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**Coffee hour**

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will host district coffee hours on Monday, Nov. 12, in Westland and Redford. Residents of the 6th Senate District are welcome to attend. No appointment is necessary. Anderson is holding his



Sen. Glenn Anderson is holding his

Westland coffee hour 9-10 a.m. in the banquet hall of Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road. The Redford coffee hour is 10:30-11 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

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**Wayne, Westland councils OK change in fire merger document**

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

Thanks to a "will" being changed to "may," the creation of the merged Wayne-Westland Fire Department is moving forward.

The Westland and Wayne city councils each voted last week to approve the letter of agreement

between the cities and their two firefighters unions, now merged into a single bargaining unit.

"I appreciate the council moving forward on the final step of the merger," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "Starting tomorrow, we will go from 67 full-time firefighters to 90 firefighters at no extra cost. We'll have 21 firefight-

ers on duty per day."

The letter of agreement largely spells out the nuts and bolts of how the two fire departments will be merged in terms of rank structure, promotions, layoffs, manpower and other contractual issues.

Some Westland council members balked at a reference to vot-

er approval millage or a similar mechanism to self-fund a separate fire authority yet to be established.

The letter of agreement spelled out the firefighters' understanding that going forward some type of separate entity would operate

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**Film Fest**

Oak Park-based MJR Digital Cinemas, in conjunction with 93.1 Doug FM and 96.3 WDVD, will host the Canned Film Festival Wednesday, Nov. 14. Just bring five cans of food to MJR's Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 and see a movie for free that day only any time from 4 to 10 p.m. All food donations will benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank.

WDVD's Jesse will be broadcasting live from the MJR Westland Cinema 3-7 p.m.

**Used books**

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 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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Universal Learning Academy students Ayah Farhat and Madina Reda may be having fun tossing scarves in the air, but their also getting fit through a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Building Healthy Communities program grant.

**Students get fit with BCBSM grant**

By Sue Mason  
 Observer Staff Writer

Students at a public school academy in Westland are getting fit and learning how to eat healthy, thanks to a Blue Cross

Blue Shield of Michigan program.

The Universal Learning Academy was among 20 schools chosen by BCBS to share \$600,000 in grants as part of its healthy living pro-

gram. The program, developed in partnership with the Center for School Health at Wayne State University and the Michigan Fitness Foun-

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**Inkster man faces trial on drug, assault charges**

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

An Inkster man has been ordered to stand trial on 10 felony charges, including assaulting Westland police officers and selling crack cocaine.

Nicholas Milton Martin, 23, waived his preliminary examination Thursday in Westland 18th District Court. The charges are that on Oct. 15, Martin sold crack cocaine to an undercover police officer and during a subsequent traffic stop, dragged an officer as he fled in his vehicle. Police fired one shot during the incident.

Despite the waiver, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Miller asked that testimony be heard from a civilian witness to the incident.

"It's the policy of our integrity unit to preserve civilian testimony when there is an officer-involved shooting," said Miller.

Jonathan Greer testified that he was outside the Palmer and Venoy Apartments, 2096 S. Venoy, about 9:20 p.m. when an older minivan was pulled over by what appeared to be an unmarked police car occupied by two plainclothes officers.

"I didn't see the normal lights on top of the car. But they had real bright blue flashing lights on the car," said Greer. "One (officer) had a vest that said police. The other was wearing a vest but it had no writing."

Greer described the two officers getting out of their vehicle, then walking to either side of the van. When he was unable to get the passenger side door open, Greer said one officer walked around the van so that both officers were then at the driver's door.

"Both officers had flashlights. It looked like an argument in the vehicle — hands went up and there was wrestling around," said Greer. "The van went into drive — I heard the transmission clunk down — then he took off. Half a second later I heard a gunshot."

From his vantage point, Greer said he was on the passenger side of the van and didn't see who fired the shot.

After the officers got back into their vehicle and pursued the van, Greer said he saw a 40-caliber shell casing on the ground and retrieved it, marking where he had found it. Once members of Westland's Special Investigations Unit returned to get a statement from Greer,

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**Westland man charged in 2 armed robberies**

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

A Westland man is facing trial on charges that he robbed two local businesses within minutes of each other.

Justin James Jackson, 27, is also charged with breaking into the home of his neighbor on Farragut.

The Oct. 27 armed robberies were reported at the Metro PCS store at Wayne Road and Ford, then minutes later

at Lucky's Kitchen, a restaurant located on Wayne Road at Farragut.

Due to prior contacts and information developed in the investigation, police said Jackson was identified as a suspect in the crimes and subsequently arrested.

During the break-in on Oct. 9, Westland police said an air conditioning unit was removed from a window to get inside the home. The owner reported coins and video

games stolen.

Held in lieu of \$250,000 cash/surety bond, Jackson waived his preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court Thursday and was ordered bound over on six felony charges. Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment is set for Nov. 15. A not guilty plea was entered for Jackson.

Four charges, including armed robbery, filed against a female co-defendant were dismissed by the prosecutor.

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MERGER

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the merged fire departments and that it would be funded in some fashion, City Attorney James Fausone told council members at a study session.

Since Requests for Proposals for a study on how to complete the merger weren't going out until the letter of agreement was in place, decisions on the type of entity and how it would be funded wouldn't be made at this time.

"I see the firefighters are well represented (at the council meeting). I appreciate you making the changes requested. Now that allows me to approve this," said Councilman Bill Johnson.

The Wayne City Council had already approved the letter of agreement but then approved the agreement with the one word change sought by Johnson.

With the approval of the letter of agreement, a \$791,787 state grant becomes available to fund completion of the merger, including legal fees and

a feasibility study, infrastructure and equipment and Information Technology.

Now that the first phase of the merger is in place, operational changes were implemented including five new response areas utilizing four fire stations in Westland and one in Wayne, which also houses the fire administration.

Along with the improved service from the larger combined manpower and equipment, Wild said the merger is already saving money through the shared services of Fire Chief Michael Reddy.

"There is elimination of duplication. As we move to a fire authority or a district, we'll address long-term legacy costs," said Wild.

The nearly \$800,000 Competitive Grant Assistance Program, formerly known as the Economic Vitality Incentive Program through the Governor's Office, is the third largest grant awarded through the program, said Wild.

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HEALTHY

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ation, is providing the school with a \$30,000 Healthy School Transformation package that includes a curriculum and activity equipment designed to increase students' physical fitness levels and healthy eating.

"It has a physical education curriculum that focuses on students attaining skills that keep them active for life," said Shannon Oleksyk Carney, a registered dietitian and healthy living adviser for BCBSM. "The classroom component lets them learn about nutrition. We want to develop student leadership. We want to energize them and have them talk about healthy living to help influence the environment among their peers."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to promote health, it's a good fit for our students and a great program," said Principal Ali Bazzi. "The students are excited, even the parents are excited."

This is fourth consecutive year BCBSM has offered its Building Healthy Communities program. Originally, schools were offered options, but there now is a standardized model for each school, according to Dr. Nate McCaughtry, director of the Center for School Health. The program being implemented at the Universal Learning Academy has eight components, seven of which will involve the entire school. The eighth component,



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The BCBSM Healthy School Transformation package include equipment like the jump rope student Sajaa Aljehishi is using to help promote physical fitness.

the classroom curriculum, will be taught to third- and fourth-graders. There also is an after-school physical activities club to continue the message on after the end of the school day.

The Healthy School Transformation package it is receiving includes resources, equipment, professional development and mentoring designed to help implement and sustain programming that addresses prevention of childhood obesity.

Obesity is the second leading cause of prevent-

able death in the United States, and obese children are more likely to become obese adults with higher incidence of serious health conditions, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, sleep apnea, osteoarthritis and some cancers.

The academy has an individual mentor who visits the school weekly and a dietitian who focuses on the areas of healthy living.

"We provide the resources and the professional training, all the school has to do is exe-

cute the program," said McCaughtry. "Every school has a Healthy School coordinator who visit the school every week. That person will spend time there, touch base with the school people to make sure they're doing well. The dietitian goes into the school and look for the key ages to reach those children with intensive education. The rest of activities are geared to the entire school."

Bazzi said the school community loves the idea of doing anything that promotes the ideas of fitness and healthy eating.

"We understand its importance especially with the numbers for obesity," he said. "We will do this year-round. We now have a program that sets the tone for the community."

Oleksyk Carney said BCBSM is "committed to leading Michigan to a healthy state."

"We'd like to reduce the incidence of childhood obesity," she said. "We have a captive audience with this program and an opportunity to impact this generation of children. We fully believe our collective efforts will have a positive impact on children's health."

"We are very excited to join this partnership and take the lead in promoting the health and well-being of so many of our children, many of whom reside in Michigan's most underserved communities," added McCaughtry.

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he said he was instructed to put the shell casing back where he had found it.

Under questioning by defense attorney David Lankford, Greer said he and other apartment residents had been outside for about 45 minutes because a neighbor had been found dead of a drug overdose

and the Wayne County Medical Examiner was in the process of removing the body.

The two officers conducting the traffic stop each reported an injury — one officer injured his shoulder, the other injured a finger.

A not guilty plea was entered for Martin who is being held in lieu of \$400,000 cash bond. He is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on Nov. 15.

Observer Newspapers advertisement with contact information for home delivery, newsroom, and classified advertising.

Advertisement for 'Why Be Catholic?' featuring Dr. Eduardo Echeverria on Wednesday, November 14 at 7 PM.

Advertisement for 'Take Control of Your MS Relapses' featuring a presentation on November 13, 2012.

Advertisement for 'Questcor' regarding MS relapse treatment.

AROUND WESTLAND

Advertisement for 'Veterans meal' offering a free item up to \$15 in value.

Advertisement for 'WYAA signups' for volleyball registration.

Advertisement for 'Goodfellows Party' at the Wayne Community Center.

Advertisement for a 'Pre-Holiday Sale' at Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop.

Advertisement for 'Huron Turkey Farm' offering fresh turkeys for \$3.18 lb.

Advertisement for 'Amish Tables' featuring handcrafted furniture.

Advertisement for 'K&K Remodeling, Inc.' offering kitchen and bathroom remodeling.

Advertisement for 'Funerals Only Have to Look Expensive' with a price of \$3,450.00.

## Westland gets new police chief

A veteran member of the Westland Police Department has been promoted to police chief.

Deputy Chief Jeffrey Jedrusik was sworn in as chief of police during a ceremony Friday in Westland City Hall. He replaces Greg Angelosanto who retired in September after 22 years with the department.

Jedrusik is an 18-year veteran of the police department. A graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, he worked his way up through the ranks. He has been a member of the department's Special Investigations Division, supervised the Support Services Bureau for two years and was assigned to the Detroit DEA Field Division as a Task Force



Westland Mayor William Wild congratulates Jeffrey Jedrusik who was sworn in Friday as the city's new police chief.

Agent.

In addition to Jedrusik, six other officers received promotions at the ceremony. Lt. Robert Swope was promoted to deputy chief, Officers Jeffery Kavanaugh, Ronald Merrill and Kenneth Percin were promoted to the rank of sergeant and Sgts. Kevin Wojcik

and Stephen Bird became lieutenants.

"I wish these gentlemen success in their new positions and I am honored to have a police department that exemplifies professionalism and demonstrates their commitment by keeping our All American City safe," said Mayor William Wild.

## St. Mel's to host Thanksgiving dinner for those who will be alone

By Sue Buck  
Observer Staff Writer

Those who are alone this Thanksgiving with nowhere to go have an open invitation at St. Mel's Church in Dearborn Heights.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner will again be served with a focus on primarily single people or individuals — and sometimes couples — who have no family near-by or nowhere else to go.

Reservations are required, and space is limited to 100 people.

The church has chosen to serve those who can most benefit by this interaction with others.

"We want to stress that this isn't for families or the homeless," said Charla Lake, the Christian Services coordinator at St. Mel's.

St. Mel's Church has partnered with Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City to provide free meals for almost 30 years.

"The first year that we did it together

was in 1984," Lake said.

Volunteers and church members donate from both churches and provide the food and serve it. The dinner includes all the fixings: turkey, ham, potatoes, rolls and desserts. The doors are open at noon and at 1 p.m. dinner begins.

St. Mel's Church is located at 7506 Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights. For reservations, call the parish office at (313) 274-0684, Ext. 26.

Different churches in the area strive to serve the community in different ways.

One church which does serve families on Thanksgiving Day is Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

Their flyer reads, "Free and open to all who wish to attend."

There also are two services on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, at 1 and 4 p.m. For reservations, call the church office at (734) 422-0149.

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## Culinary students put out invitation to annual benefit buffet

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Students in the culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center will be serving up a Thanksgiving feast and, in the process, put turkey with all the trimmings on the tables of families who might not otherwise have a holiday meal.

This is the sixth year that students, under the leadership of chef Tony Paquette, have extended an invitation to the community to come to the benefit buffet, which will be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Career-Technical Center's Cafe Marquette. For a donation of \$10, people in the community can enjoy turkey and the trimmings and a selection of desserts prepared and served by students.

All of the money raised will go to the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center which will provide families with vouchers for a precooked Thanksgiving dinner.

"In the four years I've been with the resource center, I've never had to turn anyone away," said Amanda Faughnan, resource center director. "It's amazing what they do with this benefit. It's the community and the school district coming together to help families."

Last year, Faughnan was able to help 105 families at Thanksgiving. She provide meal vouchers to 100 families and another five were "adopted" by organizations in the community. She also received 50 gift certificates that were distributed through the schools to help families.

Whatever funds are left from Thanksgiving is used at Christmas for families who didn't qualify for assistance elsewhere. Faughnan makes sure those families at least have a Christmas dinner. The money also goes toward



FILE PHOTO

Culinary arts instructor Chef Tony Paquette and his students will be serving up a feast fit for Thanksgiving at his annual luncheon buffet benefit Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center's Cafe Marquette.

### THANKSGIVING BENEFIT

**What:** A Thanksgiving Buffet to benefit the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Café Marquette, located in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland

**Details:** Enjoy turkey and the trimmings, prepared and served by the center's culinary arts students. A minimum donation of \$10 is suggested.

the purchase of toiletries and hats, gloves and mittens for children.

Faughnan opts to purchase vouchers for precooked meals because some families don't have a stove or a microwave to cook food. With a precooked meal, they

don't have to scramble around with uncooked food to try to put together a meal.

"It's easier and more convenient for them, the families really enjoy it," she said.

According to Faughnan, these are very difficult times. The amount of need for the basics has increased since last year and that doesn't even include homeless students in the district.

"Every single year the need has increased since I've been here," she said. "We have a very supportive community and a tremendously supportive district. That's our one ray of hope. I know I can always turn to people and say this is our need, how can we solve it?"

Paquette started doing the Thanksgiving buffet in 2007 when he decided his students could do more than holding canned food drives and packing boxes at Focus: HOPE in Detroit. The first year was by invitation only and by donation, but now the welcome mat is out for the entire

community. There's a minimum \$10 donation for the meal.

Paquette said he wanted his students to have the opportunity to help families and since they work with food, that was how they would do it.

"I started thinking what's bad and decided not having a Thanksgiving dinner is, so we're going to give people dinner," Paquette has said about the benefit.

The buffet is getting bigger and better thanks to those who attend. They talk about how wonderful it is to their friends.

"Chef Tony does a wonderful job over there and word of mouth is making it bigger and better," said Faughnan. "This is a great way to see chef Tony and his students. This is the time to show off their skills."

People who can't attend the buffet can still help by sending a check, with Holidays 2012 written in the memo line, to the Family Resource Center, 33475 Palmer, Westland, MI 48186.

## EMU extends lease for Livonia campus

The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents approved a five-year lease extension with Cambridge Center LLP for EMU's Livonia campus during its regular meeting Oct. 30. The existing agreement, which covers a 22,453 square-foot area, expires in June 2013.

The EMU Livonia satellite campus serves more than 900 students registered for day, evening and weekend classes.

The evening and the weekend schedules are popular among working professionals.

"New and transfer students are attracted to EMU Livonia and our other sites because of the flexible formats and convenience of the locations," said Julie Knutson, director of extended programs at Eastern. "They also like the one-on-one with instructors and one-stop student services."

Classes offered at the Livonia site include business administration, construction management, curriculum and instruction, educational leadership k-12 administration, human resources management and organizational development, nursing, public administration and technology management.


The Livonia campus, which opened in 1999, is at 38777 W. Six Mile Road, just west of I-275.

For more information about classes at the Livonia site, call (734) 542-4368 or go to <http://ep.emich.edu/locations/livonia.asp>



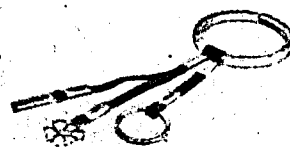
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# Oakwood Annapolis unveils first phase of Emergency Department renovation

Peace group celebrates anniversary with concert, award

More space and increased efficiency ... That was the end result of an extensive renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Oakwood Annapolis officials gathered last Monday to unveil the first phase of the project designed to provide more space in the emergency department, increase the efficiency of the operation and reduce the amount of time patients will spend there.

The year-long project cost about \$4 million, and is the largest investment in the emergency department since the hospital opened in 1957. It is being constructed in four phases with the estimated completion date of June 2013.

"Our goal is to ensure that patients are seen earlier by an attending physician, which will result in earlier treatment, earlier relief of symptoms, earlier test results, and ultimately a shorter stay in the ED," said Eric W. Widner, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

The project involves an expansion of about 1,500 square feet as well as a renovation of the existing 11,000 square feet in the department. The renovation will increase bed capacity with a significant improvement in design of patient flow, along with optimized patient privacy, along with enhanced geriatric care safety.

"Our big gain will be in



Tanishia Neal, assistant clinic manager, is all smiles about the new renovations.



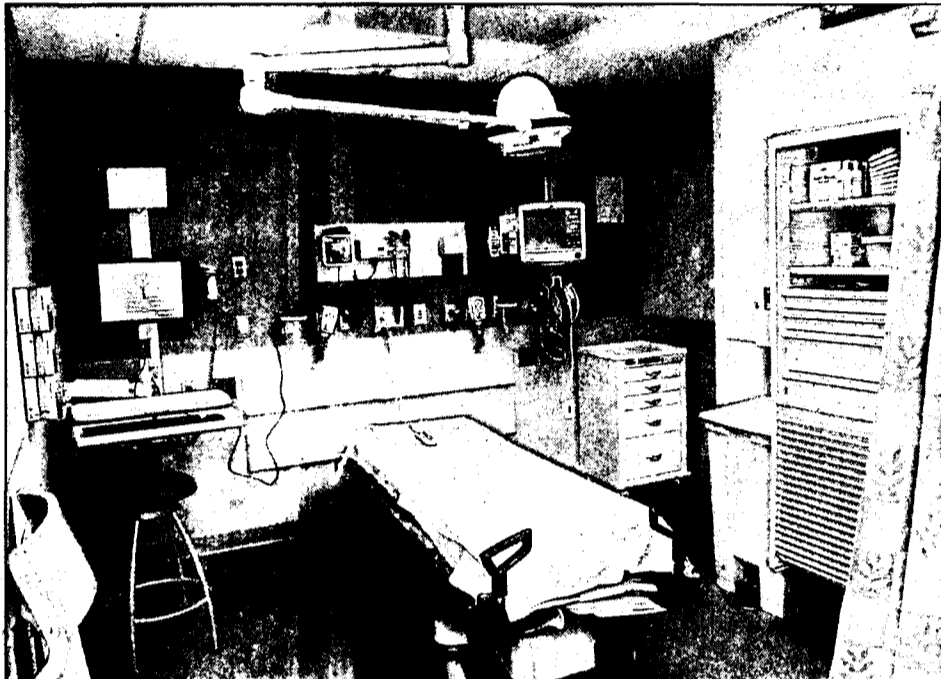
David B. Bertasio, director of Emergency Services, talks about the improvements made in the emergency department during phase one of renovations and expansion at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

efficiency," said Ralph Scolari, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Oakwood Annapolis.

Oakwood acquired Annapolis Hospital in 1989. Since 2004, Oakwood has constructed a surgical center at the hospital, fully renovated its birthing center, opened a specialized hospice and palliative care unit, and made numerous upgrades to services and technology, including an Open MRI unit, and most recently the purchase of a da Vinci surgical robot.

Oakwood Annapolis also was certified as a Level III Trauma Center earlier this year.

"This renovation and expansion project is another example of how Oakwood puts patients first," said David Bertasio, director of the emergency department



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Beutel is a singer, guitarist, teacher, mother and peace activist who spent many years living and working in several European and Central American countries. She worked with Witness for Peace in Nicaragua during the war for almost two years. She has performed before 20,000 people in Washington, D.C., and smaller audiences in her home, coffee houses, schools, nursing homes, peace rallies, and numerous fund raisers for many charities.

Citizens for Peace will present their first Compassionate Citizen Award honoring Caroline and Jerry Trout. When Caroline's cousin and her husband were killed in an accident, they left five children including a toddler. Caroline and Jerry adopted all five children to add to their family of two children. At Jerry Trout's recent funeral service, their now-adult children expressed their love, gratitude and admiration for both of their parents, showing that compassionate action is like a boomerang - it comes back to the sender.

Following the concert, the celebration will end with participants enjoying an anniversary cake. All are welcome. For more information, call (734) 425-0079 or visit [www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com](http://www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com).

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Cookie Walk

The First United Methodist Church will hold a Cookies Walk and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 8, at the church, 6443 Merriman Road, Garden City. A variety of homemade cookies, candies and breads will be for sale along with homemade crafts. The event is sponsored by the women of the church. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

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The Garden City Public Schools holds its monthly the Cougars Care Cafe on Saturdays at Henry Ruff School. Upcoming cafe dates are Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18. The free hot lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gymnasium of the school, located at 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff. The goal is to serve to

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Financial aid

Parents and students who are thinking about college or are in the process of applying for college can get help at a College Financial Aid Night being held at Garden City High School Tuesday, Nov. 13. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. and provide information on such things as the elements of financial aid, free application for federal student aid (FAFSA), including how to receive personal assistance when completing the application, recommended financial aid resources and the next steps in securing financial assistance. Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road. For more information, call the high school at (734) 762-8350.

One victim's parents don't want driver in jail

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer



Although Rufus Thomas Brandon II, with attorney Constance Ross, pleaded no contest to a moving violation causing a death following a two-car crash, the parents of one victim say they don't see him jailed.

The parents of Danielle Beavers, one of two teens killed in a two-car crash in Canton, said Friday they oppose jail time for the driver accused of causing their 19-year-old daughter's death when he ignored a flashing red light while driving south on Canton Center at Michigan Avenue. Theresa and James Beavers of Belleville said they would have gone to 35th District Court to support the driver, 24-year-old Rufus Thomas Brandon II of Whitaker, when he pleaded no contest Oct. 22 to one of two counts of a moving violation causing a death. But they said they didn't know of his court appearance until they read an online report from the Canton Observer. "I don't really think I want him to have any kind of punishment at all," Danielle's mother, Theresa Beavers, said. "He is living in his own private hell right now. He is really a sweet person. He is a good person inside. He didn't mean for this to happen."

2 a.m. July 24, resulting in his Chevrolet Cavalier being hit on the passenger side by a Monte Carlo driven east on Michigan Avenue by a 21-year-old Westland man. She called the intersection dangerous.

"It's like putting a crossroad on an interstate," Theresa Beavers said. "Rufus made a terrible mistake, but he has to live with that for the rest of his life knowing he went through that light and two lives were lost. We loved our little girl so much. This is killing our whole family, but we don't want to see Rufus crucified for it. He was her friend. She would not want to see this happen to him." Beavers, Kennedy and Brandon had left a gathering at the nearby Ruby Tuesday, where they all worked. Police have said alcohol was not a factor in the crash. Danielle Beavers was the youngest of three girls of Theresa and James Beavers.

No jail

James Beavers said Brandon was doing his daughter — the youngest of the Beavers's three daughters — a favor by driving her home. "I've heard her talk about him being a nice guy. I don't think he should have to go to jail," James Beavers said. "Maybe he should get a suspended license, something that's going to make him be a little more cautious." However, Kennedy's family has said he deserves jail time. On the day of Brandon's no-contest plea in October, Denice Gabany, Kennedy's maternal grandmother, said she strongly opposes probation for Brandon. "How can it be that two girls who were just starting their lives died — and their lives are only worth probation?" she asked. "Where is the justice behind that? It just doesn't make sense." James Beavers said Brandon's mistake shouldn't strip him of a chance at redeeming himself and leading a productive life. Judge Lowe has said he faces a difficult decision in sentencing Brandon. Both families are expected to appear in court for Brandon's sentencing. "He didn't do this intentionally," Theresa Beavers said. "We all make mistakes. If we want forgiveness for the things we've done, we should have forgiveness in our hearts, too."

Terrible mistake

She and Danielle's father have a sharply different opinion than the family of 18-year-old Brooke Kennedy, who has asked for jail time when Brandon is sentenced Nov. 26 by 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe. Brandon could face penalties ranging from probation to one year in jail. Theresa Beavers said she has mistakenly run the same flashing red light that police say Brandon ignored shortly after

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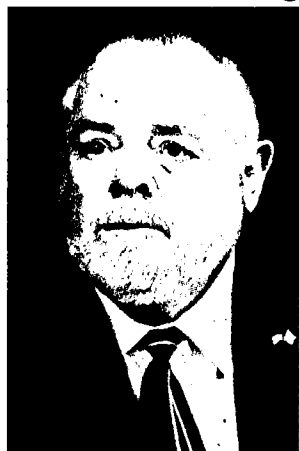
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# Curson: 'Nobody ... wants to fall off the fiscal cliff'

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer



Democrat Dave Curson won election Tuesday to fill the remainder of Thaddeus McCotter's term in the current 11th District.

David Curson said his election win on Tuesday was "beyond belief."

The Belleville Democrat defeated Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford to complete a six-week unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned July 6, in the 11th congressional district.

Bentivolio, however, won election to a two-year term in the new 11th District, defeating Democrat Syed Taj of Canton.

Curson said he believes he may be sworn in as early as Tuesday, depending on when the clerk for the U.S. Congress receives the results from the Michigan Secretary of State office.

Curson, 64, a UAW activist who has spent several years in contract negotiations as an executive assistant to two UAW presidents and worked with the auto task force representing the UAW on the GM and Chrysler bailouts, said he was humbled by the support he received and appreciated the work it takes to win elections.

"After running for Congress, I have a new respect for candidates," Curson said. "Every word you say, you have to weigh."

On Thursday, his phone was ringing off the hook. Curson has received phone calls from well-wishers and media across the nation.

"It was such a goofy election, it's drawn attention from all over the country," Curson said.

Curson referred to the circumstances leading up to the election for McCotter's unexpired term, which will last about six weeks through the end of the year.

A special election was

ing President Barack Obama and U.S. Congress, he said. "That is hugely important to this country," he said. Curson believes he brings negotiating skills to the table to get a legislative package approved by Congress to address the budget deficit.

"I'll be trying to move the parties together so that everyone gets a piece of the pie," Curson said.

When asked what his position was on a tax increase or how the bud-

get deficit would be addressed, Curson said, "I learned a long time ago that you can't negotiate in the media, so I will graciously decline to answer that. But nobody, not the Democrats or the Republicans, wants to fall off the fiscal cliff."

Curson added that Congress will also face veterans, Social Security and job issues in the few weeks before the end of the year.

Curson believes the old 11th District (which

included Westland, Garden City and Redford among others) was drawn more favorably to Democrats than the new one, which helped him defeat Bentivolio. Curson believes Taj would have fared better in the old district as well.

The new 11th District, which was redrawn last year and becomes effective with the new terms of office that begin in January, no longer includes Westland, Garden City and Redford, but instead has Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy, along with other northern Oakland County communities.

Curson believes Obama defeated Romney because of the president's efforts to help with the auto industry during a time of crisis for the automakers.

"Without it, we would still be digging ourselves out, for a long time," Curson said.

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ordered by Gov. Rick Snyder's office after McCotter resigned from Congress. McCotter resigned after petition signatures were deemed to be photocopies by the Secretary of State's office. Attorney General Bill Schuette's investigation eventually led to charges against four McCotter staffers, alleging that they were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot.

Curson said Thursday he expected he would leave Saturday for Washington, D.C. Once the clerk for the U.S. Congress is officially notified by the Michigan Secretary of State's office of the election results, Curson expects he will be notified when he will be administered an oath of office by House Speaker John Boehner.

Curson said he will not be hiring any new congressional staff. Other Democratic congressional offices will lend him staff for his short term.

Curson wants to help address the budget, the "fiscal cliff" fac-

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# Chatman: 'Veterans deserve much more than words'

Larry Ruehlen  
Observer Staff Writer

Richard Chatman has some advice for any veteran who needs help but is too proud to ask.

"You earned your benefits and there is no reason you shouldn't get them," said Chatman, department commander of The American Legion State of Michigan. "And there are all kinds of people who want to help."

Chatman, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1972, was honored Friday as Wayne County Veteran of the Year for his ongoing effort to help all veterans and in particular, homeless veterans.

"This means so much, because it shows how much people care," said Chatman. "Sometimes you think, you took the uni-



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

State Commander of the American Legion, Richard L. Chatman (center) was honored as Wayne County Veteran of the Year Friday. Also pictured are Kevin Kelley (left) director of senior and veterans services and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

form off so nobody cares anymore. But that's not true. There are people out there who really care about veterans."

The award was presented by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

"There aren't many places in the world where

there is an orderly transition of leadership," said Ficano, on the Nov. 6 election. "It is unusual in the history of mankind. This is a fragile experiment that has been going on for over 200 years. The rest of the world wants to copy it and veterans have pro-



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ected our rights for over 200 years."

Ficano told the veterans in attendance that the United States wouldn't be

possible without the contributions of those who protect and serve.

"I have great respect for veterans and all that they've sacrificed for our country," he said.

Chatman, upon accepting the award, urged everyone to do more than simply attend a Veterans Day ceremony and move on with their lives.

"On Veterans Day, I ask my fellow Americans to join together to celebrate and thank our veterans. But veterans deserve much more than words. They deserve education, care for their injuries and jobs too ... to have served honorably, in this great nation, is something that can never be taken away."

#### Veteran's court

Also attending Friday was 17th District Court Chief Judge Karen Khalil, who talked about the need for taking special care of veterans, even those who enter the legal system as defendants.

"This started in Redford about four years ago," said Khalil, of the effort to establish a Veteran's Court. "After seeing a report about two Marine veterans who got into an altercation with two young men. The Marines were walking in the street and the boys were playing football in the front yard. The Marines pursued the boys through the yard, into a house and down in the basement, where a fight broke out. These were 13-year-old kids against U.S. Marines."

"When these Marines presented themselves in my courtroom, I was taken aback," said Khalil. "Not realizing that what they had seen in Iraq had effected their ability to

return to normal life."

Khalil said the plight of those Marines made her want to do something to help other returning veterans. The Veteran's Court in Redford — the fourth in the state — is now a year old and has helped 22 veterans with every aspect of their lives, not just what landed them in court in the first place.

"I think we are on the right track," said Khalil. "This court is not a free pass. It does give veterans the structure they need."

A February graduation ceremony is planned but all the details aren't yet final.

#### Reaching younger veterans

Chatman said he truly appreciates all the support available such as the Veteran's Court and Wayne County Veterans Services, which helps people with housing, medical care and much more.

But he is concerned that younger veterans don't avail themselves of the benefits they have coming for serving honorably in the armed forces.

"The VFW Halls are full of people my age," he said. "I learned one thing, if you want to get the younger veterans in, you have to get on Facebook and Twitter and find them that way. It does work, but you have to reach them that way. They aren't going to respond to a letter. That's too old school."

Any Veteran who needs assistance may call Joseph Callahan, outreach coordinator for Wayne County Veterans Services, at (734) 727-7394. He can be reached via e-mail at: jcallaha@co.wayne.mi.us.



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# Former McCotter staffers arraigned in circuit court

Two former staffers of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter were arraigned Tuesday morning by 3rd Circuit Court Judge Margie Braxton on several felony charges related to the petition fraud scandal that led to McCotter's resignation.

Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang were bound over for trial Oct. 23 by 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh.

Their next scheduled court appearance is Nov. 27 when motions



Yowchuang

on the case will be heard, said Joy Yearout, acting director of communications for

Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Both defense attorneys indicated they will be filing motions.

Seewald, 47, of Livonia was McCotter's district director and is charged with one count



Seewald

of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner and nine misdemeanors.

Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills was the deputy district director and was charged with 10 counts of forgery and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Yow-

chuang also faces six misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as a circulator.

A third former staffer, Lorraine O'Brady, was sentenced Oct. 25 to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program for her role in the petition fraud scandal. She was sentenced by Judge Kathleen McCann of 16th District Court in Livonia.

Following her sentence, O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, will serve 18

months probation, with the first 12 months as reporting probation.

The fourth staffer, Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. She was bound over for trial Nov. 1 on both charges by Judge Dennis Drury of Troy's 52-4 District Court.

McCotter was not charged, as there was no direct evidence of

his involvement.

Schuette alleges that members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot. The petitions were allegedly manufactured electronically by transposing signatures collected in previous election years onto 2012 nominating petitions.

## Trial date set for GC couple involved in police corruption case

A Wayne County Circuit judge has set a date to hear motions in a corruption case involving a retired Romulus police chief, his wife and five suspended Romulus police officers.

Judge Bruce Morrow will hear from attorneys on Friday, Nov. 16 in the case involving Michael St. Andre and his wife Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre of Garden City, Jeremy Channells, Larry Droege, Richard Balzar, Richard Landry and Donald Hopkins.

Jury trials also have been tentatively set for Jan. 22 for the St. Andres, Channells and Droege and March 4 for Balzar, Landry and Hopkins.

The defendants are accused of repeatedly making or assisting others in submitting expense reports in an effort to seek improper reimbursement; creating fraudulent documents to support improper expenditures of drug forfeiture funds; obstructing justice; making false statements in police reports; and misusing city

of Romulus funds for their own personal gain between January 2006 and September 2011.

St. Andre, a 28-year veteran of the police department, has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, acquiring/maintaining criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office, failure to file/false return, obstruction of justice, witness-bribery/intimidating/interfering in a case and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

Vlaz-St. Andre has been charged with acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, failure to file taxes by filing a false return and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

The Garden City couple also is accused of using forfeiture funds to buy and run the Always Tan at 33712 Ford in Westland.

Balzar and Landry have been charged with conducting criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise/conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office and neglect of duty, while Hopkins has been charged with all but the neglect of duty charge.

If convicted, St. Andre, his wife, Balzar, Landry and Hopkins could face up to 20 years in prison.

Channells has been charged with two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty, while Droege has been charged with one count of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. They face up to five years in prison, if convicted.

The charges stem from an investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by members of the Romulus Police Department's Special Investigation Unit.

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A group of Gala Committee members gathered for a photo. From left are Lucia Romano, Suzy Crossley, Josie Norcia and Monique Marks.



## Gala raises nearly \$200,000 for St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 20th Annual Gala "Return of Hollywood Nights" raised nearly \$200,000 to benefit the Generations Together Campaign, which is raising money for enhancing emergency care and inpatient services. The campaign has been a driving force behind the newest addition at the hospital: a 154,000-square-foot building that includes a state-of-the-art emergency center and 80 private patient rooms. Nearly 600 guests supported the black-tie event Oct. 5 at the Laurel

Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The Gala celebrated the glitz and glamour of Hollywood Nights and featured a gourmet dinner, dancing, musical entertainment by the Robert Williamson Band, and special Hollywood entertainment. "It was an enjoyable evening that supported a worthy cause," said Dave Spivey, President and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "The growth and continual progress of St. Mary Mercy Hospital comes from the support of our community."

## It never hurts to get bids for insurance

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: My auto and homeowner insurance policies are coming due in the near future, so I took your advice and received competitive bids. I received a bid from my existing agent and one from another agent who shopped a few policies for me. In addition, I contacted online insurance companies for a bid. What surprised me was how different the bids were. The online company was by far the least expensive and I also think it was the best. My current agent told me that I should be leery about using an online insurance company. Do you think online insurance companies are OK to do business with and do you think if there was a claim I would have any difficulty collecting? I have never had a claim on any of my insurance policies and the only time I talk to my agent is when the policy comes due.

**A:** Congratulations. It is great that you are shopping your homeowner and auto insurance policies around. I wish more people would receive competitive bids. I think they could lower the cost of their insurance and in many cases actually have a better policy. Therefore, it's a win-win situation. I have no problem dealing with an online insurance company. I have done independent research on this topic



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

and have found nothing that shows that people have any more difficulties dealing with an online insurance company vs. the traditional type of company where an agent is involved. As far as I'm concerned, if it is a reputable insurance company, you should have no problem.

Many people in the insurance industry who don't like online companies will tell you if you have a claim, it's very difficult to collect. They point out that when you have a relationship with an agent, the agent will go to bat for you in dealing with the company.

It sounds fine, but the reality is something different. Let's not forget that the agent works for the insurance company. It is the insurance company who pays him. Because of that, the reality is the agent will be loyal to the company, not necessarily the policy holder.

In addition, a sad truth about many salespeople in the insurance industry is that they do not assist you when you have a claim. They want to sell you a

policy, but after that they really don't want to deal with you. Therefore, in those situations, I'm not sure what the agent does for you. There are, however, agents that I consider cream of the crop. They want to make sure that the policy fits your situation and they will assist you when you have a claim. If you have a relationship with your agent and they look for ways for you to be more efficient with your insurance policy and work with you when you have a claim, that is a factor to consider.

The best insurance agents I know never worry about commissions, they worry about taking care of their clients. It is those people that you want to do business with, because they earn their money.

Ten years ago, no one would think about buying insurance online. Today, it's become the norm. Whether you use an agent or not, it's not a bad idea to always get a bid from an online company first so you can use it for comparison purposes. It's hard to know if your agent is doing a good job for you from a price standpoint, unless you have something to compare.

Whenever you buy any type of insurance whether it's through an agent or online, you should always check the discounts available. You may be surprised at how much you can save.

In fact, whenever you get a renewal for your insurance, it's a good idea to check what discounts you qualify for. As I've always said, the money you save looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. Good luck!

One last note. Today is Veterans Day and we honor those men and women throughout time who have served in our armed forces and have protected our way of life. I am extremely grateful to those men and women, including my dad Mitch, a World War II veteran, for their service to our country. I think the great majority of Americans join with me in saluting you and thanking you for your service to our country.

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# Former business owner dons yet another costume

During her 40 years of living in Plymouth, and her extensive involvement in downtown Plymouth and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce events, Sandy Marulis has dressed up in a lot of costumes.

She's been Dolly Parton, Mrs. Potato Head, Yoda, Cat in the Hat and the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz. And she's probably most famous for her most well-known character: The Statue of Liberty, which she has portrayed in the annual Fourth of July parade for years.

Now Marulis, with her husband the former owner of Michigan Made and More in downtown Plymouth, is tackling a new role: Miss Daisy. She takes on the title role in Barefoot Productions'



Sandy Marulis (Daisy) with Rosedale Community Players actors Calvin Carson and David Fedewa rehearse a scene from Barefoot Productions' "Driving Miss Daisy."

presentation of the Alfred Uhry play beginning next weekend.

"I've always enjoyed dressing up, but now I'm really learning the craft," Marulis said. "I am having so much fun work-

ing with the members of Barefoot Productions. I'm just thankful I have the opportunity to be a part of such a worthwhile event."

Marulis, in her first Barefoot Productions cre-

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**What:** Barefoot Productions' presentation of "Driving Miss Daisy"

**When:** Nov. 16-18, 8 p.m.; Nov. 11 and Nov. 18, 2 p.m.

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ation, is working with Calvin Carson and David Fedewa, actors from the Rosedale Community Players, a community theatre that has been performing in surrounding neighborhoods for the

past 43 years.

"We're happy to have them working with us to help bring about the highest standard of local theatre to our audiences," said Brian Cahalan, president of Barefoot Productions. "It's very important for organizations to work together in an effort to promote culture and an appreciation for the arts and provide an outlet for the community to participate."

Marulis owned Michigan Made & More for 10 years and earned a reputation for her community involvement, including her dedication to the preservation and development of the community through her work on the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce as past

President and the Chair of the Retail Committee; the Director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Board; a member of the Downtown Business Association as well as continuing to serve on the board of Friends of the Penn Theatre.

Her new venture simply continues that trend. "I'm hoping everyone will come out for this show, but also support our very own community theater's future offerings and make the performances a part of their cultural experience within our community," Marulis said. "I haven't been on stage since high school and I absolutely love it. I'm have so much fun and the show is going very well."

## Farmers Market hosts special harvest

The Farmers Market season may have ended in Westland and Garden City but shoppers can take advantage of a special Harvest Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, Sunday, Nov. 18, in and around the historic Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge, Canton.

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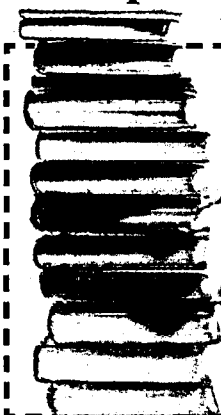
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Observer Staff Writer

Joe Maiorana has added a new member to his business family.

The owner of Joe's Produce Gourmet Market, who opened Joe's Meat and Seafood in May, is now opening Art of Bread, a new retail store that specializes in fresh baked breads made daily and sweet and savory pastries, pies, cakes, coffee cakes and just about any baked sweet that a customer might want. The store, located at 33048 Seven Mile adjacent to Maiorana's other two stores, will open on Thursday, Nov. 15.

The 1,400-square-foot store will be a production center to bake breads, pies, muffins, cookies, strudels and quiche for walk-in customers, in operation just about 24 hours a day, Maiorana said.

Like the prepared foods created for gourmet carry-outs next door at Joe's Produce, everything is made from scratch, Maiorana said.

"Five years ago, we allocated space for baking, and we've grown out of it," Maiorana said. Maiorana expanded Joe's Produce five years ago to build up his operations and include prepared foods, catering and baked goods. Maiorana said he will staff eight to 10 employees at Art of Bread.

Pastry chef Teresa Summers, head baker Bob Carter and baking chef Kenneth Ilich will be mixing and stirring, kneading and rolling up fresh flavors in everything from asiago cheese bread to cranberry pumpkin coffee cake.

"We have an extremely talented staff," Maiorana



Pastry chef/manager Teresa Summers, mixer Karen Jordan, head baker Bob Carter and bakery chef Kenneth D. Ilich are the staff at Art Of Bread.

na said. "The baking business has been great since we opened five years ago. We can do more products here and showcase more of what we can do."

Carter brings 32 years experience in bread baking. Carter learned European-style baking from a master baker in Germany, when he started kneading dough at age 20. "The flours are never bleached or bromated. It's amazing what you can do with sea salt, flour, yeast and water," Carter said. The breads are baked rustic-style in imported Borgard baking equipment, a machine with eight decks that rotates the loaves, baking and steaming the savory European-style breads.

Maiorana said Carter has worked on recipes for breads over the past five months prior to this Thursday's opening, sell-

ing them at Joe's Produce and tracking which selections are popular with customers.

Ilich and Summers are both Schoolcraft College graduates, learning baking under the tutelage of master pastry chef Joe Decker. Ilich, who also trained in France, brings some of that nation's countryside to his vegetable quiche. "It has an egg-cream base, with tomatoes, zucchini, mozzarella and herbs de Provence," Ilich said, describing an herbal mix prominent in French cuisine of basil, fennel seed, marjoram, oregano, rosemary, savory, rosemary and thyme.

Summers will bring a repertoire of pastries she has honed next-door at the pastry shop inside Joe's Produce over the past five years.

Display cases showcase the day's goods. Cinnamon

rolls glisten with a sugary frosty glaze, across from jumbo cupcakes and blueberry and raisin bran muffins. A cranberry pumpkin coffee cake is cut into large blocks of sweet, hearty fall flavors.

Apple strudel makes for another great seasonal selection, but smoked gouda potato strudel adds another rustic selection for the fall palate and lunch table.

The fresh breads will be baked in the early morning, just prior to the store's 7 a.m. opening, Maiorana said. Daily breads will be posted on a blackboard, with asiago cheesebread, cheddar jalapeno, Swiss peppercorn and sun-dried tomato among the selections, which will rotate throughout the week. Customers also can select from a variety of croissants, muffins and coffee cakes, and



Joe Maiorana has added Art of Bread, a new retail store that specializes in fresh baked breads to his lineup of stores.

cookies. Pies will be baked in the morning. Cakes for special occasions, such as weddings, showers, graduations and birthdays, can be specially ordered.

Sandwiches made with Boar's Head meats also are a chance for the staff to shine with such creative selections of Cajun roast beef and a seasonal favorite like cranberry turkey. Homemade soups made in the kitchen at Joe's Produce also will be sold at Art of Bread.

Cakes can be ordered for weddings, showers and other special events.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., but Maiorana expects the store will remain open an hour later during the peak holiday season.

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## FUNDRAISER WITH LION

Joe Maiorana, owner of Joe's Produce, will partner with Detroit Lions offensive tackle Gosder Cherilus in donating 10 meals to underprivileged families in Detroit.

Cherilus will personally deliver the meals to the homes of the families, randomly selected by City Mission in Detroit, which serves the Brightmoor neighborhood. Starting Thursday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 18, customers of the Art of Bread will have an opportunity to add \$1, \$5, or \$10 to their bill, and 100 percent of those proceeds will be donated directly to the Gosder Cherilus Foundation, a nonprofit founded by Cherilus, a native Haitian, in September 2009.

Its primary goal is improving the lives of underserved and underprivileged populations in the United States and Haiti. The foundation is raising funds for indoor gym equipment for the Children's Center Head Start Academy in Detroit; the community computer room at the City Mission, used for homework by school-aged children and other community members for job-seeking activities, and the library renovation of Ecole Presbiteriale de Desdunes, a school in Haiti.

At Art of Bread, drawings will be held all weekend for prizes, such as gift baskets, bread and pastries, as well as an autographed photo of Cherilus.



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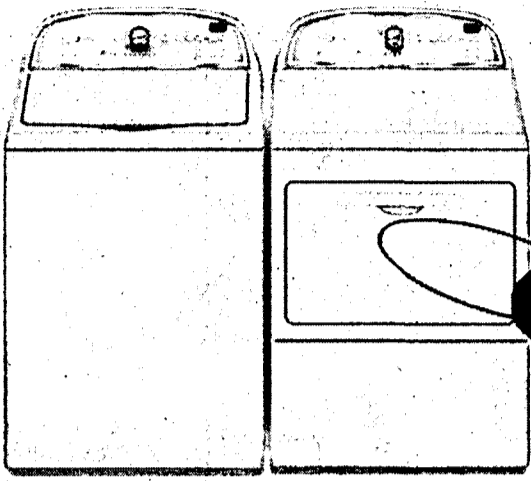
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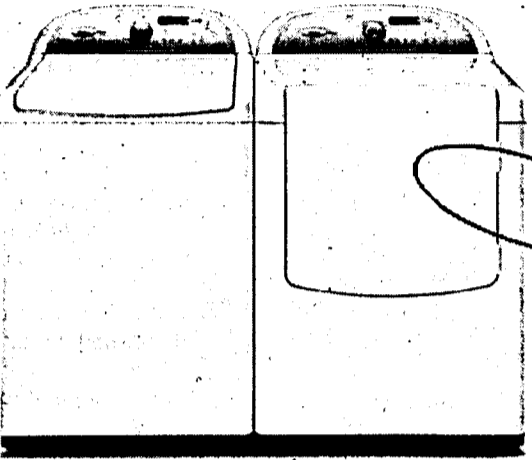
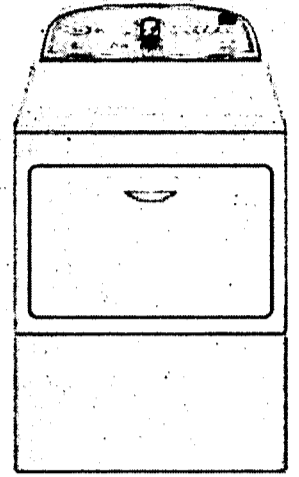


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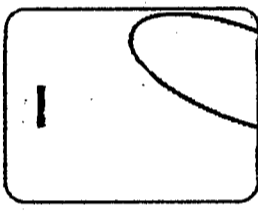
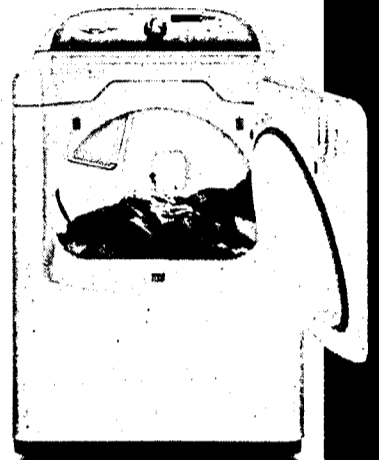


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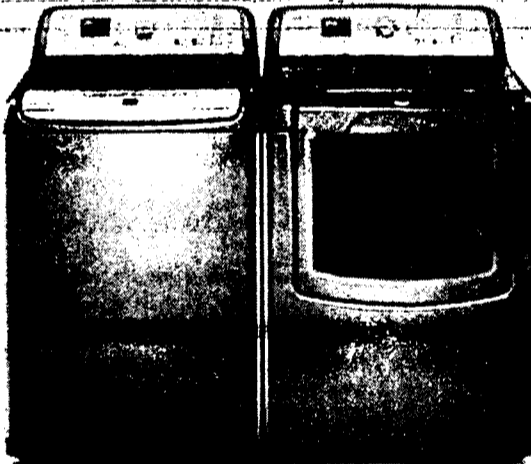
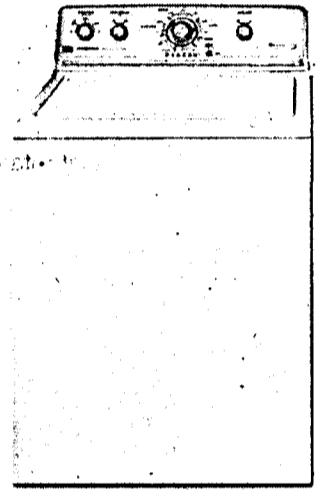
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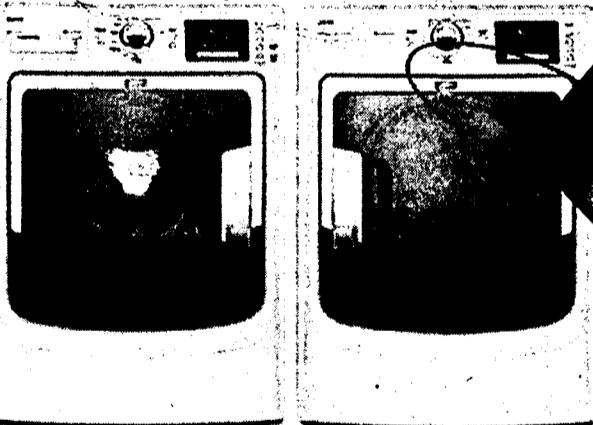
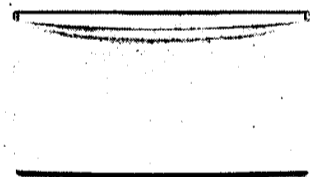
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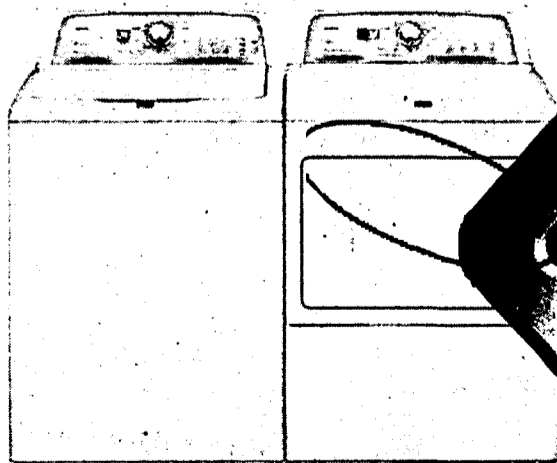
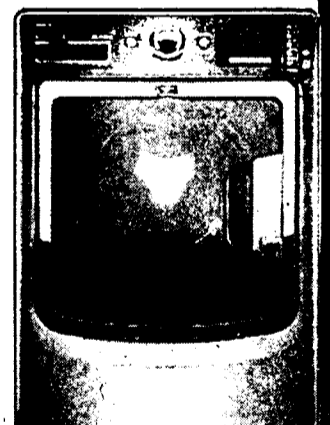


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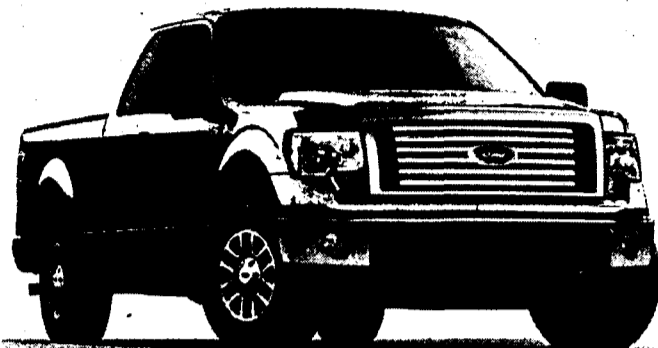
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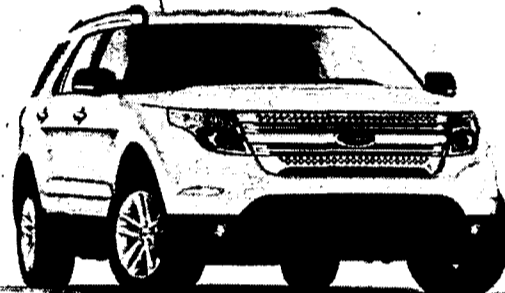
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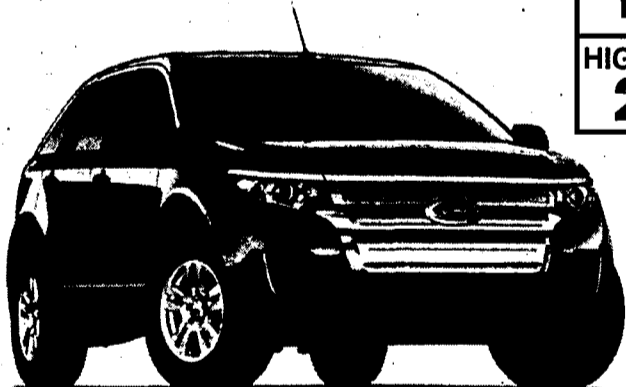
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# Mercy ends Spartans' run

## Regional final cut short in three

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The beauty of this year's Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball team may be team balance.

That was never more evident Thursday night as the Marlins sewed up their fourth Class A regional championship in five years with a 25-19, 25-14, 25-20 win over Livonia Stevenson in a match played at Farmington High.

Mercy, now 46-10 overall, will face Temperance Bedford in a quarterfinal matchup beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Gibraltar Carlson.

"We depend on everyone," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel said. "I think obviously last year that (Miss Volleyball) Maddy (Doyle) and Lindsay (Lerg) shouldered so



Stevenson's Abigail Whitehead (14) attempts the block on Mercy attacker Christa Greenwood in Thursday's Class A regional final at Farmington.

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## Kroll places 3rd in region

Michigan State University junior Sara Kroll (Livonia Churchill) placed third, while senior teammate Rachel McFarlane (also of Churchill) was 26th in the NCAA Division I Cross Country Great Lakes Regional held Friday at the University of Wisconsin's Zimmer Championship Course.

Kroll, the Big Ten champion, ran 20 minutes, 12 seconds on a 6-kilometer course, while McFarlane was clocked in 20:59.

Michigan (41 points), MSU (77) and Notre Dame (89) all advanced to the NCAA Nationals Saturday, Nov. 17, in Louisville, Ky.

## Dyer paces Lady Ocelots

Sophomore guard Courtney Dyer (Warren Fitzgerald) pumped in a game-high 25 points and Margie Mitchell (Detroit Cody) pulled down 19 rebounds to propel the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team to a 68-55 win Wednesday night at home over Mid-Michigan Community College.

Dyer connected on 8-of-15 shots from the floor, including 3-of-7 from 3-point range, while Mitchell had 13 offensive boards.

Ajai Meeks and E'Aijsha Guster (Westland John Glenn) added 17 and 10 points, respectively. Bri Berberet (Salem) also scored eight.

The Lady Ocelots (2-1), ranked No. 12 in the NJCAA Division II inaugural poll, led 34-33 at halftime before going on a 12-0 run late in the second half to pull away.

Kessey Beno and Kayla Caudill led the Lakers with 20 and 12 points, respectively. Alex Barnwell also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Mid-Michigan had a total of 30 turnovers to Schoolcraft's 29.

The Lady Ocelots shot only 33.3 percent from the floor (22-of-66).

## MU harriers eye nationals

Madonna University's Bianca Kubicki (Canton) and Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn) will compete Saturday, Nov. 17, in the NAIA Women's and Men's National Cross Country championships in Vancouver, Wash.

Kubicki, a sophomore, will be making her second straight trip after placing third in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet on Nov. 3 in Grand Rapids.

She was named to the All-WHAC first-team, while redshirt sophomore Kayla Daugherty (Brighton) earned WHAC All-Academic honors.

Fellow sophomore Shannon Dusute was also selected to the WHAC Champions of Character team.

Boes, a senior and school record holder, became the first MU men's harrier to qualify for the nationals as an at-large pick after placing 11th in the WHAC Championships.

Boes earned honorable mention All-WHAC honors.

# Hoops outlook bright for Crusader women

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It may be hard for Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves to temper his early season optimism.

The Crusaders, who officially opened their 2012-13 season Saturday at Bowling Green (Ohio), have impressed in two exhibition games losing by only 11 to NCAA Division I foe and Mid-American Conference champion Eastern Michigan (75-64) and by just five to NCAA Division II opponent Northern Michigan (58-53).

"Obviously we'll be tested in a big way against Bowling Green," Graves said. "Against Eastern, they've really had their way with us in the past. We went in there with a lead at halftime. The kids really did some cool stuff defensively to offset the size and athleticism. Obviously we got out-rebounded in the game, but we gave ourselves a chance."



Lindsey

MU was picked third in the WHAC preseason coaches poll, behind only No. 7-ranked Concordia and No. 12 Davenport.

The Crusaders, who finished 8-10 last year in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, will most likely start five seniors.

"We've got great leadership and we'll start five seniors that are all pretty good basketball players," Graves said. "They're being great role models for a lot of the young kids in the program that are really talented."

"Our practices are at a higher level, so when we go into a game they're all really confident and they play hard. Right now it really doesn't matter who we play."

Michelle Lindsey, a 5-foot-9 senior guard, returns as the team's leading scorer after averaging 13.1 points en route to WHAC Newcomer of the Year and third-team All-Conference honors.

Lindsey, a transfer from Hillsdale College, was joined on the All-WHAC preseason team by Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson), a 6-1 senior center who averaged 12.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per game

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Madonna center Kaylee McGrath, a senior from Livonia Stevenson High, averaged 12.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per game last year for the 12-17 Crusaders.

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# Area prep icers ready to drop the puck

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

They're not locked out and they're not worried about revenue sharing.

So who needs the NHL?

It's high school hockey time again and the season is scheduled to start on time when Livonia Churchill (21-7), a Division 1 quarterfinalist and regional champion, hits the ice first against perennial state power Trenton beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Edgar Arena.

The Chargers, who lost six key performers to graduation,



Dominic Lutz Stevenson

## HOCKEY PREVIEW

including three first-team All-Observer picks, will have a new coach on the bench making line changes as Plymouth assistant Jason Reynolds takes over for Pete Mazzoni.

Senior forwards Brad Milks, Tommy Carey, Matt Sinclair and Riley Brown all return, while senior Drew Puishes and junior Evan Gibonney anchor the blue line corps.

"This is already a very tight-knit group of talented players, with great work ethic and high expectations," said Reynolds, who also served as an assistant three seasons at Stevenson. "We have a very challenging schedule ahead of us, so we'll take it one game at a time and strive for

our best performance each and every night."

Livonia Stevenson (12-12-0-1) hopes to make amends for a mediocre season by its standards in 2011-12.

Coach David Mitchell, in his second year as coach after a one-year hiatus, returns second-team All-Observer forward Dominic Lutz, a junior who had 18 goals and 15 assists.

Other key returnees for the Spartans, who open Friday in the Metro Invitational at Novi Ice Arena, include senior goalie Connor Humitz, senior forward Tim Kelly, junior forward Devin Kelly and senior defenseman Travis Harvey, Chris Catalano and Jake Kierdorf.

"We are younger than we have been in previous seasons, so the ability to learn and adjust to cer-

tain situations will prove crucial to the success of our club, especially early on in the season," Mitchell said.

Livonia Franklin (7-17-1) has a new coach behind in the bench in Dennis Gagnon, who takes over for Scott Wirgau following five seasons. Gagnon is a 1981 Patriot grad and former high school teammate of former Michigan State and NHL player Mike Donnelly.

The Patriots, who open their campaign Friday at Edgar against Walled Lake Western, return seniors Richie Wiczorek and Alex Stavar up front, along with juniors Josh Dudek, C.J. Cromie and Matt Van Hulle.

Sophomore goalie Matt Monendo will get blue line help from

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Weekly 5K runs

All runners, joggers and walkers are welcome to participate in a weekly timed 5-kilometer run-walk at Livonia's Bicentennial Park. Participation is free, but you must bring your registrant barcode to earn by registering at [www.park-run.com](http://www.park-run.com) or [www.park-run.us](http://www.park-run.us).

#### WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association volleyball is underway and will last through mid-November for the following age groups: 9-10 (freshman), 11-13 (JV) and 14-17 (varsity). Cost is \$130 (includes

volleyball jersey with neon colors, shorts and knee pads). Practices begin in mid-November and matches start in early December. There will be an open volleyball from 6-7:30 p.m. (freshman) and 7:30-9 p.m. (JV-varsity) Monday, Nov. 12; along with a clinic at the same age-group times Tuesday, Nov. 13 - both at the Bailey Recreation Center. The cost of the clinic is free for those already registered and \$5 for those who have not registered. You can register online at [wyaa.org](http://wyaa.org). For more information, call Keith Demolay at (734) 722-1251 (leave a message).

### SPARTANS

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much of the responsibility, then my other seniors held up their end. I think everybody else was below that, but this year there's no one you can lean on. And that is biggest difference."

Senior outside hitters Catherine Morgan (12) and Molly O'Sullivan (11) combined for 23 kills. Junior middle hitter Christa Greenwood contributed seven.

Senior setter Mary Dulzo finished with 24 assist-to-kills.

"We're very different than last year," Vogel said. "This year the difference is we constantly have five or six hitters. I think that's made us stronger in that regard. I also thought our defensive people passed real well. That was the key — passing — because that allows us to get everyone moving."

Sophomore outside hitter Jenna Lerg served four aces and finished with 31 digs.

"We have to serve strong because we feel the outcome is in our favor," Vogel said. "I thought that is something we preach to them."

Stevenson (28-17-1) was going for its second straight regional title, but the Spartans met all kinds of roadblocks against Mercy, which hit from all angles.

"They mixed the ball up very, very well, so we rarely sealed the block or got a good seal," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "They were either going up late, so it deflected, so we couldn't put the ball up. They mixed the ball up very well, so it was hard for our blockers to figure out where to go."

Stevenson's standout junior outside hitter and setter Katie Tomasic (10



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Stevenson libero Annie MacDonald launches a serve in Friday's Class A regional final against Farmington Hills Mercy.

kills, 10 assists) was the focal point of Mercy's defense.

"Everything was stopping her, even to the point that we saw in the (first) set she had those massive cut shots, so we made our four (libero) play out deeper to take those kinds of shots," Vogel

said. "Number 10 (Tomasic) is nice."

Senior outside hitter Morgan Copperstone chipped in with six kills, while junior middle Amanda Hawkins had four blocks.

Setter Allie Koestering, a senior, finished with 13 assists.

Senior defensive specialist Annie MacDonald (16 digs) flipped-flopped positions with senior libero Holly Mossoian after Mossoian went down in Tuesday's regional semifinal win against Detroit Cass Tech with a wrist injury.

"It really didn't affect us at all," Graham said. "They (Mossoian and MacDonald) are very, very similar players, so I felt really confident having Annie in there. She did a great job."

"And Holly came back and did just as well defensively and offensively. I was worried about her serving with her hand, but she was fine and didn't miss a serve. So it was an equal wash between the two of them."

But Tomasic was short-circuited by the Mercy defense and attack.

"She (Tomasic) didn't get as many attempts," Graham said. "We were not getting the ball to the setter. We were not able to run the offense as much. Our blocks kind of fell apart and it kind of crumbled after that. We couldn't get it into gear offensively with anything. The first set I think they were really on, and then we kind of lost it — the momentum — and we couldn't battle back."

Although the Spartans battled numerous injuries throughout the season, they were able to win a district and play in another regional final.

"That they never gave up and I'm going to miss my seniors," said Graham, who also loses defensive specialist Kelsey Szabo and outside hitter Mara Murray. "They were a great group of seniors. They worked well together. They battled back and they were tough all season long."

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## Purl-fect projects

Knit and  
crochet  
group  
makes  
clothing for  
charities

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Make 100 hats, scarves, blankets or gloves in 45 days.

Marti Bush and Millie Judd have issued the challenge to their Monday night "Meetup" group of knitters and crocheters, asking members to make — and then donate — handmade items to local nonprofits.

Bush, a knitting teacher from Redford, and Judd, one of her former students from Dearborn Heights, created the weekly gathering just last month, but hope the group will complete 100 items by Dec. 1.

"I know enough folks who knit and it just seems to me that knitters are very generous," Judd said. "They like to make things and they are always making gifts for people. This way, people who really need it are getting it and we're not harassing our families and friends with more and more hats."

Instead, the completed garments will go to Veteran's Haven in Wayne; the



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Marti Bush and daughter Meagan from Redford work on yarn projects, along with other crafters who will donate their finished garments to charity. Bush teaches knitting in Livonia and Novi.

YWCA of Western Wayne County's Headstart program, which offers classes in Redford, Garden City, Dearborn, Inkster and Dearborn Heights; and First Step, the Western Wayne and Downriver project on domestic and sexual violence, with offices in Plymouth, Redford and Wayne.

"They have over 700 kids in Headstart and a lot of those kids don't have anything. We want to keep them warm," Judd said.

### Michigan chapter

Judd organized the group — called Millie's Hats for Hope Initiative — as a chapter of Emily's Hats for Hope, which 17-year-old Emily Kubin of Morristown, N.J. founded in December 2011. The teen began knitting hats for the homeless and created a Facebook site that

both tracks her progress and encourages others to participate. As of September, she had made and collected nearly 2,500 hats and was well on her way toward meeting a goal of 3,000 hats by her 18th birthday next month. She has received donations from as far away as Iceland and now has chapters in 15 states and one Canadian province.

"I thought, what a great kid. She's 17 and doing this. I thought, well, I'll donate. I'll make some hats for her," Judd said. "And then it was all getting so huge that she really wanted people in other states to start an initiative in their own areas. So, what the heck, I'll start one in my own area."

Bush agreed to co-ordinate the group, which runs from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, at Panera,



Millie Judd (left) shows Kianna Collier a technique with yarn.

26580 Ford Road, just east of Inkster, in Dearborn Heights.

"My part in this is helping someone get to the next level they need to get to," said Bush, who is on hand each week to assist members with their projects. "I knit, crochet and

loom."

About a dozen children and a few adults worked on looms when the group met last Monday. Others spent the two-hour session knitting or crocheting.

"Looming is great for kids because it eliminates some of the issues you have with true knitting projects — dropped stitches and counting. It's a great way to get them crafting and involved in a charity," Bush said.

### Helping others

Pat Birdsall and Cathy Holden, both of Redford, were members of a knitting group Bush led last summer at the Redford Township library. Now they attend the Monday night Meetup.

"I love to knit," said Birdsall, a retired teacher who knit her first garment — argyle socks for her father — when she was 16 years old. "It's nice to know that something I knit might bring just bring a little happiness, a little smile and joy to someone's face."

Holden has knitted everything from afghans to skirts since she learned to knit 12 years ago. She also enjoys the group's emphasis on charity.

"I like just knowing that I'm helping somebody," Holden said. "Somebody

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The Rev. Bryan Smith and wife Jennifer have served Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton for 20 years. They were honored at a Nov. 3 party.

# Canton pastor, church mark 20-year milestone

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

The Rev. Bryan Smith wasn't quite sure what to expect when he arrived at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton 20 years ago.

Smith said his ministry has been both more rewarding and more challenging than he'd expected as a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey with some ministry experience. "Faith is formed in a community of people," he said at the conclusion of a Saturday, Nov. 3, thank you party given by church members and staff.

"We have been blessed by what you have given to the Lord," Smith told worshipers. He and his wife, Jennifer, recalled asking their children, Julia and Joshua, about the experience of growing up as pastor's children.

"Both Julia and Joshua said it was great growing up in this church," he said. "You really have embodied Christ for us."

The native Californians — Smith did his undergraduate work at U.C.L.A. — joked about their move to Michigan in the early 1990s. "She said 'God would never send us

to Michigan,'" he recalled. "Not much later, she was also deeply convinced."

The potluck dinner Nov. 3 included music, video, and the presentation of a wall hanging and gift cards to the Smiths. Daughter Julia, away at school, was present via iPad.

The church Drama Team appeared in a skit written by Jake Zinke.

Church members Jan Mathews and Bevis Richardson "interviewed" Joshua Smith, appearing as his dad, for the church pastor role. The Beach Boys' *California Girls*, set the scene as the younger Smith learned about Michigan turns ("turning right to turn left") while driving and using his hand to locate his new hometown.

In the skit, Joshua Smith also dressed for Michigan weather and indicated his willingness to move across the country to serve as pastor. "If Moses and the Israelites can do it, so can I," he said.

His dad said later he didn't know much of Michigan, other than driving through as a child and teen from Los Angeles to Toronto, Ontario. He smiled when asked about serving another 20 years: "I'm kind of on a need to know basis from God."

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## MORE KNITTING GROUPS

Here are a few other local knit and crochet groups whose members donate items to charity:

- Senior citizens meet 9:30-10:30 Wednesday at the Civic Park Senior Center at Five Mile and Farmington Road in Livonia to knit and crochet items for charity. Patricia Wachtel, recreation supervisor, said 20 women typically gather to work on their projects.

"We put up a Christmas tree and cover it with the items," Wachtel said. "Then when the Goodfellow kids come with their parents, they can pick out what they want."

Another group also sews for charity, 1 p.m. Monday at the senior center.

- The Southeast Michigan Knitting Group meets from 6 p.m. until closing Tuesday, at Panera, 37091 Six Mile, Livonia and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday, at Panera, 20170 Haggerty, Livonia. It's also a Meetup group and has a website at [www.meetup.com/knitting-1011/](http://www.meetup.com/knitting-1011/).

Sandy Schou, group organizer, said members are encouraged to donate to the charities of their choice.

"Our goal is to provide warmth, hope, and love to



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Pat Birdsall from Redford shows off a hat she made for charity. She also knitted the sweater she's wearing.

people in need," she said. "Locally there is someone in your community that would love to have knitted items, whether it's the homeless shelter or the children's floor of your local hospital. We also knit or crochet hats, scarves, socks, shawls, blankets. The gift of a scarf or cap can bring joy to a person in a time of need, and brighten their lives."

The group also accepts

unused skeins of yarn for use in charity knitting.

- The Preemie Project, based in Iowa, donates infant hats, booties and blankets and other items to children's hospitals. Its Michigan chapter, based in Garden City, supports Providence Park Hospital in Novi and Henry Ford Hospital. Learn more by e-mailing to [tpmichiganchapter@gmail.com](mailto:tpmichiganchapter@gmail.com). Or visit [www.thepreemieproject.com](http://www.thepreemieproject.com).

## KNIT

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is getting something from my enjoyment."

Bush and Judd say the group is open to anyone who wants to knit, crochet or loom items for charity. Participants may bring their own yarn — no angora please — or use skeins donated by the public and other group members. The group also accepts donations of yarn, needles, looms, and gift cards for yarn and craft stores. It does not accept cash donations.

Both Bush and Judd emphasize that Millie's Hats for Hope Initiative accepts

yarn crafters of all skill levels. Bush and other experts lend a hand to beginners as needed.

Bush also teaches knitting from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, at Art-is-in Market in Laurel Park Place, in Livonia. She offers three Tuesday classes — from 2:30-4 p.m. and 4-5:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. — and classes from 10:30 a.m.-noon and noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday, at Art-is-in Market at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi. Cost is \$65 for six sessions.

For questions about Millie's Hats for Hope, call Bush at (313) 377-7826. Or visit the group's page on Meetup.com.

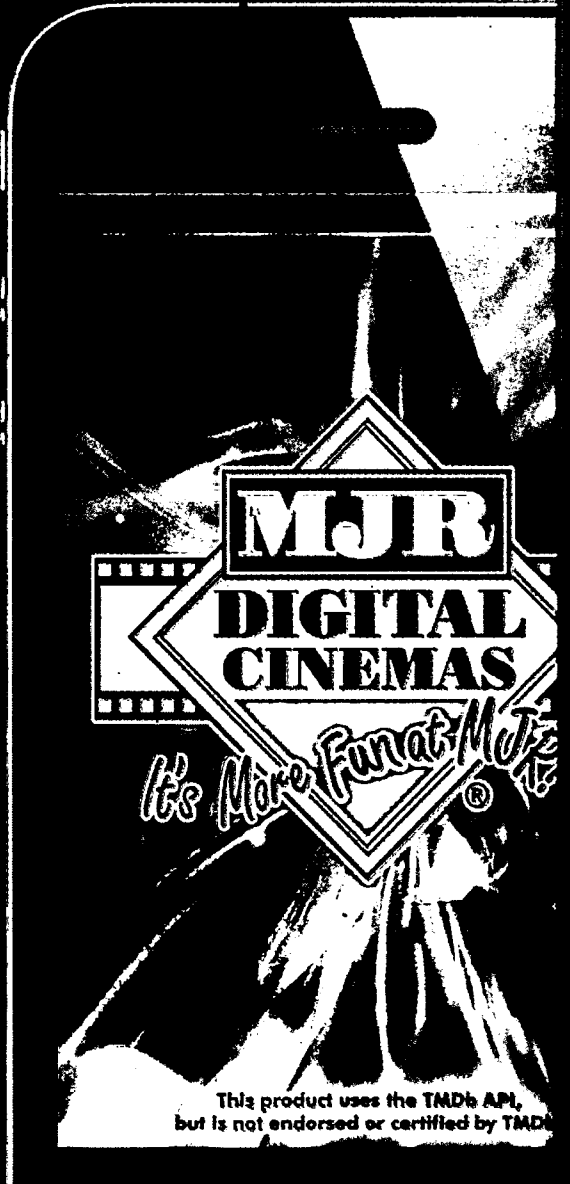
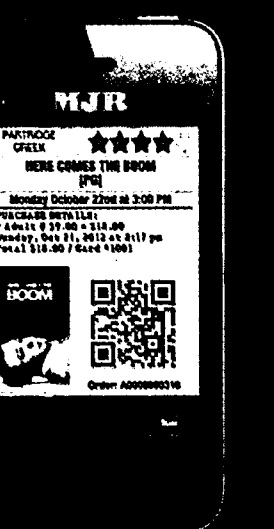
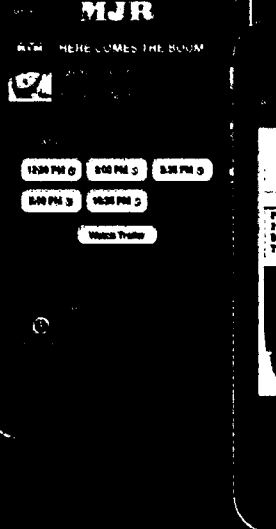
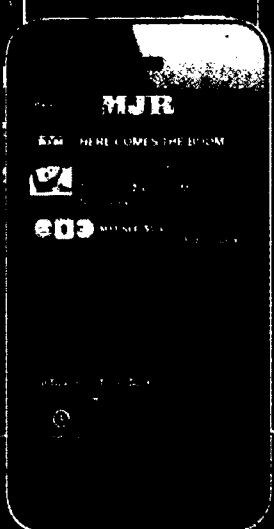
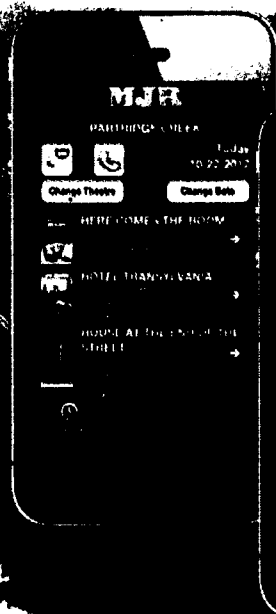


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# Rose Hill Center gala draws sell-out crowd

By Julie Yolles  
Social Scene Columnist

The 20th Anniversary Gala of Rose Hill Center, held last month at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, raised \$45,000 for the Holly-based mental health rehabilitation center. Funds will help provide enhancements to the Rose Hill campus and financial aid to patients.

Attendees, including Michele Scharg of Farmington Hills, helped the event to sell out. The keynote speaker was actor and activist Sean Astin.

Bloomfield Hills residents Dan and Rosemary Kelly founded Rose Hill Center in 1986 because their son, John, was diagnosed with a psychiatric illness and had to be hospitalized. At that time, there were no local treatment and rehabilitation centers in Michigan to aid in his recovery.

For consideration of coverage in this column, send event happenings, including invitations and press kits, to Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 371 Greenwood, Birmingham, MI 48009. Contact her at jyolles@comcast.net or (248) 642-9465.



JULIE YOLLES

Farmington Hills resident Michele Scharg (left) and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Patti Kukula attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Rose Hill Center in Holly. The gala was held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

## Shop vendor booths at tea

Get acquainted with the Catherine McAuley Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 at St. Fabian's Social Hall, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Irish-Catholic organization in the country. The tea is open to all wom-

en. Attendees will get a chance to shop for Christmas gifts or pamper themselves at vendor booths. Gifts baskets also will be raffled off.

Admission is \$3 at the door. Questions? Call Maureen Lesondak at (734) 464-2203.

## Problems with humidifiers, dish soap as well

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest columnist

I would like to believe everything I read and hear that comes from those entrusted with telling us the way it really is, but life has taught me otherwise. When I find out that I am being conned I more or less shake my head in disgust and pray that many of my fellow consumers are wise enough to figure it out.

In the last few years



Appliance Doctor.

Joe Gagnon

the manufacturers of dish washer detergents have removed the phosphates from their products. They did this with little warning to homeowners who suddenly discovered that their glasses came out of the dishwasher with a cloudy finish on them. I am very disappointed that they still have not come up with a solution to the problem nor do they think they have. In my house we have been using the Lemi Shine product to add to our current powdered detergent and it has been doing a good job of keeping the glasses fog free.

After seeing some television advertising that portrays a woman telling another that these new packages of predetermined amounts will take care of her foggy glasses, I went to the store

and purchased some of that particular brand. I've been using it for the past two weeks and I'm not happy. I've got five glasses that look like they have been through a snow storm. They just won't come out nice and clear so I boiled them in a big pot of water for 10 minutes and that didn't help. So I'll say to the well-known advertiser, "you are lying, pure and simple."

### Humidifier problems

I recently read a story about Kent Carson from Chicago, Ill. who awakened in a hospital bed to find that his legs and one arm had been amputated. This unfortunate 55-year-old man was infected with Legionnaires' disease. He doesn't know where caught it and it is seldom reported unless it affects many people who were at the same place. For many years I've been telling homeowners to pay attention to the humidifier on their furnaces. Going back to 1950's the advertising would tell you that the float type humidifier was necessary for good health for people who lived in the cold climate such as Michigan's. Even today a doctor will tell his patients who have respiratory problems to make sure the air in their home has humidity added. There were many millions of these installed on furnaces and a lot of people still have them. Parts are still available and heating companies are still fixing them. My advice to those folks

is to get them off the furnace as quickly as possible. Legionnaires' comes from water that is sitting and heated and that is exactly what the water is doing in an antiquated humidifier.

I strongly recommend you think about the flow-through kind of humidifier. One other important factor on a humidifier has to be mentioned here because it is so important. The filter has to be changed! I've seen filters that are covered with black mold because the homeowner was trying to save a few dollars.

### Confusing consumers

With the technology now available, we are smothered with so many different messages that it is easy to confuse people. As Esther Shapiro used to say, "A confused consumer is easy prey." How can toothpaste make your teeth whiter than the next? The same analogy applies to soaps used in a clothes washer.

In closing this column I would like to mention for the last time a topic I mentioned in my last few columns. I pointed out the newly-invented way I have been doing the laundry at our home. I'm not using detergent or hot water and my clothes are as clean as ever and they even smell better. You can believe in the advertising you will see on this product. Stay tuned.

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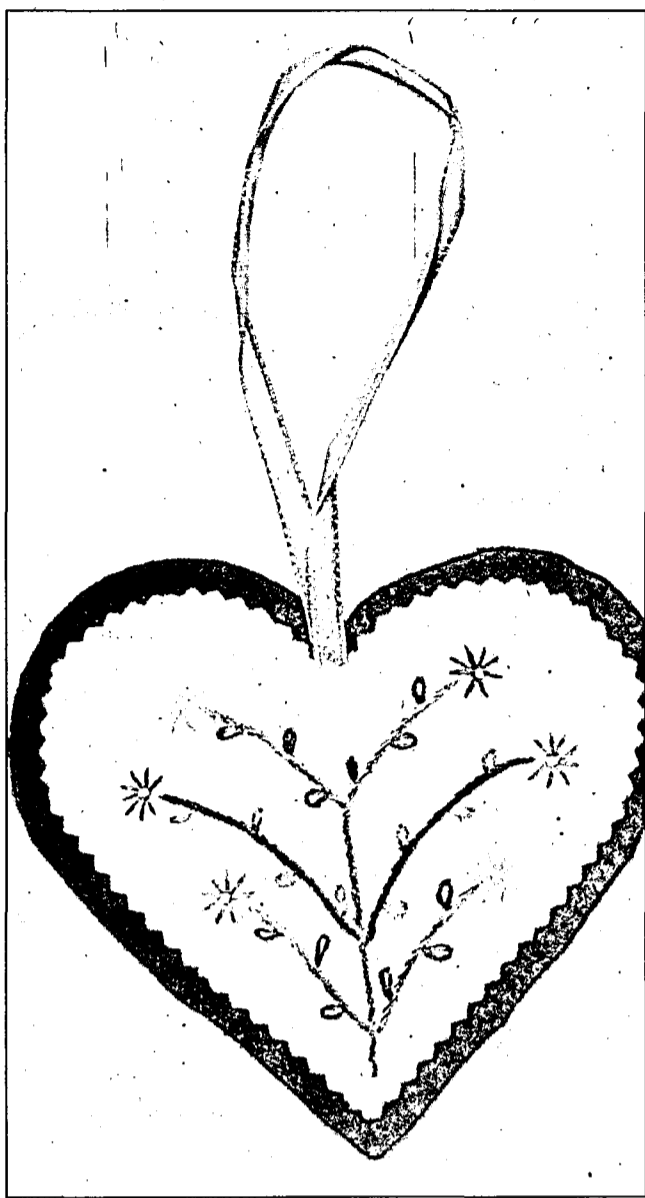
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## Quit smoking with tips from American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is encouraging smokers to snuff out those cigarettes, cigars and pipes during its 37th Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 15.

An estimated one billion people worldwide will die during the 21st century because of tobacco use, according to The Tobacco Atlas, published by the American Cancer Society and World Lung Foundation.

Tobacco use accounts for at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths and 80 percent of lung cancer deaths. In the U.S., tobacco use is responsible for nearly one in five deaths, or about 443,000 premature deaths each year. An estimated 600,000 people die annually because of second-hand smoke.

Smokers who quit, regardless of age, live longer than people who continue to smoke. In just 20 minutes after quitting smoking, heart rate and blood pressure drop. In approximately one to nine months after quitting, coughing and shortness of breath also decrease.

Setting a "quit date" is the first step toward stopping smoking for good. The American Cancer Society suggests that smokers pick a date this month — such as the Great American Smokeout on Nov. 15 — that will give them enough time to prepare a quit plan but not enough to back out. The Society also recommends that tobacco quitters tell their friends and family members about their plan, so they can offer support and hold the smoker accountable.

A free Smokeout countdown clock is available for download from [cancer.org/smokeout](http://cancer.org/smokeout).

Here are other tips for quit-



ting from the American Cancer Society:

- **Make a plan.** Successfully quitting is a matter of planning and commitment, not luck. Many smokers prefer to quit cold turkey on their quit day, while others try to smoke fewer cigarettes leading up to their quit day to slowly reduce the amount of nicotine in their body and reduce withdrawal symptoms.

- **Decide what works best for you,** whether it's nicotine replacement or other medicines, joining a stop-smoking class, going to Nicotine Anonymous meetings, using self-help materials such as books and pamphlets, or some combination of these methods.

- **Small steps.** Once your plan is in place, start working on small changes like discarding cigarettes and ashtrays in your home and car, stocking up on oral substitutes like sugarless gum and hard candy or carrot sticks, and practice saying, "No thank you, I don't smoke,"

when offered a cigarette. Set up a support system through a group program or a friend or family member who has successfully quit and will help you through the difficult days ahead.

- **Quit day.** Don't smoke on your quit day. Keep your mind and body occupied by exercising or losing yourself in an enjoyable hobby, and avoid situations where the urge to smoke is strong. You may need to change up your routine by taking a different route to work, eating breakfast in a different place, or eating different foods. It will take time to unlink smoking from your daily activities, and even if you are using a nicotine replacement you may still have strong urges to smoke.

- **Avoid rationalizations.** "I'll have just one cigarette to get me through this situation" ... "Everyone dies of something" ... "How bad is smoking, really?" Write down rationalizations as they come up and recognize them as messages that can trick you into going back to smoking. Be ready with a distraction to redirect your thoughts to something else.

- **Bounce back from slips.** A slip is a one-time mistake that is quickly corrected; a relapse is going back to smoking. While it may be tempting to use a slip as an excuse to go back to your old ways, you also can look at what went wrong and renew your commitment. Use what you learn from the slip to make a stronger quitting attempt next time.

For more information on the Great American Smokeout visit [cancer.org/smokeout](http://cancer.org/smokeout) or call (800) 227-2345.

## THANK YOU! TO OUR SPONSORS!

Westland's second annual All American Blues Brews & BBQ was a resounding success! Without question, the special performance by hometown American Idol finalist and country music star Josh Gracin, made the second Blues, Brews & BBQ memorable. We were grateful to have had several of the areas hottest blues bands together at one event and boy did their fans love BBQ as all participating restaurants reported record sales.

Blues Brews & BBQ, which is quickly becoming Westland's signature event, was successful because of the support of our sponsors, vendors and event goers. This year's event donated \$17,500 back to the local community organizations that donated their time to staff the event bringing the event's two year donation to almost \$30,000. Over 100 volunteers from 13 different organizations generously gave of their time and played an integral part in its success.

Simply, Blues, Brews & BBQ would not have been possible without our sponsors, the Blues bands, the participating restaurants and everyone who came out and took part in all of the fun! Thank you and see you next year!!!

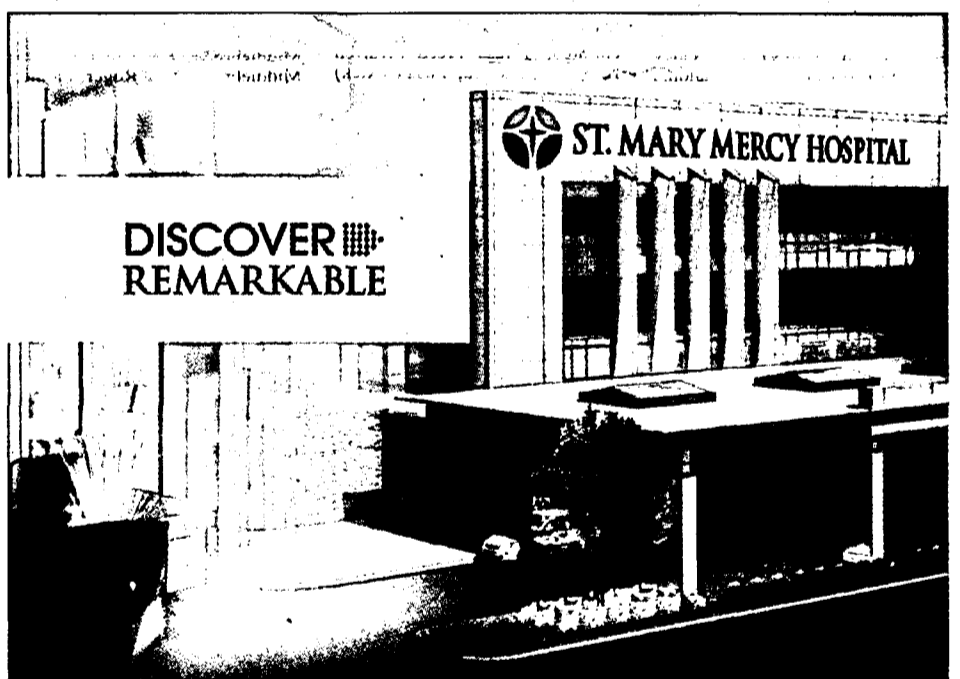
### 2012 FINANCIAL SUMMARY TO THE COMMUNITY

Starting Balance:	\$5,093.07	Advertisement/Promotion:	
Sponsorship Income:	\$66,000.00	Print Ads	\$2,220.00
Event Income:	\$27,608.95	Radio Ads	\$7,500.00
Car Show Donation:	\$431.00	Posters and Graphic Design	\$2,330.05
<b>GROSS INCOME:</b>	<b>\$94,039.95</b>	Banners and Signage	\$2,167.70
Expenses	\$73,556.65	Entertainment:	
Net Income:	\$20,483.30	Bands	\$15,500.00
2012 Non-Profit Donation:	\$17,500.00	Stage & Sound	\$9,200.00
		Emcee	\$1,200.00
<b>Net Reserve for 2013 Brews Blues &amp; BBQ</b>	<b>\$8,076.37</b>	Rentals:	

<b>Donations Made to Local Non-Profit Organizations:</b>			
Salvation Army-Westland	\$250.00	Tents/tables/chairs	\$2,677.50
Westland Grange	\$250.00	Restrooms	\$1,750.00
Warm Hearts	\$500.00	Generator/Insurance	\$1,458.08
Westland Jaycees	\$1,000.00	Fencing:	
Westland Community Foundation	\$1,000.00	Fencing Installation/Removal	\$1,000.00
Westland Civitans	\$1,000.00	Security:	
Westland Firefighters Public Awareness	\$1,000.00	Police Protection	\$3,617.61
Westland Rotary	\$1,000.00	Misc:	
Westland Historical Commission	\$1,500.00	Payout to Restaurants	\$14,909.30
Westland Goodfellows	\$1,500.00	Lodging	\$381.22
Westland Lions Club	\$1,500.00	Postage/Mailing	\$427.55
Westland Chamber of Commerce	\$7,000.00	Souvenirs	\$4,030.00
<b>Total Amount Donated</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	Volunteer Shirts	\$1,397.00
		Insurance/License	\$1333.00
<b>Total Event Donations to-Date</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>	Table Coverings	\$154.40
		Credit Card Charges	\$99.00
		Misc Items	\$204.24
		<b>Total of all Expenses =</b>	<b>\$73,556.65</b>



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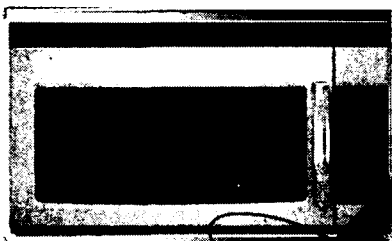
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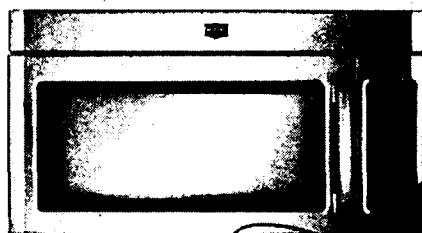
Bill & Rod

Nov. 16 & 17

Pre **BLACK FRIDAY** In the Kitchen  
BARGAINS



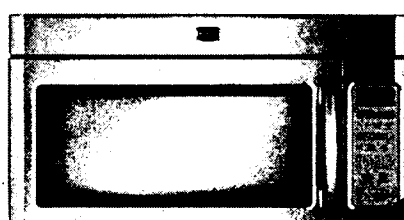
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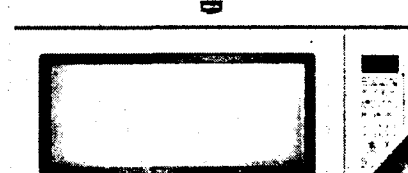
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Over-the-Range Microwave Oven  
220 CFM venting system, 1000 watts,  
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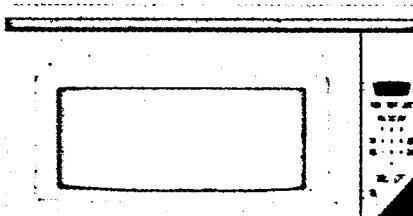
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Over-the-Range Microwave Oven  
1000 watts, touch electronic  
controls, stainless steel interior,  
digital display  
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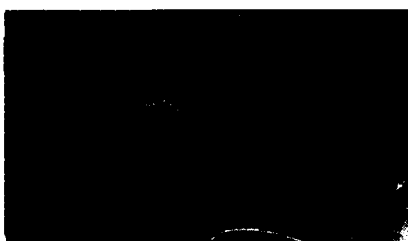
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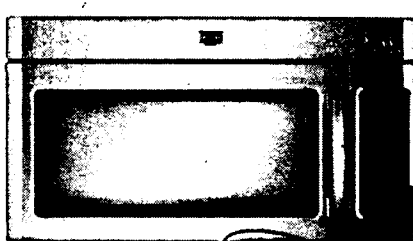
**MMV5208WW**  
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Combination Range Hood  
Microwave Oven  
1100 watts, four-speed 300 CFM  
venting system, 10 power levels,  
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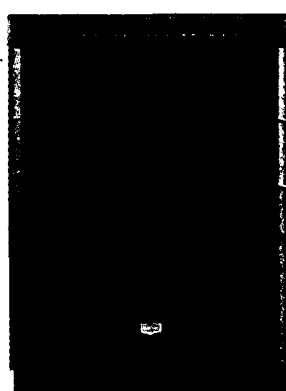
**AMV1150VAW**  
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Microwave  
Auto defrost and auto cook options,  
hidden vent, lockout feature,  
1,000 watts cooking power  
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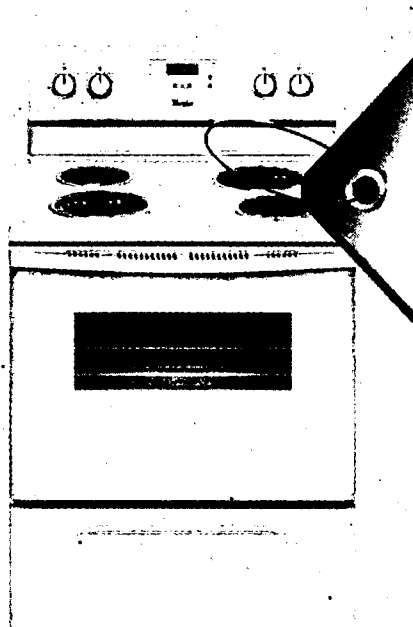
**AMV1150VAB**  
Amana 1.5 cu. ft.  
Over-the-Range Microwave Oven  
1000 cooking watts, 10 power  
levels, two-speed fan/220 CFM  
exhaust hood  
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Maytag 1.6 cu. ft.  
Over-the-Range Microwave Oven  
220 CFM, venting system, 1000  
watts, auto reheat, mesh grease  
filter  
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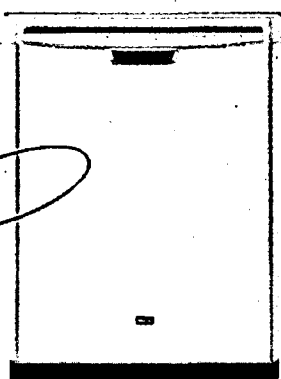
**MDB8949SAB**  
Maytag Full Console  
Dishwasher  
14 place settings, 6 cycles, 6  
options, 4-blade hard food disposer,  
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