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**Stuff the Cube**

Westland residents are invited to Stuff the Cube, a fundraiser by SERVPRO of Westland to benefit the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Family Resource Center and Wayne County Family Center. SERVPRO will collect donations from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in the parking lot of Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, west of Newburgh Road. The donation list includes items for the home — kitchen, family room, bathroom and laundry — wellness and playground, personal care, child care and preschool, janitorial and cleaning supplies, office supplies and maintenance. Also being collected are gift cards for local stores such as well as general use gift cards. For more information, call SERVPRO at (734) 721-5699.

**Movie for veterans**

There's still time for veterans to obtain tickets to see a free movie Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at the Livonia AMC 20 at 19500 Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile, courtesy of state Sen. Glen Anderson, D-Westland, and the AMC 20 Theatres. Anderson and the Livonia AMC 20 at 19500 Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile, will host a free screening of Disney's film *War Horse* at 3 p.m. Concessions will be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theatres. Tickets are limited and reservations required. Tickets are limited to two per veteran. Veterans can request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov or toll-free by phone at (866) 262-7306.

**Library adds hours to schedule**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Beginning Thursday, Westland's William P. Faust Public Library will have expanded hours. The library will now be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It will remain closed Sunday and Monday.

The hours for the library had been reduced, along with staffing and programs cuts, July 1 due to reduced funding. At the August primary, voters approved an additional nearly 1 mill in funding for the library. "We will have three complete evenings and three complete mornings open," Library Director Sheila Collins said, adding

she was pleased to start phasing back increased hours for the library. "We need to have enough staff to keep the library open and assist patrons." Adding evening hours is good for students who may need to work on homework or school projects, possibly needing assistance from librarians, Collins said. The additional morning hours

accommodate more adults who may want to use library computers or read newspapers, she said. Funding from the additional millage won't be available until February or March, Collins said. "We need the money in place before we spend it. I'm not sure when the hours will be fully restored," Collins said. "It's a matter of when we

can hire people. We can't do that overnight." For the added hours that begin Nov. 1, Collins said three circulation staff members who are currently working close to full-time hours will begin working 40 hours per week and a librarian will be hired.

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**Antique trunk plays itself in Glenn's 'The Understudy'**

**ON STAGE**

**What:** "The Understudy," a mystery comedy in which an understudy turns to murder to get the lead role  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 1-3  
**Location:** The auditorium of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland  
**Tickets:** \$5 for students and \$7 for adults, available at the door

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

This week's production of *The Understudy* at John Glenn High School is a first for Kevin Gidley.

The new drama teacher at the high school, Gidley has taken over directorial duties from his wife, Sheri Grove, who has given up the footlights to be in the spotlight as an assistant principal at the high school.

"I've learned from the best," said Gidley. "The first day I transitioned into the job were the auditions for this play."

Gidley and Belinda Walakonis are directing the play, a murder mystery with a dash of comedy. Helping are students directors Olivia Junk, a junior, and seniors Alyssa Weeks and Kayla Hills.

*The Understudy* is actually a play within a play. It's the story of an understudy who is tired of playing second fiddle to the star. Hills plays Delores Gordon, the understudy who decides the only way to fulfill her dream of stardom is to kill the star,



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Officer Evan Biddle, played by Matt Karpiuk, talks to Geoffrey Chance, played by Marcus Allen Jr.; Olivia Anderson, played by Alyssa Weeks; Alice Oldacre, played by Abbey Orzech; George Styles, played by Morgan Gratwick, and Oscar Fairfax, played by Kyle Scott, in a scene from "The Understudy."



Morgan Gratwick as Georgia Styles and Chloe Sparkman as Janet Duncan rehearse their lines.

Guinevere Black, played by Summer Warren, and hides her body in a trunk that is the front and center throughout the show. The trunk is an antique that Gidley found at the Goodwill Store in Canton.

"I knew I had to find something good, and I did, it had the original travel tag in it and a newspaper lining the tray from 1912," said Gidley. "I went on ancestry.com and found out the owner was here in 1893. The chest is an antique, it's over 100 years old."

"It was a really neat find and it's pretty cool to have a real antique travel trunk in the play," he added.

According to Gidley, the play is a spoof of Agatha Christie and Alfred Hitchcock mysteries, and while Guinevere is dead, she's still in the play as a figment of Delores's imagination, according to Gidley. Delores becomes suspicious of her fellow cast members and thinks

they know something. When she checks to see that Guinevere's body is in the trunk, she discovers she's gone.

Gidley, who has taught at Glenn for 10 years and handled overflow drama classes on occasion, is enjoying his new assignment. He also admits that Grove has popped in a few times to see how it is going.

"She wants to get down there, but she's so busy," he said. "She did help with one scene. Sheri knows what a scene should look like, she's great with visualization. Belinda and I have to see it and then decide how it should look."

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**Goodfellows gear up for holiday assistance**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Last year, the Westland Goodfellows provided help to make sure almost 1,000 local youngsters had a Merry Christmas.

With requests for assistance expected to reach the same levels in 2012, the Westland Goodfellows have their fundraising efforts well under way.

"We're definitely gearing up. We've got 41 different locations for boxes for donations of toiletries, toys, scarves, hats, gloves, school supplies and non-perishable food," said John Adams, co-president of the Westland Goodfellows. A letter seeking finan-

cial donations has already been sent to Westland residents and businesses — an effort that has replaced the sale of newspapers at busy intersections. Financial donations can also be made through PayPal at the Goodfellows' website at www.westlandgoodfellows.org. The website has assistance applications, which must be submitted by Nov. 28. Applications also are available at the Dorsie Center, the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Wayne-Westland Fire Administration on Wayne Road in Wayne.

Another mainstay of the Goodfellows' fundraising is the annual bowling event held by Westland Councilman Bill John-

son and his co-workers at UAW Local 900, representing workers at the Wayne Assembly Plant. The bowling event will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Avenue, Wayne.

New this year, the Westland Goodfellows are teaming up with the Wayne Goodfellows and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Transportation Department for the Stuff the Bus effort from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the parking lot of the Kmart store on Wayne Road at Cherry Hill in Westland.

Donations of new toys, new or gently used clothes, personal items, school supplies and any-

thing to assist the Westland and Wayne Goodfellows in providing a happy holiday season for those in need will be accepted.

"With Wayne-Westland Schools, it makes no sense not to include the Wayne Goodfellows in this," Adams said.

Although the Wayne and Westland fire departments are merging and firefighters in each city are mainstays of the Goodfellows, Adams said the two charitable groups are continuing to operate independently to serve their individual cities.

The Westland Goodfellows provide vouchers for families to do their own shopping at Target, Meijer and Heartland Market.

"We get a receipt of all the purchases. It's a good audit item for us," Adams said. "We just want to make sure they aren't buying cigarettes, beer and wine. We want it to be for the kids' benefit. If that means a grooming device like a curling iron for a girl, that's fine. The family knows what the child needs."

While the Goodfellows' emphasis is on Christmas — their motto is No Child Without a Christmas — in Westland the group also provides school supplies, backpacks and dictionaries to needy local youngsters in the Wayne-Westland School District.

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# ELECTION 2012

## Five vie for two seats on LPS ed board

Here is two of the remaining four profiles on the candidates campaigning for two seats on the Livonia school board in the Nov. 6 general election. More candidate profiles can be found on Page A4. The candidates are incumbent President Patrice Mang, Tammy Bonifield, Dillon Breen, John Grzebiak and Julie Robinson. Vice President Gregory Oke is not seeking re-election.

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# TAMMY BONIFIELD



Bonifield

If you were to give the Livonia board of education a letter grade from A to F, what would it be? Explain why:  
I cannot give a perfect grade because I believe there is always room for improvement. Given the \$40 million in cuts over the last several years, the Board of Education has worked well together to maintain high academic standards, extra-curricular activities, jeweled programs and dedicated staff.  
What strengths do you/would you bring to the board that the board is currently lacking?  
I feel my extensive financial and accounting background as a CPA and understanding of finances on a detailed level will bring a new strength to the Livonia Board of Education. My many years of volunteering in the schools with students, parents, staff and administration have allowed me to experience first-hand and therefore understand the challenges facing public education today.

Do you support asking voters to approve a construction bond? If so, for how much and what types of improvements. If not, why not?  
The current Board has stated that they will determine by the end of the year whether a bond issue will be put before the voters. Since this decision will be made before I am on the Board, my role will be to provide voters with as much detailed information as possible so they can make an informed decision.  
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?  
It would be easy for me to Monday morning quarterback, commenting on last year's candidates' platforms. This is not what my candidacy is about. I continually

look for new and innovative ways to improve every aspect of the district, including communication, such as expanding our current e-mail system, and better advising the public on where to look for needed information.  
Where do you see Livonia Public Schools trimming expenses? Where can the district consolidate with neighboring districts or the private sector to reduce costs?  
LPS has cut \$40 million. Administration, principals, teachers, para-pros, bus drivers and support staff have been reduced, had salaries cut, and made significant health care contributions. Every area should be reviewed, welcoming input from all stakeholders. LPS should consolidate with neighboring school districts and government wherever it is advantageous, such as combined purchasing, carefully reviewing dollars saved and value added.  
What would be your goals on the board, if elected?  
As a trustee on the Livonia School Board, I will:  
• Advocate for all LPS students to receive the highest standard of education  
• Ensure a course of fiscal responsibility, seeking additional cost savings and revenue sources  
• Strive to continuously improve communication and transparency for all LPS stakeholders  
• Represent the community in protecting and upholding the future of our Livonia Public Schools.

**Age:** 45  
**City of residence:** Livonia, 10 years  
**Family info:** Married to husband Brad for 18 years with two sons, Tristan, 14, and Trevor, 12  
**Occupation:** Certified Public Accountant  
**Education:** Michigan Technological University (1989) - Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with Accounting option  
**Elected offices held:** None  
**Community service work:** Livonia PTSA Council Vice President and Treasurer; PTA/PTSA President, Treasurer and/or Secretary at Stevenson, Riley, Hoover and Jackson Center; 10-year volunteer in Livonia Public Schools; Boy Scout Troop Treasurer and Adult Leader; LPS Elementary Report Card Task Force; Taylor-Hoover transition team; Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority Council - National level; Race for the Cure; Focus Hope.

What are the biggest issues the district faces, and how should those issues be addressed?  
Funding is our biggest issue. To provide the best possible education for our children, we should always be looking for new options, new revenue sources and new ideas. Grants and corporate partnerships are two resources that could potentially be leveraged. We also need to continue to advocate for our students letting our legislators know that public education is top priority.

# JOHN GRZEBIK



Grzebiak

need to continue to improve communication between all stakeholders. Our board needs to be more creative in ways to reduce costs, without reducing programs. I would like to see all board members become certified board members through MASB.  
What strengths do you/would you bring to the board that the board is currently lacking?  
I have proven a strong ability in having working relationships with Lansing and city leadership, to support a common goal, to promote the common good of children. On the PTSA Council and Youth Commission, I've worked within limited funds to save programs and strengthen programs. I will remain approachable in our school communities as I always have.  
Do you support asking voters to approve a construction bond? If so, for how much and what types of improvements. If not, why not?  
We face hard times. Though our buildings are over 50 years old and while our sinking fund

serves us well, we can't do much more to make them more effective and competitive without a funding source. The current board rightly so has more questions to ask and will be placing something before the ultimate deciders, the voters, in the coming year.  
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 served on the District Communication Team to improve communication. I want to make sure that communication is timely, fair and accurate. I will return my e-mails and phone calls and where appropriate, answer questions, and refer concerns to the best possible source as I have done with my current service.  
Where do you see Livonia Public Schools trimming expenses? Where can the district consolidate with neighboring districts or the private sector to reduce costs?  
Everything needs to be looked at to maintain student learning. The district already works with the city with a

**Age:** 26  
**City of residence:** I'm a lifelong resident of Livonia  
**Family info:** Son of Bard and Dave and brother of Lisa, a recent graduate of Franklin High School and U of M Dearborn student.  
**Occupation:** Material Handling and clerical worker  
**Education:** Graduate of Livonia Franklin High School  
**Elected offices held:** None  
**Community service work:** Appointed by the Mayor to the city's Commis-

sion on Youth and Families, Corresponding Secretary of the Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board, Livonia PTSA Council Youth Making a Difference Chair (four years), District Communications Team (DCT) (four years), representative from McKinley to the District Transition Team (2006), Livonia PTSA Council Save Our Youth Task Force Representative, Franklin PTSA President, Franklin Senior All Night Party Co-chair (three years), LPS Foundation Volunteer, Long time Spree Volunteer  
bus agreement and shares our printing department with other districts. Some efforts well-intended can be counterproductive if we start to look at things such as districts consolidating or open enrollment. I support working with the private sector when possible.  
What would be your goals on the board, if elected?  
My goals would be to ensure student learning with limited resources, improve board member visibility in the schools and the community, and improve communications with all stakeholders including areas like the senior community and with city leadership.  
What are the biggest issues the district faces, and how should those issues be addressed?  
Preserving student learning and meeting state and federal mandates while not losing sight of our long-term benchmarks/vision for the district. We must work with our legislators to protect against future cuts and for cost containment and work with our employees to trim costs. Mandates need to be met without losing sight of other course areas that are not necessarily stressed.

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# 70 years: Norwayne celebrates its legacy

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Long-time Norwayne residents gathered recently for a dinner celebrating their community and kicking off a year of activities honoring its 70th anniversary. "All of us here tonight have established roots in the Norwayne community," said Henry Johnson, chairman of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. "I'm proud to declare I grew up in Norwayne."

Built in 1943 to house workers in America's World War II Arsenal of Democracy, Johnson noted that Norwayne was set up to be a self-sufficient community. He recalled the neighborhood cobbler, barber, butcher, drug store and five-and-dime store.

Norwayne youngsters enjoyed the PTA fairs at Lincoln and Jefferson schools, Johnson said, along with summer festivals at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church.

Before the dinner, cooked by the Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club, the audience at the Norwayne Founders Recognition Dinner watched a video on Norwayne that had been created by local students.

"After the war, the returning veterans got first chance to buy the homes. Norwayne helped with World War II and reduced the severe housing shortage of the '40s and '50s," Mayor William Wild said.

Westland has declared the week of Oct. 21 as a week of celebration commemorating the history of the Norwayne Subdivision. "I hope by this time



Cindy and Blake Baugher are among the Norwayne residents honored for beautification of their home and yard. The Baughers have lived in the community for 30 years and Blake Baugher grew up there.

next year you'll be celebrating your historic marker," Wild said.

Johnson and Wild both mentioned the improvements seen in Norwayne in recent years. The city has committed much of its federal Neighborhood Stabilization funding to demolishing old homes or building new ones in the subdivision.

"We've tried to return Norwayne to being a community of choice. It's been a long road," Wild said. "But in the last five years, I've been really impressed by what has happened. As a local government, we can only go so far."

The repaving of Dorsey between Venoy

and Merriman, along with improvements to local schools, got the improvements started, Wild said.

Along with the improved housing stock, Wild noted that the city also used the demolition of blighted homes to reduce the housing density in Norwayne.

Five beautification awards were presented, honoring residents who have done an outstanding job maintaining their homes. Those recognized included Dawn Janowicz, Gerald Neher, Karlyn Haack, Linda Morton and Blake and Cindy Baugher.

The Baughers purchased a vacant lot that

resulted when a neighboring home was demolished, allowing them to have a larger property.

"I'd love to build a garage. She (Cindy) has her flowers and grapevine on the other side of the house," said Blake Baugher, who grew up in Norwayne.

The couple have lived in Norwayne throughout their time together — about 30 years. They were surprised to receive the recognition.

"We're always picking up paper. People say we do a nice job in the yard," Blake Baugher said. "I've seen a lot of changes through the years. We've got the house paid for. It would

## Citizens seek name change for Dorsey Park

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A request to change the name of Dorsey Park to Norwayne Liberator Park has been submitted to the Westland Park and Recreation Advisory Committee.

The resolution supporting the name change — the Liberator being the nickname of the B-24 bomber built at the Willow Run factory during World War II — came from the Norwayne Community Citizens Council.

The Norwayne Subdivision was constructed in 1943 to provide housing for the bomber plant workers and, after the war, returning veterans received priority for purchasing the homes.

During the Norwayne Founders Recognition Dinner, the Rev. Gerry Bechard of Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church suggested taking the name change further.

"Ever since I was a kid, I always loved airplanes. I read every

airplane book in the school library," Bechard said. "I knew the B-24 was nicknamed the Liberator. Instead of Norwayne or Shacktown, we should name it the Liberator Subdivision."

The name change would give the community more depth and also connect it with its important role in the Arsenal of Democracy during World War II.

"We're in a country that sometimes neglects its history. We should embrace this and embrace being part of the Arsenal of Democracy," Bechard said.

Along with the name change for the park, the resolution also asks for historical signage and appropriate landscaping for the park, which is located adjacent to the Dorsey Community Center.

Efforts are also under way to obtain a historical designation, with a marker, for the Norwayne Subdivision.

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cost us a fortune to move. We wouldn't live anywhere else."

Among those receiving certificates recognizing their long residence in Norwayne were: Johnson, Virginia Watts, Smokey Hartzel, Geraldine Liebert, Marguerite Wojewski, James Sipe, James and Christina Hartford, Mar-

got Briese, John Softis, Leonard Pagel, Connie Reeves, Brenda Hubbard, Phyllis Hayes, Barbara Dugger, Karen Lewis-Trudell, Alice Namovich, Sandy Clendennin, Dawn Janowicz, Gerald Neher and Larry and MaryAnn Clos.

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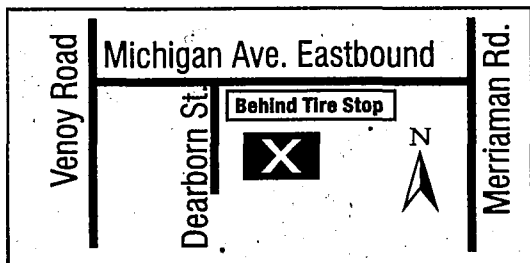
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PATRICE MANG

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

Currently I would give this board of education a grade of B.

I believe that there are more checks and balances than previously seen, but there is still room for improvement. Additionally, I am impressed with the time the board has taken this year to explore the needs and options for a possible bond issue; nothing has been rushed into.

What strengths do you/would you bring to the board that the board is currently lacking? I believe that overall all board members need to ask more questions and request information prior to meetings so that when a decision is being made, all documents may be reviewed. Although I have seen great improvement in the past year, I believe that checks and balances are important and I am willing to ask questions to assure accountability.

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

Provided the improvements all make sense and directly relate to more effective instruction for our students, I do support asking our voters to approve a construction bond. At this time, the final cost of these types of projects has not been established, however, I would like the bond to include infrastructure, technology and

private sector to reduce costs? Streamline administrative cost by keeping salaries in check, seek opportunities to share cost with our neighbors and review outsourced service contracts to ensure the best services at a low cost. Additionally we should maximize grant opportunities available to our district.

What would be your goals on the board, if elected? I like to improve developmental paths for students such as ambassador programs, work on strengthening partnerships with local business leaders to connect our students with opportunities and strengthen the relationship between the district and the public it serves by improving communication. Most importantly ensuring all students receive the best educational experience possible.

What are the biggest issues the district faces, and how should those issues be addressed? 1. Academic Achievement, we need to ensure teachers have the tools and support to educate students to the curriculum standards set by the state and country.

2. Budget constraints, we need to use funds properly "for students" and ensure they have the programs available for the best educational experience.

3. Continued improvement in communications with the public we serve, we need to utilize all the communication tools available to increase transparency and build trust.

Where do you see Livonia Public Schools trimming expenses? Where can the

Age: 47 City of residence: Livonia, 14 years Family info: Bob Mang, husband; Kennedy, 14 years old, Griffin 13 years old. Occupation: High School Counselor Education: Bachelor's Degree, Eastern Michigan University; Master's Degree, Eastern Michigan University, Elected offices held: LPS Board of Education 2008-present, currently president. Community service work: I have been a part of Relay for Life, the Interact Club which is sponsored by the Rotary Club and involves getting high school students involved in community service and I am a long-standing member of the PTA.

furniture upgrades and improvements.

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?

My experience with the recently elected board members is that they have improved communication and trust to some degree. In order for this to continue to improve, the community must elect school board members who have life experiences and a track record of being transparent, honest and demand accountability from our school leadership. I am a candidate who has demonstrated these qualities.

Where do you see Livonia Public Schools trimming expenses? Where can the

district consolidate with neighboring districts or the private sector to reduce costs?

In order to trim expenses, a salary freeze for the top paid central office employees must be discussed. Freezing wages is never pleasurable, but sometimes necessary to maintain a quality education for our district's children. We should be asking the private sector to donate either funds or equipment for our classrooms, specifically the vocational classrooms.

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

My goal is to continue to work in a professional and productive manner with fellow board members and community members. I would like to see our curriculum updated to meet the standards set by the state and accountability for all employees. Lastly, I would work very hard to continue building trust and communication between the Board of Education and the community.

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

We have more students in our classrooms, higher expectations for our students and more accountability for the test scores by our staff. We must collect concrete data and support our staff with programs that help all students learn. We must all work together to close the achievement gap of our children while they are still in elementary school, creating life-long learners.

JULIE ROBINSON

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

B, overall the board has maintained a good district, is professional and efficiently executes new policies for our school system. Opportunities include

revising policies that are outdated, example: "student suspect abuse and neglect" created 1996, and last updated 2004. Additionally improving communication with the public, example: posting all responses to questions from parents during board meetings on the LPS Board website.

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

I am a mom with a master in business administration and a career in finance. I understand the importance of education, and will use my life experiences to provide innovative ideas for our students' futures, such as "ambassador" and "pathway to success" programs. Most importantly I am able to make strong decisions with careful analysis while placing kids first when developing a budget.

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 will always support the opportunity for the voters to weigh in on important issues. If elected my responsibility will be

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private sector to reduce costs? Streamline administrative cost by keeping salaries in check, seek opportunities to share cost with our neighbors and review outsourced service contracts to ensure the best services at a low cost. Additionally we should maximize grant opportunities available to our district.

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

I like to improve developmental paths for students such as ambassador programs, work on strengthening partnerships with local business leaders to connect our students with opportunities and strengthen the relationship between the district and the public it serves by improving communication. Most importantly ensuring all students receive the best educational experience possible.

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

1. Academic Achievement, we need to ensure teachers have the tools and support to educate students to the curriculum standards set by the state and country.

2. Budget constraints, we need to use funds properly "for students" and ensure they have the programs available for the best educational experience.

3. Continued improvement in communications with the public we serve, we need to utilize all the communication tools available to increase transparency and build trust.



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# Lighthouse Home Mission looks for more hot water

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Pastors Michael Enerson and Ruby Beneteau are hoping someone can help them solve a problem. With winter approaching, they would like to replace the Lighthouse Home Missions' hot water heater with a tankless heater.

The mission has a 50-gallon tank but it's not large enough to meet the needs at the mission. Laundry and dish washing leaves little water for the homeless who stay overnight at the Warming Center during January, February and March, and even limiting showers to 15 minutes doesn't help. Many times, the hot showers are anything but hot, Beneteau said.

"We'll have 35 people shower, we do dishes and run the washer, all with the 50-gallon tank," said Beneteau. "I'm in my office and I'll hear them in the shower when the water gets cold. This would prevent that from happening. We wouldn't have to worry about running out of hot water."

"It would be so right for them to come in and have a hot shower," added Enerson. "The critical thing about this is the Warming Center. We're getting ready to open, we have to wash the bedding."

Enerson called Flame Heating and Cooling to get an idea what it would take to purchase and install one. The company determined the mission needs a 199,000 BTU tankless commercial hot



FILE PHOTO

Pastors Ruby Beneteau and Michael Enerson are looking for help in getting a source of more hot water for the Lighthouse Home Mission housed at Enerson's Full Gospel Temple in Westland.

water heater. Installed, it would cost \$4,358, quite a bit more than the \$1,500 Enerson thought it would be, especially for the mission which relies on donations from others to help those in need.

Now Enerson and Beneteau are hoping the community will help out either through donations of money or even the tankless system.

"We don't survive on big gifts but on many small offerings," said Enerson. "It's rough when you come in from the cold and can't get a hot shower. Anyone who showers, we take their clothes and give them fresh clothes."

Beneteau has been serving the needs of the homeless for more than 27 years, first at her small home as the House of Refuge and now in facilities provided by the Full Gospel Temple on Palmer in Westland. The mission operates a food pantry, clothing bank, a soup

kitchen that provides hot lunches 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and a warming shelter for the homeless open 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. in January, February and March. The mission also works with the people who come through the doors, finding them the resources to get back on their feet.

Last year, the mission served 5,941 meals in the soup kitchen and provided for more than 100 people in the Warming Center. The food pantry feed 13,240 people and another 3,985 people received clothing. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, 346 people received food baskets.

The mission is supported by other churches in Westland, Inkster, Garden City, Livonia, Canton and Plymouth. It serves as a satellite center for Gleaners Community Food Bank and through Churches United Against Hunger, a collaboration of 27 churches in

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For pastor Ruby Beneteau, it is notes like the following that reaffirm what is being done at the Lighthouse Home Missions in Westland is the right thing to do: "This is the first time I have had to make use of a soup kitchen. I'm writing this in thanks to the services you provide and the welcoming and

concern shown by your volunteers. I have always known, 'Go to church when you need help.' But making that step to finding one close by, contacting them and stepping inside the doors was a difficult one. Once inside, I see these fears were unnecessary. I greatly appreciate what you are doing!"

the area, has helped feed 86,855 people.

Enerson is hoping to acquire a vacant Wayne TV Lab shop beside the church and turn it into a resale shop. He also would like to add on to the building to create a warehouse where donated items could be repaired.

Proceeds would go to the food bank.

"The need is greater and we're doing everything we can do to meet the needs," he said.

"Gleaners has raised its prices," added Beneteau. "They're hurting and when they hurt, we hurt. We have 40-50

come through for lunch and even more closer to the end of the month. We used to be able to get canned goods, now we can't get them at all. More churches are helping us every year."

People interested in helping can send donations to the Lighthouse Home Missions and designate them for the hot water tank. They can also call (724) 326-3885 for more information, or even stop by to see what's being done.

"I think people would be impressed with what we're doing," said Beneteau. "When someone falls on hard times, they don't have to go downtown for help."

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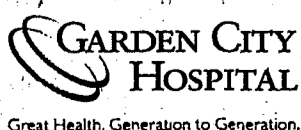
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Dinner will be at 6 p.m., with The Whatabouts performing 7-9 p.m. Sixties attire isn't required, however, there will be prizes for best costume and a Hula Hoop contest. There also will be face painting and balloon twisting. Full dinner tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. They are available by calling the church rectory at (734) 421-6130.

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Will you be alone on Thanksgiving Day? If so, join others for dinner at St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights.

There is no charge, but reservations are required due to limited seating. Doors open at noon, and dinner is served at 1 p.m.

For reservations, call the parish office at (313) 274-0684, Ext. 26.

### 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. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Cooper Upper Elementary at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

### 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 Gal-

leries. 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.

### 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 restaurants 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.



Westland resident Darby Podmore looks at art offered for sale at the Three Cities Art Show.

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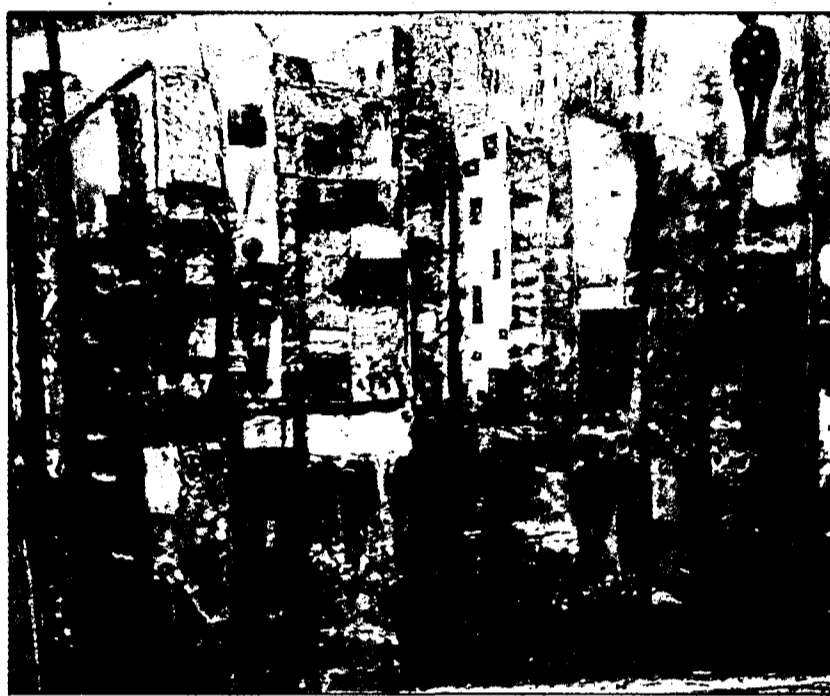
## Club show fills mall with art

There was plenty of art on display, demonstrations and live music as the Three Cities Art Club's Festival of the Arts returned to Westland Shopping Center.

It was the second year for the festival, sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club, to be at the mall. After a good response last year, the festival was expanded to three full days.

Along with displays of original paintings and photographs by club members there will be drawing and painting demonstrations, free face painting for children and live entertainment including music from classical to jazz and ballet and modern dancing.

In addition to celebrity judging of art work, there was also a paint-off in which four artists would draw/paint in different mediums for the audience.



Art on display at the Three Cities Art Club Show included 'Untitled' by James Bramlet.

Artists from Three Cities Art Club displayed over 100 paintings and photographs. Framed and matted prints and note cards will also be available for purchase.

Founded 60 years ago, the Three Cities Art Club originally was formed in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia. The club relocated to Canton and meets at township hall on the first

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# Voting open in 'friendly, but intense' pumpkin election



The ballot isn't quite as lengthy as the one in the Nov. 6 general election, but according to Dr. Brad Davis at VCA of Garden City, selecting the winner of the veterinary clinic's annual Crystal Pumpkin Award from the nine "nominees" is just as important. The pumpkins were decorated by members of the staff.

**By Sue Mason**  
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan may not have early voting, but that's what is happening at the VCA of Garden City where a decision as big as selecting the president of the United States is taking place: The winner of the Crystal Pumpkin.

For 18 years, the veterinary clinic has held a pumpkin decorating. It's a "friendly, but intense" competition where the prize is ice cream, the winner's name on the Holy Grail of pumpkin contests, the Crystal Pumpkin, and yearlong bragging rights.

"The excitement is that I won last year and everyone is happy that I'm going to win again this year," said a confident Brad Davis. "It was a very proud moment to see the joy on their faces that I had won."

A veterinarian, Davis started the contest in 1994 to show off his superior pumpkin decorating talents. He buys the pumpkins, and gives them out to staff who come up with their own designs. They're dis-

played in the lobby of the clinic on Inkster Road from Oct. 21 to Oct. 31, when Davis counts the votes. The announcement is made at the November staff meeting which this year happens to be on Election Day, Nov. 6.

**The voters**

The voters are the clients and anyone who stops by — one woman comes in from Chicago each year to visit her parents and to cast her vote. There's no need for photo identification, and the one person-one vote rule is enforced although voters are "allowed to come back and vote every day, if they're voting for my pumpkin," Davis said.

How voters know which pumpkin is Davis's is a mystery since each one is assigned a number. A clue, however, might be his penchant for elec-

tronics. His pumpkin has it this year, but he hasn't used it.

"Mine is so much better than the others that I don't need to," said Davis.

When he first started the contest, pumpkins were on display for two weeks, but it's been cut to 10 days to minimize the rotting pumpkin smell. In the early days, "you could smell the pumpkin in the parking lot" by the time the contest was over. He suspects there will be a problem with one entry this year.

"Rookies don't know how to keep their pumpkins from rotting, and it appears that No. 9, the Cheshire Cat, may have problems," he said. "All that may be left by Halloween is the smile."

Davis has also turned to social media to promote the contest. Pictures of the entries can

be found on the VCA Garden City 2012 Crystal Pumpkin Contest page on Facebook. People can cast their votes with the like buttons, but Davis isn't certain how that will factor into the contest.

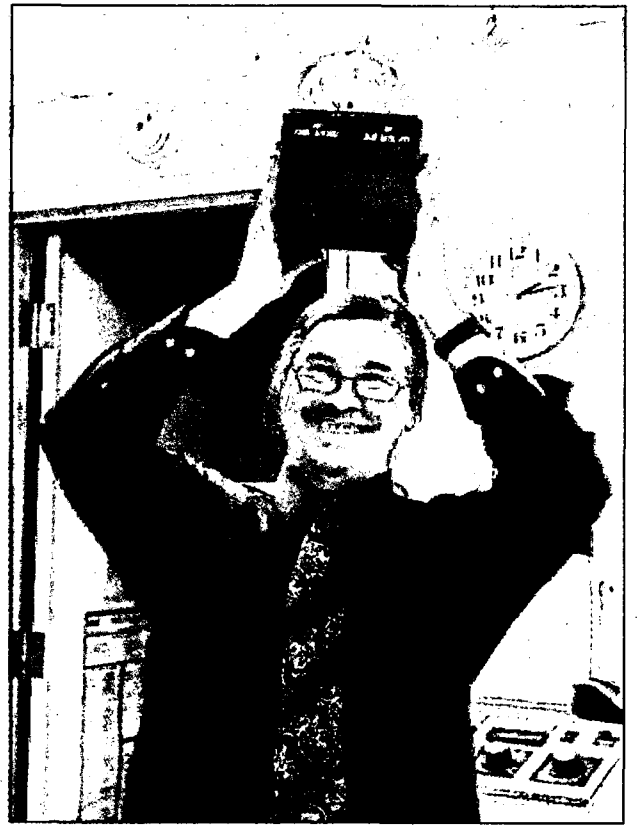
"We offered it online last year, and now that we know Facebook works, it's more like a Florida election with a lot of electronic hanging chads," he said.

**By the rules**

Over the years, Davis has developed a two-page list of rules for the contest which staffer Denise Toney has said relates to her "because I've been here the longest." She's right since the subtitle for the rules is "To keep Denise from cheating."

Toney has done better than Davis in the contest. She's won at least four times.

The rules determine the amount of display



Dr. Brad Davis hoists the Crystal Pumpkin in the traditional Stanley Cup pose after being the top vote getter in the 2011 Pumpkin Contest.

space per pumpkin — 12 inches wide by 22 inches deep by 32 inches high — and prohibit the "selling/lending of pumpkin space for the competition." A drawing determines the order in the display, and the assigned space "cannot be traded or altered."

Davis doesn't know if the pumpkin contest is bigger than the presidential election, but "it's more important." He's considering how to accommodate the media like NBC and CBS when

they show up to cover it.

"I assume the media will be calling us, but I'm worried that our parking lot isn't big enough for the news trucks," he said.

And he hopes the newsies realize there's a color difference in this election.

"In the presidential election, you have blue states and red states, but in the pumpkin election every state is an orange state," he said.

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does not receive financial support from the city of Garden City for its operation and maintenance. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This is the third and final year of a three-year matching grant campaign to help preserve the Garden City Historical Museum. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merri-man Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

**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 home-made 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 [vendordshow@gmail.com](mailto:vendordshow@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 pro-

vide 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.

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  - Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position, Vote 2
  - Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position, Vote 16
  - Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 3
  - Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 2
  - Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Vote 3
  - Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 1
  - Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Member, Vote 2
  - Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Member, Partial Term, Vote 1

The following proposals will also be voted on:

**PROPOSAL 12-1  
A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 -  
THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW**

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved? Yes No

**PROPOSAL 12-2  
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved? Yes No

**PROPOSAL 12-3  
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.
- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved? Yes No

**PROPOSAL 12-4  
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL  
AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS**

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved? Yes No

**PROPOSAL 12-5  
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT**

This proposal would:

Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation. This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved? Yes No

**PROPOSAL 12-6  
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF  
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS**

This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
- Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved? Yes No

**INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

"SHALL SECTION 3.119(E) OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION THAT PROHIBITS AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR FROM PROVIDING AUDIT SERVICES TO THE COUNTY

FOR MORE THAN EIGHT (8) CONSECUTIVE YEARS; AND FURTHER TO REQUIRE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITORS BE SELECTED BASED ON A COMPETITIVE PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE?"

Yes No

**FORM OF THE WAYNE COUNTY  
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

"SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5.120 AND TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 5.134 TO AUTHORIZE THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION RATHER THAN THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ESTABLISH THE FORM (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LUMP-SUM AND LINE-ITEM) OF THE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH THE FORM OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY DECEMBER 7, 2012 AND TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE FORM AT LEAST TEN MONTHS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF A FISCAL YEAR TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR; AND TO ALSO AMEND SECTION 5.121 TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE FORM ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION?"

Yes No

**REMOVAL OF THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM  
OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR**

"SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 4.124 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO REMOVE THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE FOR THE SAME REASONS AND WITH THE SAME DUE PROCESS AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE SHERIFF, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS, AND COUNTY TREASURER?"

Yes No

**THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION'S POWER TO APPROVE COMPENSATION**

"SHALL SECTION 3.115 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, WHICH SETS FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION, BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE POWER AND DUTY TO APPROVE ALL COMPENSATION OF EVERY EMPLOYMENT POSITION IN THE COUNTY, UNLESS THE COMPENSATION IS ESTABLISHED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW?"

Yes No

**MEMBERSHIP ON THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION**

"SHALL SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO EXPAND THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM 8 TO 9, ADDING AS A MEMBER THE WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND ALSO TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION, TO APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE AS HIS OR HER DESIGNEE ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION; AND TO FURTHER ALLOW EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR AND SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION (WITH NO MORE THAN ONE MEMBER BEING AN AIRPORT EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES ITS OWN RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION PLAN?"

Yes No

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY			
Taxing Authority	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	11/02/2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	08/06/2002	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015

**OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES**

Schoolcraft Comm College	10/07/1985	.05 mills	Unlimited
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**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS**

Garden City Schools	06/11/2001	3.1 mills	2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years)
	06/10/2002	18 mills	2012 non-homestead
	06/10/2002	2.mills	2005 thru 2012
	08/2011	2 mills	2015

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**

City of Garden City	05/08/2012	3.5	2015
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The places of voting for the General Election to be held on November 6, 2012 will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precinct 2	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 3	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicap accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 5, 2012 to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

**ALLYSON M. BETTIS  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN**



# Congressional candidates: Race for partial term just as important

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Voters in some cities, including Westland and Garden City, will vote in two Congressional races Nov. 6 - one to fill the partial term for the 11th District congressional seat, and the other to select a representative in the redistricted 13th Congressional District.

In the 11th District race voters will elect a successor to Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned in July amidst a petition signature scandal. That partial term will end Jan. 2, 2013.

The race for the full term in the 11th District has received a lot of

media attention, with the spotlight on the Republican Kerry Bentivolio and Democrat David A. Curson, Tatar and U.S. Taxpayers candidate Marc J. Sosnowski are vying for the partial term.

Curson, the Democrat running against Bentivolio for the partial term, is concerned the lack of coverage and endorsements in the partial term race sends the wrong message to voters, making it appear the last session of the 112th Congress is insignificant. Taj did not run for the partial term.

"In reality it may prove to be one of the most important and memorable

sessions in history," the Belleville resident said in an e-mail to the Observer. "If the upcoming lame-duck session does not act on certain legislation, the country falls over the fiscal cliff (the Budget Control Act of 2011) and nearly every taxpayer will see an increase in taxes. Over 1,000 government programs — including the defense budget and Medicare — are in line for deep, automatic cuts, if the 112th Congress fails to act by year end. Businesses and investors will be dramatically impacted, as will many other entities."

Curson, a Marine Corps veteran who became a journeyman diecast die-

maker at Ford's Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti Township, has spent the past 39 years as a UAW representative, 27 of those on the International Union staff.

"I have proudly spent a lifetime being a problem solver — fighting for worker rights and fairness in the work place to give workers a voice on issues that directly impact their lives, the well-being of their families, and the opportunity to contribute to their communities," he said.

Curson said the issues he will work to enhance and protect are job creation, affordable health care, Social Security and

Medicare, the elimination of unfair tax loopholes used by corporations, oil companies and the wealthiest Americans; veterans' affairs; oversight and regulation of Wall Street and a stop to the attack on the wages and benefits of first responders, public service employees and teachers.

Bob Dindoffer, Bentivolio's campaign manager, agreed the race for the partial term is extremely important.

"In particular, we have to work out a deal on the debt," Dindoffer said. "And Kerry Bentivolio stands with the majority of the district on debt

issues. He doesn't think we should kick the can down the road and burden our children and grandchildren with a massive debt.

"We trust the majority will vote for Kerry Bentivolio."

Dindoffer said electing Bentivolio to the partial term, as well as the full term, will give him more seniority than other new Congressional members.

"That leads to better representation of the people," he said. "If his opponent wins, the people in the district will lose clout."

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# Former McCotter staffer has 'no words to express grievous remorse'

Lorianne O'Brady, former scheduler for Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, was sentenced today to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program for her role in the petition fraud scandal that led to McCotter's resignation.

O'Brady, 52, of Livonia was sentenced by Judge Kathleen McCann of 16th District Court in Livonia. O'Brady pleaded no contest Sept. 18 to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor.

Following her sentence, O'Brady will serve 18 months probation, with the first 12 months as reporting probation, said Joy Yearout, acting director

of communications for Attorney General Bill Schuette.

O'Brady must also pay \$2,625 in fines and court costs. If she fails to pay the fines and costs, she will serve 12 days in jail.

In a statement to the court, O'Brady said she is remorseful for what she called "a single act of stupidity" and asked McCann to allow the loss of her reputation to be enough punishment.

"There are no words to express the grievous remorse I feel for having put myself in this situation," she read. "I have always tried to be a person of integrity who answers when called, helps when asked and prays when I don't know what else I can do. My reputation is

something I value very much ... I failed my own standard of behavior. I take full responsibility for the momentary lapse in an otherwise ordinary and ethical life that has brought me here. If I could somehow go back to that moment, I would certainly not make the choice I foolishly did. I would adhere to the morals I have always held myself to.

"I have lost everything other than my family, my friends and my God. I ask that you let the losses I have endured in the last three months be enough and allow me to

walk out of this courtroom with my last shred of dignity so that I can rebuild a life for my children and myself. It is my hope that my poor choice gives them pause to reflect on how not to behave."

Friends, coworkers and community leaders submitted several letters supporting O'Brady to the court.

O'Brady was one of four former McCotter staffers charged after the Michigan Secretary of State determined nominating petitions had photocopied signatures from previ-

ous elections.

Schuette did not charge McCotter, saying there was not specific, direct evidence of his involvement.

Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang were bound over for trial to Third Circuit Court Tuesday by 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh on several felony charges.

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.

The fourth 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. Oral arguments are scheduled to be heard Nov. 1 in Troy's 52-4 District Court on whether Turnbull should be bound over for trial.

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# Estate issues can be complicated for non-married couples

**By Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: I'm in my mid-70s and just had a health problem. It got me to thinking about what happens to my property upon my death. I have never done a will or a trust, but I think I've named beneficiaries on most things.

I am divorced and have three adult children; two I have a relationship with, the third I no longer speak to. I also have a significant other who I live with. The condo we live in is hers, but I pay the condo association dues on a monthly basis.

My main asset is an account I have through Fidelity, which has a little more than \$500,000 in it. The account is in my name, with my children as beneficiaries. I should also mention that I don't have any medical powers of attorney.

My first question to you is I have downloaded a copy of a medical power of attorney form from your website and I plan to complete it. Is there any problem naming my significant other as the person who has the power or do I have to name a family member? In addition, does my significant other have any rights to my estate? We don't have any prenuptial agreement. I should also mention that because of health insurance, there is no way that we will ever get married. Are there any other issues I should address?

**A:** With regard to your medical durable power of attorney, there is no requirement that you name a relative. The person you should name is someone you feel will carry out your wishes. If that is your significant other, that is the person you should name. You should



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Rick Bloom

also name an alternative in case your significant other is unavailable. I would also consider mentioning to the children you are still in a relationship with that you have named your significant other as the person to make the decisions for you. This may eliminate or reduce the risk that they would somehow try to contest it if you ever were in the situation where you needed the medical durable power of attorney.

I strongly recommend all adults, no matter what age, have medical durable powers of attorney. You should be the one who decides who makes the medical decisions for you — not a judge. As I've said many times in the past, the more you keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs, the easier life will be.

With regard to whether you have to leave your significant other anything, the answer is no. Since you are not married, there is no legal obligation on your part to do so. However, where difficulties sometimes arise in this type of relationship is upon death the significant other claims that there was some sort of agreement between the parties. This can lead to legal battles, which no one wants. In co-habitation arrangements, it is not a bad idea to draw up an agreement that just sets forth in writing the understanding between the parties. This can help eliminate the risk of legal battles down the road.

One area where I do believe you are at risk is what happens if your significant other predeceases you. Since you are living in her home, if you're not the beneficiary of that home, your significant other's beneficiaries would have the right to throw you out

of the house. If that is an issue, you can address that in the co-habitation agreement.

You can include a lot of different things, such as, if that event occurs, you can stay in the house for six months or something of that nature, or you could even have the right to buy the place. Either way, without a written agreement ahead of time, you are at risk.

The last issue I see is the child you have no relationship with. If you want to disinherit that child, then it is important that at a minimum, you should have a will drafted that disinherits that child. If your intent is not to leave them anything, having a will that specifies that as well as changing the beneficiary on your Fidelity account, would be the appropriate course of action.

In the old days people living together — without being married — was something that was not only unusual, but looked down upon. That is no longer the case today. However, the estate planning laws haven't "caught up" as of yet. That is why it's a good idea to have a document drafted that sets forth the terms of the relationship.

Just like married couples run into difficulties, the same thing happens to couples that have committed relationships, but are not legally married. Having some sort of co-habitation agreement can make life easier on both parties if the relationship dissolves. Good luck!

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## Hero's welcome

Bat Girl - Amber Costigian - was among youngsters who visited the Westland Kroger store on Ford Road Thursday for some early Halloween fun. Kroger gave out candy and other goodies and had games for youngsters.

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Cougars Cafe

The Garden City Public Schools holds its monthly the Cougars Care Cafe on Saturdays at Henry Ruff School. Upcoming cafe dates are Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18.

The free hot lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gymnasium

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**Petition #2771-M. Stone-33466 Wexford**  
Req. for a 1,047.3 sq. ft. lot area variance from Ord. 248 in order to split a 795.9 parcel and attach it to the rear of his property that would result in the remaining lot with an area of 6,152.7 sq. ft.; whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum lot area of 7,200 sq. ft.

**Petition #2772-North Star Asset Group/North Brothers Ford-33300 Ford Rd.**  
Req. for 4 variances from Ord. 248 in order to replace an existing sign at the site with a new sign that would be located at the front line line; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b)(2) requires a minimum setback of 15' for free-standing signs, that would be 25' in height; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(c) allows a max. hgt. of 14' in commercial districts, would have a total area of 124 sq. ft.; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(a) allows a maximum 100 sq. ft. sign, and would contain LED portion; whereas Sec. 15:3.2(r) indicates that signs that are not specifically authorized by the Zoning Board of Appeals, such as LED board signs, are prohibited.

**Petition #2773-Townsend Neon/Westland Shopping Ctr-35000 Warren Road**  
Req. for 2 variances from Ord. 248 in order to alter 3 existing non-conforming ID signs located at the site by replacing the manual reader copy portion of the signs with LED board panels; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b)(2) states that a non-conforming sign cannot be changed to any extent without first being brought into conformance with Zoning Ordinance requirements, and Sec. 15:3.2(r) indicates that signs that are not specifically authorized by the Zoning Board of Appeals, such as LED board signs, are prohibited.

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# Bills target swifter state government transparency

**By Christopher Behnan**  
Gannett News Service

Charges for public documents under the state Freedom of Information Act would be reduced — and in some cases waived — if government units violate the law under legislation proposed in Lansing.

The FOIA ensures access to public documents, and making a request under the law is the process by which members of the general public as well as reporters can gain access to government information. Current law requires government units to respond to FOIA requests within five days and allows governments to extend that deadline by as many as 10 days.

### Frees dropped

House Bill 5879 would prohibit government units from charging more than 10 cents per page of requested documents or charging to view documents on-site.

The bill also would require governments to reduce fees by 20 percent for each day after the five-day deadline they don't make available FOIA-approved documents. Government units would be required to waive all fees if approved records are produced more than five days after the deadline.

House Bill 5895 would create a nine-member board called the Open Government Commission, appointed by the governor, to investigate FOIA complaints and potential violations.

The bills, introduced around mid-September, stem from Gov. Rick Snyder's request for media with FOIA concerns to write position papers and

submit them to his office and the Legislature, Michigan Press Association Public Affairs Manager Lisa McGraw said.

McGraw said Snyder made the request at the association's conference in January. The association spent two months outlining concerns with primarily cost and response-time issues, she said.

"We have been hearing a lot from our members and our reporters about the fees, and just from everyday citizens, the fees being so high, the time taking so long. Those were things we really wanted to start looking at," McGraw said. "They just keep seeming to find ways to make it harder and harder to get the information, and I'm not really sure why when it's the public's information," she added.

The House Oversight, Reform and Ethics Committee held hearings on the bills in late September but didn't vote to send them to the House floor.

The bills will die if not acted on before the end of the session at the end of the year, but the proposals would likely be reintroduced next year if they don't come up for a vote, McGraw said.

### Some opposition

The bills, at least in their current form, have been met with opposition by some local governments and the Michigan Townships Association.

The bills don't take into account the cost of copying larger documents, such as blueprints, said Judy Allen, government relations director for the Michigan Townships Association.

"You cannot copy a blueprint for 10 cents," Allen said.

If required to redact portions of documents, clerks must make copies of the documents before marking them up and making them available to those requesting them in person, also something

the bills don't take into account, she added.

The bills would prohibit charging for those copies.

In committee testimony, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said the bill amounts to an unfunded mandate on Michigan's local governments, many of which are operating on severely reduced budgets.

Kirksey said many FOIA requests require "heroic efforts" to gather and that existing deadlines were difficult to meet before local governments were forced to consider cutbacks due to reduced revenues.

State Rep. Mike Shirkey, R-Clark Lake, who sponsored House Bill

5879, called charging exorbitant costs for FOIA requests "a form of economic stonewalling," in a statement following the bills introduction.

"The people have an inherent right to view public documents. The legislation is about ensuring transparency and accountability in our system of government," Shirkey said. "Some citizens or media entities may just give up after seeing the huge projected cost for a request. That's unacceptable."

The Open Government Commission would include one appointment recommendation each from the state

Senate majority leader, Senate minority leader, House speaker and House minority leader; two members each would be recommended by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and Michigan Press Association; and the governor would directly appoint one member.

The board would not be compensated for its work.

The bill also would increase from \$500 to \$5,000 the amount circuit courts are required to award, in cases in which governments are found guilty of violating the act.

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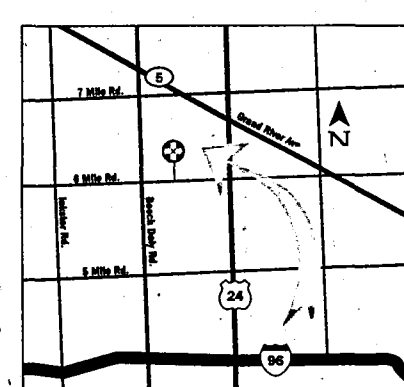
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# Ford fix could disrupt business

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Despite a persistent push by Canton for a solution to Ford Road traffic woes, local officials say any fix chosen by the Michigan Department of Transportation is certain to disrupt the community's core shopping district.

Elected leaders and business representatives only hope to soften the blow as much as possible so that patrons continue to spend money at retail shops, restaurants and other companies along the vibrant commercial strip.

More than 300 businesses have made their home along the Downtown Development Authority district that extends from the Canton-Westland boundary to just west of Canton Center, a three-mile stretch that could face upheaval as MDOT moves to improve traffic flow — whenever it happens.

"It's going to impact our district, whatever is done," said Kathleen Salla, DDA coordinator. "If nothing is done, it's going to impact it, too. It's just so important if there is construction that those business areas are accessible and that people can get in and out of them."

## Growth spurt

Local leaders say Canton has become a victim of its own success. Decades of growth along the Ford Road corridor made the area a popular shopping destination and even lured



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Canton officials warn any potential fix to the Ford Road/I-275 mess could cause disruptions for shoppers along the township's busy Ford Road corridor.

retail giant IKEA, yet the burgeoning district has spurred traffic bottlenecks that frustrate even the most patient drivers.

"We have worked really hard to make the area attractive," Salla said. "We want to keep it vibrant."

Amid an ongoing traffic and environmental study, MDOT continues to seek public opinion on what should be done to ease traffic congestion. One of five potential MDOT solutions involves transforming Ford Road into a boulevard by replacing the center turn lane perhaps with a grassy area, prohibiting left turns at intersections and installing vehicle-turnaround areas similar to those on Michigan Avenue.

"I think we would have loved to have had a boulevard, but we worry that it's about 30 years too late," said Melissa McLaughlin, township treasurer and DDA board chair. "We have worked really hard to do everything we can to support the businesses and make their enterprise

successful. We worry that throwing them into a construction zone for two or three years would be devastating."

## Smaller project

McLaughlin recalled the disruption caused by a much smaller project of putting in a bridge over Fellows Creek near the Meijer store.

Among MDOT's other preliminary proposals:

- Make no changes to Ford Road — an option that hasn't gained any traction.

- Adding a westbound through-lane on Ford Road from I-275 to Sheldon Road, partly by connecting what are now right-turn lanes, and converting the eastbound right-turn lane at Haggerty to a shared through lane.

- Adding ramps from the southbound I-275 exit ramp to allow drivers to access Haggerty Road in either direction without getting on to Ford Road. This proposal, rejected four times for a federal grant, also involves add-

ing a service drive of sorts from Cherry Hill Road north past Ford Road, where it would merge onto I-275. (Video simulations can be found at [www.tiger-4canton.com](http://www.tiger-4canton.com).)

"That's one (proposal) we could support," Salla said. "We do see that as practical."

- Installing new interchanges at Warren and Cherry Hill — massive, costly options some officials say could have been much more appealing before Canton's building boom years.

"The reality is, there is so much development around those intersections that it would be extremely disruptive," Salla said.

## Address flow

MDOT has suggested that any long-term improvements should address projected traffic flow through the year 2035, McLaughlin said, though it's uncertain when any project could begin and what funding mechanism would pay for it. Meanwhile, Salla,

McLaughlin and others have suggested smaller-scale projects could be accomplished before any major overhaul — projects such as paving Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill.

Local officials say the ultimate solution may involve weaving portions of MDOT's preliminary proposals into a new vision.

Gorette Yung, MDOT project engineer, has said the state hopes by next spring to lock in on a Ford Road traffic solution, though it's unknown when funding might become available to pay for it.

In the meantime, MDOT is accepting public opinion through this Thursday. Go to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and click on the MDOT link to obtain a comment form that can be mailed to MDOT Taylor TSC, 6510 Telegraph Road, Taylor, MI 48180 or emailed to [MDOT-ford275@michigan.gov](mailto:MDOT-ford275@michigan.gov).

For more on MDOT's study, go to [www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies](http://www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies).

# Fire damages utility room of Fountain Park apartment

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A small amount of damage was reported following a fire Thursday in the utility room of a unit at the Fountain Park Apartments in Westland.

The small room holds a stackable washer and dryer which is next to the water heater, Assistant Fire Chief John Adams said.

"It's a very confined space. With the way the door opens, if anything piles up, it pushes against the protection plate for the heater," he said.

Some items caught fire, but the blaze was small and contained to the utility room in the individual apartment.

Since it is a two-story apartment building, Adams said a decision was made to be proactive and activate automatic aid. That meant Wayne-Westland and Garden City firefighters responded to the apartments on Newburgh.

"When you have smoke showing on those types of fires, we dispatch other departments," Adams said. "We would rather stop them on the way (to the fire) and be proactive. These are two floors of units. We'd rather get on it. We're not laissez faire."

The vehicle sent to the scene included an aerial ladder truck from Wayne.

No injuries were reported. Adams said the fire caused minor displacement issues for the resident of the unit where the fire happened.

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Madonna University nursing student Patrick Solon of Roseville gets an injury applied to his back by a makeup artist hired by Henry Ford Hospital. Solon and 50 other Madonna University students recently played the role of victims in a regional disaster drill downtown Detroit.

# Wine samples, auctions highlight benefit

Tickets still remain for the Wine Tasting Benefit and Auction in Livonia, sponsored by Community Opportunity Center.

The benefit, sponsored by The Fine Wine Source of Livonia on behalf of COC, will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in the Aspen Room of Laurel Manor on the north service drive west of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

Organizers have just learned that a high-end winery from California, the Korbin Kameron Vineyards, will join others to offer the top, most popular California wines for sampling by guests.

Korbin Kameron operates a 180-acre vineyards on Mount Veeder in California's Sonoma Valley where its estate grown wines are enjoyed wine enthusiasts worldwide.

More than 100 international 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.

Guests also will have a chance to bid in a live auction for such items as:

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four nights at Napa Valley winery guest house, plus VIP visits to 8 Napa Valley wineries.

- Week in a vacation home in Frankfort.
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Dinner for six prepared in a private home by Chef Larry Janes.

- Wine tasting party for 24 people featuring 15 wines from around the world.

There will be 10 vendors of fine wine, including several international wines, available for sampling throughout the event which also includes a silent auction, live auction, and an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres in addition to wine tasting. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and can be reserved by calling Diane or Larry Janes at (734) 422-5525.

Jim Lutfy, president and owner of The Fine Wine Source, has been in the wine business for more than three decades, almost two decades at 16721 Middlebelt in Livonia. Before that Lutfy distributed wine at the Cloverleaf Market in Southfield. A renowned wine distributor, Lutfy comes from a family that has been in the wine business for 60 years.

Community Opportunity

Center, based in Livonia, is a non-profit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 people with developmental disabilities who live among 23 homes and apartment settings in western Wayne County. Homes and apartments are in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

In addition to the live auction, many items will be available for inspection and bidding at the silent auction tables including Detroit Pistons and Plymouth Whaler tickets, massage certificates, paintings, a house cleaning service, restaurant certificates, wine baskets and assorted gift baskets.

"Our first wine tasting event was very successful and we are planning to make 2012 an even more exciting event," said Denise King, COC Executive Director. "Our success is possible because of the wonderful support we are receiving from Jim Lutfy and the Lutfy family who have been major movers in the wine business over the past six decades."

For tickets, call Pat at (734) 422-1020. Credit cards will be accepted the night of the event to pay for live and silent auction items.

# Disaster drill sharpens skills of professionals, trains students

When Tara Trey, 33, of Westland entered the emergency department at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, she was suffering from exposure to a high dose of radiation. Patrick Solon, 24, of Belleville, followed Trey. He had metal fragments protruding from his spine. He was severely bleeding and in a lot of pain. He could not walk on his own.

Luckily, this was only a drill.

Trey and Solon were among 50 Madonna University nursing students who would end up rushing a mock emergency room at the hospital in under an hour Oct. 4. They were all playing the role of victims in a disaster drill that would test the response of emergency professionals during a crisis. And although these wounds were just make-believe, the disaster scenario they were portraying - the detonation of a small-scale nuclear device in a major American city - was not.

In this drill, the explosion occurred at Michigan Avenue and Livernois Avenue in Detroit, just a few miles from Henry Ford Hospital.

Henry Ford Hospital was among more than 30 health care facilities, and numerous local, regional, state and federal agencies that participated in the exercise, said John Snider, emergency preparedness coordinator at Henry Ford Hospital.

When the dozens of faux-injured people entered the emergency department at Henry Ford, the staff had to respond as if they were actually hurt, not knowing anything more about what happened to these patients or how many more would come.

"It was a great learning experience," Trey said after the drill was over. "I have a much better understanding as to how things must play out if a real disaster was to occur," she said.

The day started out very jovial for the students. Upon arrival at Henry Ford Hospital, the students went through an intense makeup session

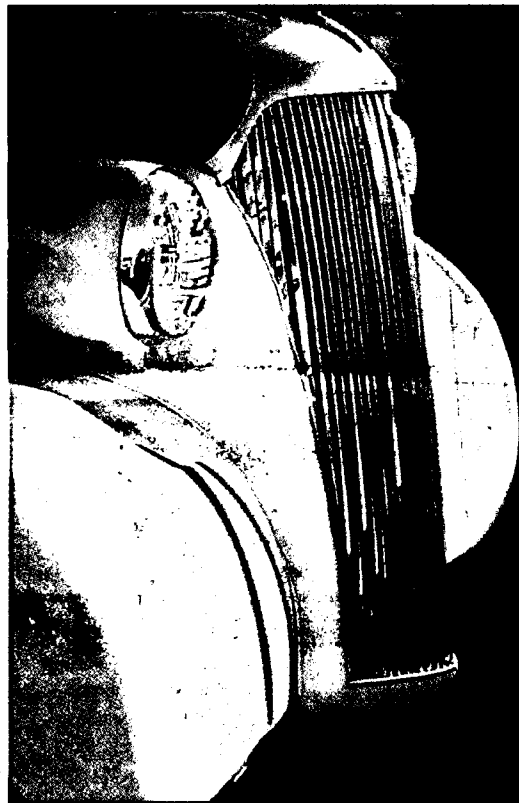
where they received very real-looking visual representation of the wounds they "suffered." The students volunteered to have various injuries, which included everything from minor burns and lost fingers to open chest wounds and protruding bones. The students were also given an index card with their symptoms and vitals.

After the makeup was on and the students had their orders, they headed down to a back door that would represent the emergency department entrance. Here things became more intense as these "victims" realized

how intensely the nurses and doctors handling them were, even in this drill.

"It's important that the students get to see how professionals handle this situation," said Kathleen Esper, associate professor of nursing at Madonna University. "It will make them better when they fill these roles. They also get to experience what it is like as a patient. Both perspectives will be valuable to them," she said.

With exercises like this one, the ground game is improved, which means more people can be saved.



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# Medical miracle: Reattached hand puts man in medical history books

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Todd Nadeau, 51, of Northville Township holds a place in medical history.

Nadeau was working a summer job at a downtown Northville car wash site, a summer job when an industrial accident severed his hand.

"I had just turned 18" and was a Detroit Catholic Central High senior, the psychologist recalled. "The saw was still moving. The next thing I knew my hand was severed."

Young Nadeau was rushed to then-St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and

from there to Harper Hospital in Detroit "where they had a team of hand surgeons."

His first operation was 15 hours, with more surgeries to follow. "It was the first successful reattachment," Nadeau said. "I've had 22 major surgeries (since), about 120 hours of surgeries."

He has about 20 percent use of the injured right hand, and can grip with it. Nadeau engineered braces approved by the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) to allow him to play basketball as a Wayne State University and Albion College student.

The accident was Aug. 12, 1979, said Nadeau, who didn't set out to make medical history.

"That wasn't my goal. You go through something like that, you're just gripping the steering wheel as tight as you can."

His great family and school helped, "a lot of encouraging people. It helped me to weather the storm."

Nadeau had been in several sports at CC but focused on basketball as a senior. "Most people didn't give me a whole lot of respect" as an injured athlete, he recalled.

He still plays basketball at Our Lady of Vic-

tory in Northville and St. James in Novi.

Nadeau works with traumatic brain injury patients, who also must learn to cope. "Now all of a sudden you have a tragedy. You've got to cope and deal with it."

He gets a lot of questions about his injury. "It was a miracle to have it saved. I was blessed to have strong family."

Nadeau earned a B.S. in biology from Albion along with a B.A. in psychology there. He also holds an M.A. from Western Michigan University in psychology.

He works out of Novi and Grand Blanc offices as a psychologist. Nadeau is married to Julie and dad to two daughters in 10th and ninth grades and a son in first grade



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Novi psychologist Todd Nadeau severed his right hand in a 1979 accident and was one of the first successful reattachments of a limb in the state of Michigan. He went on to play basketball in college using a padded brace that he designed himself. Nadeau wears the padded brace in this photo and also holds another brace he developed for weight lifting.

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# Churchill fends off Spartans

## Chargers capture playoff rematch

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson made a significantly better showing in its rematch Friday night with unbeaten Livonia Churchill.

The visiting Spartans threw caution to the wind, but it's the Chargers who are moving on in the Division 1 football state playoffs following a 49-35 victory.

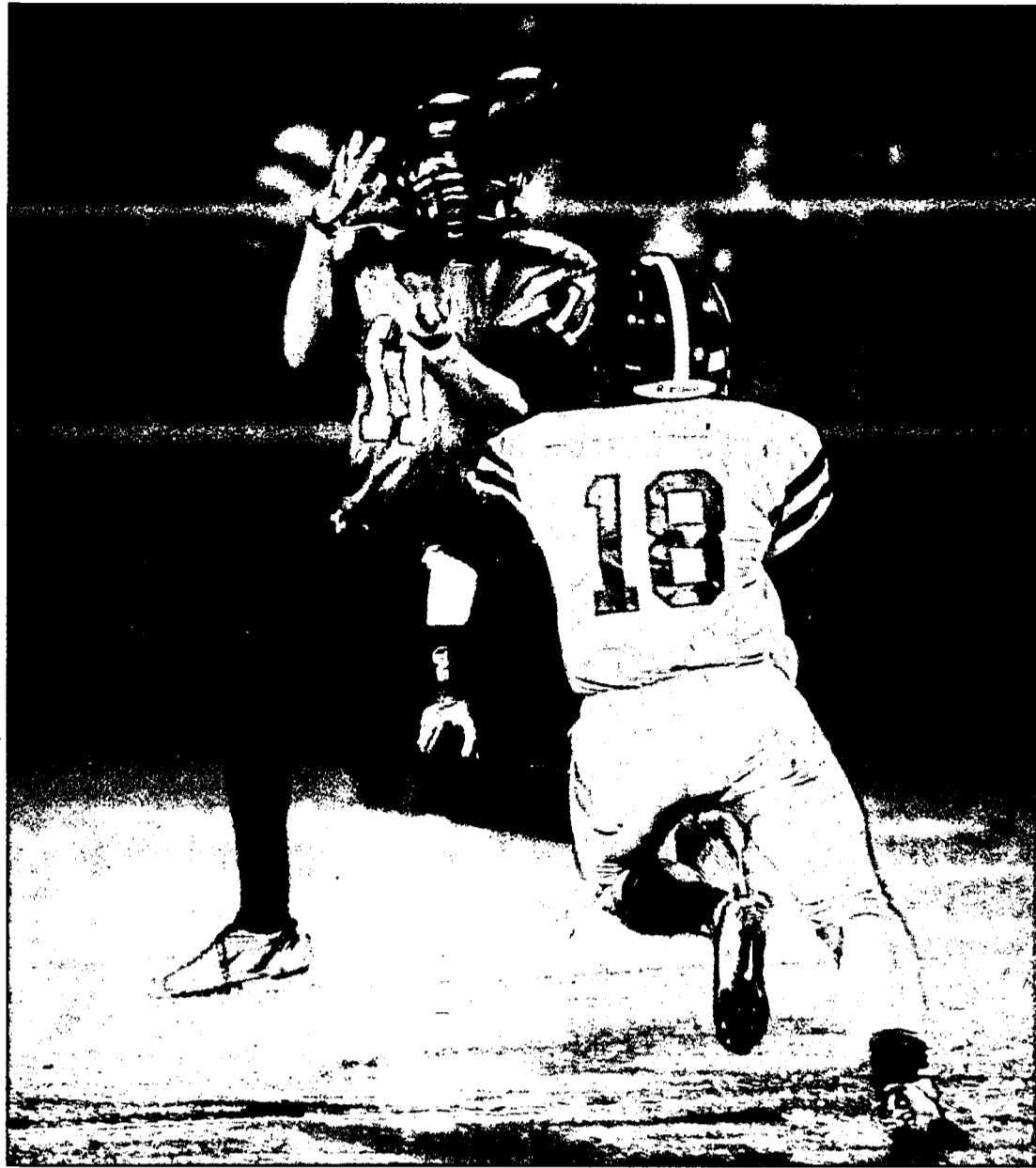
In the regular season finale just a week earlier, Stevenson found itself trailing 42-3 at halftime before falling 49-10.

And when Tom O'Brien booted a 29-yard field goal with only 6:46 to play in the final quarter, Stevenson trailed by only one score, 35-27.

But the Chargers' potent offense never blinked, scoring three more times during the final 5:38 to secure the Region 2-District 2 triumph.

Churchill (10-0) will face Plymouth

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Churchill's Hunter Rimatzki (11) gets past Stevenson defender C.J. Weiss (18) and catches a pass for a 79-yard TD during the first quarter.



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Madonna University junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (11) earned first-team All-WHAC and NAIA Division II honorable mention All-America honors last season.

# Guard duo gives Crusaders a shot

## Naubert, Schuba lead way

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Could the time be now for the Madonna University men's basketball program?

Maybe it's already arrived. The Crusaders return seven of their top players from last year's 18-13 team led by the dynamic junior backcourt duo of Bobby Naubert and Travis Schuba.

Madonna is starting to gain respect after being picked fourth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pre-season coaches poll ranked only behind defending champion Davenport, an NAIA Final Four team, along with Cornerstone and Indiana Tech, both of which are also ranked in the top 25 nationally.

The 5-foot-10 Naubert, a first-team All-WHAC selection and NAIA Division II honorable mention All-American, will once again orchestrate the MU attack from his point-guard position where he averaged 15 points per game and set a school record with 6.4 assists per game.

Schuba, a 6-foot shooting guard from Rapid City, shattered an MU record last year for three-pointers while averaging a team-best 15.2 points



Naubert



Schuba

per game. He earned second-team All-WHAC honors.

"Between Naubert and Schuba, we're going to expect a lot of out them," MU fourth-year coach Noel Emenhiser said. "Both are tremendous young men that work very hard and are great at their craft."

"Naubert's speed, his ability to break a guy down off the dribble, get penetration, get to the free throw line and his constant improving ability to set other guys up and put them in position to be successful, are really what make him go."

"And with Schuba, his ability just to knock down shot after shot, whether he's open or not, it's such a deadly weapon for us. We're really expecting a lot of out of both those guys this year on both ends of the floor."

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# MU women stymie Tech

The Madonna University women's soccer team moved one step closer to hosting a home playoff game following Wednesday afternoon's 4-2 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over visiting Indiana Tech on Senior Day.

Prior to the match, the Crusaders honored their 2012 seniors — Chelsey Budlong (Novi), Lauryn Dostilio (Sterling Heights) and Jackie Vaquera (Brighton).

The victory puts MU, now 9-7 overall and 5-2 in the WHAC, into a second-place tie with Tech and Cornerstone heading into the final conference matches Saturday.

Madonna jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead on goals by Jennifer Jurcak, 22nd minute (from Amanda Ferrick); Ferrick, 30th minute (penalty kick); and Kristin Black (from Ferrick).

Tori Singstock cut the deficit to 3-1 in the 65th minute on a penalty kick, but Jurcak gave the Crusaders a three-goal cushion again in the 66th minute off an assist from Parent.

Singstock then notched her 17th of the season just a minute later to complete the scoring for the Warriors (13-4, 5-2).

MU goalkeeper Blaier Schmalenberg made four saves, while Jordan Roell had seven for the Tech.

# MU's Beason gets 2 in tie

Junior striker Doug Beason scored goals in the 14th and 46th minutes as host Madonna University settled for a 2-2 men's soccer draw in double overtime Wednesday against the University of Northwestern Ohio.

The tie leaves MU 6-8-2 overall and 2-5-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Prior to the match, four MU seniors were honored in the final home match — Joe Carver (Royston, England), who drew an assist on the first MU goal; Dane Laird (Farmington Harrison), who assisted on the second goal; Cayle Lackten (Sydney, Nova Scotia); and Steve Templeton (Utica Ford).

Down 2-0, Northwestern Ohio stormed back on a pair of goals from Jesper Kallqvist, with the first coming in the 70th minute when he knocked home his own rebound off a penalty kick followed by the equalizer in the 87th minute.

Madonna goalkeeper Scott Poole made six saves in 110 minutes, while Liam Davies made four stops for the Racers (8-6-2, 5-2-2).

# Lutheran Westland harriers sweep MIAC

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland is on top of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference cross country world once again.

The Warriors successfully defending both crowns last week by winning the boys and girls team titles in a meet hosted by Rochester Hills-Lutheran Northwest at Spencer Park.

The Lutheran Westland girls, led by freshman Jenna Wisner, scored 37 points, well ahead of runner-up Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett's 82.

Rounding out the team scoring was Taylor Baptist Park, third (116 by tiebreaker);

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Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, fourth (116); Birmingham Roeper, fifth (122); Southfield Christian, sixth (134); Lutheran Northwest, seventh (138); and Ann Arbor Greenhills, eighth (153).

Wisner's first-place time on the 5,000-meter course was 19 minutes, 47.8 seconds. Parkway's Taylor Siegel and PCA's Terra Crown placed second and third, respectively, with times of 20:49.9 and 20:43.5.

Rounding out the scoring for Lutheran Westland was sophomore Michelle Greening, sixth (21:28.6); junior Alana Hill, 17th (23:12.0); senior Angela Morri-

son, 19th (23:18.7); and junior Megan Heil, 22nd (23:35.9).

Sophomores Rachel Wiggins and Allison Johnson placed 23rd and 28th, respectively, with times of 23:36.9 and 24:05.7.

Meanwhile, the Lutheran Westland boys scored 60 points to capture the team title, while PCA beat Greenhills in a second-place sixth-runner tiebreaker after both teams scored 116.

Rounding out the field was Southfield Christian, fourth (119); Oakland Christian, fifth (130 by tiebreaker); Liggett, sixth (130); Roeper, seventh (131); Northwest, eighth (133); and Taylor Baptist Park, ninth (173).

Southfield Christian senior Evan Carter ran 16:16 to take individual boys honors. Greenhills' Ashwin Fujii was second in 17:18.

Senior Eric Smith paced the Warriors' first-place effort in sixth with a clocking of 17:37.

Other Lutheran Westland scorers included senior Daniel Bunge, 12th (18:19); freshman Hunter Roedel, 13th (18:27); senior Pete Sillanpaa, 17th (18:36); and sophomore Ian O'Banion, 23rd (19:24).

Freshman Weslee Warren (20:20) and sophomore Josiah Masey (21:26) took 45th and 56th, respectively.

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# MU harriers at Challenge

On Oct. 20, the Madonna University women's and men's cross country teams wrapped up the season at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids at the NAIA Great Lakes Challenge, with sophomore Bianca Kubicki (Canton) placing 18th (18:32) in the women's 5-kilometer race, while Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn) paced the men in 42nd (26:18) in the 8K.

# CHURCHILL

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(8-2) for the district title, beginning at 7 p.m. next Friday at home. The two teams met in Week 3, with Churchill prevailing, 35-31.

"The first game, they just moved the ball up-and-down the field on us. We kind of realized we needed to take care of the ball, even if it's on fourth down and going for it," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said. "We went back and tried to tighten up what we were doing. We limited a little bit what we were doing, and tried to do it well. I think we executed pretty well offensively."

The Spartans gained an even 400 yards in total offense, but gave up 429 in return and had no answer again for 5-foot-11, 246-pound senior tailback Romello Brown, who finished up with 198 yards on 27 carries and scored four touchdowns, including an over-the-shoulder grab of a Seth Suida 22-yard TD pass with 6:24 remaining.

Brown, who sat out nearly five months with a torn Achilles heel, seems to be improving on his cuts and moves each and every week.

"He's been more patient," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said of his star running back. "And I think noticeably in the last six games or so, he's getting in better shape. He really didn't have any spring or summer because of his (Achilles heel) injury. He plays a lot more, he's more sudden in his moves. He's got good burst. He's playing in top form. I don't know how many times were gave it to him, but it feels like we sure gave it to him a lot."

Stevenson opened the game with a 14-play, 76-

yard TD drive that consumed 6 minutes, 49 seconds of the clock, capped by Dom Ferrara's 3-yard run.

But on Churchill's second play from scrimmage following a Stevenson false start, senior quarterback Seth Suida hit Hunter Rimatzki on a bomb over the middle for a 79-yard TD to even the count at 7-7.

"Our offense is good, we can score," Filiatraut said. "That's how we've done all year. Sometimes I wish we could put together some time-consuming drives that ended with touchdowns, because you want to make some adjustments with your defense and give them a blow. We put them back out there and had trouble getting off the field. Sometimes that quick-strike offense is difficult to answer on the defensive side."

With 9:39 left in the second quarter, Churchill went ahead for keeps when Malik Johnson scored on an end-around from 18 yards out.

Johnson, a 5-9, 161-pound junior, then jarred the ball loose on the ensuing kickoff and recovered it on the Stevenson 17 to set up Suida's 22-yard scoring strike to Robert Foster Jr. for a 21-7 advantage just 13 seconds later.

But Stevenson would not go away, marching 80 yards in 15 plays, resulting in an 8-yard TD run by C.J. Weiss (74 yards on 18 carries) with 1:54 left in the half.

A 31-yard return on the ensuing kickoff by Jeremy Lewis set up Churchill's fourth TD of the first half, this time on a 3-yard run by Brown with only 39.3 seconds left for a 28-14 lead (following Brian Alsobrooks' extra point).

But after Churchill tried a short kick, Ste-



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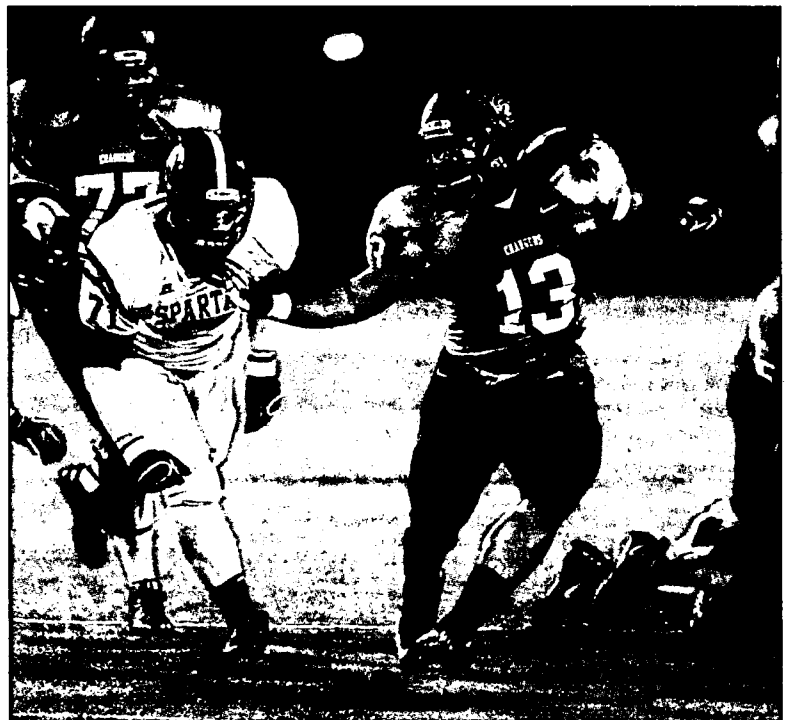
Churchill's Robert Foster, Jr. (4) splits Stevenson defenders Adam Wheeler, Cody Coleman and C.J. Weiss on his way to a 22-yard TD reception in the second quarter.

venson senior quarterback Joe Mims, who was 22-of-30 passing for 243 yards, competed two quick passes to put the Spartans in field goal range. And O'Brien converted from 42 yards out by sneaking the kick on top of the crossbar, and over, to cut the deficit to 28-17.

Filiatraut said he didn't see many new wrinkles in Stevenson's offense, but "personnel-wise, they got after us."

"We lost a lot of one-on-one battles in the first half and that's really to their credit," the Churchill coach added.

"The (Devin) Kelly kid, number 31, and their two guards that were rolling on that sweep did



Churchill's Romello Brown (13) sheds Stevenson tacklers Matt Rodey (71) and Matt Skibinski (77) during Friday's Division 1-Region 2-District 2 playoff clash.

a great job of getting body on body, and getting on blocks. And they blocked us tonight. They were much better than they were last week, much better."

Churchill punted on its first possession of the third quarter and Stevenson decided to go for it on fourth-and-six at its own 50.

Mims rolled out and hit Billy Bonanno in the flat, who made a one-handed grab, cradling the ball on his hip, gathering it, and racing 50 yards for a TD to trim the Churchill lead to 28-24 with 8:28 to go in the third.

The Spartans then tried an onside kick that was recovered by the Chargers and, just seven plays later, Suida hit Brown with a 24-yard scoring pass to put the

Chargers back up 11 with 6:24 to go in the third to make it 35-24.

Brown then shed two Stevenson tacklers on his way to the end zone with 5:38 remaining in regulation for his third TD of the night to put the Chargers ahead 42-27.

He then added another TD with 2:29 to go on a 15-yard run to give Churchill a 22-point cushion.

"My coach told me, 'It's time for the leaders to show up,' and I just took myself in a leader position, and I felt like I had to come out and do something for my team," Brown said.

Stevenson got one more score for good measure during the final minute, when Mims connected with Bonanno again on a 6-yard TD pass, followed

by the two-point pass to Weiss.

Brown, who also plays linebacker, saw a new-and-improved Spartan offense in the rematch.

"We just came down to see if we could get another win, but we knew it would be hard because they'd correct plays that they didn't so well last week," he said. "They were way more aggressive. They blocked harder than they did last week. Last week they gave up, but this week they stuck their chests out and played hard. I give them credit."

Suida also had a strong night throwing hitting 13-of-16 passes for 204 yards and three TDs.

Stevenson, making its first playoff appearance since 2008, finishes its season with a 6-4 record.

"That senior class, give them a lot of credit for putting Stevenson back in the playoffs," Fielder said. "(Central) division co-champions, it's just a great group of kids who wanted it and really worked hard. They did everything that I asked of them."

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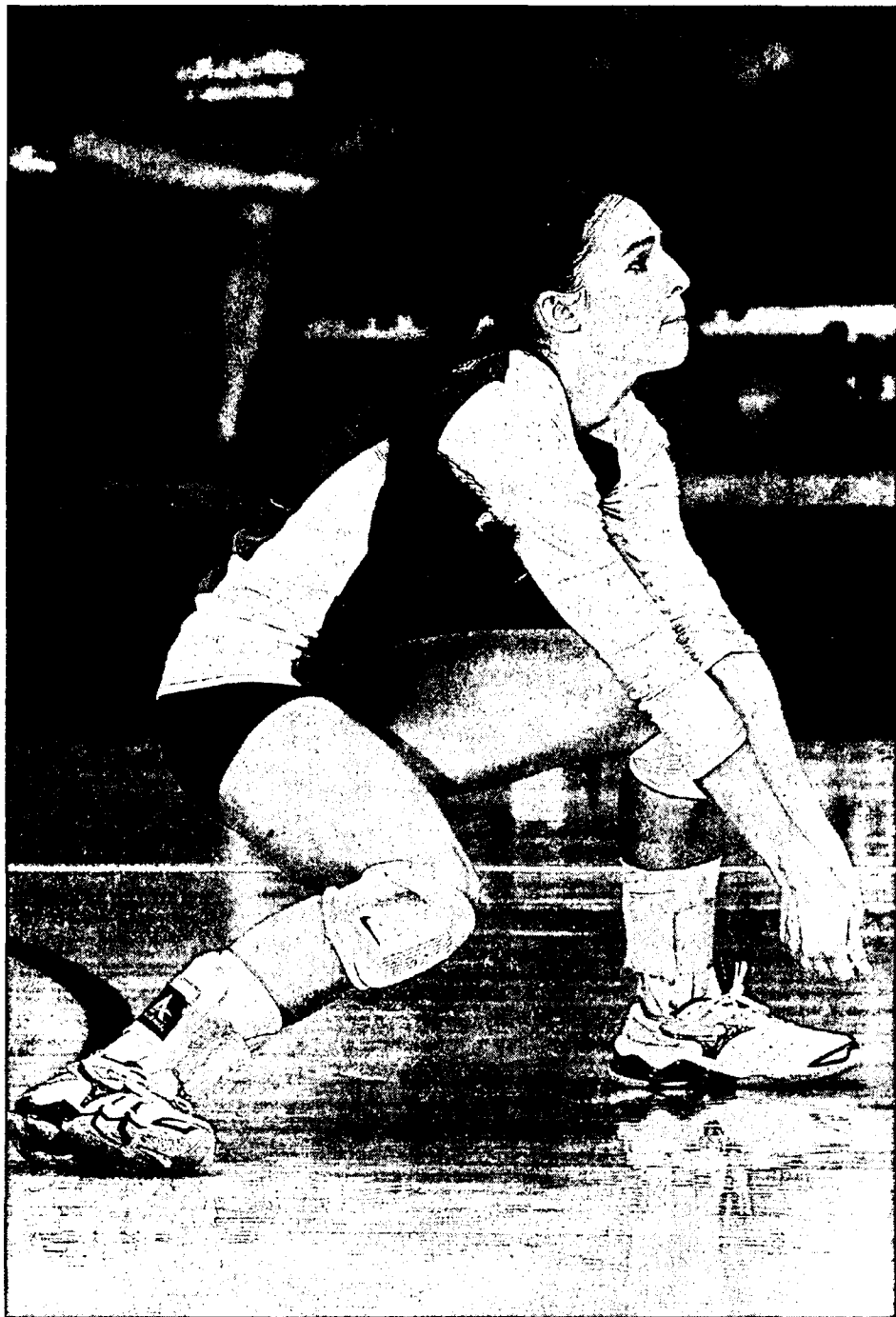
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John Glenn grad Brooke Zywick has been a standout on defense as a libero for the Marist (N.Y.) College Red Foxes.

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## Digs the scene

### Glenn grad Zywick stars in role at Marist

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

It's a rare moment when a college volleyball defensive wizard steals the spotlight from the ball-terminating hitters, but Marist College (N.Y.) sophomore libero Brooke Zywick managed to do just that during the Red Foxes' Oct. 20 match at Canisius.

During one mid-match rally, Zywick — who calls both Garden City and Westland home — slid across the floor to make a point-saving dig. As the ball floated across the net after bouncing off Zywick's forearm, the same middle hitter who was denied by Zywick's initial effort sent another well-struck laser toward the Red Foxes' side of the court.

Bouncing up quickly, Zywick deftly dug up the second hit, sending a dead-on pass to her setter.

The spectacular sequence did not surprise Marist assistant coach Kacie Ehinger, who has witnessed Zywick's defensive prowess the past two years.

"As soon as Brooke arrived here, we could tell she had been trained well," Ehinger said. "Her knowledge of the game is outstanding. She knows how to read the play and she gets to a lot of balls. A lot of points start with her passing. She's been a great asset to our program."

Growing up in Garden City and Westland, Zywick was bitten by the volleyball bug at an early age.

"I was probably about seven when I started playing in a WYAA (Westland Youth Athletic Association) league," said Zywick, who graduated from Westland John Glenn High School in 2011. "I really started getting serious about vol-



Zywick

leyball in ninth grade, when I started playing for a club team."

Zywick's ascension in the sport was triggered in part by a position move.

"Before my sophomore year, my coach (Sharon Hubbard) told me I probably wasn't going to be tall enough to be a setter, the position I had played up to that point," said the 5-foot-4 Zywick, who had a team-high 22 in a 3-2 loss Oct. 22 to Loyola (Md.). "So they moved me to libero. I love the position because I'm the first one that touches the ball on a lot of points."

Zywick said the best feeling is preventing an opponent's potential kill with a spectacular dig.

"It's probably pretty similar to how a hitter feels when she gets a kill," Zywick said. "My job is to do whatever I can to keep the other team from getting a point, and getting our offense going with a good pass."

After earning many honors at John Glenn, Zywick was courted by several Division I college programs, including Northern Illinois and the University of Toledo.

But her official visit to Marist's campus in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., sealed the deal.

"The second I saw the campus, I was hooked," said Zywick, who is working toward a degree in political science. "It's beautiful and I liked everybody I met from the team."

It didn't take long for Zywick to make an impact on the Red Foxes' program. She immediately moved into the starting libero role and led the team with 356 digs as a freshman.

This year she has registered a team-high 3.81 digs-per-set ratio and already a team-best 324 total in 85 sets for the Red Foxes, who entered the weekend 8-15 overall and 4-9 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

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#### COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

## Crusaders suffer 1st WHAC defeat

Plagued by its lowest hitting percentage of the season, the 16th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team fell Wednesday night to host Northwestern Ohio in four sets, 25-11, 24-26, 25-21, 25-22.

MU and Northwestern Ohio are now tied for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with identical 8-1 records.

Casey Gates paced the victorious Racers (30-3) with 22 kills and 10 digs, while setter Lauren Maxwell added 38 assists and 11 digs.

Ellie Comes paced the defense with a team-best 19 digs, while Lauren Macuga (Schoolcraft College/Canton)

added 10 digs.

Stacey Catalano paced the Crusaders (28-7) with 10 kills and 18 digs.

Samantha Geile and Nastija Baranovska each added nine kills, while Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) contribut eight, but MU made 33 attack errors and hit a season-low 0.84 percentage.

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 40 assists, while Breanna Geile had 16 digs as coach Jerry Abraham's career win total is still holding at 998.

MU returns to WHAC action 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 at home against Indiana Tech.

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Expectations are as high as they've ever been for the Crusaders, who finished 12-6 last year in the WHAC.

"I feel like this is the closest team I've ever been a part of," Naubert said. "I like the intelligence to this team, which I think will play to our advantage this season."

And Naubert has nothing but high praise for his backcourt mate in Schuba, who shot an impressive 43 percent (117-for-272) from beyond the arc.

"He's a great shooter, first of all," the co-captain said. "We complement each other really well. When I get to the basket, somebody has to help out and usually he's wide open for a three-pointer. He definitely helps me out and it's great to be out there with him."

The rest of the starting lineup will consist of 6-7 senior co-captain Eoghann Stephens, who averaged 6.2 points and a team-best 5.4 rebounds per outing; 6-4 junior guard Matt Jenkins (6.6 ppg); and 6-6 junior forward Fred Williams (7.6 ppg).

Key reserves off the bench include 6-8 sophomore center Donald Owens and 6-6 junior forward Derek Lennen, both of whom appeared in all 31 games last season.

"The interior of our team, we're going to count on a lot of them defensively," Emenhiser said. "With Eoghann Stephens and Donald Owens, we need them stop drives, alter shots and ultimately get offensive rebounds — they're really the key to our defense."

"In that (number) four position, that's where we lost the most production last year graduating Tyler Coker, who was a great leader and hard worker for us, but we have the guys who have stepped into that position and hoping to fill his shoes and be able to do a nice job. Certainly we're going to expect more out of those guys offensively, and their role defensively has never been more important than it is now."

Meanwhile, sophomore Jordan Short will back up Naubert at the point with 6-4 freshman Tyler Stewart (Salem) vying for time at guard along with fellow freshmen Jack Ocobock, Zak Lew-



Emenhiser

is and Richard Katkic, and sophomore Zach Wedesky.

Sophomore Jeff Schmitz and Alex Bedan will also look to earn playing time up front.

"We're not 100 percent healthy, but overall we're happy where we are health-wise heading into the season," Emenhiser said. "I think this year one of our strengths is that we have a better understanding of what it takes to be successful. Our guys really believe in what we're doing in our system defensively and understand better the concept offensively."

"Just that experience of having a taste of success and better understanding of what we're trying to accomplish here ... I think it just gives us a little bit better of an advantage over teams in our own program history."

The Crusaders open their season Friday and Saturday with a pair of games at Purdue-Calumet.

This year's WHAC features a 22-game schedule, 11 games home and 11 away, with two conference bids on the line for the NAIA Division II National Tournament in Branson, Mo. The WHAC regular season champion along with either the conference tournament champion or runner-up will head to the NAIAs.

"This year we're going to definitely take it day-by-day, but our goal is to get to the national tournament," Naubert said. "It's never been done in school history and we're definitely trying to change the culture around here. I'm 100 percent, ready to go, I'm excited about it."

Meanwhile, it's been a long climb for Emenhiser, who suffered through 7-23 and 8-22 seasons before the Crusaders finished 18-13 last year.

"Our philosophy coming in, whether we knew it at the time or not, is to try and build a program rather than assemble a team on a year-to-year basis," the fourth-year coach said. "If you look at our roster, we have just not gone out and looked for transfers and try and piece something together in the short term. We've really tried to recruit the high schools. We've tried to build having guys in our program three or four years, so ultimately they have a deeper connection of what we're trying to accomplish here. It has been a long process. We took a lot of lumps in our first couple of years and I think we appreciate that position now."

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## Blazers fall on penalty strokes

Livonia Ladywood's field hockey season was decided Tuesday night by penalty strokes.

The Blazers and Ann Arbor Huron battled to a 1-1 draw through regulation and overtime before the River Rats emerged with a 2-1 quarterfinal state playoff victory in a match played at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

Cassie Ammerman, who scored in regulation, also scored in the penalty stroke shootout along with Brienne and Devin O'Donnell for Huron. Sophomore Kendall

Romano tallied the lone penalty stroke goal for Ladywood.

Senior Lauren Kozlowski scored on a corner off an assist from sophomore Christina Meyer in regulation for the Blazers.

Ladywood senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 15 saves, while Babbitt had six stops for Huron.

"The players kept fighting until the end," said Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, whose team bowed out at 7-7-2 overall. "Everyone gave it their all and we certainly had a lot of chances to win it in regulation, but it

just didn't happen for us. It definitely was one of the most exciting games I've been involved in."

"I'm very proud of our team and their effort the entire 70 minutes. What a great way to end our season."

**LADYWOOD 1, SACRED HEART 0:** Senior Lauren Kozlowski scored the game-winning goal off an assist from Erin Badge Saturday to give host Livonia Ladywood (7-6-2) to a second-round state playoff win over Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (4-6-5).

Senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made six saves in posting the shutout for the Blazers, while Molly Lynch made three stops.

## Top CYO spikers



The Livonia St. Genevieve Jaguars, a seventh- and eighth-grade Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball team recently captured first place in their division with an 8-0 record. Team members include: Natalie Bradford, Haylee Butka, Julia Cercone, Olivia Colburn, Alex Crawford, Haley Hebner, Emily Long, Hannah Mills, Mary Clare Pollock and Katelyn Seger. The Jaguars were coached by Jolynne Mercieca and Heather House.

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## Creative eye

### Livonia native's photo wins finalist slot in national contest

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Photographer Rob Woodcox is waiting for his first big break.

He hopes his surrealist images will catch a fashion designer's eye, generate work for an advertising agency, or land on the pages of a national magazine.

"I'm still in pursuit of that. But I'm doing well, I'm not suffering," said Woodcox, 22, a Livonia Churchill High School graduate. "I do a lot of small jobs, family portraits and senior portraits, an occasional author or musician."

"A lot of what I've done has been portfolio-building. I'm still in a very transitional phase of my life. I haven't gotten that big break per se."

The Livonia native might not have to wait much longer for it.

His image, "Blue Ridge Mountains," is a finalist in Canon's Project Imaginat10n contest and is in the running for a chance to inspire a film. The contest challenged photographers to submit images in 10 storytelling themes, such as character, goal and mood. Movie producer-director, Ron Howard, a judging panel and the public whittled the entries to 10 per category. Woodcox's moody, blue-



Rob Woodcox spends hours in nature location scouting and taking photographs.

toned landscape of sky, mountains, and lake with a man and woman locked arm in arm, earned a finalist designation in the setting category.

In the final phase of competition, five celebrities — musician James Murphy, fashion designer Georgina Chapman, Twitter co-founder Biz Stone, actor Jamie Foxx and actress Eva Longoria — each will select one winner from each of the 10 storytelling theme categories to help inspire the movies they will write, direct and film. Woodcox's "Blue Ridge Mountains" could inspire the setting for one of the films.

"Imagination defines my images. When I came

across the Canon contest ... it seemed perfect for me," Woodcox said. "Movies inspire me a ton. To see a part of that process was very enticing to me."

"I saw the film that was made last year in the first Project Imaginat10n. One of my friends won last year. It was cool to see the process and see her image become recreated in the movie."

Woodcox hopes his image, if it's chosen, will inspire a film with "magical," style, along the lines of Tim Burton's work or the surrealistic 2001 *Donnie Darko*. But he'd welcome interest from any of the celebrity directors.

"They all have very interesting backgrounds," he said, adding that "the photographer in me" puts Chapman at the top of his list.

"She's in the fashion industry. She's involved with an industry I want to go into."

#### Photographing people

Woodcox moved to Ypsilanti when he became interested in photography in 2009 and started taking courses at Washtenaw Community College. Before that, he took photographs as a part of the yearbook staff at Churchill,



Rob Woodcox shot this photo — a finalist in the setting category of the Canon Project Imaginat10n contest — while on vacation in Vancouver, British Columbia.



"Explosions in the Mind"

where he also played French horn in band, was involved in plays, honors classes and the Creative and Performing Arts program.

"I was very much a people person," he described his high school years. "I've always been fond of nature. I've always loved camping and all of those things. At first I thought maybe I'd shoot landscapes. I ended up loving shooting people even more. People are always different. They are constantly changing."

He chooses mostly location shoots for his photographs, which often "tell stories" and allow the individuals in them to

engage with the environment.

"I spend a lot of time location scouting. Whether it's a leafy forest or pines with no underbrush or a dilapidated building, I have places in mind. One recent shoot was an apocalypse theme fashion shoot. The final image in a field with an abandoned building behind. It was shot in Detroit by the Fisher body plant. The lot next to it is a concrete rubble field. It looked like the apocalypse."

#### On the spot

Although he carefully plans most of his work — taking into consideration props, characters and location — he snapped his winning Project Imaginat10n entry during an impromptu shoot while on vacation with other photographer friends in Vancouver, British Columbia. As the day wound down and the sun began to set over a lake nestled in the mountains, Woodcox noticed the blue cast on the water,

land and sky and started to shoot. He noticed one of his friends was wearing a blue dress. Another sported a blue shirt. He asked them both to wade into the water to become the two lone figures in his image.

"A lot of my work I spend months thinking about and planning and coming up with material. This shot felt natural and meant-to-be."

In addition to photography, Woodcox also is involved with children's programs at NorthRidge Church, Plymouth. He coordinates a team of volunteers who work with youngsters at Northridge's satellite location in Saline.

"Above anything else, God is my biggest inspiration. He's awesome," Woodcox added.

See his work on his website, [robwoodcoxphotography.com](http://robwoodcoxphotography.com) or on Facebook. He also teaches workshops at Photo Studio Group in Ann Arbor, [www.photostudiogroup.com](http://www.photostudiogroup.com).

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# Some agitation: Washer articles stir the pot

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

Here are just a few of the many e-mails I have received on the subject of today's washing machines. They are typical of the comments I receive in person. Patrick writes: "Can you recommend a reliable washing machine manufacturer that really washes clothes. I purchased a top loader a few years ago only to discover that its sole purpose is to be a federal government agency mirage. It doesn't clean but does knot and wrinkle everything. This is a fraud! How do they get away with it? These are Rube Goldberg machines that take an hour



Appliance Doctor  
Joe Gagnon

to do nothing, but they sure do save water. Where are the class action lawsuits to sign up for?" Mary writes: "Your recent article in the O&E newspaper was so informative! We are about to purchase a new washer and dryer but have some serious doubts about their quality. We have talked to salesmen in stores, and researched each machine online and we are more confused than ever. The dryers are so large now that we will have about 2 inches from the wall when the door to the dryer is open! You have written about the lack of water in the new washers. That scares me a lot. I don't have time to redo laundry that comes out of a washer still dirty. Also, one of the big things with the new washers is the locking lids! Whose "not so bright" idea was that? I hope that my husband will be able to take that lock off the new washer." Diane Armstrong, a noted author and columnist in Tim-

mins Ontario dedicated a whole column to the subject of clothes washers. She writes: "About ten years ago, the Green Movement came into being. We were told to cut back on water usage and electricity or natural gas. Why, in the interest of saving water and utilities, don't the manufacturers go back to the Suds Saver? They already have the blueprints. But this would be logical. Good Grief!! Consumers must buy and use a product to clean a machine whose initial purpose is to clean? What's wrong with this picture?"

### Testing a product

A few columns back I informed you about this recent invention that mounts on the wall behind the washer where you hook up your cold water line. This product allows you to wash clothes with little or no soap and use only cold water. There is a whole video presentation on this product and if

you're interested you can go to greentechenv.com. I saw the video, didn't believe it but had one shipped to me. I have been washing clothes for two weeks now and that's a new venture in my life. I just can't believe it but it works. It's made washing clothes an experiment for me and the results give me the confidence to write about it. This may be the best invention since the microwave oven. I took a 6-year-old Carhart jacket that has never been washed and it came out clean as can be using no soap and only cold water. I washed several other jackets and I was pleased. I took a green T-shirt and covered the backside with blueberry juice and mustard. I let that dry for 4 hours and then washed it with no soap and cold water. All that stuff just plain disappeared. I did about 10 of my under shorts and they came out clean, too. Not only that, but the clothes smell so good and fresh. Suffice it to say that this old guy

who is such a skeptic has been made a believer and it will take a team of horses to remove this from my home. To my knowledge I don't know if there is anyone selling this product in the area and even if it was sold around here, this column cannot be used as an advertising format. I can tell you it will be soon available at retail locations in the appliance business. I expect this product can save between \$300-\$500 annually, depending on how many wash loads you do per week. Isn't it a shame that the appliance manufacturers couldn't build this product directly into the design of a new washing machine? I bet that sure would stop a lot of complaints from unhappy consumers. Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).

## Alternative yule fair offers gifts that change lives

If you're looking for holiday gifts that serve a dual purpose, head to the 12th annual Alternative Christmas Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills. More than 40 organizations will sell items for gift-giving that also raise funds and awareness for non-profit charities,

social service agencies, and international fair trade organizations. Shoppers will find products from around the world, including Palestinian olive wood sculptures from Pal Craftaid; Thai purses and bags from Faith Covenant Women Ministries; African hand-made batik and tie dye cloth from Giving Hope and Nurturing Abroad;

Guatemalan fair trade jewelry, bags, and scarves from MayaWorks and coffee from Servant Ministries; and Ugandan bark bookmarks, jewelry and edible items from John Paul Secondary School in Chelodura, Uganda. Advocacy groups also will be on hand at the fair to raise money for individuals with cancer, terminally ill patients, and

senior citizens. The fair also includes a creative craft for the kids and a Cookie Walk. Vendors will include: • The Detroit Rescue Mission with Motown soup and bakery mixes • On My Own of Michigan with member-crafted gift items • Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. with gift baskets, wreaths, books, and other gifts

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## Winter coat drive is under way

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Electrical showrooms and at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store locations, including the store at 6613 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Tax refund receipts will be available to donors upon request. St. Vincent de Paul is one of

the oldest human service organizations in Southeast Michigan. St. Vincent de Paul has provided critical social services such as food, clothing, medical and dental care and utility assistance to individuals for more than 125 years. To learn more or to donate a coat, call (313) 393-2930 or visit [www.svdpdetroit.org](http://www.svdpdetroit.org).

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# Commission seeks brand designs, slogans

The Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage is accepting entries for a design and slogan contest, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP).

Michigan residents may submit original designs with slogans that will aid in strengthening and clarifying the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage's brand identity as an arts organization.

Submissions must be original designs that should be immediately identifiable, compelling artistically, and appropriate for a wide range of applications, including possible use on letterhead, newsletters and website. Computer-generated and non-computer-generated artwork may be entered but must be submitted electronically at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). Only one entry per person will be accepted. The winning entry will receive a \$500 cash award, provided by Health Alliance Plan (HAP).

"This design and slogan contest gives

participants an opportunity to showcase their originality and creativity while promoting the arts," stated Sharon Dillenbeck, Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage chairperson.

"We're looking for a design and slogan that is concise, easy to remember, and serves to advocate the arts in the Canton community."

The Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage serves the Canton Community by leading efforts to foster cultural arts through progressive, innovative practices and planning, making the Commission a nationally recognized model for regional arts and heritage advocacy.

Contest deadline is 4 p.m., Nov. 30. Complete contest rules, entry forms and artwork submission are available online at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). For additional information, see the official contest rules online or e-mail to [mfalzon@canton-mi.org](mailto:mfalzon@canton-mi.org).



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Richard Martinez and Scott Cosnowsk from Redford worked together to plant trees as Redford's community garden took root.

## GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### Livonia Garden Club

Lisa Steinkopf, who is a houseplant guru from Steinkopf Nursery, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Senior Center, located at 5 Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Her presentation will focus on the care and cultivation of indoor houseplants, pests, diseases, soils and fertilization. Steinkopf is a certified indoor landscape technician, certified nursery-

man and a member of the Garden Writer's Association. Refreshments will be served; [www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub](http://www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub).

### English Gardens

• Santa arrives at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 and will be on hand for photos until 5 p.m. Free photos will be available or bring your own camera. The annual holiday open house will include caroling and refreshments.

• Third annual Ladies Night will run 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Royal Oak store and Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Ann Arbor store and will include music,

shopping, decorating advice from experts and displays of professionally-decorated trees. The event is free but registration is required. Register at [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

Shoppers can see professionally-decorated trees and other holiday decorations.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

## REUNIONS

### FARMINGTON HARRISON

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7 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 24, at Uptown Grille, in Commerce Township; [www.hhs1982alumni.info](http://www.hhs1982alumni.info)

### LIVONIA BENTLEY

**ALL CLASSES**  
Class of 1972 will celebrate its 40th reunion, Friday, Nov. 23 at the Marriott Hotel - Laurel Park, in Livonia and invites

all Bentley alumni to the party. Steve King and the Dittillies will entertain. For information about the event and to register, e-mail the reunion committee at [Bentley72@QPA.US.COM](mailto:Bentley72@QPA.US.COM)

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

**CLASS OF 1982**  
30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail [rsclubert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsclubert@sbcglobal.net).

# Caregiver help is phone call away

The Alzheimer's Association, Senior Helpers and Botsford Commons Senior Community are launching a new, monthly telephone support group to help caregivers of individuals struggling with memory loss, Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

Beginning Nov. 6, the call-in support group will be held from noon-1 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. Experts from Senior Helpers and Botsford Commons will moderate the

group. The program is free, but callers must register in order to receive a dial-in number for each session.

The "lunch hour" time frame is intended to make the conference calls convenient for working caregivers. A different topic will be covered each month with time for questions and answers.

"Providing support for caregivers is key in helping to maintain healthy and nurturing relationships with

loved ones," stated Diane Zide, executive director of operations at Botsford Commons. "We hope our community members will take advantage of this opportunity to receive important information, get answers to questions and share experiences."

To RSVP, call (248) 865-1000 or visit [alz-dialin@seniorhelpers.com](mailto:alz-dialin@seniorhelpers.com). Visit the Botsford Commons website at [www.botsfordcommons.org](http://www.botsfordcommons.org).

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## U-M research looks at obesity, weight loss

Joint research between the University of Michigan and the Argentina-based National Council of Science and Technology (CONICET) has shed light on one of the most frustrating mysteries of weight loss — why the weight inevitably comes back.

Research using mice showed that the longer rodents remained overweight, the more "irreversible" obesity became. Over time, the static, obese state of the mice reset the "normal," body weight set point to become permanently elevated, despite dieting that initially worked to shed pounds.

"Our model demonstrates that obesity is in part a self-perpetuating disorder and the results further emphasize the importance of early intervention in childhood to try to prevent the condition whose effects can last a lifetime," stated Malcolm J. Low, M.D., Ph.D., professor of molecular and integrative physiology and internal medicine. "Our new animal model will be useful in pinpointing the reasons why most adults find it exceedingly difficult to maintain meaningful weight loss from dieting and exercise alone."

The lead author of the study was Viviana F. Bumascny, M.D., assistant investigator of CONICET.

Obesity affects more than 500 million adults and 43 million children younger than age 5, while related illnesses are the leading preventable cause of death.

Individuals who are overweight have a much higher risk of type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases.

The research used a new model of obesity-programmed mice that allowed weight loss success to be



tracked at different stages and ages by flipping a genetic switch that controls hunger.

Turning on the switch right after weaning prevented the mice from overeating and ever becoming obese. Mice that remained at a healthy weight into young adulthood by strict dieting alone were able to maintain normal weight without dieting after turning on the switch. However, chronically overfed mice with the earliest onset of obesity never completely returned to normal weight after flipping the switch, despite eating less

and increasing activity.

The new findings may raise questions about the long-term success rate of severe calorie restriction and strenuous exercise used later in life to lose weight.

"Somewhere along the way, if obesity is allowed to continue, the body appears to flip a switch that reprograms to a heavier set weight," Low said. "The exact mechanisms that cause this shift are still unknown and require much further study that will help us better understand why the regaining of weight seems almost unavoidable."



The Salem Rocks varsity volleyball team sports pink shirts and socks while raising funds to pay for mammograms for women in the Canton area. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month wraps up Oct. 31.

## Students raise funds for mammograms

The Salem Rocks varsity volleyball team looked pretty in pink when it recently took on the Wayne Memorial Zebras.

Students were decked out in pink socks, pink shoelaces, pink headbands — even a pink volleyball — as they took part in their first 'Digging for a Cure' fundraiser to generate donations and raise awareness of breast cancer.

The team sold T-shirts before the game and donated money from the concession stand for the cause. Students raised more than \$700 which will be donated to Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. to provide free mammograms to uninsured or under-insured women in the Canton area.

"I wanted to make sure the money stayed in the community," said Lynn Dworzanin, president of the volleyball booster club. A breast cancer survivor, she helped coordinate the fundraiser.

Dworzanin, whose daughter, Abigail, is a senior on the Rocks' varsity squad, was diagnosed during a routine screening in February and said she understands the value of catching the disease early.

"I was forever grateful that it was caught early; I was very fortunate," she said. "Breast cancer screening is so important. It's critical to diagnose it early."

An early detection leads to faster treatment and quicker recovery times and, ultimately, a better outcome. About 90 percent of women who are diagnosed with the disease are still living cancer free five years after their treatment.

"The goal is to catch it early, before you can feel it," said Majd Aburabia, MD, an Oakwood-affiliated surgeon specializing in breast care.

Dworzanin said the event received such positive feedback that the students hope to build on it next year.

"We'll continue this tradition for the next several years," she said. "It's not going to just be a one-time thing."

Nancy Gray, administrator of women's health services for Oakwood, said she was impressed with the thoughtfulness of the students and appreciative of the donation.

"It is great to see young people so active and engaged in this important issue," she said. "We'd like to extend our thanks to everyone involved. This could help save lives."



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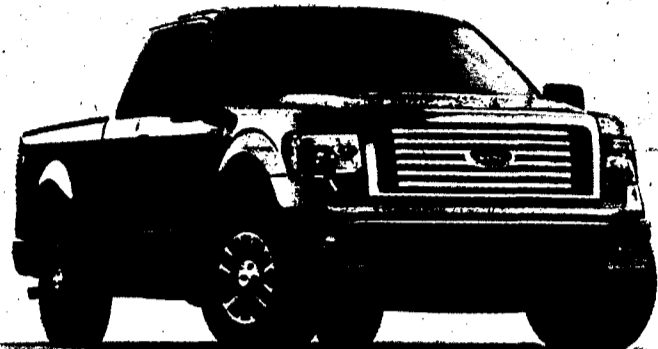
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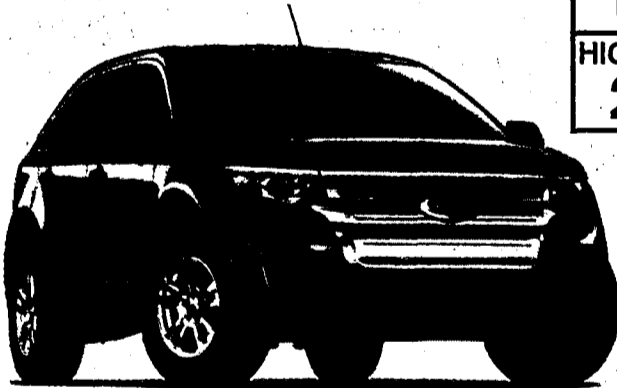
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**\$199** For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees<sup>1</sup>  
PER MONTH LEASE \$2,032 Cash Due at Signing  
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MPG<sup>2</sup>:

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