and the movement of their front five is really good. They're just really fast." bemons@hometownlife.com (313) 222-6851

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Fielder. Going into the 2012 season, Fielder leaned heavily on his field general, a top-notch student who carries a 4.296 grade-point average while taking four advanced placement classes. "The biggest thing has been his role as a leader," Fielder said. "He's become one of the key leaders on the team, whereas his sophomore and junior year, he was a good player. But that's the marked difference. He's become the motivating force, the guy that rallies us and keeps us focused, and all that stuff." Mims has become a game manager and that was no more evident

when he engineered a game-winning, 76-yard TD drive during the last 3 minutes and 30 seconds to beat Livonia Franklin in the season opener, 26-20. That victory helped catapult the Spartans to a 5-0 start and eventually a spot in the playoffs. "It started with making the reads between our pass routes," Mims said. "I used to look toward one guy, but now I look short-to-long and that helps out making my decision making process. My sophomore year, coach (Tim) Gabel, he kind of helped me out a little bit just having two-man routes instead of four-man routes like we do this year." For Mims, it's been a three-year maturation process. But he was well-prepared for the job ever

since the third-grade when he played QB for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Falcons. "The big thing was obviously the leadership role, that's one thing I put on him," Fielder said. "We needed him to do that to become successful, but also manage the game. Take responsibility of distributing the ball and taking care of the ball, and just managing the game. He's done very well." Meanwhile, Fielder knows there is little margin for error against such an explosive team as Churchill, which has racked up a school-record 389 total points. "We can't make mistakes," Fielder said. "We're on the razor's edge there because of how good their offense is. We have to take care of the ball and not make any mistakes or we're going to be hurt. We've got to do the little things right, managing the clock and managing the ball. "We've got to sustain those initial drives. We're not the first team to say we want to keep that (Churchill) offense off the field. You can't work all the way down the field and not finish a drive. We've got to finish the drives." Mims not only can

change a game with his arm, but he can also scramble for third down runs and excels as the team's punter. He possesses a strong left foot. "I take the punting very seriously because it can change a game," he said. "I take pride in pinning a team down inside the 20. Whenever I talk to college coaches or other coaches, I always mention punting because that's another aspect. I've punted since eighth grade and actually in high school I refined my game a little bit." Mims said he would like to continue his football career at either Grand Valley State or Hope College where he plans to major in engineering. In fact, he's already taken some pre-engineering classes. On Monday, Mims liked the way his teammates responded in the aftermath of the 39-point loss to Churchill. "The mood was good," he said. "We had a high-tempo practice. We were all at dinner (Sunday night) to see the selection show. When we saw it was Churchill we were all excited. We call it Round Two. Got to put all the pieces together." bemons@hometownlife.com (313) 222-6851

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Trussler," Fryer said. "Anthony Groat is kind of a quiet kid who just kind of goes about his business. "All three of those guys work well together along with the underclassmen. They work really well collectively as a unit." You can also throw in 6-5, 220-pound tight end Charlie Yost, one of the area's most talented juniors who excels as a blocker and pass catcher. "First of all, he's a tremendous leader in our locker room and he's a hard worker," Fryer said of Yost. "He does the little things on both sides of the ball. We ask him to do a lot. He's not only our tight end, but our H-back, too. He does a tremendous amount on the

defensive and offensive side of the ball. He's an intelligent kid and can absorb all that. He's able to absorb what we teach him in practice and he translates it on game day. He's a great student, too. That's the nice thing about our offensive line — they're student-athletes first." The development of Skibinski and Groat throughout the year has also been a pleasant surprise. "Both of them are excellent students first, which allows them to really study the opponent and study what we talk about in practice," Fryer said. "They're both sponges. They soak up every little bit you tell them. They are very coachable kids and tremendous workers. "Groat was 6-6, 190 last year. He's worked tremendously hard to get

his frame to 235 pounds. Matt's a kid that's gone all the way through to the LJAL. He's playing arguably the most difficult position on our offensive line as a sophomore at left tackle." Promo, meanwhile, has fit in nicely along with the other four interior linemen. "Alex has a tremendous upside," said Fryer, a former offensive lineman himself at both Jackson Lumen Christi High and Hillsdale College. "He's a kid that continues to work. He's a kid who's got the frame to go up to 250 pounds. Like Matt, he's very athletic and runs well. He did a lot of our pulling for us on a lot of our pass plays and run plays." Two other seniors, Jim Cummings (6-0, 225) and David Forystek (6-3, 265) have given the Chargers added depth and have

been valuable performers on special teams. "It really starts with the seniors up front in Trussler, Riley and Groat because those guys have been around," Fryer said. "We work tremendously hard to put them in position to make sure they're prepared in their game. And we put a lot of pressure on them during the week. And they are constantly working at all times at our practices." One of the reasons why Churchill is poised to make a strong playoff run is that London Philharmonic quality to their offensive line. "You have to depend on the guys next to you," Fryer said. "When they work well, it's like an orchestra at a symphony, and you know immediately that you like the song." bemons@hometownlife.com (313) 222-6851

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THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL
MHSAA PLAYOFFS**
Friday, Oct. 26
(Div. 1-Region 2-District 2)
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
(Div. 8-Region 4-District 2)
Melvindale AB&T
at Lutheran Westland, 2 p.m.
(Div. 4-Region 4-District 1)
Livonia Clarenceville
at Pontiac N.D. Prep, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 25
Cranbrook at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Inter-City at L. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
Bedford Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Wash. Christian Tourney, TBA.
**PREP CROSS COUNTRY
MHSAA REGIONAL MEETS**

Saturday, Oct. 27
(Division 1)
at Willow Metro, 10:30 a.m.
at Lake Erie Metropark, TBA.
(Division 2)
at Woodhaven, TBA.
(Division 4)
at Hudson, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 25
Ladywood vs. Marian
at Liv. Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26
KLAASouth at Glenn, 4 p.m.
KLAASouth at Novi, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
KLAASouth at Glenn, noon.
KLAASouth at Novi, noon.
COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER
Friday, Oct. 26
(NUCAA Region 12 Playoffs)

S'craft vs. 1st-round winner
at Grand Haven H.S., TBA.
Saturday, Oct. 27
MU at UM-Dearborn, 3 p.m.
(NUCAA Region XII Finals)
at Grand Haven H.S., TBA.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27
(MCCAA Tournament)
Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, TBA.
COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 27
MU at Cornerstone, noon.
(NUCAA Region XII Playoffs
at Jackson CC)
S'craft vs. Delta College, TBA.
Owens vs. Muskegon, TBA.
Sunday, Oct. 28
Region 12 final at Jackson, TBA.
Madonna vs. Purdue-Calumet
at Munster (Ind.) H.S., 2 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Patriot mat sale

The Franklin wrestling team will hold a mattress sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the high school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Prices are 40 to 60 percent off retail with factory warranty name brands such as Simmons, Southland and Restonic. All sizes are available in pillow top, orthopedic and memory foam. (Mattress protectors and frames available.)

Over 1,200 tread count sheets set are available in 12 different colors for only \$38 to also help support the program. (Visit www.just12000threadcount.com and enter the code LFWR to receive the discount price.)

To receive an additional \$50 off coupon, e-mail Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at chiola44@yahoo.com.

Hole-in-one club

On Oct. 16, Phil Skender, of Livonia, used an 8-iron to ace the 150-yard No. 2 hole at Northville Hills Golf Club.

For Skender, who shot an 83, it was his first hole-in-one in 31 years.

WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association volleyball is underway and will last through mid-November for the following age groups: 9-10 (freshman), 11-13 (JV) and 14-17 (varsity).

Cost is \$130 (includes volleyball jersey with neon colors, shorts and knee pads).

Practices begin in mid-November and matches start in early December.

You can register online at wyaa.org.

For more information, call Keith Demolay at (734) 722-1251 (leave a message).

Youth wrestling

Registration for the Westland Bottle Rockets Wrestling Club (ages

4-14) will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the John Glenn High School (wrestling room), 36105 Marquette, Westland.

The membership fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt).

Beginners meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and advanced wrestlers from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Nov. 27.

To obtain a copy of the registration form, visit www.glennwrestling.com.

For more information, e-mail brclubwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy Lawrence at (734) 634-4595.

Weekly 5K runs

All runners, joggers and walkers are welcome to participate in a weekly timed 5-kilometer run-walk at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

Participation is free, but you must bring your registrant barcode to earn by registering at www.parkrun.com or www.parkrun.us.

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Patrascu, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3, and Ayan Broomfield, 6-1, 6-1.

Then came grueling quarterfinal match against the top seed, Chloe Ouellet-Pizer of Chapel Hill, N.C., the No. 6-ranked player in the 2016 class nationally by tennisrecruiting.net.

Moldovan emerged with a 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 triumph.

"We're pretty good friends," said Bianca, who is ranked No. 10 nationally among high school sophomores.

"She's really tough and very focused on the court all the time, doesn't lose any focus. She's knows when to speed it up.

It was really tough, at one point it was a really intense match. I had 12 match points and I couldn't end the match. Only on my 13th did I end the match.

"I was happy, but it was a little disappointing

because I couldn't keep my focus as much as she did."

Moldovan then ousted Canadian Iryna Kostirko in the semifinals, 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (10-8). In that match, Moldovan fought back from a 5-1 deficit in a third-set tiebreaker to gain a spot in the finals.

"I decided that I had nothing to lose and I came back and won the set," Moldovan said. "I served really well this tournament, that helped me get a lot of free points. I think I'm still developing at the net a lot, getting more comfortable and just doing way better with that."

Moldovan's coach at Franklin Racquet Club, Phil Eagleson, did not accompany Bianca to the tournament, but had some words of wisdom.

"He was proud of me," Moldovan said. "But he was a little disappointed with my semifinal, and also in my quarterfinal because he thinks on those 12 match points I should have focused more. But he was proud

of me because he doesn't think anyone around here has ever won an ITF."

Moldovan will play this weekend in a USTA Junior Level 3 tournament in Missouri.

Then it's on to the Eddie Herr International Junior Championship at the IMG Academy, Nov. 23-Dec. 2, in Bradenton, Fla., a tournament which has spawned top pros such as Roger Federer, Maria Sharapova and Andy Roddick to name a few.

Last year's Herr drew 2,220 applicants from 92 different countries.

"It's an ITF where kids all over the world play," said Moldovan, who is 83-18 on the season. "I'm playing the Eddie Herr 16s because it's a really hard tournament."

Meanwhile, Moldovan has some catching up to do after being away for six days.

"I missed a whole week of school," she said. "It's a little overwhelming, but I'm doing well."

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Clarenceville will field teams in 11 different varsity sports.

During the spring, the Trojans will compete in boys and girls track in the WWAC's Blue Division, while the girls soccer, girls softball and baseball teams will be in the Red.

The WWAC has one division only in boys soccer, boys and girls swimming, boys and girls cross country boys hockey, boys and girls tennis.

Boys and girls basketball, along with wrestling and girls volleyball, will

be divided into two divisions in the WWAC.

Currently, Clarenceville does not field cross country, tennis or swim teams as a part of its athletic programs.

Clarenceville was a longtime member of the Metro Conference, but it was down to five schools - Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Harper Woods, Hamtramck, Macomb Lutheran North. Following the 2008-09 season, Lutheran Westland and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest and Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett left for the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, while Macomb Lutheran North became

an affiliate member of the Detroit Catholic League.

"I think our kids will be excited," Murphy said. "They want to compete for championships and all-league status. We just have to get it done now."

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The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Wayne County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions). These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Wayne County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions). These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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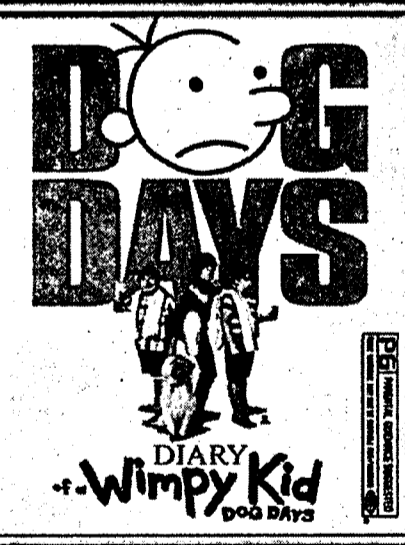
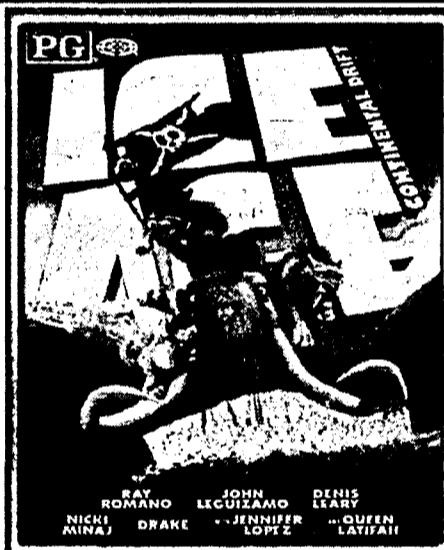
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Novi's golden

Wildcat spikers 1st in Association

There was no place like home, especially for the Novi girls volleyball team, which captured Saturday's KLAAs Association Gold tournament.

The host Wildcats defeated Northville in the championship final, 20-25, 25-16, 16-14, to outlast the 12-school field which include the top three finishers in each of the KLAAs's South, Central, North and West divisions.

Novi reached the final with a 25-18, 25-16 victory over Canton, while Northville ousted Brighton in the other semifinal, 26-24, 25-23.

Livonia Stevenson (26-16-4) and state-ranked Livonia Churchill (44-8-2) were the eighth and ninth seeds, respectively, coming out of pool play.

Churchill eliminated Stevenson in three sets, 14-25, 25-22, 15-11, before losing to Northville in the quarterfinals, 20-25, 12-25.

In Pool D, Churchill fell to Walled Lake Northern (20-25, 20-25) and split

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with Stevenson (25-18, 24-26) and Canton (24-26, 25-16).

The Spartans, meanwhile, also split with Northern (16-25, 25-22) and White Lake Lakeland (25-22, 21-25).

Stevenson's top attacker on the day was Katie Tomasic, who had 35 total kills, along with Morgan Copperstone (14), Amanda Hawkins (12) and Taylor McLaud (12).

Setter Allie Koestering added 25 assists, while digs leaders included Annie MacDonald (919), Holly Mossoian (18) and Tomasic (13).

Abby Whitehead had a team-best 10 blocks and five ace serves.

Silver tourney

On Saturday, host Westland John Glenn (10-27-3) lost all four matches in the KLAAs Association Silver tourney.

The Rockets lost 2-0 in the elimination round to Grand Blanc after falling

in pool play to South Lyon (17-25, 18-25), Grand Blanc (14-25, 17-25) and Salem (11-25, 14-25).

Leaders on the day for Glenn (10-27-3) included Claire Truskowski (65 assists), Hannah Staples (13 kills), Kelly Epperson (eight aces) and Bri Robinson (25 digs).

Meanwhile, Livonia Franklin (9-29-4) went 0-3-1 in the Silver tourney splitting with falling to Walled Lake Western (18-25, 21-25), Howell (17-25, 12-25) and Pinckney (21-25, 22-25), while splitting with South Lyon East (20-25, 25-20).

Maggie Leins paced the Patriots with 18 kills and 15 aces.

Kelly O'Brien and Mackenzie Lukas added 15 and 12, kills respectively.

Franklin digs leaders included libero Kelly Newton (47), Afton DeWyse (26), Sarah Cramton (23) and Julie Williamson (18).

DeWyse also had a team-best 10 aces, while Cramton added four.

Crusaders take pair, Abraham eyes 1,000

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham crept closer to 1,000 career victories as MU swept pair of matches Saturday at home in the BLT Sports-wear Crusader Classic.

Madonna, now 28-6 overall and ranked No. 19 in the latest NAIA poll, defeated Rochester College, 25-10, 25-17, 25-22, and Trinity International (Ill.), 25-22, 25-6, 25-10, to wrap up second place in the tourney behind Embury-Riddle (Fla.).

Abraham now has 998 career victories during his NAIA Hall of Fame career with upcoming

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matches Wednesday at Northwestern Ohio, currently in second place behind MU in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, followed by a home match Wednesday, Oct. 31 at home against Indiana Tech.

Taylor Dziewit paced a balanced Madonna hitting attack against Trinity (7-26) with nine kills, while Nastija Baranovska added eight.

All-Tournament selection Evia Prieditis, a junior setter, recorded

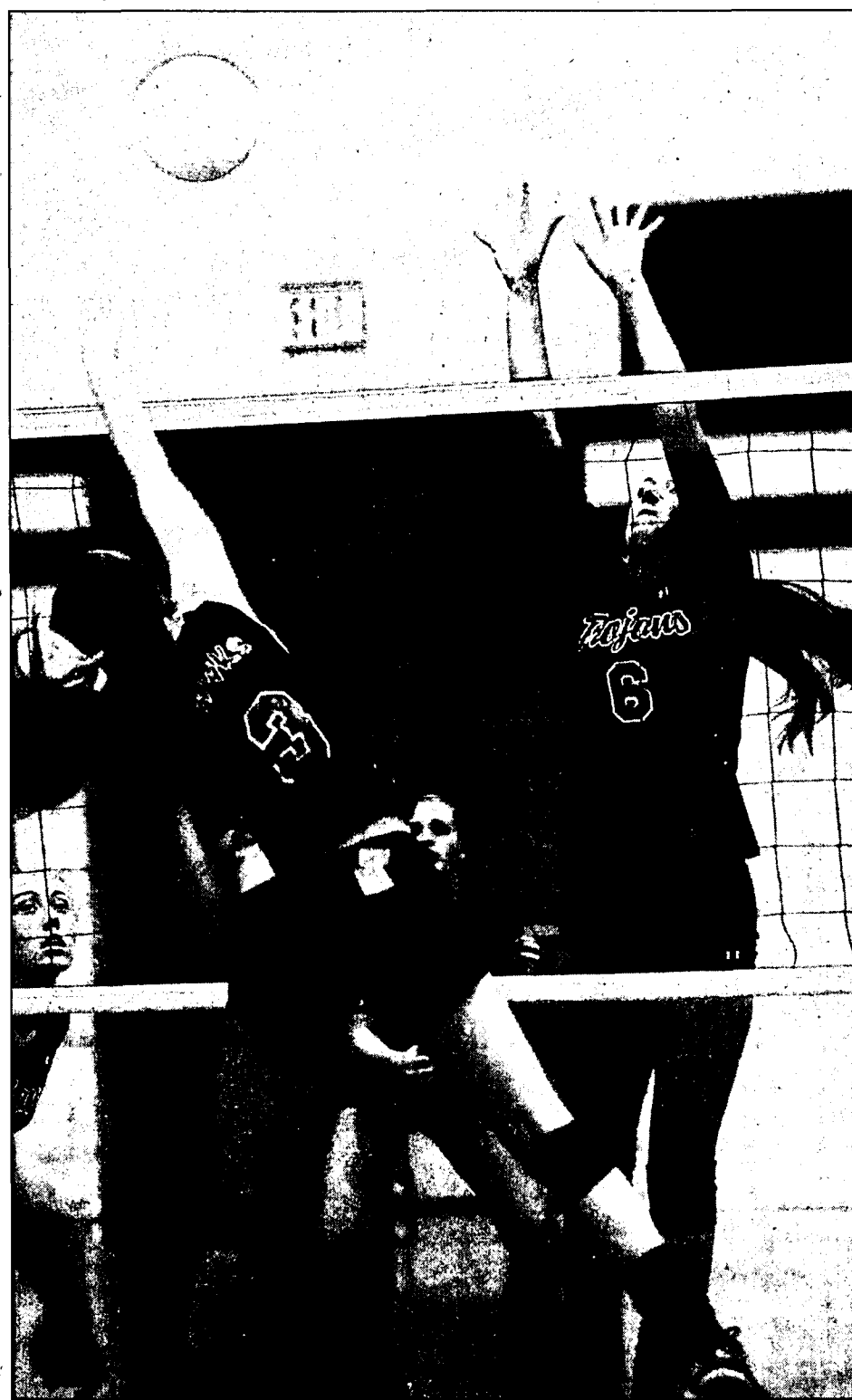
38 assist-to-kills, while freshman Brenna Geile posted a team-best 15 digs.

Sophomore outside hitter Samantha Geile also earned all-tournament honors with a team-high 10 kills against Rochester (20-17).

Dziewit added eight kills, while Prieditis had 27 assists.

Notching double figures in digs for the Crusaders was Stacey Catalano (12), Brenna Geile (11) and Prieditis (10).

Emily Serrano had 11 kills and Sara Hayes had 25 assists and 13 digs for Rochester.



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Clarenceville's Tonya Vernier (6) goes up for the block against Huron Valley Lutheran's Madison Dest in Tuesday's Lutheran High Westland Quad.

C'ville notches hat trick at quad

It was clean sweep Tuesday night for the Livonia Clarenceville girls volleyball team in Lutheran Westland Quad.

The Trojans improved to 18-17-4 overall with wins over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (25-22, 22-25, 15-9), the host Warriors (22-25, 25-23, 15-11) and Newport Lutheran South (25-19, 25-19).

"We played really good volleyball tonight all the teams played well there was some really good volleyball teams," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "At times we struggled with serving and communication, but in the end played together and dug deep for a couple of close wins."

Setter Nicole Kurdziel led the way with 48 assist-to-kills.

Other contributions Ayanna Buckley (19 kills, seven blocks, five aces); Tonya Vernier (12 kills, four blocks); Ashley Mur-

phy (12 kills, five blocks); and Jodi Ankiel (10 kills).

Against Lutheran Westland, Summer Reddick and Kelsey Griffin came through defensively with 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

Erica Katz and Hunter Iuliano also combined for five blocks.

In the win over Lutheran South, the Trojans also received strong serving from Justine Bateman, Christine Hurmiz and Tayla Heller, while sophomore Sarah Curvin came in and added two important kills.

"Everyone added a little something and that's what I love about this team," Merschman said.

Trojans go 2-2

On Saturday, Clarenceville reached the gold bracket in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament.

Anchor Bay ousted the Trojans, who went 2-2 on

the day, 25-16, 24-26, 15-9.

In pool play, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central beat the Trojans, 25-11, 25-21.

Clarenceville then bounced back to beat Taylor Kennedy (25-21, 25-19) and Southfield Christian (25-22, 25-18).

Buckley paced Clarenceville with 33 kills, seven blocks, 10 aces and 23 digs on the day.

Other leaders for the Trojans included Murphy (20 kills, 12 blocks); Vernier (19 kills, six blocks); Ankiel (31 digs); and Hurmiz (26 digs).

"The girls played well we took an early loss to St. Mary, but recovered with confidence," Merschman said. "We played really well defensively and covered the floor well."

The Trojans also got strong play at the net from Katz and Iuliano, while Griffin and Reddick stood out defensively.



Spartans at 'state'

Livonia Stevenson, coached by Don McCathney (top row, far left), made its third straight appearance at the MHSAA Division 1 Lower Peninsula Boys Tennis Finals last weekend in Midland scoring three points to tie for 16th place. The Spartans advanced to the finals by winning the Woodhaven regional. Garnering wins for the Spartans was Johnson Yang (No. 4 singles), along with Chris Haldane and Tom Cwiek (No. 4 doubles). Other singles players Chad Northey (No. 1), Sam Tabor (No. 2) and Marcus McCathney (No. 3). Rounding out the doubles lineups were Aaron Dziobak and Jeff Frederick (No. 1); Chase Tinham and Jason Wysocki (No. 2); Ahmed Hussain and Joe Osmialowski (No. 3).

Lady Ocelots blank Kellogg, 6-0

Lauren Badalamente tallied her eighth and ninth goals of the season Saturday as host Schoolcraft College rolled to a 6-0 Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's soccer victory over Kellogg CC.

Badalamente scored in the 19th (unassisted) and 40th (from Livonia Churchill's Rachel Blackney) minutes as the Lady Ocelots led 3-0 at half-time.

Other Schoolcraft goal scorers included Alexis Walker, 39th minute (off a corner kick from Samantha Jar-

rett); Churchill's Kelly Twigg, 55th minute (from Badalamente); Jarrett, 59th minute unassisted; and Churchill's Megan McDonald, 65th minute (from Livonia Franklin's Alejandra Mesa).

Goalkeepers Tara Gessler and Danielle Schendel (Canton) combined on the shut-out as the Lady Ocelots improved to 13-4-2 overall and 7-0-1 in the MCCA.

The loss drops Kellogg to 4-11-1 and 1-6-1.

DAVENPORT 2, MU 1: Madonna University (8-7, 3-2) had its winning streak

snapped at four, falling Saturday to visiting Davenport University (14-2, 7-0) in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The win earned the Panthers a share of its first-ever WHAC regular season title.

The Panthers sealed the win with a goal by Letesha Cannonier as her header off of a Paige Eli cross beat MU goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg to the left post in the 81st minute.

Davenport jumped out to 1-0 lead in the 29th minute on Alyssa Malone's goal, but the Crusaders answered in the 65th minute when Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson) scored on a penalty kick.

Schmalenberg made five saves in the match, while Davenport's Michelle Marcus had two stops.

Georgis' goal gives SC men 2-1 win

Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Rick Larson has enjoyed quite a ride in Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The Ocelots wrapped up another perfect season in the MCCA with a 2-1 victory Friday over host Ancilla College in Donaldson, Ind.

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 8 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, finished 6-0 in the MCCA while winning its seventh consecutive title.

Larson is now 53-0-1 in his last 54 MCCA matches.

Ancilla jumped out to a 1-0 halftime lead by scoring on a penalty kick in the 42nd minute.

Schoolcraft's Ardit Dushkaj (Livonia Clarenceville) tied it in the 69th minute off an assist from Romario Georgis.

And in the 89th minute, Georgis scored the game-

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winner when he played a long free kick from Ahmad Jawad and calmly placed a shot to the far post.

Tom Duquette made five saves for Schoolcraft, which improved to 14-2-1 overall.

Rene Mejia (Plymouth) was brilliant in goal for Ancilla (3-7-3, 0-4-1) with 10 saves.

INDIANA TECH 2, MADONNA 1 (OT): On Monday, Zach St. Aubin's overtime goal in the 94th minute lifted host Indiana Tech (9-4-2, 5-1-2) to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Madonna University (6-8-1, 2-5-1).

Dane Laird (Farmington Harrison) put the Crusaders on top 1-0 in the 22nd minute, but St. Aubin tied it in the 33rd.

Scott Poole and John Boudreau (Livonia Stevenson) each allowed a goal and made two saves in goal for MU, while Tech's Reece Richardson made five saves.

MU 5, MARYGROVE 3:

Joe Carver (Schoolcraft College) came off the bench to score a pair of goals Saturday to lead host Madonna University (6-7-2, 2-4-1) to a WHAC win over Marygrove College (5-8-1, 3-2-1).

Marygrove jumped out to a 2-0 lead on Jordan Berry's goal in the 48th minute followed by Gonzalo Carceres' second from Berry in the 53rd minute. Carver then answered with back-to-back penalty kicks in the 63rd and 66th minutes to tie the game.

Nick Peper then scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 71st minute off an assist from Nicholi LaRocca.

Gavin Kelly then made it 4-2 for the Crusaders off an assist from Ryan Williams in the 73rd minute, but Berry answered with his 19th of the year in the 81st minute from Carceres.

Doug Beason's sixth of the season from Dane Laird ended the suspense at the 82:06 mark.

MU used two goalkeepers with John Boudreau making two saves and not allowing a goal in the first 45 minutes before giving way to Scott Poole, who made three saves and gave up two goals.

Sacred music concert benefits convent

Louis Canter says the audience will hear "something for everyone" at the upcoming Concert of Sacred Music in Livonia.

"They can expect a wide variety of style of music. There is a lot of gospel music. There is classical religious music, contemporary style religious music, hymns," said Canter, who will serve as master of ceremonies.

The show, a fundraiser for the Felician Sisters, will start at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the Presentation Chapel on the Felician Sisters grounds, 36800 Schoolcraft.

Performers will include Amy Blevins, Johnny Kash, Andy Laglands, Stacey Mason, Hektor Qyteti, along with David Ammer, the principal trumpet player for the Michigan Opera Theatre. Violinists Grace Rodgers and Sasha Bezak and students from the Divine Child Bell Choir will perform during the "Litany of the Saints."

Patron tickets are \$500 and include four admissions, preferred seating,

complimentary valet parking, special recognition, a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception after the concert and an opportunity to meet the performers.

Supporter tickets are \$100 and include one admission, reserved seating, a program listing and the reception.

Friend tickets are \$20 for one admission.

Concert proceeds will help buy armchairs for the Sisters' dining room, wheelchairs and walkers.

"I encourage people to come out, not only for the music, but to celebrate the gift of the Sisters, who have been here a long time in ministry," Canter said. "What we're doing with the financial gifts we receive is good, because the Sisters don't have much. To give them comfort in their golden years, for them to have a nice place to sit, reflect and pray gives them a gift for the gift they've been to us."

Tickets are available in advance at (734) 591-1730 or at the door.

—By Sharon Dargay



Tony Campolo will speak at the May 2, 2013, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

Save date to hear Tony Campolo

Tony Campolo will be the featured speaker at the May 2, 2013, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has written more than 35 books, blogs

regularly at his website, redletterchristians.org, and can also be found on both Facebook and Twitter. He and his wife, Peggy, live near Philadelphia, Pa., and have two children and four grandchildren.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for K-12 students. Space is limited. Make checks payable to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., and mail to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., Attention: Sal-

ly Butler, 33300 Five Mile, Suite 105, Livonia, MI 48154. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

For more information call (248) 476-9427 or e-mail to butlerconsulting@consultant.com.

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BUCHANAN, BERTHA RAY

Age 88, October 22, 2012, formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Lee. Loving mother of Regina (Steve) Douglas, Robert (Polly), Nancy (Ken) Mantay, Edmund, Charles, Kathy (Ted) Stein, Vickie (Joel) Goudreau and Darlene Horen. Dear sister of Billie Hillen. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. Visitation Thursday, 3-9pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City where funeral services will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rgharris.com



LOFTIS, JEANNE MARIE

Jeanne Marie (Emma) was the youngest of four children born August 19, 1928 to Emma Nelle Hampton Loftis and Latta Conway "Tub" Loftis. Emma was called Jeanne. Her siblings were Marianna (Nan), Richard (Dick), John (Jack). Jeanne was born in Detroit, MI and raised in Dearborn, MI. Jeanne graduated from Dearborn High School in 1946 where she was the Captain of the Cheerleaders. Jeanne loved life and loved to learn, read, played the piano, sing, dance, was an artist and painter, liked sewing, gardening, flew an airplane and sailed. Jeanne loved people and is a Christian. She volunteered a lot, was a clown, and loved USA. Jeanne worked for 30 years at Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at the board office. Jeanne married Donald Eugene Miller they have three children MaryEllen Sanok (Rick), Ron, DonaJean "Gussie" Staszak (Tony). Three grandchildren Joe & Christina Sanok-Great Grand Daughter Lucia, Peter Sanok, Lydia Sanok-Potthoff (Billy). Don and Jeanne designed and built two homes for the family one in Wayne, MI the other one in Livonia, MI. Jeanne changed her name to Jeanne Marie. Feb. 16, 2012 she died after a long illness. We miss her and also know she is living in Heaven. We love our dear sweet Mom so much.



LUTE, WILLIAM S.

Age 87, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2012 at his home in Livonia; right next door to where he was born on April 3, 1925, son of Charles and Bertha (nee Christ) Lute. He was united in marriage to Mary Rose Joyal on November 1, 1951; and they spent 60 loving years together. William grew up on a farm in Livonia and later worked as a Heavy Machine Operator for Superior Products in Taylor. He is described by his family as a simple farmer, who was born 100 years too late. He was a passionate collector of anything that had to do with farm life; including a huge collection of antique John Deere Tractors from the 1930's, one of the largest collections in the state of horse drawn vehicles, as well as hand tools, traps, washing machines, and lanterns. Many of his treasures were found at the farm auctions he frequented on the weekends. William was a volunteer with Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia; where he operated some of the antique equipment he donated and advised the Livonia Historical Commission on the history of Livonia. He also volunteered with Henry Ford Village during Harvest Festival. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary Rose Lute; his daughters, Cathy (Edward) Klockner, Debbie (Robert) Shaw, and Peggy (Anthony) Ignagni; his siblings, Celesta Van Hellemont, Donald (Agnes) Lute, Bernice (Othal) Baggett, and Alice (Frank) Caldwell; his grandchildren, Sean, Jan, Halle, Dawn (Jason), Brandon, Nickholas, Vincenzo, Blaise, and Noelle; and his great grandchildren, Makenna, Brielle, and Greisha. He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers and sisters. The funeral service will be held Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at The Newburgh Church at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48152. Mr. Lute will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or Livonia Historical Commission/Greenmead Historical Park. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

CAVES, ELIZABETH JANE

Age 89, of Belleville, died October 16, 2012 at Heartland Health Care Center University of Livonia. She was a member of Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. She was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed baking & making candy and most of all, spending time with her grandkids. Survived by five children Barbara Jane (Larry) Atkin of Covington, VA, Mary Lou (Kent) Hazelwood of Stayton, OR, Susan (Merv) Auchtung of Holland, MI, Timothy Caves of Belleville, MI & Terry Jay (Kim) Caves of Plymouth, MI, 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Preceded by her husband of over 73 years, Thomas Caves, Jr., August 13, 2012, also a brother Jack Myers. Services were October 19, 2012 at Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. Contributions to Memorial Church of Christ or Angela Hospice appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



PAUL, WILLIAM ROBERT "BOB"

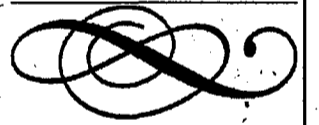
Age 85, of Livonia, retired Ford Motor Co. employee, died October 20, 2012. He is the dear father of Rick (Lynn), John (Linda) and Lee (Jamie); fond grandfather of Christopher, Alexander, Michael, Stephanie and Justin. Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bernice. Funeral Service Wednesday, October 24, 10 am, at the Heeneysundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Tuesday 2-8 pm. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice, angelahospice.org heeneysundquist.com

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Father-son magicians spark laughter, awe, for a good cause

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Ken and Austin Dumm of Livonia promise to keep you laughing while you wonder "Just how did they DO that?"

The father-and-son performers are seasoned comedy magicians who sprinkle in humor with awe-inspiring tricks.

"Magic without an emotional hook is just a puzzle," said Ken, who has performed for more than 30 years. "And the puzzle you put away after you figure out how it was done. But what we like to do is touch you on an emotional level."

Austin, 16, says comedy makes the magic stronger.

"You can see a magic act and when you leave you think, oh that was great. I have no idea how that was done," said the Churchill High School junior. "When you leave a comedy magic show, you think, wow, I was really entertained."

They've performed together for 10 years, including seven at Livonia Spree. When he's not at his day job, producing television commercials for Team Detroit, Ken also appears in a solo act at clubs, festivals and theaters. He'll emcee evening shows this weekend at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. His son also has entertained individually at senior living centers during summer vacation.

"It's great to go in there and entertain them with something they don't see every day," Austin said, recalling his summer experience. "Just to see their faces light up, it's almost like they're young again. It's a great experience because you get to give back to the community."

That's exactly what they'll do when they perform at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Roy-



Austin (left) and Ken Dumm show the poster for one of their performances, which was held in Lapeer earlier this year.



al Oak.

Their family-friendly show will raise funds for Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. The money will be dedicated to the Ticker Club at DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Personal connection

"The Ticker Club basically is a support group for families with children who are having heart surgery," Ken said. "I have done some strolling magic at Ticker Club events."

Children's Hospital holds a special place in Ken's heart. His wife, Kristine, underwent

heart surgery there 22 years ago.

"Being that we were dating, I was with her the whole time," he said. He got to see first hand the staff and its "unbelievable job of making patients and families feel comfortable" while loved ones underwent surgeries.

"We're always looking for more ways to give back," Austin said. "That's one of the reasons for this show for the hospital. It's a great way to give back to a great organization in our area through our talent of magic."

That talent began to take shape at an early age for both father and son.

Passion for magic

Ken, who grew up in Redford Township, "got hooked" on magic at around age 10 after his parents allowed him to select a birthday gift at a magic shop. He began to spend money earned through a newspaper delivery route on tricks.

"It wasn't that I wanted to just know how the tricks were done, I wanted to perform them," he said, adding that he began "putting together little shows for neighborhood kids."

He continued honing his skills while in high school and during college at Wayne State University, where he earned a degree in broadcasting and went on to write, produce and direct advertising content for broadcast and the Web.

"Once I got out of college and got a full time job, I started doing more

COMEDY MAGIC OF KEN AND AUSTIN DUMM

What: Father-son magicians from Livonia perform magic with comedy and audience interaction
When: 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Where: Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, located at 310 Troy Street, at Fourth Street, one block south of 11 Mile, two blocks east of Main, in downtown Royal Oak

Details: The show is appropriate for all ages. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, with funds restricted to the Ticker Club at the DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan. Tickets are \$8

Contact: Call the box office at (248) 542-9900 or visit www.etix.com

comedy clubs, more adult venues, like open mics. When Austin was born in 1996, I had the perfect opportunity to do family shows, because I could test out my material on my son."

Austin didn't just offer feedback, he became a part of the act. From age 3-4 he'd sit in the audience and lip synch his dad's performance. Ken introduced him to the audience and allowed him to perform a magic trick when he was just 6 years old. At age 9, he started performing at Livonia Spree.

"I've had a lifelong interest and love of magic. I find it really fun when my dad and I can both perform together in places that entertain people," Austin said.

"We're both excited about the (upcoming) show because of that."

GET OUT! Arts & Crafts

CITY GALLERY
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 11

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

Details: The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild shows elaborate decorative pieces, jewelry, and variations of other items that celebrate the use of beads in their creation

Contact: (248) 473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Friday Night: Concerts include Aerial Angels Ghost Circus, Oct. 26 and Shuffle Concert, Nov. 2. Aerial Angels, 7 p.m.; all others at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.,

Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

LIBERTY STREET BREWING CO.

Time/Date: Artist reception

Please see GET OUT!, B7

Schoolcraft College stages Moliere farce

Schoolcraft College will kick off its fall semester dinner theater with performances of *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*, a farce by Moliere.

Dinner theatre shows will run Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-3. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. in the VistaTeech Center, on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Curtain is at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre.

Show-only performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10.

Tickets are \$24 for the dinner performances and \$12 for the show-only performances.

The Doctor in Spite of Himself is a comedy about medicine in the 17th Century.

For more information and to order tickets, call the campus bookstore at (734) 462-4596.

Michigan Philharmonic jazzes up pops show

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform a jazz-inspired tribute to Duke Ellington at its "Pops Plus" concerts this weekend.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 at the Italian American Club, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at The Carr Center, 311 E. Grand River, Detroit.

The Livonia show is \$35 and will include a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets to the show in Detroit are \$25. Students are admitted free with a paying adult.

The Michigan Philharmonic's

principal flutist, Dennis Carter II, will solo on Ronald Foster's *Summertime Fantasy*, which is based on the song by George Gershwin. Other jazz age hits will include Eubie Blake's *I'm Just Wild about Harry* and James P. Johnson's classic *Charleston*. A majority of the program will pay tribute to "the Duke," featuring a performance of Ellington's reflective *Suite from the River* and an encore of his famous signature song, *It Don't Mean a Thing*. Gershwin's overture to *Crazy for You* and a medley of Dave

Brubeck's tunes will round out the program.

Carter has a bachelor of music in flute performance from Wayne State University, where his teachers were Ervin Monroe, principal flutist of the DSO and Clement Barone. He continued his studies by winning an orchestral apprenticeship with Operalaboratorio in Palermo, Sicily and by invitation to attend Julius Baker's master class as a performer.

Carter also performed with the Dearborn, Rochester, and Warren Symphonies, Orches-

tra Canton, Brazael Dennard Chorale and Community Chorus. He has toured nationwide with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players, The New Sigmund Romberg Orchestra, and Carl Rosa Opera Company in the UK.

He's also an assistant teacher for Southfield High School Band and Orchestra programs and has taught flute at Henry Ford Community College and woodwinds for the Sphinx Preparatory Institute.

For concert tickets visit www.michiganphil.org

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Touching comedy

Debra Rockey (left) of Milford as "Vernadette," Anne Craft of Wixom as "Sheree," Julie Yolles of Birmingham as "Dinah," Erin Osgood of Brighton as "Lexie," and Kandi Krumins of Waterford as "Jeri Neal" this week run of the Farmington Players' and of "The Dixie Swim Club." Shows are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W.12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$14 for students and \$16 for adults. For tickets, call (248) 553-2955 or visit www.farmingtonplayers.org.

GET OUT!

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tion is 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9; art on display through November
Location: 149 W. Liberty, in Old Village, Plymouth; in the upper hall gallery
Details: Mariuca Rofick shows her black and white photography in an exhibit called METROPOLIS. Rofick is an exhibiting member of Hatch, the Hamtramck artists collective, and her work has been shown at such galleries as the Carr Center, Lawrence Street Gallery and the Scarab Club
Contact: (734) 207-9600
NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE
Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday,

through Oct. 27
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Vote for Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012," includes a variety of works by more than two dozen artists
Contact: (248) 344-0497
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Time/Date: Through October
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: This first exhibit of the new season features work by instructors, students and board members, along with displays and photos from the Council as well as other community groups
Coming up: "Mixed Musings" by Peggy Kerwan

Contact: (734) 416-4278
VAAL
Time/Date: Nov. 5-17; artist reception is 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9
Location: Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia fall exhibit will include original art work done by VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. The art work will be for sale. Ellen M. Moucoulis of Schoolcraft College is the show jury
Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org
VILLAGE THEATER
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 29
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: 20th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes paintings, sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics, and photography by artists from throughout south-east Michigan
Contact: (734) 394-5308
Film
MJR DIGITAL THEATRE
Time/Date: Oct. 27-28 and Nov. 3-4
Location: 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Children's film festival includes "Ice Age," and "Dog Days." Free for children, 12 and under. Adults pay \$1. Check show times the Tuesday before each weekend screening
Contact: (734) 298-2657

PENN THEATRE
Time/Date: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 27-28
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Paranorman," \$3
Coming up: "Hope Springs," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 and 8, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4; "Trouble with the Curve," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15
Shock-tober series: The series concludes with "Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein," 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25
Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE
Time/Date: Doors open 11 p.m., movie starts at midnight, Friday, Oct. 26
Location:
Details: "Evil Dead," \$5
Coming up: "The Haunted House," and "The Cat and the Canary," both silent films with Buster Keaton, 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, \$12 adults and \$8 children; "An American in Paris," 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, \$4; "Since You Went Away," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Nov. 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, \$4; "A Christmas Story," 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 1, \$4. Santa will be on hand Nov. 30-Dec. 1 for photos
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Stock up

Always keep some basic ingredients on hand to make last-minute cooking a lot easier.

- **Frozen vegetables** — Can be used as a side or added to soup and rice dishes.

- **Broth** — Beef, chicken and vegetable broth can be used to make soup and sauces and to add flavor when cooking vegetables and rice.

- **Add-ins** — Nuts, sesame seeds, parsley, dried fruit and cheese, can be added to main dishes, sides and salads, to make them even more nutritious and flavorful.

Time savers

Take advantage of grocery items that do some of the work for you.

- **Frozen rice** — For a tasty side or for a starter for a full meal, try Minute Steamers, a rice that heats in a microwave, ventilated bag.

- **Pre-cut vegetables** — Save some prep time by using some pre-cut vegetables. Give them a quick wash and they are ready to use.

- **Pre-seasoned ingredients** — Look for canned, diced tomatoes with garlic and onions, cheese made with jalapeño or marinated chicken or pork cuts. These all are ways to add flavor without adding time.

Plan ahead

If you save more time on the weekend, you can do some prep work to cut down on your week night cooking time.

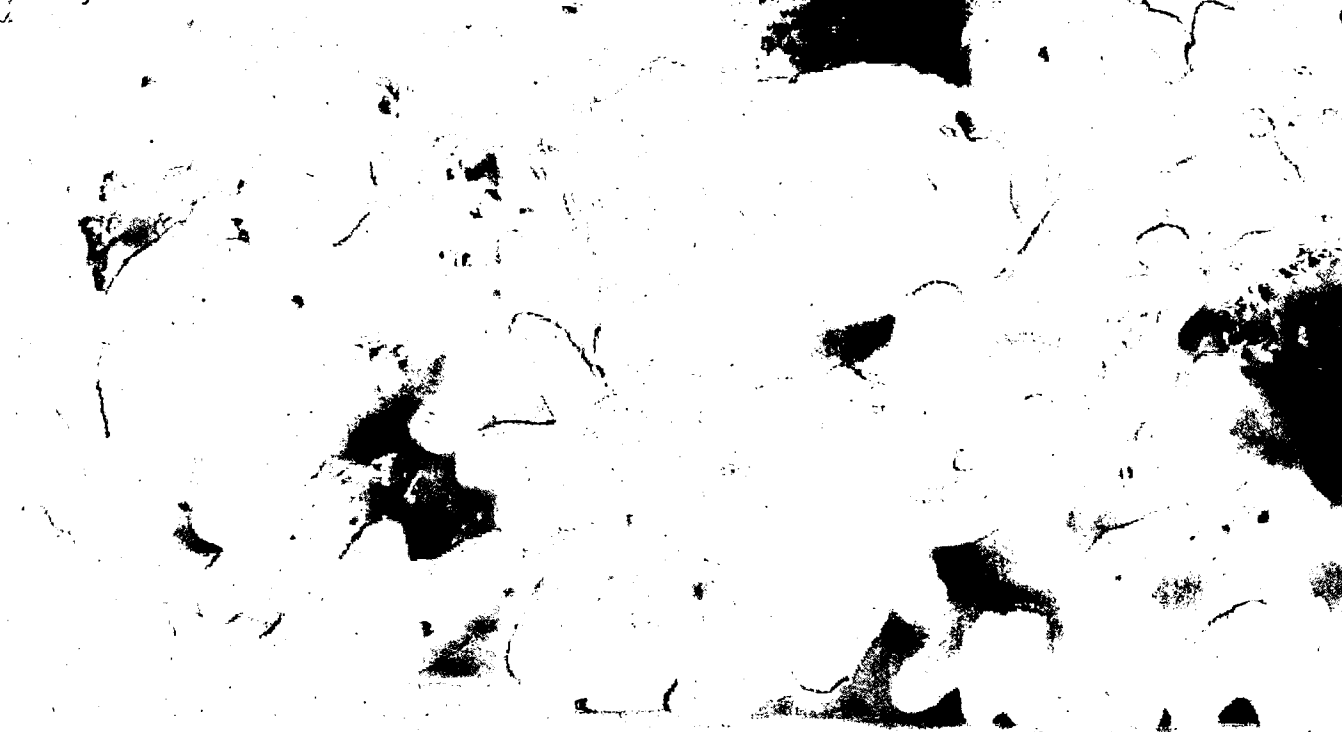
- **Prep ingredients** — Chop vegetables and shred cheese and keep them in storage containers or resealable bags in the fridge. You also can brown ground beef and cut any meats into recipe-ready pieces.

- **Herb cubed** — Put a tablespoon of chopped herbs in each well of an ice cube tray. Fill with either water or olive oil, then freeze. Once frozen, pop them out and store in a freezer bag. You'll have fresh herb flavor in a flash.

- **Cook once, eat twice** — Double up on a recipe, then freeze one half for later. Or, plan a second meal around leftovers. For example, use Monday night's taco meat for Tuesday night's taco salad.

For more delicious ways to get a speedy supper on the table for your family, visit www.4ingredientmeals.com.

Cheesy Chicken Broccoli and Cheese Casserole



Cheesy Chicken Broccoli and Rice Casserole

Makes 4 Servings

- 1 bag Minute Steamers — Broccoli and Cheese Rice
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup cooked, diced chicken
- 1/2 cup milk

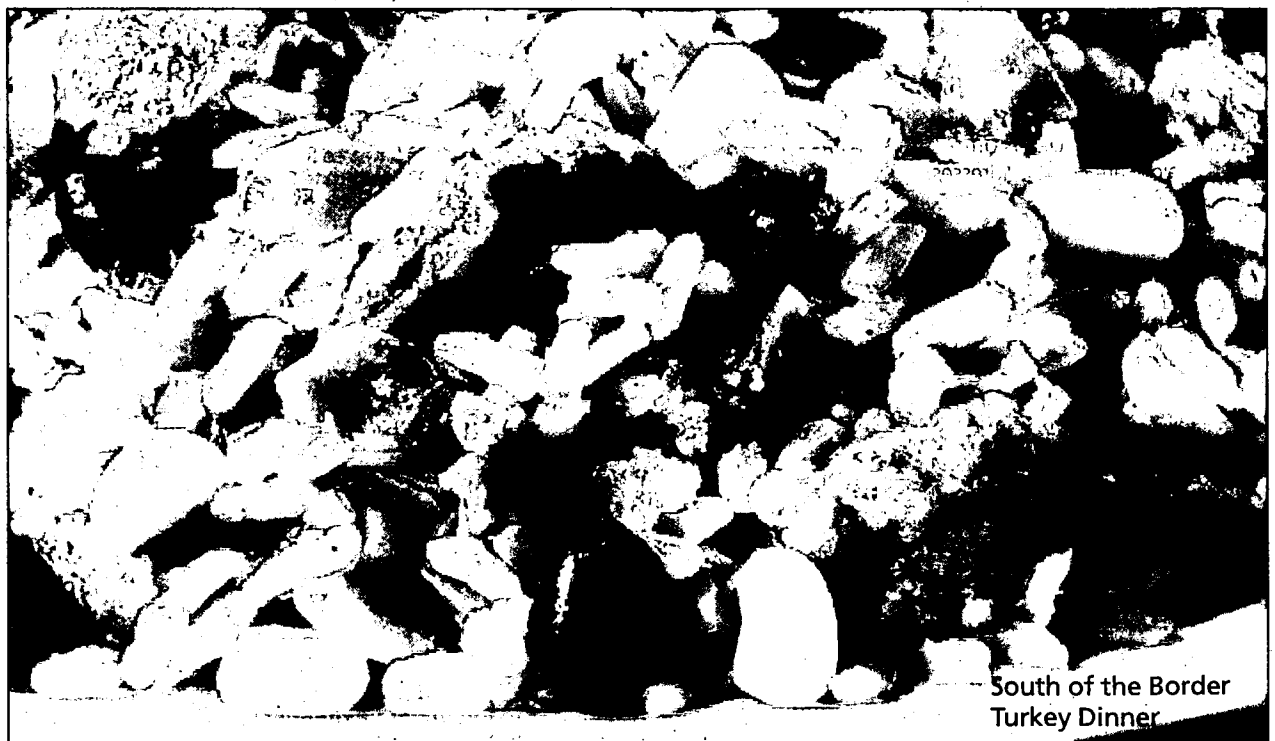
Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe bowl combine soup, chicken and water. Heat in microwave on high for 2 minutes. Stir in rice.

South of the Border Turkey Dinner

Makes 4 Servings

- 1 bag Minute Steamers — Brown Rice
- 1 pound ground turkey, cooked and crumbled
- 1 can (11 ounces) southwestern corn blend
- 1 cup prepared salsa

Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe bowl combine turkey, corn and salsa. Cook on HIGH 2 minutes. Stir in rice. Add 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese. Use as filling in tortillas and top with shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes. Roll into burrito-sized tortillas and serve with sour cream.



South of the Border Turkey Dinner



Easy Arroz con Pollo

Easy Arroz con Pollo

Makes 4 servings

- 1 bag Minute Steamers — Spanish Rice
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed
- 1 small tomato, diced
- 1 cup cooked, diced chicken

Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe dish combine rice, peas and carrots, tomato and chicken. Microwave 2 minutes. For extra flavor, add 1/4 cup sliced Spanish olives. Garnish with sliced green onions.

Basil Rice and Tomato Soup

Serves 4 (1 1/4 cups each)

- 1 package Minute Steamers — Brown Rice
- 1 jar (24 ounces) pasta sauce
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped

Prepare rice according to package directions. In a large microwave-safe bowl combine pasta sauce, cream and basil. Cover loosely and microwave on high 5 minutes, or until heated though. Stir in prepared rice.

Tips:

- If a thinner soup is desired, add 1 cup heated chicken broth
- Serve with cheese crostini and olive tapenade.
- Top with shredded Parmesan

SPRUCE UP RICE

Here are some quick and easy ways you can add a little flair to the family meal:

- **Citrus Rice:** To hot cooked white rice, add grated orange, lemon or lime zest for a fresh, lively taste.
- **Nutty Rice:** To hot cooked brown rice, add peanuts, cashews, pine nuts, or sunflower seeds; stir in dried cranberries or cherries for added flavor, texture and color.
- **Portobello Mushroom Rice:** To hot cooked brown rice add sautéed, chopped portobello mushrooms and toasted, chopped pecans. Top with crumbled feta cheese.

Home Builders Association revamps its name, logo

The Michigan Association of Home Builders (MAHB) has announced that its Board of Directors has approved changing the name of the organization that represents the homebuilding industry in Michigan to the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM).

The name change became effective on Sept. 14, 2012.

"The fact is that whether we are in front of a customer who is building or remodeling their home, or in the halls at the State Capitol, people have always referred to us as the 'Home Builders Association,'" said Colin Herren, HBAM president. "It made sense to us to change the name in order to capitalize on the recognition we already have throughout Michigan."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan has also unveiled a new logo to accompany the name change and a tagline, "Professionals Who Care," which will be utilized in a statewide branding effort to educate consumers on the value of hiring HBAM members for building and remodeling projects.

"We have always been an organization that encourages the highest levels of professionalism among our members," said Robert Filka, HBAM CEO. "Our member builders and remodelers are not only licensed, but are leaders in incorporating the latest innovations and technologies into their work, which provides significant value to consumers."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan will also be encouraging the 27 local Home



This is the new logo of the Home Builders Association of Michigan.

Builders Associations throughout Michigan to utilize the HBA, Professionals Who Care branding in advertising for home shows and other promotions throughout the year.

"Many of our members conduct business in several counties that often stretch beyond the jurisdiction of their local Home Builders Association,"

said Rich Kogelschatz, HBAM Board member who led the name change and branding initiative. "Having common branding throughout Michigan will allow our members to receive the benefits of greater consumer recognition of the brand and the value it means to them."

The Michigan Home Builders

Association is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members.

HBAM works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

Dallas shows signs of life

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I was recently in Dallas for a football game and noted the development in the downtown and Uptown areas. Do you have any information concerning the residential situation there?

A: Downtown Dallas grew substantially in the 1960s and 1970s, but there was almost no additional commercial development until 2010. However, there

has been a concerted effort recently to build residential housing in the downtown and Uptown areas.



Robert Meisner

Substantial private homes and condominiums have been and are being built in those areas as the economy has not hurt Dallas as has been the case in many other areas. Indeed, the Dallas suburb of Highland Park looks just like Beverly Hills, Calif., to the casual observer. The Uptown area is filled with restaurants, boutiques, condominiums, apartments and single family homes and, the market is thriving.

Q: Can we charge a rental fee to renters for the sole reason that they are renting a unit?

A: More than likely not. A case out of New Jersey held that an association could charge a rental fee, but only in an amount reasonably related to actual additional necessary expenses incurred by the association for the rental. I think this is a reasonable determination of the status, but each case, of course, depends upon its own facts.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

46031 Spinning Wheel Dr \$190,000	33201 Norfolk St \$140,000	45891 Green Valley Rd \$309,000	
49516 Taft Ln \$55,000	34713 Northland Dr \$255,000	1310 Hartsough St \$200,000	
1503 Tradition Dr \$375,000	14452 Pere St \$175,000	9411 High Pointe Ct \$260,000	
44222 Webster Rd \$149,000	27480 Pickford St \$58,000	11889 Lorenz Way \$357,000	
GARDEN CITY			
6664 Harrison St \$45,000	36630 Pinetree St \$105,000	40936 Micol Dr \$136,000	
33110 John Hawk St \$40,000	32902 Southgate St \$205,000	9089 Morrison Ave \$150,000	
LIVONIA			
36701 Six Mile Rd \$160,000	34900 Standish St \$100,000	40640 Newport Dr \$59,000	
14016 Ashurst St \$170,000	15054 Taylor Blvd \$173,000	49022 Plum Tree Ct \$350,000	
15411 Bainbridge St \$105,000	NORTHVILLE		
32128 Barkley St \$140,000	46075 Bloomcrest Dr \$280,000	14971 Plymouth Xing \$239,000	
33000 Brookside Ct \$272,000	44939 Broadmoor Cir S \$371,000	198 Riveroaks Dr \$82,000	
12060 Cardwell St \$82,000	45041 Broadmoor Cir S \$370,000	432 Sunset St \$239,000	
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18084 Curtis Ct \$200,000	16180 Crystal Downs E \$486,000	14176 Breakfast Dr \$143,000	
37007 Curtis Rd \$370,000	16260 Crystal Downs E \$426,000	12853 Crosley \$44,000	
16984 Farmington Rd \$120,000	16596 Dunswood Rd \$215,000	17365 Denby \$10,000	
31530 Gable St \$100,000	15738 Johnson Creek Dr \$147,000	9183 Garfield Ct \$48,000	
9715 Garden St \$88,000	15810 Johnson Creek Dr \$137,000	9301 Riverdale \$72,000	
14531 Garden St \$65,000	15841 Johnson Creek Dr \$139,000	16602 Ryland \$21,000	
14316 Gary Ln \$120,000	17500 Lake View Cir \$322,000	18847 Sumner \$26,000	
14711 Gary Ln \$145,000	46637 Merion Cir \$445,000	WESTLAND	
11240 Haller St \$125,000	49474 N Glacier \$255,000	33052 Avondale St \$97,000	
18931 Hillcrest St \$94,000	48804 Rainbow Ln S \$307,000	37592 Barkridge Cir \$50,000	
16194 Huff St \$119,000	49170 Rainbow Ln S \$335,000	7030 Central City Pkwy \$98,000	
16321 Huff St \$157,000	655 Randolph St \$65,000	30005 Lacy Dr \$65,000	
20175 Laurel Dr \$294,000	18177 Shoreline Ct \$640,000	33662 Melton St \$120,000	
33160 Lyndon St \$150,000	PLYMOUTH		
14416 Melrose St \$145,000	50436 Beechwood Ct \$130,000	8275 N Wayne Rd \$123,000	
	49197 Fox Dr N \$444,000	8060 N Wildwood St \$139,000	
	40724 Gilbert St \$116,000	35551 Thames St \$42,000	
		33480 Unicorn Ct \$72,000	

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 2-6, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

117 S Williamsbury Rd \$185,000	22357 Diamond Ct \$75,000	24921 Sarah Flynn \$255,000	
874 Shady Hollow Cir \$300,000	28412 Farmington Rd \$125,000	25822 Shoreline Dr \$720,000	
4755 Walnut Lake Rd \$265,000	28136 Hawberry Rd \$155,000	39734 Village Wood Cir \$46,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP			
3530 Brookside Dr \$500,000	20854 Hugo St \$143,000	39411 Westminster Cir \$88,000	
2841 Lamplighter Ln \$315,000	21711 Jefferson St \$10,000	24017 Willowbrook \$160,000	
909 Tartan Trl \$206,000	24056 Middlebelt Rd Unit 13 \$26,000	21924 York Mills Cir \$423,000	
3495 Westchester Rd \$315,000	31188 Misty Pines Dr \$125,000	51879 Red Cedar Ct \$284,000	
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP			
2949 Gabriel Dr \$105,000	24029 Noble Dr \$150,000	54211 Shinnecock Dr \$380,000	
5390 Inverrary Ln \$75,000	22136 Springbrook Ave \$23,000	SOUTHFIELD	
2812 Red Arrow Dr \$140,000	29324 W 12 Mile Rd \$106,000	30460 Everett St \$68,000	
FARMINGTON			
23031 Farmington Rd \$169,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE		
33145 Flanders St \$90,000	27828 Rainbow Cir \$175,000	28474 Fairfax St \$29,000	
33207 Flanders St \$124,000	MILFORD		
22674 Maple Ave \$133,000	1174 Marjorie St \$67,000	17601 New Hampshire Dr \$85,000	
33125 Orchard St \$62,000	1336 Yosemite Valley Dr \$267,000	19040 W Nine Mile Rd \$70,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS			
28897 Augusta \$455,000	1340 Yosemite Valley Dr \$25,000	19300 W Nine Mile Rd \$95,000	
36875 Chesapeake Rd \$228,000	NOVI		
31825 Coronet Dr \$136,000	25759 Arcadia Dr \$475,000	29153 Wellington Rd E # 40 \$31,000	
	121 Austin Dr \$46,000	WHITE LAKE	
	47290 Cider Mill Dr \$325,000	1271 Applewood Dr \$150,000	
	24555 Jamestowne Rd \$230,000	2565 Gale Island St \$70,000	
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6 Dusk to dawn
11 Delay one's departure
13 Zeus, to Helen
14 Especially suited
15 Plane tips
17 Sourdough's strike
18 Pfc.'s superior
19 Cut a wide —
20 "Titanic" message
21 Faint, with "over"
23 — Lanka
24 AAA suggestions
25 Far from colorful
27 Impose taxes
29 Meadow murmur
31 "— bad was it?"
32 Hissed at

35 Trials and tribulations
38 Cash register drawer
39 Dangerous current
41 Microwave
43 Famous Khan
44 October sign
46 Michael Stipe's group
47 Execs
48 "The Fox and the Grapes" fable writer
49 Wool producer
50 Kilt features
52 Milder
54 Bulrush
55 Disreputable

DOWN

1 Not taut
2 Severed by pinching
3 Moose feature
4 Metric wt.
5 Sudden urges

6 Ogden or old car
7 Thing's pronoun
8 Scrooge's three visitors
9 Deli sandwiches
10 Lock or curl
12 Noisy disputes
13 Charm believed to have magical powers
16 Ms. Teasdale of poetry
22 Tag
24 Defended one's title
26 Prevent
28 Farm female
30 Hawks' refuges
32 Bounce
33 Walking on air
34 Claims
36 Archimedes' shout
37 Distorted
38 Packs firmly
40 Spring formal
42 Nail-groomer
44 Held up in traffic
45 Mocks by imitating
51 Silver, in formulas
53 Say what?

Answer to Previous Puzzle

BONN SIDE DAP
MAYA UNIX EMS
WRECKED CACTI
HAT VENI
MACON SERAPES
YVES SLIP HEE
TEN HAUNT ERA
HRS AWES GRIM
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1				8				7
			1			2		
5			7	3				4
	3					6		2
		1	2			3	7	8
		7	4		9	5		
			6					9
8	2			5		1		

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Sudoku

8	2	9	3	5	7	1	4	6
3	4	5	6	9	1	8	7	2
3	8	5	8	2	4	9	7	1
9	6	1	2	4	5	3	7	8
7	3	4	8	6	1	6	5	2
5	8	2	7	3	6	9	1	4
4	7	8	1	6	3	2	9	5
1	5	3	9	8	2	4	6	7
2	9	6	5	7	4	8	3	1

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