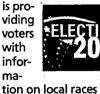


Nov. 12. Police and fire services, garbage pickup, recycling and compost will not be affected.

Election guide

With Tuesday's general election nearing, the Westland Observer



via the newspaper's website. Beginning Sunday, voters can go to the Westland Observer's page at www.hometownlife.com and find our 2012 election guide. It will contain information on, among others, races for Wayne-Westland and Livonia Boards of Education, the 11th and 16th state House Districts, 11th Wayne **County Commission Dis**trict and Wayne County **Community** College District millage request.

To find the voter guide, just look for the 2012 Election graphic in our Don't Miss module, which is located on the right-hand side of our homepage.

Film festival

France has its prestigious Cannes Film Festival, and now the Detroit metropolitan area has its own version, the Canned Film Festival. Oak Park-based MJR Digital Cinemas, in conjunction with 93.1 Doug FM and 96.3 WDVD, will host the **Canned Film Festival on**

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

The last day to receive pick up an absentee ballot for Tuesday's presidential election is Monday at 4 p.m.

"You have to be in line by 4 p.m. to get an absentee ballot and you must fill it out there you can't take it with you," said Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof.

Late last week, more than 10,600 absentee ballots had been

issued --- a number that is about twice as many absentee voters as the last election.

Predicting a 65-68 percent turnout out LeBlanc from among over 63,000 registered

Westland voters, Schoof said that would mean 40,000 ballots cast including absentee ballots.

With a two-page doubled-sided ballot, Schoof said people filling out their absentee ballots



at City Hall have been taking about . 20 minutes to complete it. Schoof has been encouraging anyone how is likely to be out of the city on Election

Day or meeting other requirements to utilize absentee ballots

"During the last presidential election, at dinner time three or four of our precincts had long waits to vote," said Schoof. "Absentee ballots make our work harder but it is easier on the voters Election Day."

New technology, in particular the electronic poll books, do speed up the voting process on Election Day, said Schoof.

Along with the presidential race between Democratic incumbent Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney, voters have a number of state and Wayne County ballot proposals.

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Brothers face hearing on gun theft charges

> **By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer**

Two brothers are facing charges in the theft of handguns from a Westland home.

John Lee Yike, 23, of Westland and brother Thomas Wayne Yike, 22, who lives in Taylor, are each facing multiple felonies in connection with the theft.

The guns, a .44-caliber and a .45-caliber, were stolen from John Yike's roommate, said



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Clerk: Tuesday's election could bring out 40,000 Westland voters

Wednesday, Nov. 14, at its cinemas in Westland, Southgate, Sterling Heights, Waterford, Clinton Township, Chesterfield and Brighton.

Just bring five cans of food to the participating MJR Digital Cinemas and see a movie for free any time between 4-10 p.m. that day only. WDVD's Jesse also will be broadcasting live from the MJR Westland Digital Cinema 16 at 6800 N. Wayne Road, between Ford and Warren Road, from 3-7 p.m. All food donations will benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank.

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Zombie Devin Aziedan of Westland (left), pirate Thomas Cargle of Inkster and Westland resident Halle Titos, a kitten, came to the Faust Library's Zombie Prom for Halloween.

Prom night takes on new meaning at library

Zombies, plus some pirates, kittens and skeletons, turned out for the Zombie Prom at Westland's William P. Faust Public Library.

"We had close to 30 teens, they didn't all come as zombies but we accepted them," said reference librarian Andy Schuck. "I think they had a great time. This is probably the most successful teen event we've had for some time."

The library hosted a monster makeup class the week before and participants could come early Halloween night for help with makeup.

Naturally, part of the Zombie Prom included learning to dance to Michael Jackson's Thriller.

"I was surprised but most of them participated in the dance, it was pretty fun to watch," said Schuck.

About 15 adults also attended to hear live music performed by the Hyperlytics, a Green Day cover band.

By LeAnne Rogers



Princess Angela Ross and skeleton Isaiah Hannah, both of Westland, enjoy a worms and dirt snack during the Zombie Prom. It was made of gummies and chocolate.

Westland Police Lt. Michael Harhold. One gun was apparently taken during the summer, the other reported missing in October.

John Yike is facing charges, including two counts each of receiving and concealing stolen firearms, larceny of weapons and larceny.

Thomas Yike is charged with two counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

One of the guns had been sold but police recovered the second weapon, said Harhold.

Not guilty pleas were entered for both men. A preliminary examination set for Nov. 1 in 18th District Court was adjourned until Nov. 29.

A \$50,000/10 percent bond was set for the defendants who are being held in the Wayne County Jail.

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Veterans Day observances include memorial groundbreaking

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer**

There will be two Veterans Day ceremonies in Westland this year, one on the holiday, the second the following day.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, the Westland Veterans Association will hold a ceremony, including

the groundbreaking for the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland. That ceremony will be held at the pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library near where the garden will be constructed.

A second Veterans Day observance is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at Westland

John Glenn High School.

The City of Westland traditionally hasn't sponsored a Veterans Day program and won't again this year.

"We're just working in conjunction with the Westland Veterans Association on their ceremony and groundbreaking," said Mayor William Wild, who will be

participating in the ceremony at Glenn.

The groundbreaking behind the library comes on a day when the Westland Veterans Association had hoped to be dedicating the memorial garden.

Instead, due to problems with

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Westland Police adds four new officers

There's four new faces in the Westland Police Department, following the swearing in of Michael Stechly, Kevin Smith, Brandon Petit and Cale Furney on Oct. 22

Smith grew up in Westland and is married with two children. He earned an associate's degree from Schoolcraft College and attended the Wayne County Regional Police Academy.

Officer Smith previously served as a parttime police officer in Springport Township, Mich.

Petit also grew up in Westland and is married with one child. He attended the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy and was formerly an officer for the Detroit Police Department's 8th Precinct. Stechly grew up in



The newest members of the Westland Police Department are Officers Michael Stechly (from left), Kevin Smith, Brandon Petit and Cale Furney.

Sterling Heights and earned an associate's degree from Macomb Community College. He attended the Macomb Police Academy and has served as a police officer in Riverview, Waterford Township and Hazel Park.

Furney grew up in Cli-

max and is married. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University and attended Grand Valley State University Police Academy. He previously served as a police officer for the Hamtramck Police Department.

"The City of Westland is honored to welcome these gentlemen to the Westland Police Department and are confident that their training and previous experience will serve the residents of our All American City well," said Mayor William Wild.

ited to two per veteran.

• On Nov. 12, Dobozy's Barber Shop, 244 N. Wayne Road in Westland, is offering \$5 haircuts to all veterans and active military personnel.

• Texas Roadhouse at 36750 Ford Road, Westland, will be offering veterans a free lunch from its special veterans menu of Monday, Nov. 12, dine in only. Active, retired and former military personnel will need to show their military ID cards, Veterans Affairs cards or discharge papers.

Council to consider redevelopment program **Bv LeAnne Rogers** Observer Staff Writer

A potential tax abatement program to encourage commercial redevelopment along Wayne Road will be discussed at a council study session 6 p.m. Monday.

Specifically, the proposal is for the city to establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District between Cherry Hill and Glenwood, an area within the existing Downtown Development Authority. Property owners could apply for a property tax rebate of up to 12 years for replacement, restoration or new construction on a blighted site.

"A property owner asked us if we did one of these. He had bought a property and worked on it, then it caught fire," said Mayor William Wild. "It (the Rehabilitation District) is a pretty good thing."

The Ford Road section of the DDA has had more

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When it comes to other candidates, the races have been pretty quiet. In the race for the 16th District state representative seat, Democratic candidate Robert Kosowski, former Westland Parks and Recreation director, is facing token opposition from Republican Mary Stargell, who isn't actively campaigning.

Term limited, the outgoing Democratic state representative Richard LeBlanc is unchallenged in seeking the 12th District Wayne County Commission seat. The redistricted 12th District includes most of Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

Democrat Kevin McNa-

redevelopment than the area along Wayne Road, Wild said. Part of the redevelopment challenge on Wayne Road has been smaller lot sizes.

The request for a Rehabilitation District came from Arif Motorwala, owner of a 9,000-square-foot building at 2066 Wayne Road. The property was damaged by fire during renovations and Motorwala said the existing tenants subsequently vacated the building.

City Attorney Paul Bohn has provided council members with a letter outlining the process under state law for establishing a Rehabilitation District.

In her memo to council, Economic Development Director Lori Fodale described the Rehabilitation District as another economic tool to assist with redevelopment in the DDA.

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mara, D-Belleville, is running for re-election in the redrawn Wayne **County Commission Dis**trict 11 that includes southern Westland, Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne. He is being challenged by Republican Robert Stano and Libertarian Kevin Butkovich, neither of whom are actively campaigning.

Also unchallenged is 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

The polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. City offices will be closed for the election except the clerk's office which will be open for election business only.

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the original site in Central City Park and undetermined plans for a new City Hall, the decision was made to relocate the memorial garden.

"I met with the city a month ago and talked about moving the memorial," said Westland Veterans Association President Ken Mehl. "I suggested that we do a cable program with us on why and where we moved the memorial. Nothing has been done on that. The veterans went

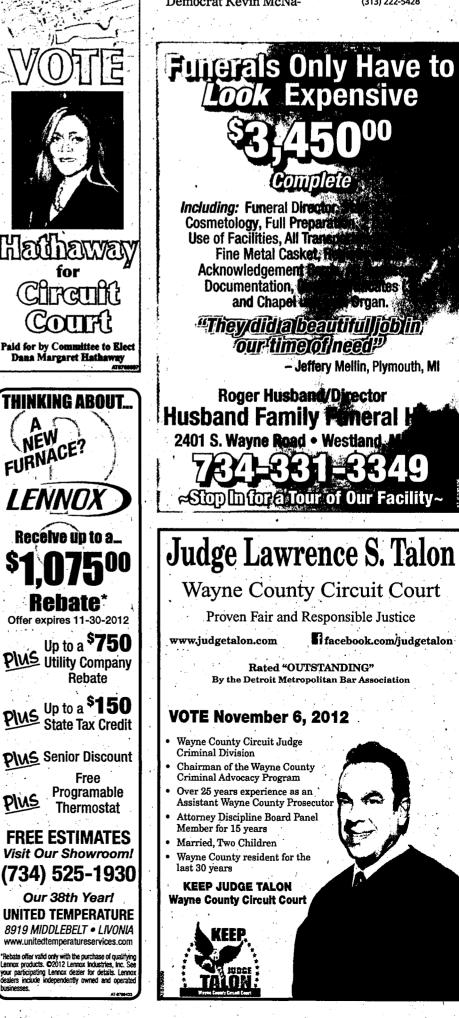
ahead with the groundbreaking and Veterans Day ceremony, which will be followed by a lunch at the Bova VFW Post on Hix south of Warren Road. "We moved the ceremony to 2 p.m. mainly to

accommodate groups that needed to be at an 11 a.m. ceremony," said Mehl. The groundbreaking is important to let people know that the memorial, funded entirely through private donations, is delayed but moving forward, according to Mehl. Among other Veterans Day activities are: State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland,

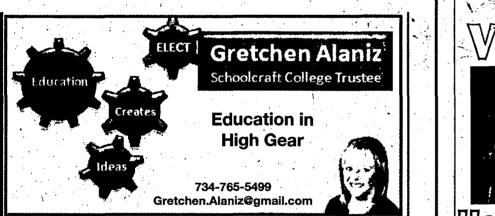
in cooperation with AMC 20 Theatres of Livonia, will host a free screening of Disney's film War Horse at 3 p.m. on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, at Livonia AMC 20, 19500 Haggerty, north of Seven Mile.

In addition to the free screening, concessions will be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theatres of Livonia. Tickets are limited and an R.S.V.P. is required. Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov or toll free by phone at (866) 262-7306. Tickets are lim-

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Goci pleased with LCC decision on campaign signs

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

John Goci may not have won his bid for a congressional seat but he was on the winning side of a legal argument over First Amendment rights.

During the primary race to fill the newly redistricted 13th District seat, Goci had a campaign sign displayed outside his business, the U.S. 12 Bar and Grill in Wayne.

That sign prompted complaints to the Liquor Control Commission, which has regulations prohibiting businesses with liquor licenses from displaying election signs.

'You're not supposed to have political fundraisers at bars either only political conventions," said Goci, a Wayne-Westland school board member. "Every fundraiser I've been to has been held at a licensed establishment. I've held fundraisers at my place and no one ever complained."

In response to the complaints about the election sign, Goci received a warning letter from the LCC.

"I was really upset about it. It's a free speech issue," said Goci, who contacted the American Civil Liberties Union with his concerns. "I met with their attorneys."

The ACLU of Michigan ended up filing a federal lawsuit earlier this month using a different plaintiff — the Aut

Bar, a restaurant and bar in Ann Arbor, arguing that the rule violated the First Amendment. Goci was set to be a witness in the case.

As a result of the lawsuit, the LCC agreed to stop enforcing the rule against election signs at licensed establishments. The LCC is also using an expedited process to rescind the rule.

"With the election just two weeks away, we are pleased that the Liquor **Control Commission has** agreed to stop enforcing an archaic rule that violated the free speech rights of Michigan bar and restaurant owners for more than 50 years," said Michael J. Steinberg, ACLU of Michigan legal director.

In its lawsuit, the ACLU of Michigan argued that the LCC rule violated the First Amendment by denying individuals who own businesses that sell alcohol their fundamental right to express their views about political candidates while allowing signs on virtually any other topic - including commercial signs, signs about ballot initiatives and advocacy signs addressing social issues.

"It was important to me to get this done. It was unconstitutional. It violated my free speech and property rights," said Goci. "You don't give up your rights because you have a licensed business."

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Playing the parts of the Charity Workers are Katie Smith and Lauren Tiscler.



Connor Even plays the part of Dick Wilkins, a friend of the young Scrooge, played by Mitchell Meyer.



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN The ghost of Christmas Future, played by Carrie Caruthers, visits Scrooge, played by Peter Sillanpaa.

Lutheran High presents 'A Christmas Carol'

The strange visitations to the home of Ebenezer Scrooge on Christmas Eve will come to life on stage as students at Lutheran High School Westland present the Charles Dickens classic, A Christmas Carol, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10.

The play is under the direction of Kate Ulrey, head of the drama department at the Westland high school. It will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday at the school, 33300 Cowan, east of Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Preschoolers are free.

Some 40 students are appearing in the production which recounts the transformation of the sour and stingy Ebenezer Scrooge, played by Peter Sillanpaa, after the supernatural visits of the ghost of Jacob Marley, his late business partner, played by Janine Erickson, and the Ghosts of Christmas Past (Helene Woyczesczyk), Present (David Kusch) and Future (Car-

rie Caruthers).

"This is a larger production than we normally do, it's a big undertaking for us," said student Eric Smith, who plays Fred in the production.

Also appearing in the production are Brandon Kruger as Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's clerk, and Natalie Husby as Cratchit's son, Tiny Tim.

Erickson and Woyczesczyk are pulling double duty as student directors for the production and along with Sillanpaa, appear with the high school's Chamber Sing-

ers, under direction of John Boonenberg, which are the carolers in the play.

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The production comes at a time when a thespian chapter has been started at the school. David Kusch, part-time instructor for English and social studies and the assistant drama director, is the director of Thespian Troupe 4248.

"We're really excited about that," said Smith. For more information about the play, call the school at (734) 422-2090. By Sue Mason





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out for those who are in need. I am overwhelmed and thankful for all that you have done for me. A friend forever in my heart!

Always and forever,

Darline Woodard

P.S. My "Earth Angel" will always be in my prayers! I'm walking better each day.

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Students 'practice for the real thing' at the polls

They lined up at the polls, just like voters will do on Tuesday.

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With their favorite candidates in mind, students cast their ballots at the "polls" that were set up at Franklin High School and Holmes Middle School this week.

Not quite old enough to vote in a real election, students at both Livonia schools said they learned a lot about the democratic process and the importance of voting.

"It's kind of like we're practicing for the real thing," said Victoria McCormick, a junior at Franklin, who was among the hundreds to cast their ballots on Thursday. "You don't want other people to decide for you – you have to vote your own opinion."

Franklin voters made their selections on realistic – although much shorter – ballots that listed presidential and Congressional candidates, along with Michigan's Proposal 3.

Junior Shelby Moody said the election, organized by social studies teachers Paul Newitt, Dave Currier and Mike Woods, was a good learning experience.

"I thought it was as a great way to show students how voting goes, and the responsibility the voters have to the country," she said.



Students at Franklin cast their votes on Thursday at the polls, just as they would in a real election.

Paulina Michuta, a sophomore, said she'll pay more attention to Tuesday's presidential election, now that she "voted" at school.

"This is so we can be prepared when we're 18," she said. "I'll be watching TV and seeing how the election is going and seeing who won." Social studies teacher

Paul Newitt said the lessons are valuable. "We want them to have

the experience of voting and knowing how important it is, being an American citizen," he said. "We stress the idea that it is so important that your voice is heard... and to be passionate about what you believe."

It was expected that about 80 percent of the more than 1,750 students at Franklin would cast ballots while the "polls" were open during lunch periods.

The results of the FHS mock presidential election will be announced on Monday. Principal Dan Willenborg said it should be interesting, because the demographics of FHS mirror those of the nation.

CLOSE RACE

It was a nail-biter at Holmes Middle School Thursday afternoon, as the 405 ballots were being tallied. In the end, the lessons on the democratic process went beyond the expected. Students voted in the



Holmes seventh-grader Elijah Jaramillo casts his ballot on "election day" at Holmes Middle School.

electoral college system that's used in real elections. Instead of by states, they were divided by social studies teachers and electoral votes were given to those teachers, based on the number of social studies classes taught by each teacher.

For example, if a teacher has five classes, there were five, plus two U.S. Senate votes, for a total of seven electoral votes. There were 42 total electoral votes and 22 were needed to win.

Barack Obama won the electoral college, 29-10, but there was a tie vote in one class, so the official, final results were expected to come Friday afternoon, following a tie-breaker. Three electors were to be selected in the class. They were to leave the room and come to a final decision on who gets the class's three electoral votes.

"I feel like this couldn't have gone any better," said Josh Perusse, a student teacher at Holmes, who organized the election. "It was a tight race, a tie-breaker will be needed, and the importance of every single vote is evident."

Eighth grader Jeff Della Mora realized the importance of his vote, as he cast his ballot.

"You never know whose vote could win the race," he said.

Obama also won the popular vote 206-195, a close call as well. There were two votes for the Green Party's Jill Stein and one vote for the Natural Law Party's Ross Anderson, while one voter wrote in Ron Paul. There were 10 spoiled ballots, due to students not following directions.

In order to vote, students had to register earlier in the week and bring their student ID to the polls.

"The big thing I focus on is the importance of voting and on the process," said Perusse. "We tried to make this very similar to the real voting process."

Eighth grader Olivia Seale said she realizes that it's important to vote.

"Because we all have an opinion, and we should all have the right to say it," she said.

Parent volunteer Cyndi Pierzynski said she was glad to see the high "voter turnout" as she handed out "I Voted" stickers at the "polls," set up on the stage in the cafeteria. "I think it's awesome to

teach kids how the political system works," she said.



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Reality TV stars who make more than government officials

Debra Auerbach, **CareerBuilder Writer**

Our nation's leaders carry a heavy weight on their shoulders. They are under intense pressure and scrutiny, charged with making decisions that affect each and every American.-

Then there are reality TV stars. Sure, they help Americans in their own special way -- giving viewers a mindless and entertaining escape from life's daily stresses. But there's no way these stars get paid more money to broadcast their lives on national TV than top government officials do to run our country. Right? Wrong. While government leaders do earn high salaries, their paychecks don't compare to the hundreds of thousands, or even millions, of dollars that reality TV stars pocket per episode or season.

To see just how big the salary discrepancies are between these two groups, here's a list comparing the earnings of top government leaders and reality TV stars. Of course, any one of the earners on this list may make, or have, more money from additional sources - such as previous businesses, other current ventures or inheritances - but this list focuses solely on the salaries made via their government job or their current reality TV show.

Read on, and get ready to be shocked:

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President of the United States: President Barack Obama makes \$400,000 a year*, which includes a \$50,000 expense allowance. The first U.S. president, George Washington, earned a \$25,000 annual salary - a large sum for that time in history.

Reality TV star who earns more: Snooki, JWoww, Mike "The Situation" and the entire cast of "Jersey Shore" reportedly make \$100,000 per episode. With an average of 13 episodes per season, they're raking in more than \$1 million to drink, swear and generally make fools of themselves.

Vice president of the United States: In 2012, Vice President Joe Biden earned a salary of \$230,700.

Reality TV star who earns more: According to the website Celebrity Net Worth, "Bachelor"/"Bachelorette" host Chris Harrison makes \$60,000 per episode. There were 12 episodes in the most recent "Bachelorette" season, so that equals a cool \$720,000.

Speaker of the House: According to 247wallst.com, Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, earns an annual salary of \$223,500 as the current speaker of the House.

Reality TV star who earns more: It's hard for anyone -- government official or other reality TV star -- to keep up with Kim Kardashian. Kardashian makes \$40,000 per episode for her reality TV show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." There are 18 episodes in the 2012 season. Remember: This doesn't include the money she earns from various endorsement deals, product lines and appearances.

Chief Justice of the United States: All eyes were on Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. after he upheld Obama's healthcare reform. In his role as the head of the U.S. federal court system, Roberts makes \$223,500 a year.

Reality TV star who earns more: Entertainment news website Radar Online reports that Vicki Gunvalson of "The Real Housewives of Orange County" makes \$450,000 a season.

Cabinet officials: The current Cabinet officials, including Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Attorney General Eric Holder, each make \$199,700 annually.

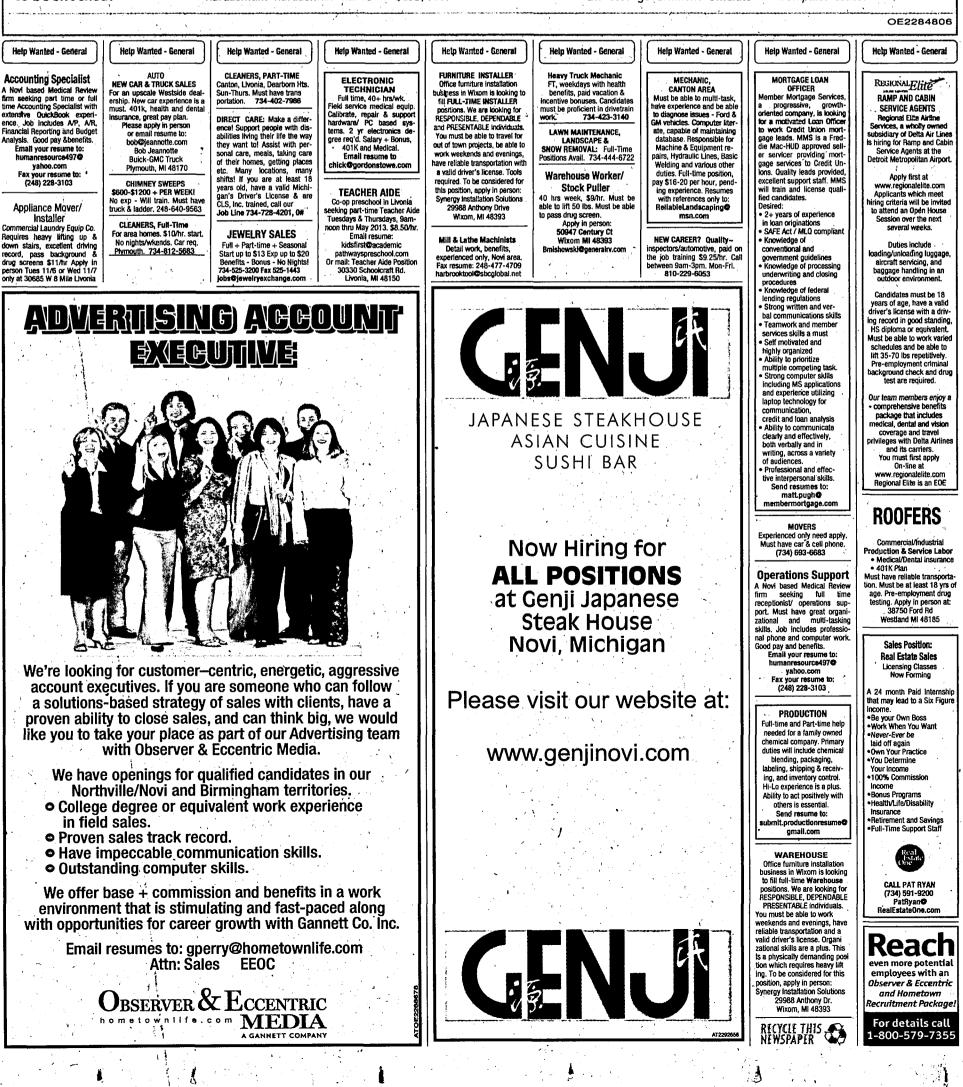
Reality TV star who earns more: "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Lisa Vanderpump's famous pup, Giggy, truly lives in the lap of luxury. He can afford to be spojled, since Vanderpump makes a reported \$250,000 a season.

Party leaders of the House and Senate: The House and Senate majority and minority leaders each earn a yearly salary of \$193,400.

Reality TV star who earns more: Emily Maynard, the most recent "Bachelorette," was looking for love with the help of an estimated \$250,000 paycheck. Who wouldn't be ready and willing to find "the one" for that salary?

*Unless otherwise specified, all U.S. government officials' salaries are from http://usgovinfo.about.com.

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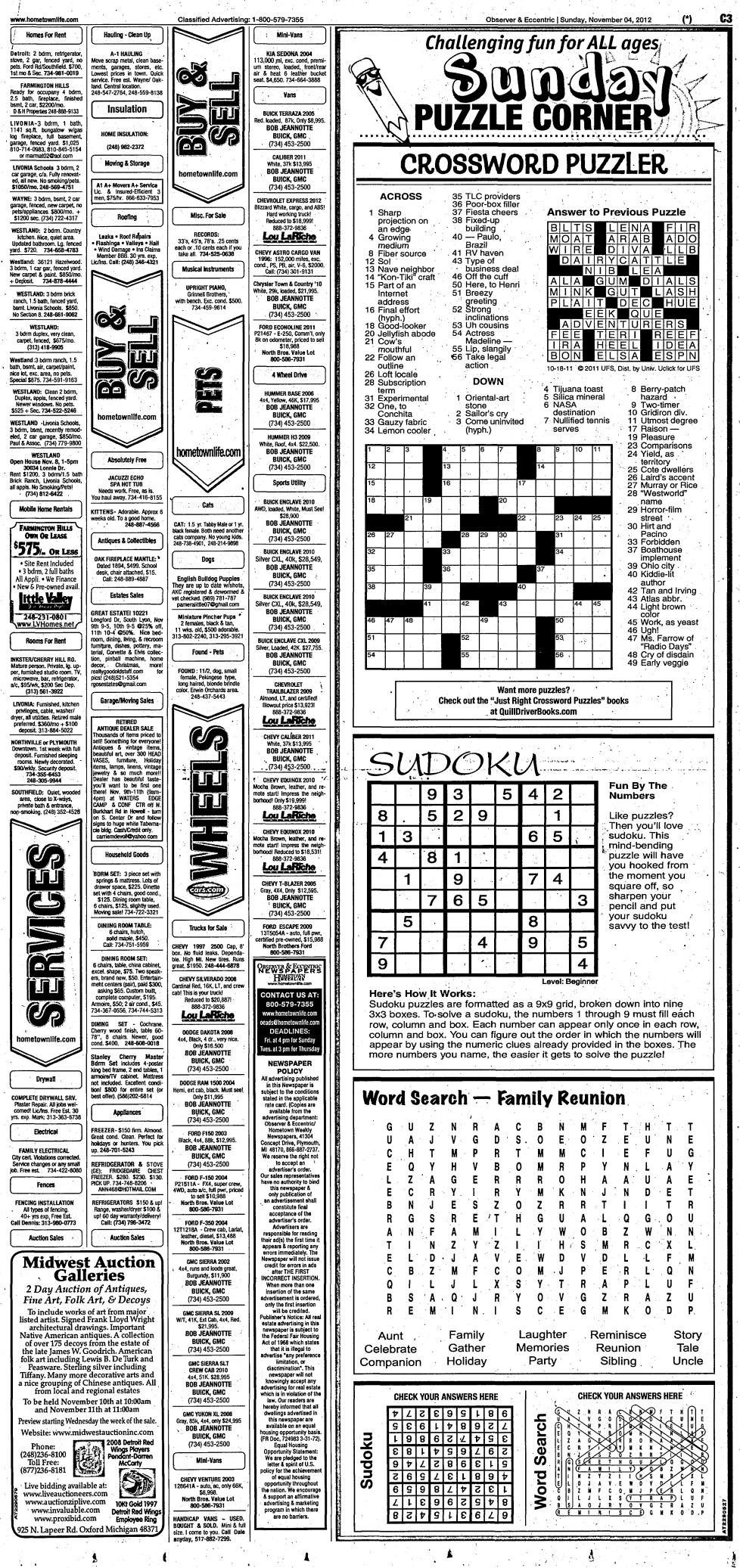
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Car Report

New Scion 'Motivate' promotion reflects nudging up of target age



A new marketing campaign by Scion underscores the brand's decision to target older Millennials instead of the recent college graduates who were the brand's original target. Scion's Motivate pro-

By Dale Buss

motion also generally demonstrates how the plague of unemployment and financial malaise among young twenty-somethings is forcing brands to look elsewhere for growth.

Motivate targets young entrepreneurs in the creative-arts community with chances to win the services of a "personal business mentor," \$10,000 and a Scion vehicle to promote their careers. Applicants between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to submit written responses and a 60-second video describing their career passions and spelling out what resources they would need to achieve their goals.

"This is not a contest where you are going to just win a prize and you're done," Owen Peacock, national marketing and communications manager for Scion, told me. "This literally is something the winning individuals will take forward with them. The idea is to keep this going over time so it's rich source of education and information that people can go back to."

The program aims at "our target consumer: leaders who will make something happen for themselves, not people who are sitting on their laurels until the next job comes to town and they can get it. It's aimed at self-starters who want to follow their passions."

It's just that the "self-starters" Scion has in mind are a little bit older than the ones

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they mostly pursued when the Toyotaowned entry-level "youth" brand got its' start in 2003. Scion's bull's-eye is the 25-year-old "who is through [college] and starting their real, first 'career' job," Peacock explained.

"Five years ago, it was the 21-year-old who would have the high propensity to buy a new car, and their parents or other co-signers had a higher propensity to help them out with that purchase. Now if you look at a 21- or 22-year-old, their top concerns tend to be debt and student loans and getting a job. And the first thing when they're done with school isn't going to be buying a new car."

This youngest portion of Generation Y in America, Peacock said, "have gone through a lot in the last few years, and it's started to affect their perception of the world. They're different even from other people who are older but within the



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same generation; some of that group went through boom times, while others came of age when things weren't so rosy."

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The recent introductions of the FR-S sports car and the premium micro-subcompact iQ have "broadened Scion's reach to new audiences," Peacock said, "and we want our unique passion and business approach to continue to shine through."

Scion's customers "have long been among the youngest in the industry, but many are also characteristically selfstarters with strong interest in pursuing their passions," Scion Vice President Doug Murtha added, in a press release.

"Drawing on the unique strengths of our creative communities and Scion's commitment to the arts, we designed a powerful way to support young entrepreneurs in pursuing their dreams. We hope to inspire young leaders to seize the day and succeed."

Motivate targets 25-year-olds by building on Scion's "tradition" of supporting young creatives. "We've been doing this in some way, shape or form for the last ten years," Peacock said, pouring millions of dollars into marketing initiatives aimed at the creative community. That has included sponsoring 1,700 artists in film, fashion and the arts, he said, and about 10,000 events in more than 250 cities that have boosted the fortunes of small businesses in these pursuits including record labels, galleries, printers and independent publications.



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A Scion Music List conference each fall now "brings in people who are going to educate people who want to get involved in the music industry from the ground up," he said. "And we videotape all of it so that more people can gain an education."

After a review of applications, Motivate will select 50 semi-finalists to attend a three-day workshop with industry leaders to learn "essential skills" they can use to improve their businesses. They'll get a chance to revise and incorporate the lessons into their entries before 10 winners are selected at the event's close.

Peacock depicted the Motivate initiative as an extension of Scion's "What Moves You" brand platform and said that advertising in various outlets will support the program.

He said Scion continues to focus on "creatives" because "that's where we feel our brand resonates with our target the most." But Peacock said that young entrepreneurs in other areas could benefit as well from the intellectual capital generated by Motivate, including information about forming corporations, using social media and hiring an attorney.

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Public tours 'new St. Mary Mercy Hospital' for first time

An estimated 2,000 people attended Sunday's grand-opening celebration of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new three-story addition featuring a state-of-the-art ' emergency center and 80 private patient rooms.

"The turnout was tremendous," said Jennifer Kennedy, director of marketing and public relations for the Livonia hospital. "We hoped that many would be interested in seeing the newest addition to the hospital and enjoy the activities, and we are certainly pleased with the attendance."

The new South Wing is the first portion of a \$89 million project funded through a mix of debt financing, cash and philanthropy - that will completely rebuild the 53-year-old hospital from the inside out. The new emergency center is double the size of the old one. Renovation of the North Wing, where the majority of 90 existing rooms will be converted to private rooms, will begin next. month and is expected to be completed in about 16 months. The North Entrance will also be renovated.

"The grand opening of our new addition was a great way to introduce "the New St. Mary Mercy Hospital' to the community," Kennedy said. "We wanted to offer a fun, family-friendly event, while showcasing our beautiful new emergency center and new patient rooms. We've been overwhelmed with positive responses from the community about it."

She said the new addition allows the hospital to meet contemporary standards of care and provide the necessary



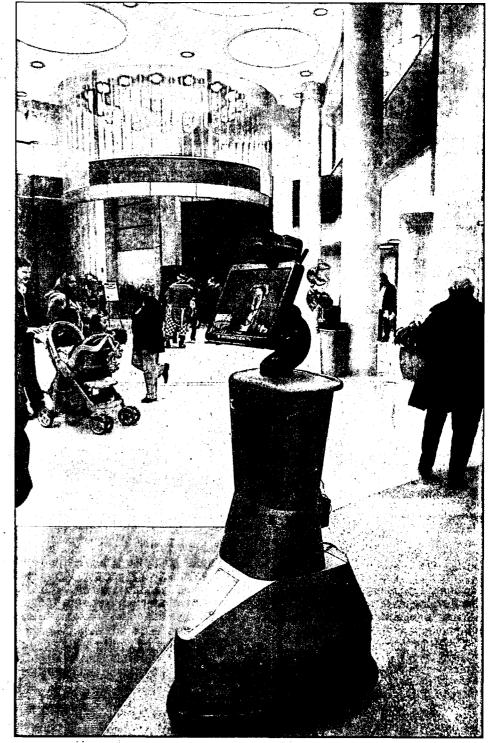
Hensel and Martha Kusza are from Westland.

space for advanced technology. "The rooms are also set up to provide a comfortable space for family members and visitors because we know that they are also at the heart of healing," Kennedy said.

The 154,000-squarefoot addition was open for tours Sunday. "There was a large steady stream of traffic through the tours — all were excited to see it," Kennedy said.

The patient rooms will start being used Nov. 5, the new emergency room will open the second week in November. The 304-bed hospital was established in 1959 by the Felician Sisters and has had four previous significant additions to the original building — in 1959, 1972, 1988 and 1997.

By Karen Smith



St. Mary's stroke robot has a little less critical duties to perform during the open house.



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Tom Parrin, director of clinical engineering, explains how a patient lift works to Carol Westhaus, of Livonia, and Judy Moore, of Detroit.

Cox sues Blue Cross on behalf of Michigan seniors

Mike Cox, managing partner of the Mike Cox Law Firm in Livonia, announced Wednesday the filing of a class action lawsuit against Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan in Wayne County Circuit Court for allegedly violating federal and state law.

Cox filed the lawsuit on behalf of thousands of Michigan seniors denied access by Blue Cross to its most popular Medigap plans, including its most popular, Legacy C.

Cox filed the lawsuit on behalf of a retired Ford Motor Co. nurse, Catherine Liller, and thousands of Michigan seniors who earned a small retiree health care reimbursement benefit from companies like Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Group LLC. Medigap, formally known as Medicare sup-

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plemental insurance, is sold to seniors who are on Medicare to cover health care expenses that are not covered, or only partially covered, by Medicare.

This lawsuit alleges Blue Cross denies every senior who has a health reimbursement account (HRA) or health savings account (HSA) access to its most popular Legacy Medigap plans, including Legacy C, forcing thousands of retirees to buy more expensive policies or risk going without coverage.

Federal and state law prohibits all insurers from denying the sale of Medigap policies to any eligible Medicare recipient, Cox said. Federal and state law also prohibits insurers from discriminating in the sale of their Medigap policies, he said.



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LOCAL NEWS

It's wise to hire a pro when facing an IRS audit

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 4, 2012

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I just received a notice from the IRS that my tax return for 2010 is being audited. I assume I'm being audited because

2010 was an unusual year for me. My employer went out of business and I never received a W-2 from them.



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very little income that year. At the time my friends told me that since I didn't get a W-2 I didn't have to report the income. Also that year, after my employer went out of business I got another job but they considered me self-employed. I did report the income, however, I was a little aggressive with my deductions. Do I have anything to worry about, particularly by not reporting my W-2 income? In addition, my wife thinks that we should hire someone to help us with the audit. I think I can do it on my own. What's your opinion?

A: In reviewing your situation, I believe you have some issues. Just because you did not get a W-2 does not relieve you of the obligation to report the income.

The IRS has a methodology that taxpayers are supposed to follow if their employer does not provide them with a W-2. Since it appears that you did not follow that process, there are issues you must deal with. That being said, there's also a silver lining to this.

Although you did not report the income, you also did not claim the federal withholding tax

that you're employer took out of your check. Therefore, most of your tax liability should be offset by the withholdings you did not claim.

There is, however, a possibility that tax is due. You will have to pay a tax and the IRS will also assess interest and possibly a penalty.

The IRS generally has no discretion on interest. It does have discretion regarding penalties. The IRS has a variety of penalties it can assess. In certain situations, the IRS can assess upwards of a 50 percent penalty. What that means is that if you owe \$10,000 in taxes, the IRS can assess you a \$5,000 penalty.

You also have issues with regards to your deductions. If you cannot substantiate those deductions, the IRS can deny them.

Unfortunately, with these deductions you have a double whammy. Not only would the denial of those deductions cause your income tax to increase but also your self-employment tax. The self-employment tax in 2010 was 15.3 percent. This tax is similar to the Social Security tax that you and I pay as employees. As employees we pay our Social Security tax but then our employer matches it. When you're self-employed, you end up paying both parts. Therefore, the denial of the deductions can result in a substantial increase in your taxes.

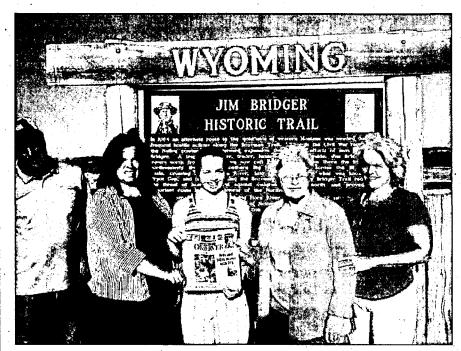
I agree with your wife on hiring a professional. It would be a mistake for you to go into the IRS alone. When you go in

front of any government entity, it pays to have someone who's familiar with the process and with the associated rules and regulations to protect your interests. When you go in alone, the IRS will have the upper hand. When you have a professional represent you, even though the IRS may still have the upper hand, it's at least a much more level playing field.

In your situation, where it appears there will be additional tax liability and potential penalties, it makes sense to have someone represent you. After all, a professional will be able to better deal with the IRS; whether in regards to reducing the tax liability or potential penalties.

When it's your tax return that's being audited and the IRS is questioning you about the deductions, you and I will have a tendency to be emotional about these issues. A professional won't have that same involvement. That being said, I do recognize that professionals do not come cheap, however, it's worth it. Most of us wouldn't try to fix our air conditioning because it's too complex. Trust me, taxes are even more complex. Therefore, to protect yourself, listen to your wife (not your friends) and hire a professional. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



Wish You Were Here

In July, Kathleen Dryovage of Garden City, her daughter Jeannie Lillystone of Royal Oak and granddaughter Heather Lilleystone visited Kathy Dryovage Smith and her husband Kim Smith in Worland, Wyoming, in the middle of the Big Horn Mountains. The Smith daughters - Paul and Patricia - joined in the celebration. They posed for Wish You Were Here at the Jim Bridger Historic Trail marker. "We all had a great time," Kathleen Dryoage said. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

AROUND WESTLAND

Lunch Buffet

Chef Tony Paquette and his culinary arts students will host a Thanksgiving lunch buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, Café Marquette, located at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland.

The lunch will benefit the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center and help provided Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families in the community. A minimum \$10 donation is kindly suggested.

Dinner tickets

Time is running out to purchase tickets for Westland Friendship Center's Thanksgiving Celebration. Monday, Nov. 5, is the last day to purchase tickets, priced at \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

The Thanksgiving Celebration will be noon-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Friendship Center at 1119 Newburgh Road. The menu includes turkey, kielbasa and sauerkraut, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, butternut squash, jellied cranberry sauce, tossed salad and dressing, rolls and butter and pumpkin pie.

For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

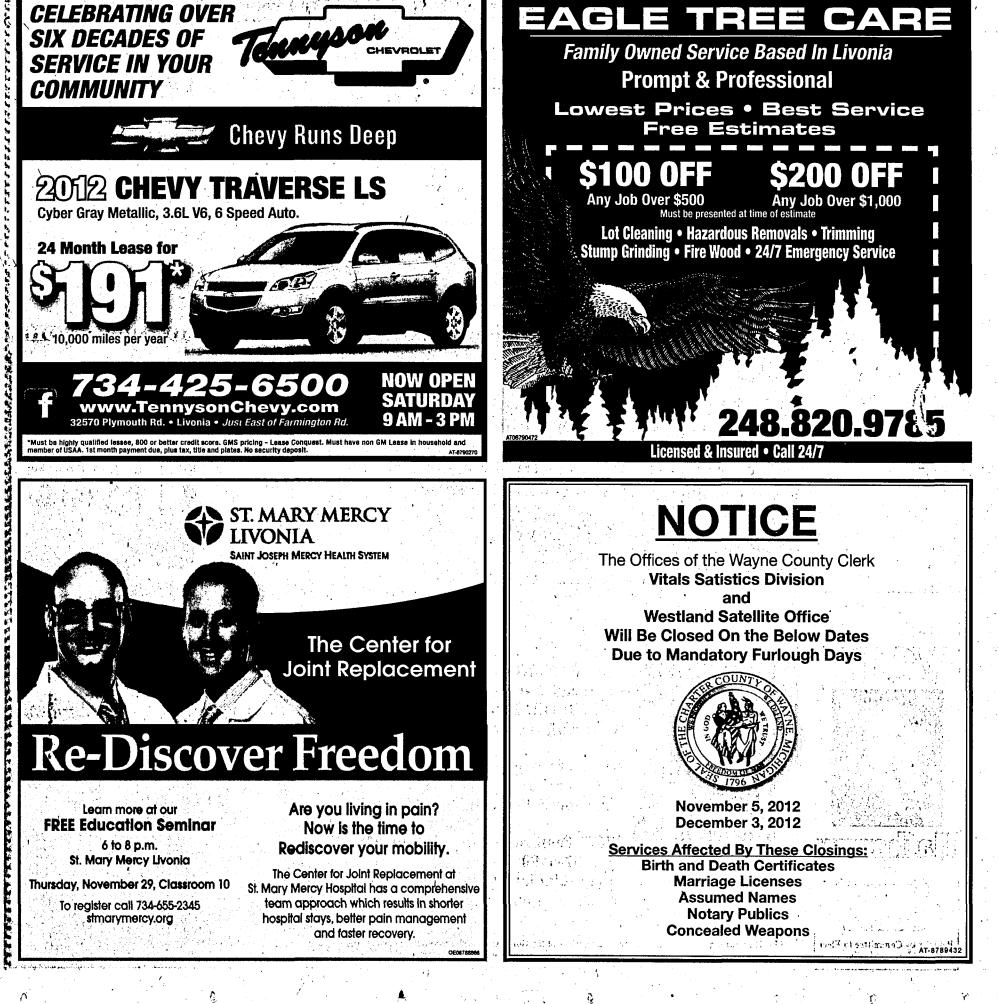
Used book sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 15-17, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway north of Ford Road.

The hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

There will be a special sale with \$1 hardcover fiction – buy one, get one free. Other prices are \$2 for coffee table books (makes a great Christmas gift), \$1 hardcover non-fiction books, DVDs, CDs, 50 cents large paperbacks, 25 cents small paperbacks, videos, cassettes, records and auto books on cassette - the whole book for 25 cents - 10 cents small paperbacks - romance and magazines. Saturday will be a \$4 Big Bag Sale. Bring your own bag.

There will be a preview sale for Friends members 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14. You can become a Friend at the Preview Sale.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Upcoming Events

VETERANS DINNER

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Nov. 11 Location: Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Details: The post will be holding a spaghetti dinner for veterans. It is free to veterans with military service ID, \$6 for non-service guests and \$3 for children under five years old. Contact: For more information, call (734) 427-5630.

WCGH REUNION

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 Location: Café Marguette in the William D. Ford Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Wayne County General Hospital employees will gather for their 28th annual holiday reunion. A luncheon buffet will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$16 and includes beverage, dessert and tip. You can pay at the door.

Contact: For more information contact Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or e-mail chknlit@wideopenwest. com, Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or e-mail fightingirish316@global. netor Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or e-mail pibbotso@aol.com

RAILROADIANA

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25 Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall, , 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland

Details: Ss. Simon and Jude Usher's Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show in the church hall. Admission is \$2 per person, or **\$**4 per family. Food and beverages are available and parking is free. There will be approximately 130

Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road in Plymouth Details: Widowed men and women are invited to celebrate Mass followed by fellowship and refreshments. Join us in a safe and friendly setting at.

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

HOLIDAY DINNER

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25

Location: Compari's, 350 S. Main St. in Plymouth Details: Join Widowed Friends for a holiday celebration. Order from the menu, separate checks. A 20 percent gratuity will be included in the bill. Talk with Micki to reserve a spot, no answering machine reservations will be accepted. All calls will be returned. No walk-ins or late reservations. Afterwards the group will do "The Walk of the Trees through Kellogg Park which is across from the restaurant. Contact: Call Micki by Nov.

21 at (734) 455-0094 **BURROUGHS OLD** TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/ Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@ yahoo.com

SHORT SALE SEMINAR

Monday, Nov. 12 Location: Novi Public Library, 45255 10 Mile Road, Novi

Details: Come with your questions to a free seminar and learn about what a Short Sale is and the different alternatives available. Explore your options with a Professional Resource Panel, from both the Selling and Buying side. Sponsored by The MacNRo Team, Keller Williams Agents, working the Detroit Metro Area. Contact: Call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 for reservations by Friday, Nov. 9.

CRAFT SHOWS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 Location: Garden City High School. 6500 Middlebelt Road in Garden City between Ford and Warren Road, Garden City Details: Garden City High School is hosting its annual craft and vendor show on Nov. 10. There will be 75 tables of home vendors, such as Pampered Chef, Avon and Creative Memories, as well as a great variety of home made arts and crafts. There will be door prize raffles, 50/50 drawings, a bake sale and concessions available throughout the show. Admission is \$1 which includes a free

raffle ticket. Contact: For more information or for table availability, email Sheryll at vendorshow@gmail. com or call (734) 367-0898 and leave a message. All proceeds will benefit the GCMS PTSA.

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Nov. 10 Location: Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 N. Gulley, Dearborn Heights

Details: The annual craft show will feature crafts, raffle and food. The \$1 entry goes toward Bridges to Healing: A Veteran's Support Group. Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Lucerne, Redford Details: Admission is \$1 to

a vendor/craft show held by American Legion Auxiliary Post 396. Food will be available for purchase and there will also be a bake sale.

Organizations

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, • September and November Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland. Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebeit, Westland

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary. com for more information about meetings, programs and events. Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

2012 Lightfest kicks off with fun run/walk, bike ride High school students and

younger pay \$12.

Registration forms for

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Southgate.

The countdown is on to the opening of the Wayne County Lightfest 2012.

But Wayne County **Executive Robert Fica**no throws the switch on Thursday, Nov. 15, to officially open the 4 1/2-mile long light show, they'll be twinkling for two pre-Lightfest activities - 17th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/ Walk on Tuesday, Nov. 13, and Bike through the Lights on Wednesday, Nov. 14

Both events will take place at 7 p.m. They'll start in Merriman Hollow in Hines Park at Merriman and Hines Drive in Westland. Participants will be among the first to view more than 35 animated displays, which include a variety of holiday themes. In addition, there will be a new display at the Lightfest entrance.

There will be post race food for both events, along with long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration prior to Nov. 5 is \$18. After Nov. 5, the fee is \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 on the day of the race.



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RETIREMENT INCOME PLANNING



Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.

dealer tables available at \$10 each. Dealer setup is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 Location: G. Subu's, 20300

Farmington Road, south of 8 Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men and women are invited to attend dinner and games in Livonia. Social hour is at 5 p.m. (cash bar) and a dinner buffet served promptly at 6 p.m. The cost is \$18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games, and conversation until 9 p.m. No walk-ins please. Must RSVP by Nov. 6.

Contact: Call Carol at (313) 562-3080, Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Mary Anne at (313) 565-5749. Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 Location: St. Kenneth



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Mulching: It's not just for springtime anymore

Just when you thought you could put down your gardening tools and pick up the remote control, it's time for fall mulching.

Never considered mulching in the fall? Well, you are not alone. Mulching during this time of the year has a much different purpose than spring mulching. This is due to temperature dips. During the fall temperatures can change dramatically resulting in the ground heaving as it freezes and thaws. This action forces root systems of many plants to move up from the soil and exposing them to the harsh temperatures.

"Mulch helps maintain a more even temperature and also raises the freeze line, which encourages earthworms to work closer to the surface of the soil," according to hgtv. com. Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor University of Vermont Extension Department



of Plant and Soil Science, said it's been "found that by adding only a couple inches of bark mulch in the fall, you can prevent soil temperatures from moderating or fluctuating wildly by as much as 10 degrees. So if air temperatures drop to below freezing overnight, soil temperatures might remain at 40 degrees or above and roots will continue to grow."

To get started, make sure you have cleaned up mulch from summer. Leaving it can invite disease and rodents. Apply fall mulch when the ground is frozen or near frozen. Elizabeth Stell's Secrets to Great Soil: A Grower's Guide to Composting, Mulching and Creating Healthy, Fertile Soil for Your Garden and Lawn is a comprehensive guide to mulching throughout the year. When it comes to what kind of mulch to use,

choices are either organic or inorganic. Organic options, such as chopped leaves, straw, shredded or chipped bark, grass clippings, pine needles or even compost are all options to consider. Just remember that if you use organic mulch, you will need to replenish it from time to time because it breaks down to improve your soil.

And don't forget to cover all your bare soil with mulch, most weeds will never be able to come into contact with the soil and fewer weeds in the spring is always a good thing. A thick layer of mulch inhibits weeds in two important ways. First, by thoroughly covering the soil and depriving weed seeds of the light they need to germinate, mulch prevents them from gaining a foothold in the first place Among the other benefits of mulch is that it helps control erosion. Garden mulch applied in the fall keeps the severe weather conditions of winter from eroding soil and robbing it of valuable

nutrients. Both Erin Hyne's Improving the Soil and Alan Titchmarsh's How to Be a Gardener offer a wealth of information regarding getting your garden in shape. Also why not check out an issue of Better Homes and Gardens or Horticulture magazine for more tips and guidelines for your green space. To find out more about

To find out more about mulching, planting, fertilizing or any other gardening topics stop by the library, go online to see our collection catalog. westland.lib.mi.us/, or call the reference Desk at (734) 326-6123 and there will be someone to assist you.

Highlighted Activities

Senior Health Series -Elder Abuse: 3 p.m. Nov. 6

Join the good folks from Garden City Hospital for a new, monthly talk designed specifically for seniors in our community. This month's topic is Elder Abuse, presented by Nursing Home Ombudsman Dakima Jackson. Sign up or drop in. We'll save you a seat. Call (734) 326-6123

Gadgets, Tablets and Apps for the Holidays: 7 p.m. Nov. 7 Join Lindsay Wiec-

zorek, gadget and app aficionado, as she discusses the latest technology trends to hit the market this coming holiday season, including tablets, e-readers, apps, movie and music streaming and much more. There will be equipment on hand for you to test-drive after the talk. Sign up online at westlandlibrary.org/ events or call the library at (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat. NaNoWriMo Write-In: 6

p.m. Nov. 8

Do you have the Great American Novel brewing in your head? Do you enjoy writing but can't ever make the time for it? National Novel Writing Month is here to bring it out of you. Join other aspiring novelists for weekly Write-Ins to help you get your writing motor started or to keep it revving. Occurring each Thursday in November (except for Turkey Day, of course). Participants who don't have a laptop will be able to borrow one during the Write-Ins. Just bring in your state ID to use it in the library.

Open Mic: 7 p.m. Nov. 8 Songwriter John Latini emcees tonight's festivities with our usual array of strumming, singing and poetry reading. If you do any of those (or something else performance-related), it's your turn at the mic. If you like to listen to fine live music and poetry, please join us as well. Everyone welcome. No sign up required. ESL English as a Sec-

est English as a Second Language Class: 10-11:30 a.m. Nov. 9

Last session this Fall. New session begins in March.

Friday Night Movies are Back!: 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9

Thank you for your votes and for all of your patience as we adjust

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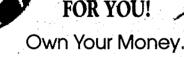
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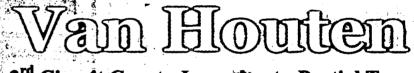
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Snyder bus tour stops in Livonia



Governor Rick Snyder stops for a photo with Nick Netschke, a fifth-grader at Cooper Elementary School.

By Karen Smith Observer Staff Writer

Bob Kenyon, a tax consultant from Northville, didn't know what way he was going to vote on the bridge proposal until he met Gov. Rick Snyder Thursday morning while eating breakfast at George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant in Livonia.

"I was undecided, and he changed my mind," said Kenyon, who now plans to vote no Tuesday on Proposal 6, which would amend the state constitution to require a statewide vote on new bridges or tunnels.

Snyder visited George's Senate Coney Island as part of his fourday statewide bus tour to discuss the six ballot proposals with citizens. Snyder is encouraging residents to vote "Yes on 1, No on the Rest."

Snyder told Kenyon that Michigan taxpayers won't pay any portion of the proposed New International Trade Crossing bridge because the bill will be paid entirely by Canada. "They're paying for the whole project. They want it that badly," Snyder said.

Snyder went from table to table saying hello and talking with customers at George's Senate Coney Island. Some, like Kenyon, had heard the governor would be there and made plans to attend. Kenyon is a regular customer at George's Senate Coney Island in Northville.

Others, like Mike McCool of Livonia, were surprised by Snyder's visit. "I had no idea he was going to be here. For him to walk by was pretty neat," said McCool, a salesman for Ralph Thayer Automotive, located across the street.

McCool supports Snyder. "I'm there with you," he told the governor. "I approve of everything you're doing."

Snyder said he thinks it's important to give voters the correct information about the proposals. "The bridge is a classic example," he said. "People thought we were going to be paying for it."

Robert Nasir, a computer technician from Redford, came into



Livonia resident Jim Hinkle meets Governor Rick Snyder and State Rep. John Walsh at the Senate Coney Island.

George's Senate Coney Island after he saw the bus sitting outside and decided to stop in for a "chance to see the lexcitement."

Nasir said he plans to vote yes on Proposals 5 and 6 "at this point," but he intends he re-read them and consider both sides before doing so.

Proposal 5 would amend the state constitution to require a twothirds majority vote of the Michigan House and Senate or a statewide vote of the people for the state to impose new or additional taxes.

Nasir said he is 90 percent in agreement with Snyder and just wanted to shake his hand and tell him he appreciates the work he's doing. "My disagreements with him are few," he said.

But, he said, he is concerned about the economy and, because of that, the money it will cost taxpayers to upgrade, build and maintain roads leading up to the proposed New International Trade Crossing. He said the two-thirds majority vote on new or additional taxes would support fiscal responsibility.

State Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia), who visited Senate Coney Island customers with Snyder, said while the twothirds majority vote may resonate with voters, the Michigan Business Tax wouldn't have been repealed last year had the proposed Constitutional amendment already been in place. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley cast the tie-breaking vote. He said members of both . parties thought repealing the MBT was a good idea: they just disagreed on how to replace it.

Walsh said he thinks voters will see through the misleading advertising and vote no Proposals 2-6, all of which would amend the constitution. "People know when something is false," he said. Proposal 1 is a referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011, the emergency manager law. Snyder's visit made no difference to John Caizza of Walled Lake, a retired autoworker who meets weekly at the Livonia restaurant with former coworkers. He has already voted, casting a yes vote for Proposal 6. "I want the right to vote (on a bridge)," he said. "I'm hard to convince." Caizza said he is concerned that if the company that builds and operates the new bridge runs into financial difficulties, taxpayers will be left bearing the responsibility.

Jeremy Brady of Livonia stopped in for breakfast with his 2-year-old son, Bruce, after dropping his wife off for work at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He saw the "Yes on 1, No on the Rest" tour bus parked outside but didn't realize the governor was inside the restaurant.

A lifelong Democrat, the appliance delivery man said he's going to vote the opposite of what Snyder suggests on all the proposals.

Even so, he said he respects Snyder and the position he holds and thought it was "pretty cool" that he got to meet him. "All I did was come in for breakfast and I got to meet the governor," he said.

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Western Wayne residents dominate circuit court race

On Nov. 6, voters will elect three new judges to the Wayne County Third Circuit Court. Five of the six candidates running for office live in western Wayne County.

The position pays \$138,272 salary and offers benefits. Circuit Court judges serve six-year terms. Voters will find the



race on the nonpartisan section of Tuesday's ballot.

The candidates are Karen Braxton of Canton Township, Kevin Cox of Livonia, Dana Hathaway of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Brian Morrow of North**ville, Kelly Ann Ramsey of Livonia and John J. Sullivan of Northville.

Here's a review of candidates for the non-incumbent positions for circuit court. Voters can select three names on the nonpartisan ballot.

The challenge for all judicial candidates is to make sure voters take the time to review the nonpartisan ballot.

"As a judicial candidate, it is an uphill battle to get your message to voters, especially when overshadowed by many contested congressional races and a presidential race," said Braxton

"The best strategy for me in this race is continue what I have been doing which is to meet as many people as I can. I believe that people are more likely to vote for you if they have met and connected with you in some way.

"Additionally, it is important for me to inform voters of how a judge can affect people's everyday lives. Many people want to vote in a presidential or congressional election because they believe that they have a vested interest in the outcome and it will directly affect their standard of living. However, some people do not understand how a judicial election will affect them. The key is to make judicial election and the role of a judge relevant to a voter's life."

Karen Braxton, Canton

Braxton holds a bachelor's in economics and political science from the University of Rochester and a juris doctor from Case West-

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Board of Trustees ReTOOL, Wayne County Crimi-

nal Defense Bar Association, Black Women Lawyers Association and the NAACP.

ReTOOL is a program that serves the needs of young people that are in the juvenile justice system or homeless. Braxton works directly with female youth in the program offering tutoring. mentoring and professional and personal guidance. She is married to Thom-

as Braxton. The couple has two children, Aaron and Maya, who attend Plymouth-Canton Schools. The family attends El Bethel Baptist Church in Redford.

Braxton is currently a trial attorney in a solo practice handling a wide variety of cases, including criminal, probate, juvenile, landlord-tenant and family law.

"I want to be judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court because I am confident that I can bring equality, efficiency and effectiveness to the court," said Braxton.

How does she expect to make a difference on the court?

"I intend to use my role as a judge to help others, specifically underprivileged vouths, in the county," said Braxton, add-١ ing "I am appreciative of

every opportunity that \mathbf{I} have been afforded and I wish to share my knowledge and experiences with others

"In addition, by focusing on the youth in Wayne County, I am able to target an impressionable group and possibly give them an alternative to a life of crime," said Braxton adding that she is "ready and eager to serve."

Kevin Cox, Livonia

Cox holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. He is married to Elizabeth Cox. The couple has four chil-

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ent Association, St. Edith CYO Athletics Board of Directors and coach, Catholic Central Dad's Club, fundraiser for the Salvation Army, **Detroit Rescue Mission** Ministries and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

As an assistant attorney general in the labor division of the Office of Attorney General, Cox represents the state of Michigan in state courts and administrative hearings.

"I have extensive experience as a trial attorney for over 27 years and have had the benefit of watching and learning the qualities that make judges effective and efficient." said Cox, who prior to this, assignment was in private practice for 25 years.

"My practice was comprised of complex injury litigation throughout the state. I owned and managed a law firm of 12 attorneys and over 20 employees for several years.

"I have had extensive experience trying cases in front of juries for over 25 years," said Cox who received a "Well Qualified" rating (highest offered) by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association.

"I am the candidate with the most courtroom and trial experience and thus most capable of running an effective and efficient court," said Cox.

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Dana Hathaway, **Grosse Pointe** Farms

Hathaway is a Wayne County prosecutor handling felonies and misdemeanors.

"I work hard daily to ensure that justice is done on behalf of crime victims," she said. "I know how to efficiently move a court's docket because that is what I do every day."

Before joining the prosecutor's office, she worked for a national trial law firm specializing in high-stakes litigation - defend-

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across the country. Hathaway comes from a long line attorneys and judges. Her aunt, Amy Hathaway, is a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge. Her mother, Diane, sits on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Being a judge is something that Hathaway, a highly-awarded attorney (she was named a Michigan Super Lawyers - Rising Star for her litigation experience), says she has prepared for since college.

She holds a degree in chemistry from the College of Charleston, and juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Law School where she was associate editor of

the Law Review. She is a member of State Bar of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, Illinois State **Bar Association** Hathaway is married and the mother of

two daughters, Riley and Mackenzie. She is a member of St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Brian Morrow. Northville

Morrow, holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a juris doctorate from Wayne State University Law School. The married father of two adult children, Morrow is deputy chief of

the Juvenile

Division of

the Wayne

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Morrow

prosecuting cases that range from home and school truancy to armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct, carjacking and homicide. "In addition to my oth-

er duties, I developed an award-winning juvenile diversion program called 'Teen Court' that is having a positive effect on reducing recidivism among first-time juvenile offenders. I am running for circuit court because I have demonstrated to myself that I have the judicial temperament, compassion and reasonableness to be a highly effective

jurist."

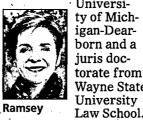
Morrow has some 26 years of experience as an attorney, 11 of those years spent as supervisor of other lawyers.

Morrow and his wife, Mary, established the Brian and Mary Morrow Community Service Scholarship to reward the initiative of graduating Detroit Public Schools stùdents who have been actively involved in community service projects. He also has organized volunteers from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to participate as a group in Habitat for Humanity-Detroit workdays.

"Confidence in the judicial system can only be achieved when citizens believe that, regardless of outcome, they have been afforded a full and fair opportunity to be heard by an impartial judge of the facts and the law," said Morrow.

Kelly Ann Ramsey, Livonia

Ramsey holds a bachelor's degree from the Universi-



Wayne State University Law School. A Detroit native, she works as a referee in the Family Division-Juvenile Section of Wayne Circuit Court. The court has jurisdic-

tion over delinquency, abuse/neglect and adoption cases. A lifelong resident of

Wayne County, Ramsey

is the daughter of a Detroit police officer and department of social services caseworker. Her daughter is a teacher in the United Nations International School.

Ramsey serves on the boards of Vista Maria, Child's Hope, Save Our Children Coalition and Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation. She supports the **Innocence Lost National** Initiative and is a visionary of the "For The Seventh Generation" program.

"I have more than 20 years of judicial experience as a referee, and more than five years as an assistant prosecutor. During my tenure, I have adjudicated thousands of cases," said Ramsey

"As demonstrated for over 25 years, I understand and respect the

responsibility I have to the people who appear before me and to the community that I serve," she said.

John Sullivan, Northville

Sullivan holds a bachelor's degree and a juris doctorate from the University of

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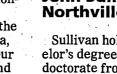
has been running his own law practice in Wayne County for the past 14 years. His current practice includes probate work, personal injury, contracts, family law, criminal law, real estate and general consumer law. "I have a deep desire

to help serve and protect my community and to help people," said Sullivan. "I have spent a great deal of time serving Wayne County in many capacities and I have served on numerous boards and agencies including both the Michigan Association of Counties and Wayne County's Judiciary and Public Safety Committees.

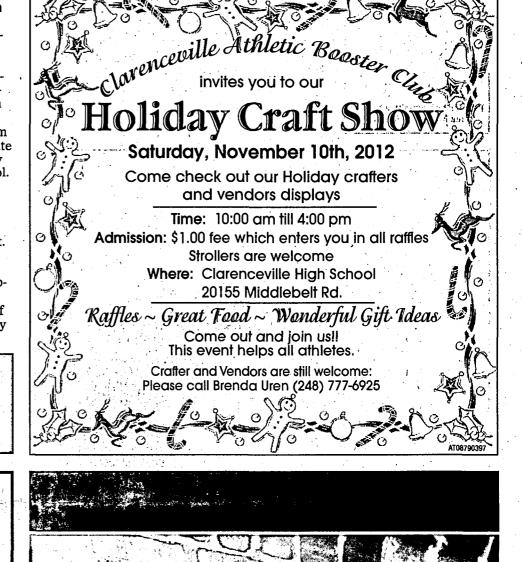
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"I have run my own small business and I have experience as an elected law maker in Wayne County and serving as an Administrative Law judge for the State of Michigan.

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Our Views: Partisan and non-partisan races

13th Congressional District

With redistricting, Garden City and Westland move from the 11th to the 13th Congressional District in January. Democrat

John Conyers Jr. and **Republican Harry** T. Sawicki are vying for the seat.

The only campaigning that took place in the district was during the August prima- Conyers ry election when Convers faced four

challengers for the Democratic nomination.

Convers is the second-most senior member of the House, dean of the Congressional Black Caucus and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. We cannot deny Conyers his place in history and because the district is heavily Democratic, he will in all likelihood win a 25th term. But his lack of involvement in the western Wayne County area of the district this election season doesn't bode well for suburban voters who are used to effective leaders who are visible and responsive. We hope that will change.

State House Districts

In the 11th District, David Knezek of Dearborn Heights is

facing Republican Kathleen Kopczyk of Garden City. In looking at the candidates, we believe the district would be best served by David Knezek.

An Iraq War vet- Knezek eran, Knezek has a

keen eye on the issues, zeroing in education which is a part of reinventing Michigan. He is proposing a public safety task force to determine minimum police and



legislation to ensure communities have that level of protection.

He understands he will need to reach out to fellow Republican lawmakers and is ready to do so to accomplish his goals.

In the 16th District, Democrat Robert Kosowski is being

challenged by Republican Mary Stargell. In looking at the two can-

didates, be believe Robert Kosowski is the best choice for the district. In a heavily

Kosowski Democratic district, Kosowski is the heir apparent to term-

limited Rep. Richard LeBlanc. He understands the first and foremost issue facing residents is jobs and he wants to facilitate job fairs to make sure residents have easy access to work.

He also makes it perfectly clear he is in this campaign to win and fully represent the district in Lansing.

Wayne County Commission

For many years, all of Westland and Garden City have been in the same Wayne County Commission

District, but with redistricting, Westland will be in two districts — with Garden City in the new 12th District and the southern portion in the new 11th District.

In the 12th District, the choice is simple — Richard

LeBlanc.

LeBlanc is running unopposed for the seat. He brings to the office a wealth of elective experience and a proven track record of

LeBlanc

fire staffing levels and passing being a hard worker as an elected official. He looks at all sides of

an issue and isn't shy to ask the hard questions. As a state representative, he has been accessible to constituents and has already begun introducing himself with residents in McNamara. Garden City.

In the 11th

District, Democrat Kevin McNamara is the best choice. His challenger, Robert Stano, like many Republican candidates, has been a no-show for the election.

We like McNamara for his behind-the-scenes efforts, helping to secure funds and grants to improve roads and parks in the current 11th District. We believe he will continue that work in the new 11th District.

He serves on five commission committees and chairs the commission's newly-formed Youth Services Committee that oversees all funds and services related to youth programs in the county. He also is a representative to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and is joining the Airport Authority Board later this month.

18th District Court

Incumbent Sandra Ference

Cicirelli, who is completing her first six-year term as a judge, faces no challenger in the election.

Even though she lacks a challenger, we believe it important to recommend

her re-election to the bench. She has been effective in her handling of cases that come before her. She shows compassion for the victims and a strong knowledge of case law in dealing with defendants.

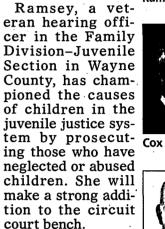
She is a perfect fit for the court. and deserves a second term.

Wayne County Circuit Court

Six lawyers are vying for three nonincumbent open seats on the Wayne County Circuit Court. Three standout — Kelly Ann Ramsey, Kevin Cox and Brian Morrow.



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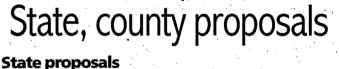
Cox is currently an assistant attorney in the state attorney general's office. He has a strong work ethic.

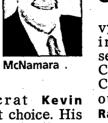
His varied and extensive experience, along with his temperament, make him an outstanding candidate for the bench.

Morrow

Morrow is deputy chief of the juvenile division in the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. He is one of the founders of the prosecutor's teen court program, in which nonviolent first-time offenders have their cases heard by their peers, under the guidance of an assistant prosecutor. He, too, will make an outstanding judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court.

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Wayne-Westland Schools

Five candidates are campaigning for the two six-year terms on the Wayne-Westland school board.

Of those candidates, we believe the district and students would best be served by Frederick Weaver and Jeffrey Hayton.



Weaver

With the

departure of veteran board member Cindy Schofield, Weaver will be the only member with institutional knowledge to help guide a board through the difficult times the district faces. He has served on the board for nine years and has made it clear he has one agenda - to make the Wayne-Westland Schools a better place for students to learn.

Hayton served on the board briefly in 2011 and understands the difficulties the school district is facing. He believes the district is moving in the right direction, but thinks it should look at ways to smooth the transition to scale back services, if needed, and at two-year budgets so school officials can know what to expect.

Livonia Public Schools

Five people are running for two seats on

the Livonia school board Nov. 6. We recommend voters elect incumbent Patrice Mang and newcomer Julie Robinson.



Mang has Mang been on the

Robinson

board for four years, the last year as president. She has served as a check and balance and has shown leadership in the handling of abuse allegations at Webster Elementary and in the board putting together a bond proposal for 2013 for building improvements and technology upgrades. She should be allowed to see that project through, regardless of how district residents vote on the bond.

Robinson is new to the district, and we think that is a benefit. Her background in finance — she has a master's degree in business administration — would be an asset

as the board considers a bond proposal. Robinson is smart, organized and brings fresh ideas to the district.

Schoolcraft College

Two six-year terms and a partial fouryear term on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees will be filled in Tuesday's election

The board has done a good job of managing its budget, expanding programs and keeping tuition at affordable levels. We believe the college district would be best served with the election of incumbents Douglas Adams and Eric Stempien to the sixyear terms and John Elkins to the four-year term.

Adams, Stempien and Elkins are part of a successful board that does what it was elected to do - set policy and standards, connect with the community and act as advocates' for the college. They have been a cohesive, thoughtful team always doing what is best for the college.

They have acted responsibly and always in the best interest of the college.

WCCCD millage

One of the least talked about proposals on the general election ballot is the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) request for a 1-mill tax increase.

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

The college has worked hard to meet the needs of its students and has seen its enrollment steadily climb. The college has proven to be a wise steward of the money it receives. But without the new millage, it would have to scale back its programs which would be bad news for the people who are turning to the college for the training and skills needed to get a job and keep a job.

We recommend residents of the district vote YES on the WCCCD millage request to let the college continue to meet the needs of its students now and in the future.

Proposal 1: An emergency manager has become dirty word in Michigan because of currently-suspended Public Act 4 of 2011. For school districts and cities facing deficits, an EM is the most feared of solutions. The law is a last resort that goes against our democratic process, but it's a mechanism that forces correcting problems that local officials can't (or won't).

A **YES** vote is a correct vote on Proposal 1. Without the law, troubled school districts like Detroit and local governments like Pontiac could go bankrupt and hurt all taxpayers in this state. As much as it is vilified, the emergency manager law makes accountability mandatory. Voting no leaves the causes of the financial distress unaddressed for those who continue to spend more than they take in.

Proposal 2-6: When special interest groups don't get their way, the result is seen in the ballot proposals in this November's election. That result comes at an extraordinary cost, both in terms of dollars and in terms of a potentially disastrous shift in Michigan's form of government.

If these proposals were to pass, Michigan would move from a republic, in which voters elect officials to represent them, to a form of government by referendum. The result would be paralysis of the legislative process, with officials unable to act without real or potential fear of the next move by special interest groups.

While all six proposals on the ballot are the work of special interest groups, proposals 2 through 6 would change the Michigan constitution. Government by initiative is no way to govern.

Changes to the constitution cannot be readily altered or undone, if the original change brings with it other problems. Some changes in the proposals just don't belong in the constitution, and a lot of the hype that goes with them plays fast and loose with the facts — and the sensibilities of the public.

These proposals are largely the work of special interest groups and, while offering some merit, they do not overall serve the best interest of voters, who should firmly check the NO box for each one Nov. 6.

Wayne County Charter Proposals

Wayne County voters will find five charter amendments on the ballot on Nov. 6..

They deal with removal of the county executive, pension board expansion and auditing guidelines, giving the commission rather than the executive authority to establish the form of the budget, including a line-item veto, and giving the commission authority to approve all appointee compensation. While some of the proposals have merit, they were rushed on to ballot in response to the budget scandals in the Ficano administration.

Supporters say the amendments offer increased oversight of county government. While the commission may need more oversight, the commission needs to refine it requests, hold public hearings and put proposals before voters that have been well researched and well crafted.

Until that occurs, residents should vote NO on the five proposals on the Nov. 6 ballot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to GC board

I just read the letter from GCEA president Julie Naughton. The gist of it is "if you don't agree with us, you are against us..

Proposal 2 is not in the interest of the taxpayers. The Garden City school board represents both the interests of the students and the taxpayers, whereas the GCEA represents only the teachers.

Ms. Naughton's statement "we don't support you, we don't believe in you, we don't respect you, we don't consider you professionals" because the school board does not support Prop 2 is just plain infantile. That attitude does not bode well for the citizens of Garden City. If Ms. Naughton wants to give input, than maybe the school board can give her the budget and consider any plan she has that stays within the budget.

We realize that there are many changes that the school district has to make due to economic realities, but the days of biennial mileage requests are over, thank God. It was the greed of the teachers unions and the rubber stamping of past school boards that resulted in the passage of Proposal A. Today is a new reality, and the Garden City school board knows the solution is not Prop 2. Kudos to them, from a taxpayer.

> Mark Czajka Garden City

Support Prop 3

Since 1951, The Arc Detroit has provided advocacy and support to individuals with cognitive impairments and other developmental disabilities and their families that reside in the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

As a nonprofit organization, The Arc Detroit does not support partisan candidates for elected offices, however, sometimes we find it necessary to endorse or oppose legislative and constitutional initiatives that have significant impact on our constituents and the community at large.

This year, The Arc Detroit, is encouraging a "Yes" vote on Proposition Four, "Keep Home Care A Safe Choice."

A "Yes" vote would:

• Allow seniors and persons with disabilities the choice to direct their own care while remaining healthy and independent in their own homes, instead of forcing them into expensive nursing homes or other institutions.

• Revive a registry of home care workers that allowed for screening, training and compensation for caretakers. Defunded by the state Legislature earlier this year, the registry is woefully inadequate.

• Set up a state-funded agency — the Michigan Quality Home Care Council — that would maintain the registry, allowing background checks and training of home-care workers. It would provide financial management help for patients. The registry had cost about \$500,000 year to maintain, but that was offset by \$1.1 million in savings over four years in reduced jobless benefits.

The Arc Detroit joins other disability rights and senior organizations in supporting proposal four, and encourage our member, allies, and Michiganians to join us. It is very important to insure quality home care, with properly screened and trained staff, to some of Michigan's most vulnerable citizens. Vote "Yes" on proposal four.

> Henry M. Johnson executive director The Arc Detroit

Prop 6 is poor public policy

Aside from any position regarding the bridge, Proposition 6 is objectionable because it would establish a Constitutional requirement for "approval of a majority ... in each municipality" where a bridge or tunnel would be located.

So, in the future, no matter what voters statewide decide, each of those municipalities would have veto power. Opponents to a bridge or tunnel could focus their efforts on those units, while proponents would have to campaign statewide as well as in each unit.

> Howard Young Livonia

No on Proposal 3

As a former member of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, I want to add my voice to those opposing the passage of Proposal 3 on the November ballot.

Clean, abundant, affordable energy is something we all want and, as a state and nation, we should strive for energy independence. But there are serious flaws in this renewable energy proposal that should give us all pause in Michigan, regardless of political affiliation. I refer you to the Public Sector Consultants Report, September 2012.

First and foremost is cost. If passed, Proposal 3 — which would lock a nearly unchangeable policy into the state constitution where it doesn't belong — potentially could cost families, businesses, and senior citizens at least \$12 billion over time. That's an unacceptable burden on Michigan taxpayers even in good times. For that alone it should be defeated.

Furthermore, this well-intentioned but poorly thought-out proposal could easily lead to a loss of local control for our communities as it pertains to wind turbines. Meeting the 25 percent mandate called for in the proposal could require as many as 3,100 turbines, each as tall as the state Capitol, and require nearly a half million acres of land. The odds that some of these turbines will be near people or communities that don't want them are fairly high.

Gov. Rick Snyder has pointed out that no other state has such a mandate in their constitution. There probably is a very good reason for that, and it's probably because there are far smarter ways to go about pursuing energy independence.

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Vote McCormack

On Nov. 6, I am voting for Bridget Mary McCormack for Michigan Supreme Court. McCormack is a legal educator committed to making sure everyone gets a fair shake in our courts. As dean of clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Law School, she helps victims of domestic violence and families with sick kids get the legal help they need. Having spent thousands of hours in all levels of our courts, McCormack knows what works and what doesn't, and recently received the Patriot Award for her work to improve our justice system. Don't give your ballot back until you vote McCormack.

Brittany Schulte

Livonia

Back McCormack This Election Day, I won't be a statistic. I'm voting for Bridget Mary McCormack. Each election around 25 percent of voters fail to cast a vote on the nonpartisan section of the ballot, where candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court are listed. The court affects everything from pensions and insurance to our environment and consumer protection.

McCormack, who is dean of clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Law School, where she trains law students how to be lawyers, has been endorsed by retiring Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly, the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*. She is a legal scholar and mother of four who believes everyone deserves a fair shake in our court system. On Nov. 6, I won't give my ballot back until I vote McCormack.

> Sharon Brach Livonia

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Vote for Alaniz

Vote for Gretchen Alaniz to bring large manufacturing experience to the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is a nonpartisan board with key governance and compliance roles. With more than 25 years of experience in the internal audit profession in both utilities and global manufacturing industries, Gretchen Alaniz has the needed skills in leadership, strategy development, governance, compliance and process improvement activities.

Gretchen has served the business community on the Livonia Chamber of Commerce board for the last two years and her election as a trustee would allow her to further serve by helping to communicate the needs of large industry to the educational community.

Current Schoolcraft trustees include professionals representing the legal, consulting, political and financial communities. The board needs a better balance in representing our communities with an experienced professional with the knowledge and understanding of the needs of large industry, as well as the needs of employees and former employees working in these industries.

Please vote for Gretchen Alaniz, for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees on Nov. 6.

> Amber Richards Livonia



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[:] Wayne Memorial gets spooky

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Hundreds of youngsters, their friends and families invaded Wayne Memorial High School for what has become a popular Halloween treat for the community.

For the third consecutive year, the students and staff staged their just over hour-long Zebra Spooktacular, inviting Wayne-Westland families to enter the school for Spooktacular free fun. The event was for students in eighth-grade and under who were invited to come dressed in the Halloween best.

There were haunted classrooms, a haunted forest with a witch as well as Halloween skits, cider and doughnuts and, of course, some trick-ortreating.

This is the third year the high school has hosted the Spooktacular.

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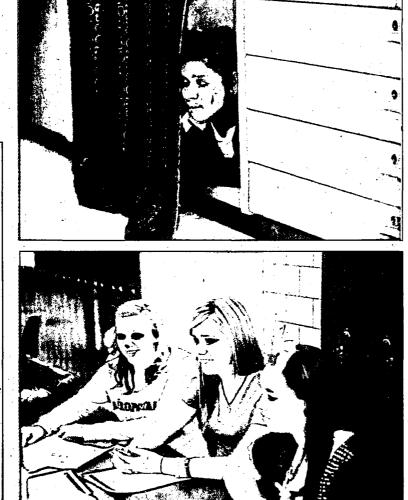
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The popular Wayne Memorial High School Spooktacular had people lined up out the door and down the street anticipating the fun they were about to have.



Eleventhgrade Wayne Memorial student, Honia Williams waits for the next person to scare in one of many haunted rooms in the school.

Wayne Memorial High School students Shanna Zahornacky, Carrinne Mullins and Megan Toms work keep kids safe by helping out at the National Alert Registry table.



Wayne Memorial School Principal Valerie Orr pushes her two-year-old son Brady through the halls while enjoying Spooktacular.

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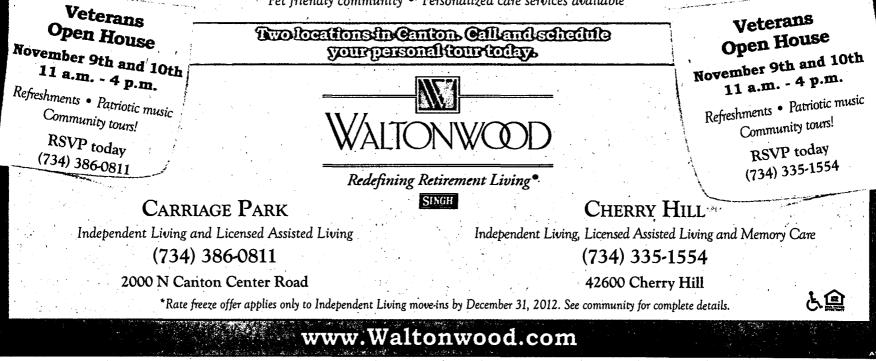
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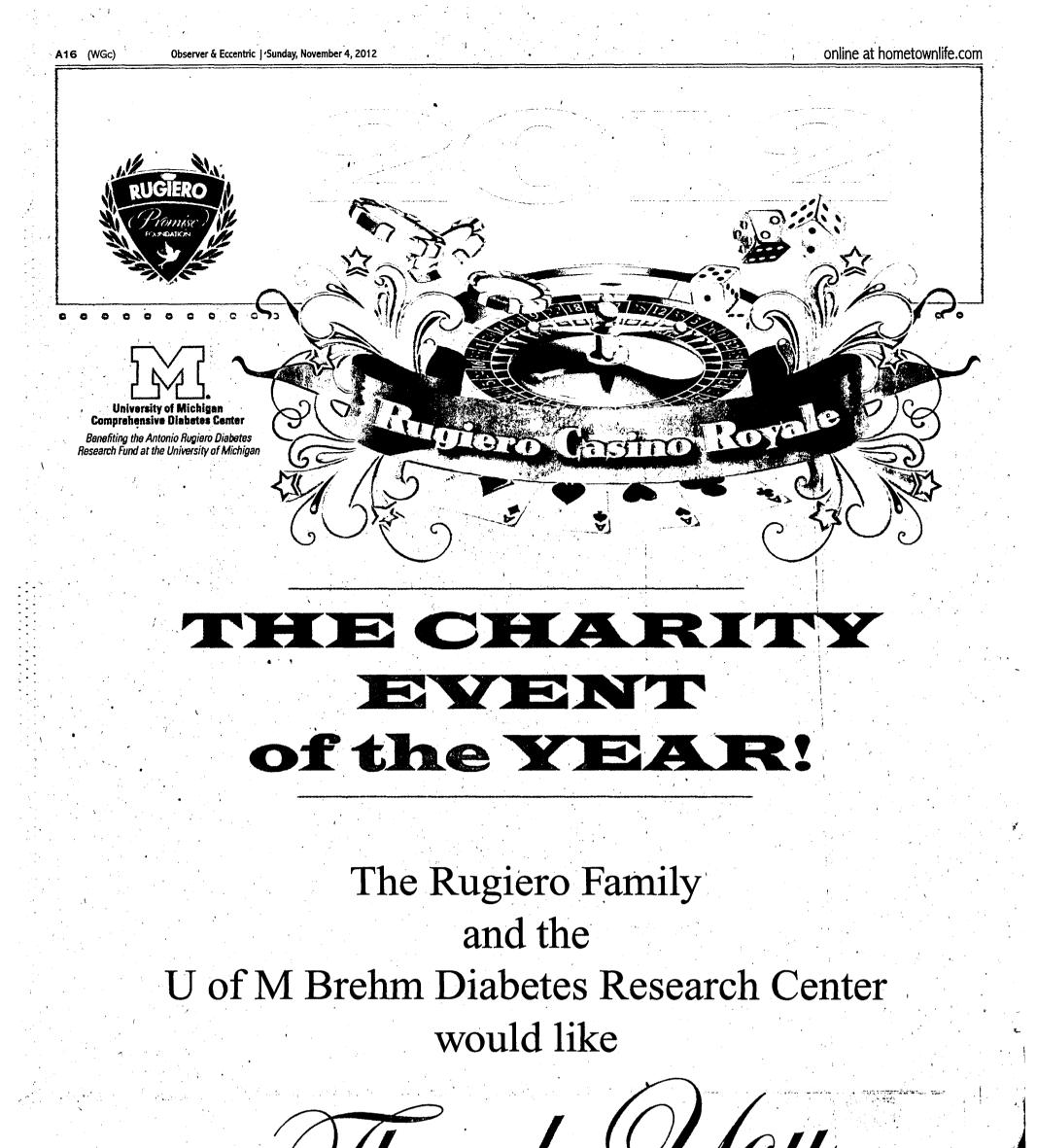
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Wildcats end Chargers' run

Churchill falls 20-14 in playoffs

> By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's most successful football season in over three decades came to a grinding halt courtesy of tournament-tested Plymouth. The Wildcats made the most of their breaks Friday night and held off a last-ditch Churchill rally to capture the District 2

title with a 20-14 victory. Plymouth, who avenged a 35-31 setback to the previously unbeaten Chargers in Week Three, will play for the Region 2 crown in Division 1 next Friday against Novi-**Detroit Catholic Central** in a rematch of the 2010 playoff when the Wildcats shocked CC, 9-7, en route to the state finals. · Plymouth held the Chargers (10-1) to their lowest output of the season and sealed the victory with 30.3 seconds left when Nate Emminger intercepted a pass after the Chargers drove down to the Wildcats' 36 in just five plays.

Churchill came into the game averaging almost 44 points per game.

"We went back to the first time we played them and we made a ton of mistakes on their zone reads, their double moves," Plymouth coach Mike

Michigan man



Churchill's Seth Suida (6) gets pressured by Plymouth tackler Kyle McMillan into a early second-quarter interception.

Sawchuk said. "I mean, they're a well coached team, a lot of athletes over there. Tons of athletes, way taller than our kids. We just went back and watched them and said we can't make the same mistakes that we made in the first game.

"And our plan was to stay off them a little bit. Make them dink and dunk us, and grind the football. We had to keep it out of their hands and we did a good job of it." The Chargers came out flying on their first possession going 69 yards in eight plays capped by Romello Brown's 1-yard touchdown run after Seth Suida hit Zach Zoltowski on a key third-down catch at the 1. Brian Alsobrooks' point-after kick made it 7-0 with 7:50 to play in the opening quarter.

The Chargers' Dwayne Scott recovered a Plymouth fumble at the Wildcats' 27, but Churchill was unable to convert the turnover as Alsobrooks' 48-yard field goal attempt came up short.

With exactly 11 minutes to go in the second quarter, Plymouth defense back Matthew Janke made a huge play when he picked off Suida near the sideline and scampered 40 yards for a TD.

"The quarterback was rolling out and I was just flowing trying to read his eyes," said Janke, a senior. "We got good pressure, forced a bad throw I just caught it ... it was just open space and my team did a great job of blocking ... green grass and found the end zone." The Wildcats then took the lead for keeps when Brenton Zuzo booted a 22yard field goal to make it 10-7 with 5:16 left in the half.

Plymouth then increased its advantage to 17-7 with just 26.6 sec-

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Lady Ocelots drop opener

A total of 29 turnovers proved costly Thursday night as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team fell in its season opener to visiting St. Clair College (Ontario), 53-49.

Ajai Meeks scored 20 points and pulled down eight rebounds in a losing cause.

Brianna Berberet and Courtney Dyer added 11 and 10 points, respectively, but shot a combined 8-of-37 from the field, including 4-of-17 from the three-point line.

St. Clair, which led 32-27 at halftime, got 19 points from Kendyl Rizea and double-doubles from Angel Russell, who had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and 10 points and 11 rebounds from Kelly Rizea.

Schoolcraft shot only 29.4 percent from the field (20-of-68), including 6-of-27 from beyond the arc (22.2 percent).

The Saints won despite 32 turnovers, but outrebounded Schoolcraft, 53-41.

MU women boot Saints

Goals by Ashley Parent (23rd minute) and Amanda Ferrick (28th minute) gave the Madonna University women's soccer team a 2-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference quarterfinal victory Wednesday at home over Siena Heights.

The Crusaders, who improved to 11-8 overall, will travel Saturday to Grand Rapids to face No. 25-ranked Davenport (16-2) in the WHAC semifinals. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

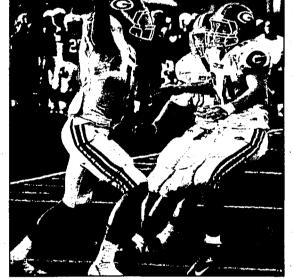
A pair of one-touch passes by Jennifer Jurcak and Liliana Serratos set up Parent's 18th goal of the season. Ferrick's fourth goal of the season came on a 35-yard free kick from 35 yards out. MU freshman goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg had a busy afternoon making nine saves to post her sixth shutout of the year.



Jerry's Night MU volleyball coach wins 1,000th, title By Tim Smith Township resident. "It allowed us to get

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Township resident. "It allowed us to get to nationals, host the conference tournament and it's really about the players. It really is."



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland John Glenn wide receiver Da'Mario Jones (left), scoring a touchdown in the season opener vs. Farmington, decided this week to change his football commitment from Central Michigan to Michigan. See story on page B4.

It was an appropriate way for Madonna University head volleyball coach Jerry Abraham to collect the 1,000th victory of his 26-year career.

Friday night at Siena Heights, the Cru-

saders made quick work of the Saints — winning 3-0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-21) to in turn enable Abraham to become the fastest to reach the coaching milestone. His record now stands at 1,000-261.

With the Wolverine-



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Hoosier Athletic Conference victory, conference champion MU also nailed down the team's first berth in the NAIA national tournament since 2008. Moreover, Madonna will host it and it will be Abraham's 12th appearance in the tourney.

"I'm not into the individual stuff but to be honest I was nervous all day long because of the magnitude of the 1,000th game," said Abraham, a Plymouth Madonna hosting the nationals will be "a big plus for our fans and our players. Everyone likes to play at home. We've got a week to get prepared and we're really excited about it."

Early jump

The opening game against Siena Heights quickly went MU's way as the Crusaders built a 15-3 lead following service runs by junior setter Evia Prieditis (five points), sophomore outside hitter Samantha Geile (three points) and sophomore libero Amanda Obrycki (four points).

"The first two sets we established the middle and were very tough in the middle if we got a good pass," Abraham said. "We felt we had a mismatch in the middle with our size and our experience. The middle really clicked in the first game."

Even so, Siena Heights (16-10, 5-6)

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Crystal Wilcoxen faced only three shots on goal as the Saints bowed out at 10-5-2 overall.

Lakers' Mira All-District

Grand Valley State University senior midfielder Alyssa Mira (Livonia Churchill), a biomedical sciences major who carries a 3.39 grade point average, was named to the Capital One Academic All-District IV first team.

Mira, the 2011 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the year, leads the first-place Lakers with nine assists as well as two goals in 19 games this season. She is a driving force of the GVSU back line that has limited opponents to just six goals this year, while notching 15 shutouts.

Barber top rookie icer

Miami University (Ohio) freshman forward Riley Barber (Livonia), who has four goals and four assists in his first six games for the 4-1-1 RedHawks, was named Central Collegiate Hockey Association Rookie of the Month.

Stevenson pulls off stunner vs. Churchill

By Ed Wright Observer Staff Writer

The earth shook twice in a matter of about 10 seconds under the Livonia Churchill gymnasium Friday night.

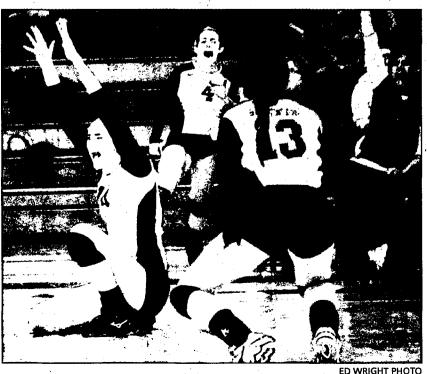
The first jolt came when Livonia Stevenson outside hitter Katie Tomasic's monstrous kill crashed onto the floor to give the Spartans an epic five-set victory over the host Chargers in a Class A district final.

The second shaking came when the Spartans poured onto the floor and piled on the junior kill-master, who was instrumental in lifting Stevenson to its second consecutive district title. Stevenson, which also eliminated Churchill from last year's tournament, will take a 27-161 record into Tuesday's 5 p.m. regional semifinal at Farmington High School against either Detroit Cass Tech or Detroit Martin Luther King — but that was the furthest thing from Stevenson senior Annie MacDonald's mind as she soaked in the incredible triumph with her teammates.

"This feels awesome," Mac-Donald said, as tears of joy welled up in her eyes. "I was out until early October because I broke my foot. Honestly, I wasn't expecting to be able to play this season, so to be a part of this...I'm just so excited, so happy."

How did MacDonald react once she saw Tomasic's match-

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Livonia Stevenson's Kelly Tomasic rejoices after the Spartans nailed down the final point in the fourth set to force a fifth set against Livonia Churchill Friday night.

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Wayne completes sweep of Rockets

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

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The fourth time also proved to be a charm for the Wayne Memorial girls volleyball team in Friday's Class A district final at Romulus.

The Zebras used a bal-

anced hitting attack to beat rival Westland John Glenn for the fourth time this season, 25-19, 25-14, 25-22, and repeat as district champs.

Wayne, 18-22-4 overall, will play Tuesday at Temperance Bedford in the regional semifinals against

the winner of the district final between Allen Park and Dearborn. (Game time is 7:30 p.m.)

Senior Katie Horton paced Wayne's attack with

11 kills, six blocks and 15 digs. Other key perform-ers included Deja Tam-

lin (six kills, four blocks); Karley Burford (six kills, three blocks); Ashley Carev (four kills, four aces,

nine digs); Crystal Fletcher (eight digs); and Samantha Hershey (14 assist-tokills).

Senior setter Claire Truskowski led Glenn (13-29-3) with 16 assists. "Our goal was to prepare for her and not let her

trick us because everything revolves around her," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said of the Glenn senior. "We had to adjust

to that and stick with our basic plays and I thought we did a good job of that." Hannah Staples had a team-high six kills for the Rockets, while Kelly Epperson added two aces. Bri Robinson and Staples

each had six digs. It was the final match for three Glenn seniors including Truskowski, Emily McNally and Caity Lenard.

"Tonight's match was a tough loss for us," Glenn first-year coach Krista DePoy said. " It was especially tough for our three seniors who played very well tonight and will be missed next season.

"But we're looking forward. We're a very young varsity team and I am excited about what the future holds for this amazing group of girls."

VOLLEY

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ending kill find its target? "Oh my God, I lost all my muscles," she said, smiling. "I just fell to the ground. I'm so proud of every one of my teammates. I couldn't ask for a better team."

Watching Friday's match was not advisable for the weak of heart.

The tension started to build in Stevenson's opening-set 27-25 victory and got thicker as the match wore on.

Churchill seemed to regain control of the contest after storming back to win sets two and three, 25-13 and 25-16, but the Spartans survived to win a fourth-set classic, 29-27, to force the fifth frame.

Churchill (44-9-2) appeared on the brink of a title when it momentarily led the fourth set 24-22 following an Emily Norscia termination. However, the officials ruled the point needed to be replayed when the sideline referee said his view was obscured on the play.

Stevenson capitalized must-win set at 23-all on a

came three match points to

Not surprisingly, the fifth set was tighter than a can of sardines as neither team point until Stevenson's Holly Mossoian ripped an ace

sic ended the match with a Chargers' collective heart.



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Blazers fall short in 'B' district final Livonia Ladywood appeared well on its way to earning a spot in Tuesday's Class B girls volleyball regionals. The Blazers took the first two sets in

Friday's district final against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at South Lyon East, but the Fighting Irish stormed back in the final three sets to earn a 23-25, 29-31, 25-23, 25-16, 15-11 triumph.

The third set proved to be a momentum changer after the Blazers lost a critical line call, which could have set up match point.

"We still could have closed out the match by getting the final two points," said Ladywood coach Erin Craggs, whose team finished 22-18 overall. "They (Gabriel Richard) took over and played well. We got a little complacent and thought we had it wrapped up instead of putting the pedal down."

Senior middle hitter Olivia Ouinn had a team-high 19 kills in the loss, while fellow senior Allie Malick added seven.

Senior setter Hayley Jury finished with 26 assist-to-kills, while sophomore Izzy Porada paced the defense with 29 digs.

Gabriel Richard (14-10-1) advances to the regional semifinal beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ladywood against Dearborn Divine Child.

In Thursday's semifinal, Quinn racked up 14 kills and sophomore Izzy Porada

came up with 23 digs to lead the Blazers to a 25-14, 25-16, 25-22 victory over host South Lyon East.

Freshman Lindsey Wagner added four aces and four kills as the Blazers improved to 22-17 overall.

Trojans ousted

In the other semifinal Thursday, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard ousted Livonia Clarenceville in straight sets, 25-19, 27-25, 25-19.

Ayanna Buckley had 10 kills, while setter Nicole Kurdziel added 15 assists as the Trojans bowed out with a 22-21-4 overall record.

We struggled tonight with service receive and just shutting down the offense of Gabriel Richard," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "They were putting the ball where we weren't and we weren't getting good touches on the blocks like usual. We had some really good moments in the second set just couldn't hold the lead."

Kelsey Griffin ran down an attack and made a key defensive save for the Trojans in the second set to knot the count at 25-all, but the Fighting Irish won the next two points to go up 2-0.

Other leaders for Clarenceville included Ashley Murphy (six kills); Jodi Ankiel (five kills) and Tonya Vernier (three aces).



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Churchill too tall an order for Garden City

By Ed Wright Observer Staff Writer

The offensive attack generated by Livonia Churchill's volleyball team Thursday night resembled a meteor shower during extended stretches of its Class A district semifinal match against Garden City.

Launching most of the meteors were seniors Emily Norscia, who did her damage from the outside, and Marissa Pomaville, who riddled the Cougars' defense with quick-strike terminations from the middle.

Despite a valiant effort by Garden City's trio of senior standouts - Cayla Bone, Minta Whitaker and Julene Pummill – and junior libero Kennedy Gossett, Churchill advanced to Friday's district final against Livonia Stevenson with a 25-17, 25-14, 25-15 triumph on its home court.

The Chargers will carry a sparkling 44-8-2 record into Friday's final rematch against Livonia Stevenson, which sidelined Churchill in last fall's district tournament.

"We came out with a lot of energy — we're kind of on a mission," said **Churchill coach Mark** Grenier. "We're hoping to do a little bit better than we did last year."

The 6-foot-1 Pomaville threw down 18 kills, while Norscia finished with 15.

"There's no secret what we do," Grenier said, alluding to his team's onetwo punch. "If you can stop it, you're better than us. When you have talented kids like Emily and Marissa, you keep going to them. They haven't disappointed us all year."

The Cougars made the Chargers work for most of their points.

During one third-set," rally, Norscia ripped a pair of back-to-back



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Churchill's Casey Bias receives the serve during Thursday's Class A district semifinal against Garden City.

lasers that Gossett managed to separate from the floor.

However, given a third try, the 6-foot Norscia terminated the point with a floor-denting fireball.

'We knew coming in that Churchill was a very physical team and that we'd have to bear down defensively to try and stop them," said Garden City head coach John Pace, whose team finished 20-21-1. "I thought we did a good job most of the night — especially in the third set — but the pounding they do eventually takes its toll."

Bone finished with eight kills, while Whitaker added five.

The Chargers took command of the first set early with a 7-1 spurt that pushed a four-point lead to 16-6. Kathryn Chartrand served five of the points while Courtney Pietruszka and Pomaville contributed two kills a studing 21 assists. piece. Garden City was com-

petitive for most of game three and trailed just 13-7 after Whitaker followed a pair of exceptional digs by Pummill with a pointearning tip.

However, a batch of self-inflicted errors and a couple non-returnable hits by Norscia and Rayna Yetts lifted the Chargers to a 25-14 win.

Churchill never trailed in the third stanza after gaining a 3-2 lead.

Chartrand orchestrated the Chargers' offense like a maestro, netting 29 assists. Defensively, the Chargers were led by Julia Szuba and Krystyn Niescier, who combined for 24 digs.

"Garden City is a tough, competitive team; they never give up," Grenier said. "I really admire their tenacity.

Gossett paced the Cougars with 22 digs. Pummill also shined in her final prep match, distrib-

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No rust at all Stevenson sharp after long layoff

By Ed Wright Observer Staff Writer

With the precision of a surgeon, Livonia Stevenson's volleyball team stitched up Redford Thurston's season Thursday night in a Class A district semifinal mismatch played at Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans (26-16-1) made short work of the Eagles, rolling to a 25-7, 25-8, 25-11 victory in a contest that lasted just 50 minutes.

Stevenson's most proficient operator was 6-foot-1 junior outside hitter Katie Tomasic, who tomahawked home a teamhigh 15 kills.

Senior setter Allie Koestering dished out 11 assists for the winners while Tomasic displayed her versatility with five helpers.

The Spartans shook off the rust from a nearly two-week layoff quickly and - following a couple early hiccups - looked as solid as stainless steel for most of the night, controlling the tempo as well the scoreboard.

"When you have a two-week break like we've had, you never know what to expect because it's practice, practice, practice you miss that competition," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham. "But I thought that once the girls got the rust off, they played well."

The Spartans advanced to Friday's final against host Livonia Churchill.

The two teams match up really well with one another, so it should be quite a battle," said Graham of Friday's match. "We played them in the finals of our team camp in July and in the conference tournament we split with them once and lost 15-11 in the third set in the first round of the playoffs. Both teams are very equal." Thurston led for a total of less than a

minute the entire match after netting the opening points in sets one and two.

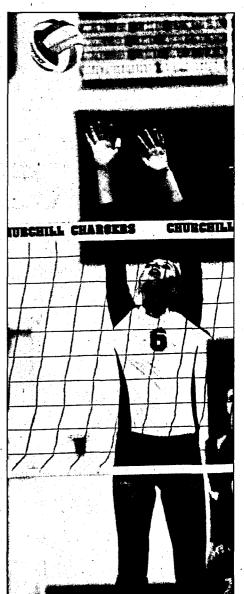
Eagles head coach Scott Gray lamented his team's inability to get anything rolling Thursday night --- and throughout the course of the season.

"It was a frustrating season because I don't think the team ever played up to its potential for an entire match," said Gray, whose team finished 3-13. "We didn't 110 percent for an entire match. If they would have, there's no telling what this team may have been capable of.

We knew it would be difficult tonight because Stevenson is very good. We struggled with our passing again, just like we've done all season. When you give a team like Stevenson an easy free ball, you can count on them turning it into a kill."

Stevenson bolted to an 11-3 lead in the opening stanza thanks to a string of ear 2014 in set three. Thurston's only three-point ly kills from Tomasic and Abigail Whitehead - and a seven-point service run by Whitehead that included five aces.

Stevenson senior defensive specialist Annie MacDonald put the first set on ice



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Stevenson's Taylor McLaud (6) goes high for the block attempt in Thursday's Class A district semifinal against Redford Thurston.

Thurston was competitive for a while in set two and trailed just 6-4 after Ariele Paris knocked down a kill. Sarah Baker made the defensive play of the night for the Eagles four points early when she hit the floor to dig out a well-struck ball.

Bolstered by back-to-back kills by junior middle Amanda Hawkins, the Spartans quickly re-established momentum before rolling to a 17-point win. Koesterling served for the final six points, which featured a set-ending block and kill by Tomasic.

Stevenson never looked back after pulling out to an 8-0 lead in the blink of an eye run came in the match's waning moments when Ariana Gregory chipped in with a kill and an ace in consecutive points.

Tomasic put an exclamation point on the final with three straight kills.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS CLASS A

at FARMINGTON Tuesday, Nov. 6: Livonia Stevenson vs. Detroit Cass Tech-Detroit King district winner. 5 p.m.; Farmington Hills Mercy vs. Berkley-Royal Oak district winner, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Win-ner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. **Temperance Bedford regional** champion.)

at TEMPERANCE BEDFORD Tuesday, Nov. 6: Saline-**Temperance Bedford district** winner vs. Gibraltar Carlson-Woodhaven district winner. 5:30 p.m.; Wayne Memorial vs. Allen Park-Dearborn district winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m.Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. Farmington regional champion.

CLASS B at LIVONIA LADYWOOD Tuesday, Nov. 6: Carleton Airport-Tecumseh district winner vs. Flat Rock-New Boston Huron district winner, 5:30 p.m.; Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 7 p.m.

, Thursday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center vs. Corunna regional champion.) CLASS D

at BELLEVUE Tuesday, Nov. 6: Taylor

Baptist Park-Newport Lutheran South district winner vs. Saline Washtenaw Christian-Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner district champion, 6 p.m.; Bellevue vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner adavnces to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Litchfield vs. Mendon regional champion.)

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Wednesday, Nov. 7 Mt. Vernon at MU, 7:30 p.m.

WSU Club at S'craft, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 Glen Oaks at S'craft, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Wednesday, Nov. 7 Mid-Mich. at S'craft, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 MU at Bowling Green, 1 p.m. Glen Oaks at S'craft, 1 p.m.

for the Spartans when served the final seven points, three of which were aces.

Schuba's 40 leads MU to victory

Madonna University guard Travis Schuba was on fire Friday night in the opening round of the Papa John's Tip-Off Classic hosted by Purdue University-Calumet.

The junior scorched the nets for a gamehigh 40 points, including 11-of-14 from three-point range, to lead the Crusaders to a season-opening 95-64 men's basketball victory over Indiana University-Northwest.

Eoghann Stephens added 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Jordan Short came off the bench to score 10 for the Crusaders, who shot 55.6 percent from the floor.

Junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) also dished out 12 assist.

Brandon Grubl and Devin Ellis tallied 11 and 10 points, respectively, for IU-Northwest (1-1).

S'CRAFT 77, ST. CLAIR 59: Sophomore guard Richmond Jackson's game-high 25 points catapulted the Schoolcraft College (1-0) to a season-opening triumph Thursday at home over St. Clair College (0-1).

Jackson, a 6-foot-4 guard from Detroit Mum-ford, made 11-of-19 shots from the field along with 3-of-3 free throws for the Ocelots, who pulled away in the second half after leading 33-27 at intermission.

Freshman guard Jonathan Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) came off the bench to added 15 points, including three-of-four from three-point range, Terrel Sewell (Canton) also contributed nine points and six rebounds (tied with Damon Graham).

Marathon victory: Wayne goes limit to beat Romulus

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial had to dig down deep Thursday night - and then some - to remain alive in the Class A state girls volleyball tournament.

The Zebras, behind their wounded star Katie Horton, found enough in reserve to pull out a gruelling five-set match over host Romulus, 19-25, 32-30, 26-24, 24-26, 18-16, in the district semifinals.

Wayne(17-22-4) faced rival Westland John Glenn (13-28-3) for the fourth time this season for the district championship. (See related story.)

Horton, the 6-foot-1 senior headed to Ohio University, wasn't clearly her dominating self, but still finished with a teamhigh 20 kills, eight blocks and 25 digs in the 2-hour and 10-minute match.

Horton exited briefly in the fourth set when the host Eagles rallied from an 18-11 deficit with a 15-7 run to twin 26-24 and force a fifth-and deciding set.

"Her wrist has been bothering her for a couple of weeks now," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "We got it checked out by the doctors and it was a sprain. We've just been kind of taping it up and waiting until the end of the season. She wanted to finish the season out. It's her senior year, she's been playing strong for us and workannadeal valent inda

ing through the pain basically.

"Her calves cramped up the fourth set. We called a timeout to get her stretched out. She was cramping really bad, but she stuck it out for the team and she's a heckuva player. She went in there and did her job. It was good."

Things, however, did not look good for the Zebras in the fifth set.

Despite jumping out to a 6-3 advantage, Wayne fell behind 13-9 and staved off two match points to pull out the victory getting a key block from junior Deja Tamlin (five kills, six blocks) when the Zebras trailed 16-15.

"We went through a five-set match last year with Romulus in the finals, but this was like intense," Dye said. "Look at the second set (30-32), look at the scores. It was crazy. Everyone's adrenalin was pumping. I just kept telling the girls, 'Calm down, calm down, take a deep breath,' and focus on 'you guys' and don't worry about the fans. It was a great game."

Other leaders for the Zebras included Samantha Hershey (18 assists, eight digs); Ashley Carey (nine digs); Crystal Fletcher (six digs); and Paige Chalmers (five kills). Romulus got a match-best 23 kills from senior outside hitter Macee Logerstedt, along with 12 kills and nine blocks (all during the first two sets) from 6-foot senior

Maya Davis.

Senior outside hitter Ajsha Davie also contributed 13 kills.

"Number 14 (Davis) was our number one priority," Dye said. "We came to the match Tuesday (versus Belleville). We scouted her. We knew she got set the most. She's tall, she's got the reach, so we had to change a couple of things. We tried putting Katie outside the second set, get her the higher sets so she could hit over number 14, and it seemed to help."

Romulus, which lost to Wayne in last year's district final, posted a 7-1 record this fall in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division to share the title with Dearborn.

"I think what cost us was that we weren't committed to the play fully when it took to finishing it out at critical moments,' Romulus coach Carol Logerstedt said. "We tried to push as many points as we could with her (Horton) in the back row because if we could get that run going, we could essentially stay on top.'

Meanwhile, Glenn is laying in the weeds after cruising in Thursday's semifinal against Taylor Truman, 25-9, 25-17, 25-16.

Senior setter Claire Truskowski had a big night with 28 assists and five aces.

Junior Hannah Staples paced the Rockets' offense with nine kills, while Caity Lenard led the defense with nine digs.

MU spikers gobble up Warriors in 3

On a Halloween night where the Madonna University women's volleyball team honored its 2012 senior class, the No. 16-ranked Crusaders swept visiting Indiana Tech, 25-21, 25-22, 25-18, Wednesday at the MU Activities Center.

The team's two seniors, Nastija Baranovska (Riga, Latvia) and Taylor Dziewit (Almont), were honored in a pre-match ceremony for their dedication to the Madonna program.

Junior outside Stacey Catalano paced first-place MU, which improved to 24-10 overall and 9-1 in the WHAC, with 10 kills.

Sophomore outside Samantha Geile added seven kills, while Dziewit and junior middle Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) both added six.

Baranovska also five kills and five block-assists, while junior setter Evia Prieditis finished with 32 assist-to-kills.

Samantha Geile led MU's defensive with 12 digs, while Catalano and Ashley Hulbert contributed 11 and 10, respectively. Amanda Obrycki chipped in with nine.

LOCAL SPORTS

COLLEGE HOOPS Local talent buoys SC men's hoops

By Ed Wright **Observer Staff Writer**

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Basketball fans who have enjoyed watching the Kensington Lakes Activities Association the past couple of seasons will get a kick out of this year's Schoolcraft College men's hoops team. Six members of the Ocelot's 15player roster polished their precollegiate skills in the KLAA, including two sets of former teammates: Livonia Stevenson's Jonathan Campbell and Kyle Bambach; and Salem's Grantham Bettner and Zinoviy Pelekh.

Rounding out the KLAA portion of the roster are Wayne Memorial's Marcus Williams and Canton's Terrel Sewell.

What the Ocelots lack in size their tallest player is the 6-foot-6 Sewell — they should make up for in athleticism and hustle

Head coach Randy Henry's lone returner from last season's 19-12 squad is sophomore forward Richmond Jackson, a 6-4 product of Detroit Mumford.

'With 14 new players, we'll use the first 10 games or so to figure out who is going to be in the rotation," Henry said. "We're not the biggest team out there, but we

have a few jumping jacks who can go get the ball. Defenders will have to stay on

their toes to keep up with the Ocelots. 'We run a dribble-drive

offense, which Oakland University uses," Henry said. "It allows guys to use their athleticism.'

Jackson will not only start for SC, he'll lead, after being selected to serve as the team's captain.

"He really came on strong toward the end of last season and averaged double-digits the last six or seven games," Henry said. Richmond is going to be a big part of our program this year.

Also starting for SC — at least initially, Henry emphasized will be Sewell, a 6-6 sky walker; Jordan Eastman, a 5-9 guard from Detroit Allen Academy; Joniero "Jo Jo" Bryant, a 6-3 swingman from Detroit Grayson; and Bettner, a sweet-shooting 5-11 guard from Salem.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Bryant has traveled the furthest to join the Ocelots.

"He's a good player," Henry said of Bryant. "It's hard to get kids here from out of state, but he's going to live with an uncle who lives in the area.'

Ex-Spartans Campbell and Bambach have taken the shortest path to Schoolcraft — something Henry hopes to use to bolster his team's following.

"I'd like to set up some kind of 'Livonia Stevenson Night', when we can invite their band and cheerleaders over to a game," Henry said. "Both Jonathan and Kyle are good kids and good players, so they'll definitely add something to our team."

Others who will be attempting to work their way into the mix are 6-4 center Terrance Cole, a freshman from Redford Thurston, Chris Brown, a 6-1 guard from Bloomfield Hills Lahser: and 6-4 Nicholas Redmond, who prepped at Detroit Plymouth Prep.

Guards Delandon Laye (6-2), Salah Alawgari (6-3) and Damon Graham (6-1) give the Ocelots plenty of back-court depth.

"We have a lot of kids with good upsides," Henry said. "We'll find out what combination of guys works together the best during the first 10 games, then we'll settle on a rotation before our league schedule starts in January."

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District crown HVL turns tables on rival Warriors

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

History was made Friday night as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran earned its first-ever Class D district volleyball crown with a 25-22, 25-21, 27-25 win over neighbor Lutheran High Westland.

The Hawks, now 33-17-5 overall, move on to the regional semifinals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night against host Bellevue.

HVL had lost three previous meetings this season against the Warriors, but came up big in the district final, especially . junior Lexus Medina, who finished with a matchhigh 17 kills.

Other key performances were turned in by Mad(10 kills, four digs, three blocks); Anne St. John (40 assists); Julie St. John and Stephanie Schaffer (four digs apiece).

"We had a good game plan going in and we executed it," HVL coach Mike Dest said. "We did not make many unforced errors. We served well and did well on serve receive. We played well all the way around. it was a good team effort."

Lutheran High Westland (24-17-5) got nine kills from Alissa Flury and eight from Aldreanna Fikes.

Leah Refenes and Sam Roberts contributed seven and five, respectively.

Julia Yancy and Fikes had 18 and 12 digs, respectively, while Chandler Davenport added

Valley," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "They played to near perfection and we didn't. They were the better team tonight. We made too many mistakes, which they took advantage off.

"It is hard to beat a team four times in a season. It's is just unfortunate our loss had to come tonight. It was back-and-forth all night and I couldn't have asked for a better team effort."

Semifinal wins

Both Lutheran Westland and HVL had no problem holding serve in Thursday's district semifinal double-header.

Flury had eight solo blocks and seven kills as the Warriors scored a 25-17, 25-9, 25-13 win in the opener over Southfield Christian.

Roberts and Refenes contributed six and five kills, respectively, for the Warriors.

Setters Shannon Abbott and Refenes each collected 10 assist-to-kills, while Yancy and Fikes paced the defense with 16 and 12 digs, respectively.

Yancy and Refenes also combined for 45-of-46 serving with five aces.

Meanwhile, HVL got nine kills, nine aces and 12 digs from Dest to win nightcap over Novi Franklin Road Christian, 25-8, 25-16, 25-9.

HVL also got 13 kills from Medina and 26 assists from setter Anne St. John.

Schroeder also contributed with seven kills, four digs and two blocks, while Julie St. John served sev-

Keeping up with Jones Glenn WR changes mind, now it's U-M

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Da'Mario Jones has lived in three different states, including Ohio when he was in the middle of Buckeye country.

"But I've always been a Michigan guy, even when I was surrounded by all those Ohio State fans," said the Westland John Glenn wide receiver, who changed his commitment Wednesday from Central Michigan University to the University of Michigan after receiving a scholarship offer from U-M head coach Brady Hoke.

"Once I found out that I'd have the opportunity, I told them that 'I'd be honored,' " said the 6-foot-2, 195-pound Jones, who is the 23rd member of U-M's recruiting class.

Jones, whose uncle Odis Jones played linebacker and lettered for the Chippewas from 1992-94, first had to call CMU assistant coach Vinson Reynolds to tell him of his change of mind.

"I told him I was decommitting and he said, 'Good luck at Michigan,' " DaMario Jones said.

Jones said he took unofficial visits to Ohio State, Michigan State, Tennessee and Michigan, while also reportedly receiving scholarship offers from Mid-American Conference schools Toledo, Bowling Green and CMU.

Jones, who has been clocked 4.47 seconds in the 40-yard dash, played his first two seasons at Montgomery H.S. in Skillman, N.J., just down the road from Princeton.

"It's dead smack in the middle of the hurricane

and scored seven touchdowns. He caught 15 passes for 246 yards as the Rockets finished 4-5 overall.

Jones' production increased his senior year with 1,067 total vards including 437 yards rushing (16.2 per carry), 362 yards receiving (on 17 receptions) and 268 yards on kickoff returns (21.3 average).

Jones scored a total of nine TDs as Glenn rebounded from an 0-6 hole to finish 3-6 in 2012.

'It was a little frustrating from the start, but you just have to keep chugging along, get ready for the next week and do the best you can do," Jones said. "And when they call my play, run it to the best of my ability."

Jones' versatility may also be a plus when he arrives next fall in Ann Arbor.

"I've played quarterback, running back, wide receiver, strong safety and cornerback - allaround," Jones said.

On the defensive side of the ball this season, Jones had two interceptions and one fumble recovery (for a TD). He finished with 11 solo tackles and 16 assists.

"I like to stick my head in and make big hits,' Jones said, "and not let my guy get the ball and try, and lock him up."

Jones said he earned a 4.0 grade-point average on his last card marking and carries a 3.2 gradepoint average. He plans to study either business or finance, or perhaps get into sport management.

"I just liked the whole atmosphere (at U-M), the academics and the how close they are as a football family," said Jones, who plans to sign a binding NCAA letter-of-intent in February. "They welcomed me with open arms. It's also close to home and it's just the right atmosphere for me."

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(Sandy)," Jones said. "I still talk to my old coach and a few friends. Their houses are flooded."

Jones arrived at Glenn as a much heralded transfer, but his offensive numbers didn't reflect his potential talent.

As a junior, Jones had 643 all-purpose yards

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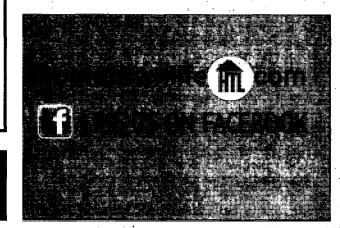
The most common arthritis is osteoarthritis of the hands. The hand joints are enlarged, but unlike rheumatoid arthritis of the hands, the knuckles are not swollen. The enlargement comes from the irregular rim of calcium that forms around the edges of the finger joints.

A hand with changes of osteoarthritis can function well as to grasping, doing fine work such as typing, buttoning shirts or working with the hands in daily work. The medical profession looks on osteoarthritis of the hands as a benign condition, and labels it as non-inflammatory requiring little medical attention. If discomfort or aching occurs, the physician's recommendation is to take acetaminophen or heat in the form of paraffin wax baths.

In life, osteoarthritis of the hands does not behave in such a mild manner. Attacks of pain in one or more knuckles can begin spontaneously and linger. Physicians cannot fully explain why these flares occur, but irritation to surrounding tissues by the buildup of calcium around the joint likely plays a role.

The problem is how to treat? The pain is unlikely to lessen using heat, acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Dosing with steroids will bring relief, but that resolution lasts only as long as a daily dose of steroids continues. Injection of cortisone may bring relief, but finger joints are small and accurate injection by the physician is a difficult achievement.

Fortunately, flares are self-limited, usually lasting three to four days, and then resolve. Furthermore, the painful episodes rarely return; it is as if the experience taught the body how to respond.



ABRAHAM

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put up a tougher battle in the middle set. It was 16-15 in favor of the Saints when Prieditis tallied a sideout slam for the Crusaders, off a feed from Geile. Two service points by junior outside hitter Stacey Catalano - both thanks to blocks by senior middle hitter Nastija Baranovska - gave MU the lead and Siena Heights could not respond.

Madonna (30-7 overall, 10-1 in the WHAC) also had to rally to finish off the third game, trailing nearly the entire way. Siena Heights built an 18-12 edge only to finally get caught 21-21 on a Saints' attack error.

Siena Heights regained the lead (23-22) but MU senior Taylor Dziewit tallied a kill off an assist from Prieditis to get the equalizer. The Crusaders then pulled ahead and clinched the game and match on two points served up by Geile, with attack errors by Siena Heights players each time.

Sparking the MU offense was Geile, with 11 kills. She chipped in with six defensive digs.

Other contributors for the Crusaders included Catalano, Baranovska, Dziewit and junior middle hitter Emilee Freeman (six kills each) and Prieditis (32 assists). Helping the cause with 12 digs was

Obrycki, while Catalano and Geile tallied seven and six digs, respectively. For Siena Heights, Halie Baker (11

kills), Lindsey Adams (10 kills, 10 digs) and Carly Tillotson (25 assists, nine digs) were top performers.

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Madonna University's volleyball team celebrates with head coach Jerry Abraham (far right) after he won the 1,000th game of his career Friday night at Siena Heights.

CHURCHILL

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onds left in the half on a 25-yard TD pass from quarterback Jamarl Eiland to Conner Stella. (Bobby Deeg converted the PAT.)

But the TD was made possible when tight end Gage Fassbender caught a ball that was tipped at the line of scrimmage for a critical 14-yard gain and a first down.

With 9:11 to play in the third period, Scott forced a Plymouth fumble and Charlie Yost recovered it on his own 13.

Following a Zuzo 47yard field goal with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter to increase the Wildcats' lead to 20-7, Churchill's high-powered attack offense didn't get on the board again until there was 7:33 remaining. That's when the 246pound Brown, who had 25 carries 141 yards, rambled in from 21 yards out to cut the deficit to 20-14 (following Alsobrooks' PAT).

'We were where we were supposed to be, we were playing hard and got stops when we needed to," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "We had timely turnovers to keep it close and give ourselves a chance to win at the end."

Plymouth, backed up on its own 20 following Churchill's second TD, seemed to be on its heels. But the Wildcats got a pair of key first down runs from Eiland, who finished the night with 147 yards on 22 carries.

None was more critical than his 18-yard endaround on third-and-nine with 5:22 left.

"He's a heckuva player (Eiland)," Sawchuk said. "I didn't like the turnovers. It gave me a couple of more grey hairs, but hey, the kids, after a shaky first quarter, they settled down and I love'em for it. They did good job.'

Churchill did force the Wildcats to punt late, but simply ran out of clock after burning its three remaining timeouts.

Sawchuk said the 'Pick Six' by Janke was huge. "A defensive score

against this (Churchill) team ... I take a defensive score any day," he said. "My coaches have done such a great job all year game planning, and I can't be more proud of them.

Suida was 14-of-25 for 168 yards, but was picked off twice after throwing just two interceptions all season.

'It's just fundamentals," Janke said. "You've got to read your reads. play as a team. You can't try and do other peoples' jobs. You've got to focus on your job and that's the key to victory because they have a lot of weapons."

Churchill lost despite outgaining the Wildcats in total yards, 322-280.

"We've had some games where they've gone our way, too, so if you're counting on breaks to win the games, it's not exactly how we approach it," Filiatraut said. "I thought our kids played really, really hard and they hung in there the whole way. It comes down to - can you get a couple more stops? Can you save a timeout? Can you get one more play to break a tackle and get into the end zone? Everywhere. It was a very close game all the way across the board."

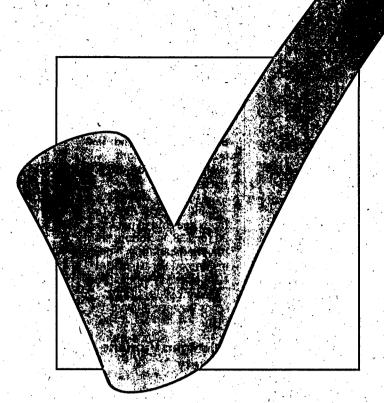
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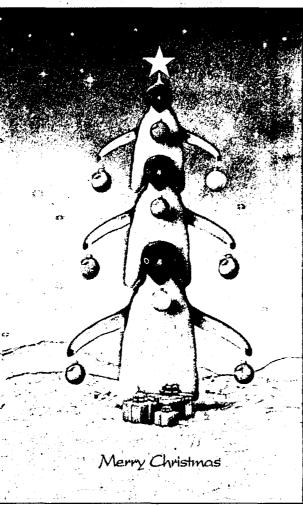
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Proceeds from cards sold by Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia, will help it place braille books into the hands of visually impaired children locally and around the world.

We have over 1,200 titles," said Vicky Opie, community outreach coordinator for Seedlings. "It's a range from classics to best sellers." Seedlings offers both holiday greeting cards and tribute cards this season

The organization offers two sizes of holiday cards, created by **Pumpernickel Press and** priced at \$18 per box of 16 large cards and \$10 per box of 10 smaller cards. All designs are fine art embossed cards, made from premium grade, environment friendly recycled paper. They're available from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Seedlings office, 14151 Farmington Road. Call (734) 427-8552 for directions and more information. Find all card designs online at www. seedlings.org/donate.php.

Tribute cards cost \$10 and are "wonderful gifts from the heart," Opie said. "We sell a lot of them because they make



Oh Penguin Tree is among Seedlings Braille Books for Children's holiday cards.

lv fun.'

she described the charms

that sport words writing

in braille. "They are real

Here's a sampling of

other nonprofits that offer holiday cards:

Forgotten Harvest

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cards, designed by Matt

Royal Oak, along with one

of last year's best sellers.

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The organization, which

such nice gifts at the holiday."

The recipient receives a card that says a braille book has been inscribed in their honor.

In addition to holiday cards and tribute cards, the organization also will sell sterling silver and bronze "affirmation charms" and other items at the Alternative Christmas Fair, Saturday, Nov. 10 at Hope Lutheran Church, 39300 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. "Everyone loves them. They are really unique,"



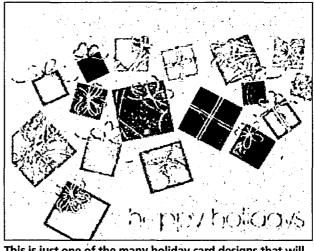
COMMUNITY LIFE

on a blue background is one of four designs available from Forgotten Harvest.

Holiday cards and envelopes are sold in packs of 20 for \$28, including shipping and handling. The organization also offers a tribute card that costs \$5. Order cards online at www.forgottenharvest. org

Michigan Humane Society

The animal welfare organization operates shelters in West-



This is just one of the many holiday card designs that will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

land, Rochester Hills and Detroit, and offers veterinary services, cruelty investigation, emergency rescue and humane education. It is selling one new card design in either red or blue this year. A box of 15 cards costs \$12.95. Cards begin to ship on Nov. 12. Visit www.shopmichiganhumane.org.

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute

Five card designs are available with a variety of greetings. Orders must be placed by Nov. 15. Prices vary from \$2.60 per card to \$1.80 per card, depending on the quantity ordered. Visit www.karmanos.org to view designs and download an order form.

Dawn Farm The Ypsilanti-based nonprofit assists addicts and alcoholics in achieving long-term recovery. It offers residential treatment, detoxification and many other services.



The Michigan Humane Society offers this holiday card in red or blue.

Holiday cards feature a woodcut drawing of either a menorah, Santa with gifts, Santa with "Seasons Greetings," or a Christmas tree. A package of 10 cards costs \$5. To order, visit www.dawnfarm.org.shop or call (734) 485-8725.



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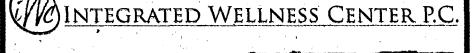
This event is for Veterans, their Family Members and Caregivers.

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Bowling event



Darma the dog was among the "alumni" pets - those that have received services through Tail Wagger's 1990 — at a previous Tail Wagger's Bowl.

Tail Wagger's reaches out to pet population

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Less than a year after moving into its new office in Livonia, Tail Wagger's 1990 is poised to expand both services and elbow room.

"This year what we're going to focus on a lot is the opening of our spay and neuter and wellness center," said Laura Zain, Tail Wagger's 1990 founder.

Plans are under way to lease office space a few doors down from the group's current location at 28402 Five Mile.

"We already went to the planning and zoning guys and got approved by them with flying colors. We're opening this facility so we can make an impact in pet overpopulation ... target families with multiple pets. If we can get the spay and neuter center open in the Spring, we can get

a jumpstart on kitty sea-

The organization currently offers low-cost spay and neuter through local veterinarians. Zain said those partnerships will continue even after the new center opens. "Our demand is so

high," she explained. "We can get things done more efficiently and quickly if . we jump in."

She said the new facility will enable Tail Wagger's 1990 to control its own pricing for spay and neuter services, enabling it to make the surgery more affordable for multiple-pet families.

The organization will maintain its current offices for its volunteer staff and pet food pantry. The new wellness center will combine clinic space and spay and neuter rooms under one roof.

Zain and a handful of other volunteer staff members visited clinics in Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Warren and Taylor to



Members of the Parrot Heads team support Tail Wagger's 1990 every year. Bowlers sport leis, Hawaiian shirts and sometimes even decorate their seating area, at the Tail Wagger's Bowl.

23RD ANNUAL TAIL WAGGER'S BOWL

What: Tail Wagger's 1990's signature fundraiser When: Sign up for 1 p.m., 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. bowling times that will be available Saturday, Nov. 10 Where: Woodland Lanes Bowling & Lounge, 33775 Plymouth Road, just west of Farmington Raod, Livonia Details: The \$25 entry fee includes three games of bowling --- nine pins down is a strike --- shoe rental, lunch or dinner and a tote bag. Attendees will get a chance to see alumni animals that have benefitted from Tail Wagger 1990's services and they'll hear about the organization's successes over the past year. The event will include a 50/50 raffle and strolling raffle prizes Contact: Sign up at www.tailwaggers1990.org and click on the Tail Wagger's Bowl link. Call Laura Zain, Tail Wagger's 1990's president and founder at (734) 560-4660. The Tail Wagger's 1990 office number is (734) 855-4077

help them plan their facility. "We've done our

research," Zain said.

Bowling event

The Tail Wagger's Bowl, the group's major upcoming fundraiser, will go a long way toward generating funds for the organization's services, which include low-cost vaccination clinics, a pet food pantry and assistance to animals in emergency situations, as well as lowcost spay and neuter. "For 25 bucks you're

getting a great night out," Zain said. "There are commemorative gifts,

dinner or lunch, bowling, music will be playing and alumni animals will be walking around.'

Zain said Tail Wagger's 1990 will expand fundraising next year to include a murder mystery event in June. It also organizes a chili and basketball event in March.

Funding sources

Major grants also enabled Tail Wagger's 1990 to expand services this year. A PetSmart Charities grant targeted pets in Redford Town-77 ship, offering residents a low rate to spay or neuter their dogs and cats. The service, which is ongoing, includes a rabies shot.

A recent \$10,000 grant from Bissell Foundation will provide financial assistance to residents in Garden City and Inkser for spay, neuter and micro chipping costs. "There is no income



stipulation for anyone using our services," Zain said. However, the pet food pantry assistance is designed for individuals who are experiencing a challenge such as job low or disability.

Zain said she hopes to open the new clinic by March. She also plans a new website next year. and a canned pet food drive during the upcoming holidays.

For more on Tail Wagger's 1990, visit www. tailwaggers1990.org.

Photographer shows new book at Plymouth museum

Author and photographer John Sobczak will discuss his recently published book, A Motor City Year at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Sobczak captures everyday life in Metro Detroit in 365 images in the book. His photographs show the familiar the Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit, vendors at Eastern

Market, the Woodward Dream Cruise - the less familiar cycling at the velodrome in Rochester, robots on the line at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant — and the quirky — the birthday of one of Detroit's oldest women, a tattoo artist at work. Taken together, the photographs in A Motor City Year demonstrate the full texture of life in the Detroit area.

Sobczak has been a professional photographer based in Detroit for more than 25 years. His images have been published in Time, Newsweek USA Today, as well as many local publications including Hour Magazine, Ambassador, and Crain's Detroit Business. His commercial work has included billboards, brochures and annual reports for such clients

as General Motors Corporation, DTE, AT&T, Chrysler, Lear and Ford Motor Company. In 2007 portfolios of his work became part of the permanent collections of the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Detroit Institute of Art. J

Sobczak, a 1978 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate, lives in Bloomfield Township with his wife Jackie and his

daughter Alex.

His presentation is free and open to the public. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit the Museum's website at www. plymouthhistory.org.



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The Farmington Civic Theater will open early on Tuesday, Nov. 6, because schools will be closed in Farmington and other area districts. The theater will show Tim Burton's "Frankenweenie" at 12:30 p.m., 2:10 p.m., 3:50 p.m. and 5:35 p.m. Other films are "Trouble With the Curve," starring Clint Eastwood, at 12:25 p.m., 2:35 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m., and "Pitch Perfect," 7:25 p.m. and 9:35 p.m. Admission is \$3.50, cash only. The theater is located at 33332 Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington; (248) 474-1951.

Caregivers can celebrate holiday season safely

November is National Family Caregivers Month.

Sheltering Arms, a program of Catholic Social Services, recognizes the millions of Americans who care for the chronically ill, disabled or aged family members and offers these tips for navigating the holidays:

 Plan ahead for holiday celebrations by evaluating your loved ones' ability to handle large groups which may include children and pets. The change in routine, the decorations, noise and chaos may be too much for a person with dementia. Have a quiet room available for the person if it all becomes "too much." If you are

the host, designate a back-up host in case you need to leave the party for a while.

· Consider safety when decorating for the holidays. Seasonal plants, decorations, candles and alcohol are potential dangers for the person with dementia.

 Avoid clutter because with too many decorations can increase confusion. The Alzheimer's Association reports an increase in hotline calls concerning wandering during the holidays, many of whom try to find their childhood homes.

• Celebrate the joy of the holidays with traditional activities: prepare

familiar holiday food, watch a favorite holiday movie or play soothing holiday music.

• Involve them in the preparations by giving them simple tasks such as cracking nuts and making garlands or cookies. The smell of cookies baking and familiar music playing can be comforting.

Catholic Social Services, founded in 1947, provides professional and volunteer services to protect children, strengthen families and care for the elderly. More information about the agency can be found at http://www. ccsem.org.

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at 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,

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certified nurseryman and a member of the Garden Writer's Association. Refreshments will be served; 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.

• Learn to make a bow at a "Make It & Take It Workshop, Nov. 10-11 and 17-18. Various workshop times are available. Cost is \$5 for ribbon. Sign up online at www.englishgardens. com

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

November

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton Details: Free clothing and

shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4

Location: Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia Details: The Council of **Orthodox Christian Churches** of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors a benefit concert for International Orthodox Christian Charities. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Vickie Kopistiansky, will sing hymns to the Virgin Mary. Admission is free, although donations will be collected. An afterglow will follow the concert Contact: Robert Mitchell at (313) 204-5103

ELECTION NIGHT

Time/Date: Mass at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, followed by 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, with a Benediction at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 Location: St. Michael the

Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Vigil for religious freedom and welfare of the country. Call the parish office to sign up for a time during the 24-hour vigil

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

FASHION SHOW

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia



The Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed will read from his new book Sunday, Nov. 11, at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church in Southfield.

Details: Doors will open at noon for the preview of gift baskets and silent auction items at the fourth annual luncheon and fashion show organized by the Ladies of Sacred Heart. Thomas Catering of Livonia will provide the lunch. Women of the parish will model casual and formal fashions by Dress Barn. Tickets are \$30 each. Teens and adults only

Contact: (734) 525-5610 or go to www.shbyzantine. com/#events

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday Nov. 11

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, in Southfield

Details: Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed will be the guest speaker at the Sunday service. The title of his sermon is "Dragged Kicking and Screaming into Heaven." Afterward he'll read from his new book, a meditation manual called "Voices from the Margins." There will be a talk back and book signing Contact: (248) 354-4488

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Nov. 11 Location: Community room of the Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield Road in Oak Park Details: Anne Greenstein will lead a session in knitting or crocheting hats for Israeli soldiers. There will be copies of the pattern available and members to teach knitting and crocheting techniques Contact: (248) 661-5337

SENIOR ISSUES SEMI-

NAR Time/Date: 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13

Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Hear experts explain about care choices and about legal issues for seniors and for those who are planning for the future. This is not a sales presentation, but an explanation of the issues involved. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Call 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday to reserve a space

Contact: (734) 421-7249 ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday,

Nov. 11

Location: St. James Pres-

byterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Worship service is followed by dinner and bagpipe entertainment. Pre-sale tickets for the dinner are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, 4-11, and free for children, 3 and under. Admission at the door is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children

Contact: (313) 534-7730

VETERANS DAY MASS Time/Date: Noon, Sunday, Nov. 11

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church at 11:45 a.m., followed by Mass. An informal reception will follow. All are welcome to join in this tribute to veterans, reservists, active military and their families

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or see the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet dinner, Nov. 14 Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, one block south of Eight Mile, Livonia Details: RSVP by Nov. 6 for this evening of dinner, support and games for widowed men and women. Cost is \$18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door — cash only with exact amount - and call ahead if you must cancel.

Contact: For buffet dinner RSVP to Carol at (313-) 562-3080, Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Mary Anne at (313) 565-5749

Coming up: Celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m., followed by refreshments, at St. Kenneth, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. For information call Pat at (734) 895-6246. Celebrate the holidays at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 at Compari's, 350 S. Main, Plymouth. Order from the menu. A 20 percent gratu-

ity will be added to each bill. The group will visit "The Walk of Trees" through Kellogg Park. Call Micki by Nov. 21 at (734) 455-0094

December

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Dec. 14 and 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dec. 15 Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www. goodmourningministry.net or call OLGC

Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgcparish.net

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger

at (734) 464-9491 **New Life Community**

Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays. Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Mon-

day-Friday Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer Contact: (313) 531-1234 **Our Lady of Loretto** Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael. org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesdav Location: 41711 Joy, be-

tween Lilley and Haggerty Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

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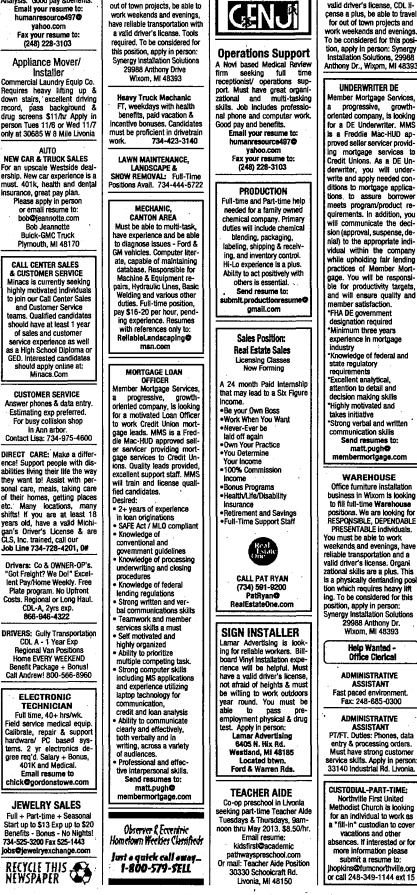
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Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12







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Koons-Lynn

Elizabeth Dawn Koons and Todd Eric Lynn were married July 28, 2012, at Waterford Christian Church, Ligonier, Pa. The Rev. Paul McCracken performed the doublering ceremony.

The bride, daughter of William and Marlene Koons of Litchfield, is a 2002 graduate of William Tyndale College, Farmington Hills, where. she received a bachelor's degree in business administration.

The groom is the son of Jim and Dort Lynn of Ligonier, Pa. He attends Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and plans to receive a bachelor's degree in technology management in May 2013.

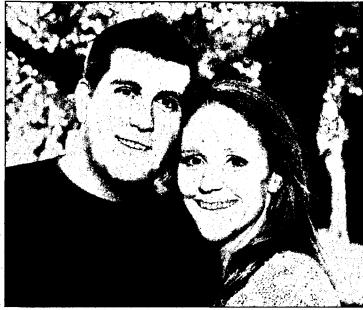
Laurie Turner of Plymouth, a friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Andrea Fenton of Linwood, God sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

Barry Shirey was best man, and Ken Weaver was the groomsman. Both are from Ligonier, Pa. Ushers were sons of the bride and groom, Bradley Sullivan of Canton and Eric Lynn of Alpharetta, Ga. Great niece of the bride, Olivia Tyler of Hillsdale, was the flower girl.

A reception was held at Ligonier Country Club.

The newlyweds reside in Westland and plan a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean in May 2013.





Freeman-Helinski

Meghan Anne Freeman and Christopher Anthony Helinski announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Jim and Laura Freeman of Canton, graduated in 2005 from Canton High School. She received a BSN degree from Calvin College and works as an RN at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She is pursuing a master's degree in nursing and plans to graduate in

Spring 2013.

Her fiancé, son of David and Lynn Helinski of Canton, attended Salem High School and is employed by the City of Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services. He is also a firefighter for Plymouth and Northville.

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An April 2013 wedding is planned at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

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CLOUGH; **RICHARD J**

Passed away October 29, 2012 at . the age of 81. He was born July 24, 1931 to James and Laura Clough. He was preceeded in death by his beloved wife Peggy. He is the beloved father of Rob-ert (Andrea) Clough and Joanne Atkinson. Dear grandfather of Nicole Marble and Felicia Atkinson and great grandfather of Austin. Richard was a retired systems installer with Michigan Bell. He mostly worked doing large installations such as office buildings and hospitals. He was a resident of Plymouth since 1963. Richard loved Ford Mustangs having restored three of them. He also loved boats as he was currently building a wood boat in his basement. Funeral Services will take place Saturday, No-vember 3, 2012, 1PM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Friday 3-9PM. Memorials may be made to the V.A. Hospital. To leave a condolence www.schrader-howell.com

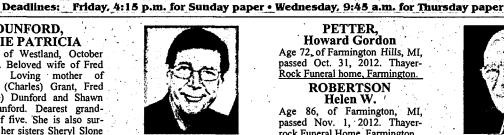
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DUNFORD

DIXIE PATRICIA Age 73, of Westland, October 31, 2012. Beloved wife of Fred Dunford. Loving mother of Tammye (Charles) Grant, Fred (Michelle) Dunford and Shawn (Joy) Dunford. Dearest grand-mother of five. She is also survived by her sisters Sheryl Slone and Lynn Swain and her brother Ted Staton. She was preceded in death by her parents William and Staton. Funeral service Vernie was Friday, 2:00 PM at Michi-gan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646.

Visitation was Friday, 11:00 ~ 2:00 PM. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. www.michigan memorial funeral home.com





McCORD, ANDREW PAUL

Age 61, died after a nine-month struggle with cancer Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 at home in New Hudson. Andy was born in Ann Arbor on June 27, 1951 to Edna (Gae) and Denver McCord. He attended schools in Grand Rapids; Scottsdale, AZ and Plymouth, graduating from Ply-mouth High School in 1969. Andy was a gifted mechanic and carpenter and often volunteered to fix cars, lawn mowers, motorcycles and other motorized equipment for friends and neighbors. As a young man, he also was a test driver, and "trainwrecker," driving the heavy equipment needed to right derailed railroad cars. Car racing - first as a mechanic and driver and then as a spectator – was among his life-long passions, as was reading - especially detec-tive mysteries. After many years apart, Andy reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Detroit News Business Editor Joanna Firestone, and the couple married in 1993. The following year, their son Matthew was born, and Andy became a full-time, at-home dad - a role he relished, from driving carpools to super-vising homework to arranging doctors appointments. Always a talented cook, he taught himself the art of smoking fish, meat, cheese, nuts and other foods and delighted in delivering these treats to his friends and family. Andy is survived by his wife, Joanna Firestone; son Matthew McCord, a student at Ohio Wesleyan University; mother Gae McCord of Novi; sister Martha (William) Nedzel of Columbia, SC.; brothers Patrick (Tish) McCord of Westport, CN and William (Tracy) McCord of Plymouth; aunt and uncle Nancy and Robert Cooper of Plymouth; nephew and niece Casey and Maria McCord of Plymouth; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Janis and Russell Nelson of New Albany, OH; and nephew Russell Nelson of Cordova, TN. Visitation is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at the First United Methodist Church in South Lyon, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. Memorial gifts may be made to Active Faith (P.O. Box 188, South Lyon, MI. 48178 or online at: www.activefaithcs.org

PETTER. Howard Gordon Age 72, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed Oct. 31, 2012. Thayer-Rock Funeral home, Farmington. ROBERTSON Helen W.

Age 86, of Farmington, MI, passed Nov. 1, 2012. Thayerrock Funeral Home, Farmington.



ROTH, ANNA November 1, 2012 age 95. Pre-ceded in death by husband, Norman Roth (2005), and 8 siblings. Beloved mother of Barbara Ma-(David), Kathleen Roth, (Linda), and Linda Kendrick. Loving grandmother to 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 3-8pm at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile (between



WILLIAM BÁRTON Of Chelsea formerly of Chicago, IL, Plymouth, MI and Sun City West, AZ age 95, died Monday, October 29, 2012. He was born September 24, 1917 in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of Louie & Pearl (Barton) Silvis. William re-tired after 42 years from Associated Spring, a division of Barnes Group in Plymouth. He graduat-ed from the University of Detroit in 1975 with a degree in Busi-ness Administration. He served as a City Commissioner of Plymouth. He loved baseball and enjoyed serving - as an umpire with the Suburban Umpire Asso-ciation. William was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and Desert Palms Presbyterian Church of Sun City West, AZ. On November 20, 1941, he married Mary Elizabeth Martin in Chicago, IL, and she survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Marjorie Lynch of Plymouth, Janet (Richard) Weaver of Dexter; one son, William (Barbara) Silvis of Ann Arbor., 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and two brothers, John Silvis of Foxboro, MA and Ralph (Dorothy) Silvis of Sardinia, OH. William was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Louisa Carr and Gretchen Hart; and two brothers George and Wirton Silvis. A memorial service will be held Thursday, November 8, 1:00PM at Chelsea Retirement Commun-ity with Rev. Cathi King officiat-ing. The family will receive friends from noon-1pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community or Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Cole Funeral

Chapel.



SWANSON, **RICHARD W**

87, passed away Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in Traverse City, He was born May 21, 1925 in Hastings to Harold and Ka-therine (Ickes) Swanson. He graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1948 and was employed by Wayne County in highway engineering for 34.5 years. On August 19, 1950, Ri-chard married Betty (Arnold). They raised eight children in Plymouth, MI, and retired to Elk Lake in Rapid City in 1983. Richard was an active member of First Baptist Church of Plymouth, where he served as a trustee and deacon. Richard is survived by his wife, Betty, his children. Mary ark) Pincumbe, Katherine (Michael) Duvendeck, Barbara Swanson Jim (Heidi) Swanson, Mark (Claudia) Stephen Swanson, Swanson and Nancy (Jeff) Ennis; and grandchildren, Sarah (Brandon) Folks, Elizabeth Pincumbe, Tyler Swanson, Emily Swanson, Jacob Ennis, Hailey Swanson, and Ryan Ennis; and dear friend, Zasa Swanson. He was preceded in death by sons, William Harold and Richard Dale. The memorial service for Richard will be held on Saturday, November 10 at First Presbyteri an Church, 404 Spruce Street, Elk Rapids. Visitation begins at 10:30 am, with the memorial service following at 11:00. Memorials may be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Elk Ranids or the American Cancer Society, c/o Covell Funeral Home, Pine Street, Elk Rapids

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land. Dear mother of Delphia Smith, (Robert) Lewis Daughtery Ill, Connie (the late Edward) Pianowski & Denise Benoit. Sister of Zelma Dean. Also survived by 6 grandchildren & 10 great grandchildren. Memorial Service Sat, Nov. 10, 2012 at 2pm at Merriman Rd. Baptist Church 2055 Merriman Rd., Garden City. Please visit and sign a tribute at

www.uhtfh.com



89, of Farmington, Octo-ber 27, 2012. Proud WWII Navy Veteran and

member of the Tin Can Sailors Club and VFW. Lee is survived by his beloved wife, Frances Angelella-Dawdy; and preceded in death by his first vife, Shirley (d.1995). Loving father of Tim (Sandy Powell), Carol (Ron) Harrison. Chervl (Jim Moran); step-father of Phil Nance) Angelella, Helene (Bob) McComb, Rose (Mark) Johnson and Marlene (Rob) Christie. Cherished grandfather of 15 grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren. Dear brother of Bert, Jim (Helen) and the late Jess (Jean). A funeral ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 30th. Memorial tributes suggested to the Wounded Warrior Proj-ect www.woundedwarriorproject .org. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington

248-474-5200 heeney-sundquist.com

LEACH-O'BRIEN, SHIRLEY

1/31/1924 - 10/27/2012 Shirley lived for nearly 50 years in Birmingham, raising a family her late husband Dr. Charles Leach. A few years after her first husband passed away, she married William O'Brien. Shirley worked in the genetic counseling field and spent time as a docent at Cranbrook and the Detroit Institute of Arts. She passed away, at age 88 in Milwaukie, Oregon on Saturday October 27, 2012 after a brief ill-ness, with family by her side. She is survived by her five children, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two greatgreat grandchildren & a stepdaughter.

HEINZ, STEPHANIE MASE

March 10, 1911 - November 1, 2012. Wife of the late Leonard Heinz. Mother of Adele Martz. Grandmother of Adrienne, Kathryn, and Meredith Martz. Sister of the late Joseph Mase. Adele Bono, and Edmund Mase. She was the most loving mother and grandmother, and her family meant the world to her. Memorial service Monday, November 5th in Farmington Hills at 11:00 AM. Memorial tributes suggested to P.E.O. Program for Con-tinuing Education, 3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312.

LARSON-JEX, GLADYS M. (nee Bachelor)

October 27, 2012. Age Daughter of the late Mark and late Edna Bachelor. Beloved wife of the late Douglas T. Larson and the late Clifford W. Jex. Loving mother of Sharon (Bill) Weber, Marilyn (the late Leo-nard) VerMeer, Clifford (Mar-tha) Jex and Freb (Kathy) Jex. Cherished grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 16. Gladys was a former secretary for the Masonic York Rite Sovereign College for many years. A pri-vate family service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to

Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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LEAVENS, JOY MARIE (GEYMAN)

Wife of the late Daniel G. Leavens beloved mother to Jade Erin Leavens. Daughter to the late Joyce and Gerald Geyman of Monroe. Sister to Judi Geyman and the late Jill and Jeff. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cous-ins, nieces and nephews. Born August 24, 1956; passed October 14, 2012. Service only Nov. 3rd at noon at Aldergate United Methodist Church 10000 Beech Daly, Redford, MI. Luncheon to follow.

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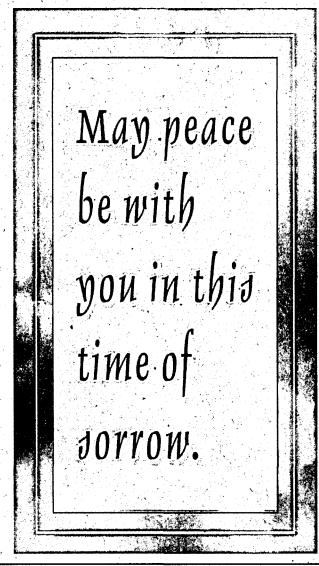
Age 86 of Livonia. Nov. 28, 1925 - Oct. 26, 2012. Dear Husband of 60 years to Mary Partie. Father of Brian (Jeanine) Partie Sr. & Linda (Dave) West. Grandpa of Brian John, Matthew, Theresa, Michael, Jacob, Nicholas, Meryl, & Steve. Great Grandpa of Celine & Vivienne. Retired from Chrysler after 35 years & McGraw Equipment after 9 years of service. His great-est joy was attending the many family, school, & sporting events that his children and grandchildren participated in. Saturday November 3, 2012. Visitation 10AM-1PM. Funeral Service 1PM. Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd, Livo-J. Will Funeral nia, MI 48152 (734) 591-3700. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to Angela Hospice.

Merriman and Middlebelt) with Rosary Sunday at 7pm. Funeral Mass will be Monday at St. Priscilla Catholic Church with in-state at 9:30 am until Mass begins at 10:00 am. Interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice.

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Passed away Saturday October 20, 2012 in Pasadena, CA. Born in Huntington, WV on December 7, 1945 to Sarah (Scaggs) Hatcher and Vernor Sartin, he grew up in Farmington, MI and graduated from Farmington High School in 1963. Peter received his BA in Economics from the University of Michigan in 1967 before joining the Marine Corps. He then received his JD from the American University in 1973 in Washington DC and worked for the Department of Justice. After working in DC, he spent 18 years living with his family in Dallas, TX where he practiced with the firm Thompson Coe Cousins and Irons LLP before starting his own practice in 1996. Peter moved to Pasadena, CA in 2000 and continued his legal practice while pursuing various passions, including being on the board of the Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena, involvement with the Sierra Club, collecting Asian antiquities, growing or-chids, and being an incredible husband, father and friend. His relentless generosity, contagious sense of humor and boundless drive to turn every event in life, good or bad, into an "adventure" will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sarah Hatcher, step-father Kenneth Hatcher, and father Vernor Sartin. He is survived by his wife, Lynn Fairbanks, his two children Paul and Elizabeth, his brothers David and Ronald and his ex-wife Linda. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to The Cancer Research Institute would help benefit the search for a cure for cancer.



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"The intention of the Natural Health & Eco Fest is that attendees walk away with the knowledge and inspiration for achieving optimum health, physically, mentally and spiritually," stated event organizer Joyce Oliveto, in a press release

The event will include talks by author and teacher Viktoras Kulvinskas, "the father of living foods" who co-founded the Hippocrates Health Institute in Boston; Brian Clement, Ph.D., an expert in the natural health field and current director of Hippocrates Health Institute in West Palm Beach, Fla; Oliveto, a certified nutritionist and naturopath; Dr. Joel Kahn, M.D., a cardiologist and corporate director of wellness for Detroit Medical Center; and Terri VanDale, certified nutritional microscopist.

Attendees will get a chance to view healthand eco-friendly exhibits and art, sample foods, watch demonstrations and view documentaries and archived videos of Ann Wigmore and her work with wheatgrass juice and living foods.

Clement will also present an optional, in-depth workshop on the effect of organic, vegan and living foods on chronic conditions like diabetes, cancer and fibromyalgia. The workshop takes place immediately following the event, from





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5-9 p.m.

Kulvinskas also will present an in-depth workshop from 5-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 at Laurel Manor. His topics will include aging and rejuvenation; therapeutic enzymology in relation to incurable diseases, longevity and weekend warriors; detoxification and more.

Both workshops will include a raw gourmet dinner buffet prepared by Oliveto and her assistants. For details and tickets, visit www.NaturalHealthandE-



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coFest.com. · "We had 600 people attend last year's festival, when it was known as the Midwest Raw Health Eco Fest, and we're expecting even more this year, with the growing public interest in raw foods and the potential to heal themselves through diet," Oliveto said.

Advance tickets are \$15 at www.NaturalHealthandEcoFest.com. They're \$20 at the door. Laurel Manor is at 39000 Schoolcraft, between Newburgh and I-275 in Livonia.

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CAREGIVING

In recognition of Alzheimer's Awareness Month, Dr. David Sengstock of Oakwood Hospital will talk about caregiving for older adults, at 7 p.m. Nov. 8, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton. Sengstock, a geriatrician specializing in internal medicine and hospice and palliative care, will talk about the best ways for family and friends to be alert to signs of change and how to make sure loved ones live in a safe environment, fulfill their needs of care and help them live independent, healthy lives for as long as possible. Questions? Call the library at (734) 397-0999, Ext. 1078.

COPING WITH CANCER

Botsford Hospital, in partnership with the American Cancer Society, will present "I Can Cope," a free, educational program for adults facing cancer, either personally or as a caregiver, 9:45-11:45 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the hospital's administration and education center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Get answers to questions about diagnosis and treatment, treatment side effects, community resources, nutrition, physical activity, fatigue and more. Registration is limited to 25 participants. Call (800) 227-2345.

DIABETES AND SKIN

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present "Your Skin, Keeping it all Together" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the hospital's Auditorium. Donna Choma, a registered nurse and nurse specialist at St. Mary Mercy, will be the speaker. According to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes can affect every part of the body, including the skin. As many as 33 percent of people with diabetes will have a skin disorder caused or affected by diabetes as some time in their lives. Choma will talk about preventing wounds through good skin care, common wounds, wound myths and basic wound care for individuals with diabetes. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. For more information call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8961, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

LIVING LONGER

Uncover the simple secrets of zestful living involving food, fun, fitness, friends, family, and personal support in a workshop, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Stevenson High School, Room E-13, 33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$22. Materials fee is \$5 cash, due in class. Pre-registration is a must. Call Livonia YMCA at (734) 261-2161. YMCA membership not required for the class.

MEMORY SCREENING

Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills will offer free memory

screenings Tuesday, Nov. 13 as part of National Memory Screening Day 2012. The screenings are simple and take approximately five minutes to complete. The Social Services Department from Botsford Commons will administer the screenings from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the William Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 473-1830.

STEM CELLS

The 6th Annual Prechter Bipolar Research Fund Lecture on "Stem Cells and Ethics" will run 1-4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 in the 4th Floor Amphitheater at the University of Michigan, 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. A reception and informal Q&A will run from 4:30-5 p.m. The keynote speaker will be John R. Kelsoe, M.D., on "Treatment Horizons in Bipolar Disorder: Stem Cells and Pharmacology." Other speakers will include Sue O'Shea on "Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Models to Study Bipolar Disorder;" Edward Goldman with a look at "Legal and Ethical Issues" in Embryonic Stem Cell Research;" and Carl Schneider with "The Principles of Regulation and the Progress of Research." The event is free but pre-registration is required at http:// www.prechterfund.org/lecture/default.asp.

VETERANS PROGRAM

Garden City Hospital will salute veterans with a health fair and lecture, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at the hospital's medical office building, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. The program will include information on veterans benefits and services, post-traumatic stress disorder, health care services and therapy, in addition to free cholesterol and glucose screenings for the first 40 individuals registered, blood pressure screenings, health risk assessments and health care vendors, lunch, prizes and giveaways. The event is for veterans, their family members and caregivers. The event will feature veteran advocate, retired Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 458-4259.

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The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit. org.

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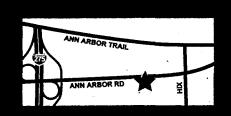
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