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City, state partner to repair intersection, railroad crossings

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Railroad crossings and an intersection in the top 10 in the state for crashes will get much needed repairs in 2014.

The Westland City Council on Monday approved a contract between the City of Westland and the Michigan Department of Transportation for road reconstruction and traffic signal work at Cherry Hill and

Newburgh. The city also has been working with CSX to make repairs to the railroad crossings on Palmer east of Newburgh and Hix between Ford and Cherry Hill.

"Finally, for all the people living in the area of Cherry Hill and Newburgh, it will finally be wide and fixed with four lanes all ways and turn arrows all four ways," Councilman Michael Kehrer said. "It's going to be nice, it's going to

take care of a major bottleneck in that part of the city."

The project will cost an estimated \$1 million. The state will use federal funding to pay 81.85 percent of the total cost of construction, or \$960,000. The city and Wayne County will split the remaining \$213,000 of the project, with a total cost to the city at \$106,500.

According to a crash analysis of the site obtained from



Cherry Hill and Newburgh will be widened to five lanes east of the CSX crossing to alleviate problems. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan, there have been 93 crashes in 36 months at the intersection.

"The partnership with MDOT has given us the opportunity to address this problem

with an emphasis on best practices for driver's safety, while allowing us to move forward without delay," Mayor William Wild said. "The new design will

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Harold Peabody (Aaron Blanchard) tells Aunt Millie (Olivia Junk) and Aunt Gertie (Asha Smith) about his big plans in "Larceny and Old Lace." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

W-W district recognized for financial reporting

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has two more plaques to hang on the wall in its business office after receiving awards.

Following in the footsteps of his predecessor Gary Martin, Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler and his staff have earned a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Board Officials International and Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

This is the 14th consecutive year the district's business office has received the awards. Wayne-Westland is one of only four districts in the state that received the honors for its full financial reporting and full transparency.

"We're graded on certain information from many sources. It's time-intensive," said Larson-Shidler, who thanked the business office staff, including David Kaumeyer, senior executive director of business and operations, and executive secretary Sue Rawson.

The ASBO award is the highest recognition given for school district financial operations offered by the organization and is only given to districts that have met or exceeded the standards of the program.

Likewise, the GFOA certificate is the association's highest recognition given in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents "a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." It also demonstrates "a constructive spirit of full disclosure."

Calling participation in the

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Mystery, comedy meet in 'Larceny and Old Lace'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Half mystery, half comedy. That's how Belinda Walakonis describes John Glenn High School's fall play, *Larceny and Old Lace*.

"Instead of poisoning people, two old women rob casinos and are on their 13th one," said Walakonis, who is helping direct the play with drama teacher Kevin Gidley. "There's some comedic timing going on in it, and the students have had to raise up their skills. They've had to hone that skill. That's been the most exciting thing

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Culinary program holding holiday buffet benefit

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

For some families in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Thanksgiving will be a bit brighter, thanks to the efforts of chef Tony Paquette and the students in his culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical

Center in Westland.

Paquette is inviting the community to the center on Thursday, Nov. 14, for a Thanksgiving buffet at the center's Cafe Marquette. For a donation of \$10, guests can enjoy turkey and the trimmings. All of the money raised



Paquette

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

"I think this is our seventh year," said Paquette. "We've always worked with the Resource Center. The need has never

decreased, it's increased."

The buffet will open at 11:20 a.m. and run through 1 p.m. On the menu will be turkey and dressing, potatoes, vegetables, a fresh tossed salad and desserts, ranging from bread pudding to pumpkin pie.

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improve traffic flow and make the intersection safer."

Right of way delay

The road work has actually been "on the queue" for five years, but because of issues with right of way was delayed.

"Once we got the funding that was cleared up," said Bennie McCusker, deputy director of the Department of Public Service.

The project will include the reconstruction of the intersection, as well as Cherry Hill west of Newburgh which will be widened from four to five lanes. There also will be an area at the west end of the project which transitions the road from the newly built five lanes road to the existing two-lane road.

The project also includes a new traffic signal installation at the intersection, storm sewer replacement and sidewalk repairs.

"The safety of our citizens and visitors has always been a top priority for my administration," Wild said. "When I hear that there have been 27 crashes in 2013, and 40 in 2012 at this location alone, I know that we need to come up with a solution immediately."

Construction on the intersection is slated to start in July and is expected to be completed by mid-October. Reloca-

tion of private utilities will begin before the road project and will start this winter or in the early spring.

Railroad work

Work on the Palmer Road railroad crossing will start in May and be completed in July, with some cleanup being done as early as Tuesday and Wednesday at the crossing so it makes through the winter. That project is being done in advance of the Cherry Hill-Newburgh work so Palmer can be an alternate route for traffic.

"We've been working with CSX to get Palmer repaired," McCusker said. "It's a really bad railroad crossing, you almost have to come to a stop to cross it."

McCusker said the city has been pushing for the repairs for 1½ years, but it was deferred while Glenwood was being resurfaced between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

"It would have been gridlock had we done it then," McCusker said.

In addition to the repairs on at the Hix railroad crossing, CSX also will be working on the crash barrier on the bridge where the tracks go over Newburgh south of Cherry Hill.

"There's such a short window for the asphalt, we hope they do all three projects at once," McCusker said. "There will be some participation by us, but CSX will do most of it."

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for me."

"It's going to be a good show," said Gidley. "We usually do a lighter-hearted show in the fall. I think it's a good one."

The play will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14-16, in the high school auditorium. A Wednesday matinee will be performed for members of the Dyer Senior Center and student's in the district's Talented and Gifted Program.

Senior Aaron Blanchard plays Harold Peabody who watches eccentric Uncle Charlie (Kevin Booth) while his two aunts Gertie (Asha Smith) and Millie (Olivia Junk) go to Las Vegas to gamble. Charlie thinks he is a pirate and is constantly burying treasure in the basement, and when Harold hears the local bank has been robbed and then discovers a bag of money in the house, he declares that Uncle Charlie has buried his last treasure and decides he must go to a home for senior citizens. Little does he know that his aunts are the thieves.

Throw in a jailbird cousin Mordred (Abbey Orzech) who shows up with her own bundle of money and the FBI hot on his heels, and Harold finds himself trying to keep his aunts out of jail, his cousin from killing them all and his fiancée from walking out on him.

Double duty

Orzech, Junk and Chloe Sparkman are pulling double duty in the production, appearing on stage and working with Gidley and Walakonis as student directors. They were selected for the positions after writing



Pirate Charlie (Kevin Booth) menaces Mordred (Abbey Orzech) and Lester (Korey Corona) in "Larceny and Old Lace." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

essays.

"We give an opinion or a suggestion on blocking or saying their lines," said Junk. "It's really hard. If they pause, I'll interject or talk them when they're back stage."

This is Junk's sixth play and her third stint as an assistant director. Taking on the additional challenge is "kind of natural" for her, since she tends to assume a leadership role.

"Of course, I want to have that role of director, I really want to push myself past my boundaries," she said. "This has been the hardest one. I'm very glad I decided to do it."

"The big thing for assistant directors is not necessarily to give direction, but to lead by example," she added.

Orzech is new to the director's role. She didn't

decide to be on stage until last year, after working on crew. She initially wanted to be a stage manager, but realized how much fun acting was and wanted to be more involved. Her first time on stage was as a flower in the Humpty Dumpty scenes in *Alice in Wonderland*. She usually has one line a play, but landed a role with 89 lines in *Larceny and Old Lace*.

As assistant director, she tries to help as many fellow cast members as she can. They have ways to stay in touch, like a Facebook page for the cast and crew, but her preference is to work with them in person.

"I did crew with my sisters, who were stage managers, so I sort of followed in their footsteps, but I went in a different direction," said Orzech. "I tried to con-

vey in my essay how much I wanted to do this. I guess they got the message."

Both teens see drama in their lives after high school. Junk wants to study theater in college, hopefully at the University of Michigan. While she enjoys acting in front of people, Orzech is leaning toward producing and directing on television and in the movies.

Working back stage

Students also are handling the staging with Amanda Blake, Lexie Bushway and Lainni Oulette serving as stage managers.

Blake has been involved in plays at John Glenn since freshman year, "painting everything I could." She was encouraged to apply for stage manager and was surprised to be picked.

"Sometimes there's 40 kids, sometimes there's 15 working on crew," she said. "This year we have a lot of freshmen, so there's a learning curve. I like being back there with all the excitement, especially on Saturday night."

"This one knows every line of every song and every dance step," said Gidley. "She'll have a headset on and follow the play line by line."

Saturday was tech day in which the crew works with the cast in figuring out the cues for lighting and sounds like a doorbell or phone ringing. While the set is complete, finishing touches like hanging pictures on the wall still need to be done.

"Everyone will step up their game this week," Gidley said. "They all come together on stage in front and behind the scenes."

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The money raised means Amanda Faughnan, Resource Center director, has never had to turn anyone away seeking assistance.

She provides assistance to families at Thanksgiving and what's left is used at Christmas. She, too, said the need continues to increase, adding that "the community has seen that and given."

"Participation has increased and the resource center is appreciative of that," she added. "This is really important; it's our only big fundraiser. It sustains us for Thanksgiving and Christmas."

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two programs a "rewarding experience," Larson-Shidler said that "attaining these awards brings a feeling of confidence and has remarkably in-

Open to community

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.

"I was talking with chef David (Hatten) about needing to do something for the community and said why don't we start working with the Resource Center," he said. "The first buffet we had 100 people. We didn't realize how popular it would be. People everywhere ask when

it's going to be."

The first few years students would make pies, using apples given to the program by Aramark, to go with the meals, but families now receive a voucher for a pie.

Faughnan was the Resource Center director for a week when she attended her first buffet in 2009.

She admits she was little overwhelmed and the feeling continues as she sees how much it has grown and how giving the community is.

"Each year it gets bigger," she said. "Each year, I walk in and the excitement and surprise I had the first time doesn't go away. It gives me a warm feeling and I look forward to it more than anything else during

the year. The wonderful thing is that it's a lot of fun."

Paquette will use the commons area and Cafe Marquette to seat people. With the ebb and flow of diners, he said he can seat up to 250-260 people during the 1½-hour meal.

"We had 235 people come last year, that's a record number," he said. "We get a good mix of people; they come over from city hall to eat. It's a nice crowd."

People who can't attend the buffet can still help by sending a check, with Holidays 2013 written in the memo line, to the Family Resource Center, 33475 Palmer, Westland, MI 48186.

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creased our financial reporting credibility, not on only to the district, but to the community as a whole."

"Congratulations on another well done year of service and distinction," school board President Carol Middel said. "Fourteen years

speaks for itself. It's great to know you meet the challenges and addressed the needs of the district this size."

"Fourteen years, that's an accomplishment," Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

"It's a testimony to the staff and how they man-

age the district's finances."

Trustee Frederick Weaver pointed out that "if you want something done right, hire a man with two last names."

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ARTHRITIS AND THE LUNGS

Rheumatoid arthritis is more than a condition of the joints. The relation between rheumatoid arthritis and the lungs illustrates the far reaching effect that arthritis can exert on the whole body.

The most well studied effect of rheumatoid arthritis on pulmonary function comes from the development of diffuse interstitial fibrosis. This is the name given to changes in lung tissue that occur in 10%-40% of people who have rheumatoid arthritis. Normally, lung tissue exists as a line of fine cells; the tissue is so thin that oxygen can enter from the bronchial tubes into the body by slipping through the fine pores the lung tissue known as the alveoli.

However, in an individual with rheumatoid arthritis, this delicate tissue thickens, making it difficult for air to enter the body. Why this change in the alveoli occurs is unclear, though smoking, even former smoking, plays a role.

For the patient with rheumatoid arthritis, the effect is to further impair the person's ability to climb stairs, walk at malls or undertake healthy exercise.

Another lung complication that rheumatoid arthritis can bring is pleural effusion; that is the medical phrase for "fluid on the lung." The effect of the fluid is to make it difficult for the lungs to expand to take in a deep breath. In addition, pleural effusions also cause pain that mimics a heart attack.

Rheumatoid arthritis itself causes an impairment in a person's immune response. If that individual also experiences rheumatoid related lung disease, then the risk of pneumonia is even greater. Finally, the effect of rheumatoid associated lung disease is to impair a person's ability to exercise at a time when exercise is as necessary for good health as any medication.

Schoolcraft has been preparing for university partnership for some time

Schoolcraft College held a press conference Thursday to announce its new bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that will begin in the fall of 2014.

Degrees in business, nursing, engineering, criminal justice and more will soon be available at Schoolcraft's main campus on Haggerty north of Seven Mile in Livonia.

Schoolcraft had been preparing for a partnership for some time, though it wasn't known whom the partners would be.

"Schoolcraft College is much more focused on helping its students earn a bachelor's degree and beyond," Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress said. "We selected Wayne State and the University of Toledo because we believe they have the programs that give our students their best chance of earning a degree and bettering their lives. We wanted to offer our students these highly employable degree programs without having to leave Livonia."

In May, the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds for improvements, including renovating the former American Community Mutual Insurance building at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, which it had purchased for the purpose of housing classes offered through a partnering university.

Other improvements covered by the bond include overhauling the college's mainframe computer, adding a parking lot and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

While many community colleges offer university completion programs, the "Schoolcraft to U" partnership is more than what others have offered, officials said. Both universities will offer classes on Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia and online. The University of Toledo also will waive out-of-state tuition fees for students interested in its program offerings. The agreement also provides seamless



Back row, from left: Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs, University of Toledo; Terry Gilligan, Schoolcraft College trustee; Brian D. Broderick, chair, Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees; James G. Fausone, secretary, Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees; and Eric Stempien, Schoolcraft College trustee.

Front row, from left: Gretchen Alaniz, Schoolcraft College trustee; Joan A. Gebhardt, treasurer, Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees; Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, president, University of Toledo; Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president, Schoolcraft College; Dr. Margaret E. Winters, provost, Wayne State University; and Ahmad Ezzeddine, associate vice president for educational outreach and international programs, Wayne State University.

transitions from Schoolcraft College to one of the partner universities and collaborative student support programs.

"For several years, The University of Toledo has been committed to blurring the line between Michigan and Ohio to provide access to high-quality UT degree pro-

grams to Michigan students," said Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs, president of the University of Toledo.

"Coupled with our marketing efforts and creative scholarship models, this partnership with Schoolcraft College is symbolic of that commitment by seamlessly allowing Schoolcraft stu-

dents to continue their academic careers and achieve the dream of a four-year degree."

Wayne State President M. Roy Wilson said, "At Wayne State, we want to offer classes when and where it's convenient for students. The new facility in Livonia will give us a presence in another part

of metro Detroit and create an opportunity for more people to earn degrees in the high demand fields of business and engineering. With more and more students attending community colleges, it's important that Wayne State create partnerships like this to offer pathways to a bachelor's degree."

Anderson bills take aim on teenage use of e-cigarettes

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, and State Senator Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, have introduced two bills addressing teen use of electronic cigarettes.

Senate Bills 667 and Senate Bill 668, joint legislation that would prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, to individuals under the age of 18 and prohibit the use of e-

cigarettes by individuals under 18.

These two bills have received support from both Democrats and Republicans and will be sent to a Senate Committee for hearings.

"Michigan is one of only three states to not yet have legislation pending regarding electronic cigarettes," said Anderson. "Thirty-six other states have already



Anderson

passed legislation like ours. While e-cigarettes are different in some ways from regular cigarettes,

they still should not be available to minors as there are still health risks associated with their use."

Regarding the use of

e-cigarettes among youth, the Center for Disease Control has indicated that "concerns include the potential negative impact of nicotine on adolescent brain development, as well as the risk for nicotine addiction and initiation of the use of conventional cigarettes or other tobacco products."

The legislation carries a provision that would allow for an exception in

cases where a physician has prescribed an electronic cigarette to a minor as a treatment for quitting conventional cigarettes.

"These electronic cigarettes can be every bit as addictive as regular tobacco cigarettes and the fact that a child of any age can legally purchase them is outrageous," said Anderson. "There is a proper place

in Michigan for e-cigarettes, but it isn't in the hands of our children."

Anderson and Jones expect that their bills will be sent to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, a committee that Jones chairs.

Anderson's 6th State Senate District includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City, and Redford Township.

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Teacher Suzanne Thirjung and artist Carole Manore helped get the Ben Carson Reading Room at Memorial ready for the grand opening. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wanted: Memorial puts out call for adult readers

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

Just over a month after the grand opening of the Ben Carson Reading Room, the staff that organized it is looking for readers.

There are plenty of young readers on the Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus. What they need are adult readers, volunteers who will spend an hour or so in the room once a week so students can spend some of their lunch time reading.

The school is looking for

adults to volunteer their time to supervise the reading room during lunch time - 11:20 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.

"Students divide their time between the library and the Ben Carson room and have an option to come during recess," said teacher Beth Loritz, who helped in getting the room up and running. "We need one or two adult readers per day to monitor the children's reading."

Located in the school library, the reading room has been created with the help of a \$15,000 grant from the Ben

Carson Reading Room Foundation. Memorial is the first lower elementary school in the nation to get a grant. Normally, reading room grants start with the fourth grade.


Getting it ready

The reading room committee spent the summer getting the room ready for its opening on Sept. 27. The walls have been transformed into a mural that "connects Detroit and Garden City and why people moved from Detroit here,"

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Dominic Walker reads "Brown Bear, Brown Bear. What Do You See?" during his visit to the reading room.



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READING

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said teacher Suzanne Thirjung. The painting was done by Carole Manore, well-known in the district for her work with Ann Tobias on murals at Farmington Elementary. Her depictions include a field of flowers with students' fingerprints for petals, Ben's Farm named for Carson, and Lizzy Lathers taking eggs from the farmer six miles to Detroit on her bicycle. She even painted kids in a tree house, using an image she found on Pinterest as the pattern. And if you look closely, you can see music notes in the clouds.

"Those are all their thumbprints," said Manore. "It was last year's first-graders. They came down one class at a time. It took a couple of days. This year's first-graders presented a giving tree and their thumbprints were the tree."

Manore admits that painting the walls was "a challenge, the lighting wasn't the best." She started working on it the first part of May and worked through until the grand opening, spending three to five hours, sometimes eight hours a day painting, "depending on my sciatica."

A small wall at the entrance to the reading room is painted with sunflowers. On the leaves are the names of donors who have given to help sustain the room going forward. Of the grant money, 60 percent (\$6,600) was used to purchase books; 35 percent (\$3,850) was spent on furniture and supplies, and 5 percent (\$550) on reading incentives.

Teacher Marianne Brewer has handled purchasing the incentives, the little prizes for children who read. There are bookmarks and trinkets they get with their reading punch cards. They receive a card each



Teacher Beth Loritz, artists Carole Manore and teacher Suzanne Thirjung sit in the reading room's kid-sized chairs, pose for a photo in front of the tree house mural.

month and have the chance to fill it to get the incentives.

Life-long readers

"Incentives are a powerful tool to encourage first-graders to spend their time reading," Loritz said. "The books are quality literature that children have never seen before so they can grow in their reading. We need to grow the selections so we can expose them to other experiences. We want to create life-long learners."

Seven-year-old Joshua Fullerton is among students who go to the reading room on Fridays during his lunchtime. The second-grader, who has "a whole bookshelf at home full of books," enjoys his visits to the reading room.

"Reading is fun and it's nice to do," he said, adding that his favorite

book is *If You Take a Moose to School*.

The Memorial staff is continuing to fund raise because "the room has to last 10 years," said teacher Kathy Kolezar. Last month, they were able to generate \$1,000 through participation in the Garden City Chili Cook-Off and pumpkin sales at the school.

"The initial money has been absorbed, now we have to fund raise to keep this room stocked," said Kolezar. "We'd like to raise \$5,000 a year for book upkeep and furniture. We know the furniture won't last, and we also need an adult chair."

"All the money we get, the more we can grow the number of books. We still have room for books. We can fill in the gaps so we have all of the genre that matches the Common Core standards," Kolezar added.



Dahvicka Lorth picked a bench to get comfy on while reading "Rainbow Fish to the Rescue." PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

As the weather gets colder and students start staying inside more, the staff knows that use of the reading room will increase. Loritz believes that once the students start seeing the choices they get with the incentives, "they may want to

stay in."

Adults interested in working in the reading room during lunch time can contact the school at 734-762-8480.

"Our vision is to teach children to read and cultivate a love of reading in their hearts," she

said. "We want to inspire children to grow as readers and believe that any dream is possible or can be experienced through the pages of a book."

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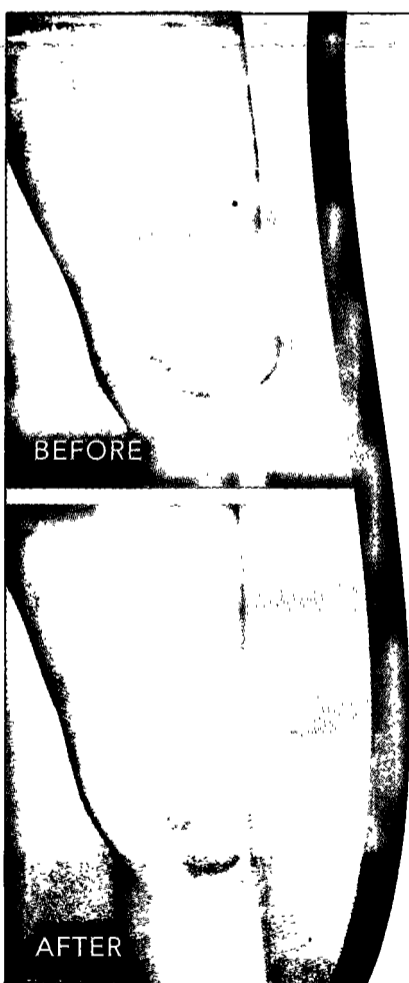
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A VETERAN'S STORY

In recognition of Veterans Day and all those who are weathering a storm

By John Rogers
Guest Columnist

My veteran's story begins right after it was discovered that I didn't receive an academic scholarship to attend college in my 12th year of high school. After I graduated, I was determined to get some money for college to study law. From early childhood, I have been fascinated by how the world is governed by a set of amendments, laws and the Constitution.

I had also seen a lot of crime in the streets of Detroit and I wanted to rid our city of the violence that plagued our communities. I explored my options for a couple of years and determined that joining the service was the best way for me to go. It was a time of peace and I decided to serve for four years and go to college after my tour had ended. It was stated by the recruiting officer that the Army had a special college program that would donate \$2 for every \$1 that I saved toward my college education, that's why I chose the Army over the other branches of service.

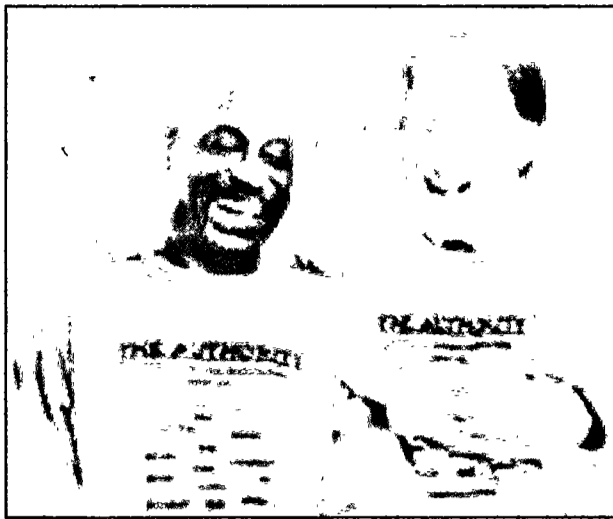
I took the Army's aptitude test and scored extremely high, which qualified me for a special training program called the Airborne Rangers. That following month, I left Detroit for Airborne Ranger School in Fort Riley, Kan., and then on to Fort Benning, Ga. It was not explained in detail

what the duties of the Airborne Rangers were and how significantly dangerous their missions would be.

In the trainings, I was an expert marksman; I was undefeated in hand to hand combat, and very knowledgeable in the art of warfare. After eight months of extensive training and mental conditioning, I was assigned to an elite unit which performed special duties for the U.S. Government. I jumped out of a plane and landed into a dispute in Panama over the Canal. The mission was to secure the Canal until an agreement could be reached between the two sides. It was a hostile situation and a lot of people lost their lives. I went from a young man with goals and dreams, to a killing machine in a matter of months.

I went from Panama to Bosnia to extract some Americans that had been taken hostage by the Bosnian military. Another event where lives were lost, even three of my friends lost their lives trying to save others. I went from Bosnia to Saudi Arabia on the hunt for Saddam Hussein. We went from camp to camp searching and securing the area from Saudi Arabian soldiers. He was never found. So many lives were taken and so many lives were lost, all for the sake of religion.

I went from Saudi Arabia to Kuwait to secure a very valuable piece of land called the



John Rogers shares a laugh with Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Director Tom Watkins.

Gaza Strip. This strip of land possesses enough oil under it to supply the whole United States for decades to come, and both Iran and Iraq were fighting over its ownership. I then got an opportunity to go home for a two-month leave after being away in hell for five years.

Going home

To be honest, I didn't know for certain if I really wanted to go home, being gone for so long and having gone through so much, I didn't want to harm anyone or seem like a stranger to my loved ones. I literally went from an innocent teenager to an emotionless, heartless and aggressive stranger. I got home and felt like an animal that had been taken out of the jungle and brought to the city. I was totally out of my element at that time.

For two months, I was

around the house cleaning my weapons and patrolling the neighborhood for rebel troops. God must have known that I was having a hard time because after two months of the sheer madness of being out of my element, I received orders to report to Afghanistan. Detroit was no longer my home. For another three years the team and I fought our way around Afghanistan, avoiding small arms fire and doing whatever was necessary to make it out alive and complete our project.

After eight years of the most horrific experiences of my life, my second term ended and I got to go home, back to Detroit. I decided that studying law was not the way to go for me; however, the only skills I obtained were military related. Therefore, I applied for positions with the Detroit

Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the State Police, and even with the Department of Natural Resources for a position with the Michigan Game and Wildlife Association. All saying the same things, that I was not mentally stable due to my active wartime experiences in the service. I was not capable of making rational decisions and that I was a walking time bomb.

I was furious. From 1991-1999, giving this country eight years of my loyal service and my life, to have those I so diligently served, reject me and tell me that I am ultimately useless, that's when my mental illness revealed itself. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, bipolar and rage, all kicked in at one time, leading me to the streets of Detroit for relief. The only relief I found was drugs and crime. This was my way of paying the world back for abandoning me. So I went on a drug-induced crime spree that lasted for five years. Life had no value, and I lost all hope on ever being the role model that I wanted to be.

Mentally bankrupt

I was mentally and spiritually bankrupt with no rhyme or reason to live. All of my loved ones and friends, who once looked up to me and were proud of me, now had turned their backs on me as if I were dead. The only thing left was to end

my life. However, still walking home from a non-productive day, the police pulled beside me and said that I looked like the man that just jumped out of a stolen car and ran. I pleaded that I was not the guy that they were looking for. They felt my chest to see if I had been running and took me back to the car to be identified by a witness. I had not been running and the witness said that I was not the one. They arrested me, even though there was no supporting evidence. Out of all the things that I had done, I was charged with the crime I didn't commit — receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle. God had a plan for me.

Somehow my court-appointed attorney found out that I was a veteran and had my case sent to Mental Health Court in front of Judge Kenny. I was sentenced to one year probation, with 90 days of mental health and substance abuse treatment. Also, a stipulation was placed on my sentence by the judge, stating that if I complete my sentence without violating, it will be removed from my record.

Up until this point, I had no criminal convictions and my record was clean. Somehow, along the way, a spark of hope was ignited within me and I began to reestablish my goals, hopes and dreams. I became a model probationer, a sponsor for substance abuse treatment, and a peer support for those that needed a helping hand. Completing my probation, I have never looked back. I am now a Certified Peer Support Specialist for the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. I've learned that my experiences, knowledge and wisdom gained along the way can ultimately help multitudes of individuals who maybe have to travel some of the same roads. I increased my experience as a Peer Support Specialist by working in various positions, attend very valuable trainings offered by the State of Michigan, and helped others. I found that the more I give of myself, the stronger I become in handling my own dilemmas.

Attending college
I attend Henry Ford Community College in pursuit of my associate's degree in psychology. Now, at this point in my life, my opportunities are

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The Garden City Moose is at 29137 Ford Road, east of Middlebelt, Garden City.

Holiday Bazaar

Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Nov. 16, at the church at 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI.

An all-you-can-eat turkey dinner — includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, two vegetables, salad, cranberry, rolls, butter and a beverage — will be served 5-7:30 p.m.

Friday. Prices are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children age 4-11. Children under age 3 are free, and a family ticket, includes two adults and three children, costs \$22.

Come and browse or shop the various booths. Purchase cookies from the Cookie Walk. For more information, call 734-421-7620.

Calendar Party

The Garden City Garden Club is holding a Calendar Autograph and Sale Party at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Garden City Café at 5662 Middlebelt, just north of Ford Road.

If you already purchased a calendar, bring it and have it autographed. Calendars also will be available to buy for \$12. Twelve club members featured in the calendar are expected to be there.

Garden City Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at Garden City First United Methodist Church. The group plants hundreds of annual flowers every spring in downtown Garden City, maintains a butterfly garden in Garden City Park, provides an annual scholarship to a high school senior and donates food from its community garden to local food banks, among other projects.

If you want a calendar,

but can't make it to the autograph signing, call Cheryl Partin at 734-788-1319 or visit gcgc.weebly.com or www.facebook.com/gcgcmi. The club will mail calendars for an additional \$3.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation 2014 is holding a Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fund-raiser now through Nov. 22. Pizza, Crazy Bread, cinnamon Crazy Bread Kit, boneless Caesar Wings Kit and cookie dough is available. Prices range \$16 to \$19. Pickup will be at 4:30 p.m. Dec 4 at Garden City High School near gym entrance.

Contact Heidi Witt at 734-612-5274 or hijowitt@yahoo.com to get an order form or to place an order. Order forms can also be picked up in the office at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt. Make all checks payable to GCHS Project Grad.

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Tutoring is available to Garden City School elementary and middle school students at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, in room 118 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, contact Myrna Hathaway at Garden City High School at 734-762-8350 or hathawm@gardencityschools.com.

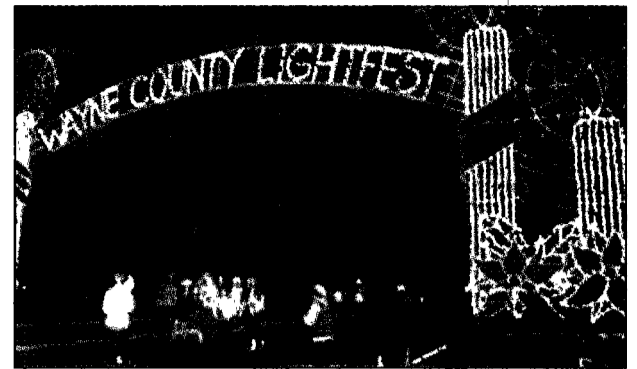
Wayne County Lightfest kicks off holiday season

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Santa will flip the switch to light up more than four miles of Hines Drive for Lightfest's 20th Anniversary Lights-On Celebration Ceremony. The ceremony will feature a fireworks show, music, entertainment and refreshments.

In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of Lightfest, two new displays have been added and the entire light show has been converted to LED lights.

As the Midwest's largest and longest drive-through light show, Lightfest features more than 47 giant animated holiday-themed displays.

The opening ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Merriman Hollow area of Hines Park, located at Merriman Road and



Runners and walkers start their trek down Hines Drive at the Lightfest arch at Warren Road in Westland. FILE PHOTO

Hines Drive in Westland.

In advance of the opening, there will be the annual Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk and Bike through the Lights events with the participants among the first to view the holiday display.

The cost to register for the Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk and Bike Through Lights is \$20 until noon Monday, Nov.

11. After Nov. 11, late registrants will pay \$25. Those of high school age and younger will pay \$10 for each event regardless of when they sign up.

The Lightfest 8K Run/Walk will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. Bike through the Lights will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13. Both events begin in Hines Park at the Merriman Hollow area.

VETERAN

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endless. I have loved ones and co-workers that are supporting my efforts and achievements, I have a promising career with the Detroit Wayne Community Mental Health Authority, and the rest of my life to look forward to. God has a plan for my life. What this world did to try to defeat me, God turned it around to use for the good of many. I

became a living testimony for those who may be in a rough place and need encouraging hope.

So, if anything has come of the obstacles that I have had to overcome and the demons I have had to face, I hope that I can be that lifeline to help someone else see that there is light at the end of that tunnel. Feel free to reach out to me at jrogers1@waynecounty.com.

John Rogers was recently hired into full-time employment with the Detroit Wayne Mental

Health Authority as a project consultant. He also recently won the Michigan Department of Community Health's Director's Award for Advocacy on Behalf of Mental Health Recipients. He represents Detroit Wayne on the Veterans Administrative committee which collaborates with organizations to establish services and resources for veterans returning home from active duty. He also is an active member of the Peer Support Committee and is a Regional Peer Support Certification Trainer for the State of Michigan.

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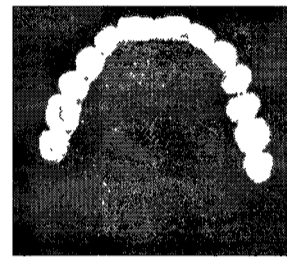
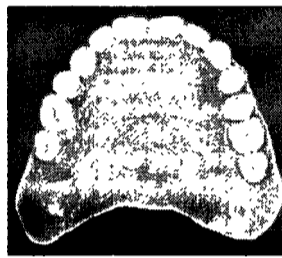


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Mayor William R. Wild

2013 Blues, Brews, & Barbeque Financial Summary to the Community

Starting Balance:	\$9,921.37	Advertisement/Promotion:	
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Event Income:	\$21,910.52	Radio Ads	\$3,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$106,010.52	Posters and Graphic Design	\$4,645.00
Expenses	\$61,176.64	Banners and Signage	\$1,049.76
Event Profit:	\$44,833.88	Entertainment:	
2013 Non-Profit Donation:	\$30,000.00	Bands	\$4,070.00
3-year Donation Total:	\$58,000.00	Stage & Sound	\$8,550.00
Net Reserve for		Emcee	\$1,450.00
2013 Brews, Blues, & BBQ	\$24,755.25	Rentals:	
2013 Donations Made to		Tents/tables/chairs	\$3,021.34
Local Non-Profit Organizations:		Restrooms	\$1,190.00
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Westland Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000.00	Table Coverings	\$ 145.44
2013 Total Amount Donated	\$30,000.00	Credit Card Charges	\$ 308.54
2011 Non-Profit Donation	\$10,500.00	Miscellaneous Items	\$ 401.00
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Jump with Jill rocks with nutrition push

Kids receive healthy food message

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Joanne Randolph, Plymouth-Canton's nutrition coordinator, knows she could stand up in front of youngsters and tell them to eat more healthy food and less junk food.

She also believes she could deliver that message until she's blue in the face and it wouldn't come close to being as

effective as an interactive, exciting and musical demonstration like the one kids got Thursday at both Bentley and Eriksson elementary schools.

That's when Jump with Jill, a traveling "rock and roll nutrition show" that espouses healthy eating to elementary school kids, came to town. Jump with Jill spent almost an hour at each school Thursday,



Hayley "Jill" McDonnell of Garden City extolled the virtues of a good breakfast during her Jump with Jill nutrition presentations Thursday at Bentley and Eriksson elementary schools.

Bentley show. "She's going to get the kids up, they're going to have fun times that will stick with them. It's the best way to learn, through music and dancing."

Hayley McDonnell of Garden City couldn't agree more. Working with DJ Devon Watson, McDonnell, who plays the Michigan version of "Jill," sings and dances her way through her presentation, exhorting kids to wave their hands and clap.

McDonnell, who owns a degree in education and actually spent time student-teaching in a nutrition class before taking on this gig, believes it's a method of teaching with which kids really connect.

"I think the kids really connect with the fact we're making it fun and singing about it and making it cool," said McDonnell, who joined Jump with Jill after seeing the original "Jill" at a conference a year ago. "You see a lot of advertising for junk food and we're the spokespeople for healthy food and getting them excited to try something new, like a vegetable they might not have liked before."

"We use a behavior approach," she added. "Instead of saying, 'Don't eat junk food,' we say, 'Eat vegetables or eat fruit or drink water.' We use that behavior and positive action words to empower kids to make healthy choices."

Jerry Meier, the principal at Bentley, saw the reaction of his kids and believes the demonstration had positive effects.

"The message about health and nutrition is great," Meier said. "It's a real positive message and good role modeling for the kids."

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Students at Bentley Elementary really got into the rock-and-roll Jump with Jill show Thursday.

talking to students with words and music about eating fruits and vegetables, about the virtues of drinking water, milk and juice rather than soda

and about getting plenty of exercise.

"I could stand up or their teachers could stand up in front of them and say, 'Junk food is bad

for you, healthy food is good for you,' but research shows you learn better by moving," Randolph said. "This will stick with them much longer than anything else they learn."

Bentley and Eriksson were chosen by the national Jump with Jill campaign as the result of a contest the district entered. Randolph saw the good that came from similar demonstrations in six Plymouth-Canton elementaries last year and wanted to show to come back again.

"It's a fun and lively way for the kids to learn about good food and healthy choices," Randolph said before the

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Q: Dear Rick: I've read your columns in the past where you talked about life insurance. I know on the whole you recommend term insurance for most people. I am in my mid-40s, divorced with two children. One of my children is a special needs child and I will need to support her for the rest of her life. I was going to buy a 30-year term policy. A friend who sells insurance suggested some sort of variable universal life policy that he says will act as an investment as well as insurance. What should I do?

A: On the whole, I'm not a fan of the variable universal life policies because they combine life insurance and investing.

The problem is you end up paying a high

cost for the insurance and an even higher cost for the investments. In addition, in order to purchase the amount of insurance that you need, the premium would be too expensive. The goal is to protect your child and I'm not sure you're going to be able to do that with the universal life policy.

I recommend a different strategy — a term life insurance policy. In your situation, purchase the longest term policy that you are eligible for. Typically, that would be 30 years.

At the same time, I recommend that you establish an investment program geared for your special needs child. If you have the disci-



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pline to invest on a regular basis you will be able to save a substantial amount of money over that 30-year period. By following this strategy you will have the insurance you need and substantial funds (if you have the

discipline to save) 30 years down the road.

If you take the difference between what a term insurance policy would cost vs. a universal life policy and invest the difference, 30 years down the road you will have much greater flexibility, more money available to you. After all, salespeople never like to tell you about the variable universal life policy fees and costs involved.

There's a reason why

many insurance people sell these products and that is because of the commissions they receive.

On the whole, I'm not a fan of universal life, whole life insurance or any type of permanent type insurance. There are situations where these types of policies make sense but they are few and far between.

Term insurance is by far the most effective and affordable type of insurance for the great majority of people. After all, in the majority of situations, people do not need life insurance their entire life. They need it for a period of time and that is exactly what term insurance allows you to do. Buy insurance for the period of time that you need it.

I recognize that a lot of salespeople will tell you that insurance is a

great investment because the money accumulates on a tax-deferred basis. As far as I'm concerned, insurance is one thing and investing is something totally different.

Always remember how you get money out of a life insurance policy. Typically, the most effective way of getting money out of a life insurance policy is to die. I'm not sure I want to be in an investment that pays me only when I die.

Insurance people will tell you that you can borrow the cash value of your policies, which is true. However, why do I want to borrow my own money? It doesn't make sense. It's not like I'm borrowing money at no cost. When you borrow money from your own insurance policy, you pay interest. It is important to

remember that life insurance is not an investment it is a means of handling risk. Not everyone needs life insurance and for the great majority who do, they don't need it their entire life.

Don't fall for the guilt trip or the high-pressure sales tactics that many in the insurance industry use. If you need insurance, shop it around and get independent advice. Remember, life insurance is need based. If you don't need life insurance, don't buy it — no matter what they try to tell you.

Good luck!

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

Survey helps develop green infrastructure plan

Southeast Michigan residents who took the recent online survey sponsored by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) have voiced their opinions on green infrastructure in the region. The survey is part of an effort to create a Regional Green Infrastructure framework.

Green infrastructure is defined in two broad categories in southeast Michigan. First, it includes ecosystems that are present in the natural, undisturbed environment with features, such as wetlands, woodlands, prairies, lakes, rivers and streams. The second category includes constructed or built green

infrastructure, such as rain gardens, bioswales, community gardens and agricultural lands.

Some of the key findings of the survey:

» Improving water quality was a top priority, with 57 percent of residents choosing this green infrastructure benefit as most important to them; second was economic benefits, such as improved property values, neighborhood stabilization, green jobs, at 46 percent.

» When asked which green infrastructure element residents in southeast Michigan would like to see more of, the most frequent answer was "Trees and rain gardens along roads, downtowns, parking lots, etc." (70 percent)

» When asked which places they would most like to see green infrastructure added, residents said they would like to see more along major roadways (50 percent), followed by near existing parks and fragile/protected areas (45 percent), and along rivers and lakes (43 percent).

» An overwhelming majority, 93 percent of those surveyed, believe more education and promotion of green infrastructure is needed.

» Most respondents indicated that they would likely install some form of green infrastructure on their own property.

» The most common theme among open ended comments was a desire for more community gardens and farms.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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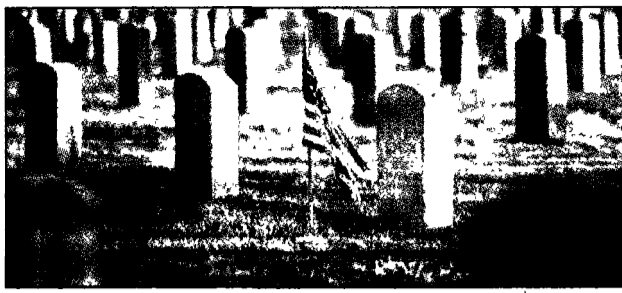
Veterans Day: A time to honor those who serve

Veterans Day is Monday, Nov. 11. It's a day to honor the heroic efforts and sacrifices of our nation's past and present soldiers. This federal holiday is similar to Memorial Day, which is held in May. Memorial Day commemorates soldiers who have fallen in battle.

The history of Veterans Day starts with the conclusion of the First World War. World War I, or the Great War, officially ended June 28, 1919, with the Treaty of Versailles, but fighting had ceased between the Allied nations and Germany back in November of 1918. The armistice between the nations, or agreement to cease fighting, went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, or 11 p.m. on Nov. 11.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson recognized Nov. 11, as Armistice Day to celebrate the end of the world's First Great War. In 1938, the year before the start of World War II in Europe and three years before Pearl Harbor, Congress made Armistice Day a legal holiday. After World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 to change Armistice Day into Veterans Day, a time to commemorate soldiers of all foreign wars, not just the First World War (www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp).

To learn more about Veterans Day, look to *Patriotic Holidays of the United States* by Helene Henderson, which is a book available right now at the Public Library of Westland. For more information on the end of World War I, try *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World* by Margaret MacMillan or *Eleventh Month, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Hour: Armistice Day 1918, World War I and Its Violent Climax* by Joseph E. Persico.



The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Rhythm & Rock Time, Nov. 10, 1-1:30 p.m., ages 1-5 - Back by popular demand. Sing, play and move along with your child in this interactive music program for children with a caregiver. No sign up required.

Time for Art: Collage, 2-3 p.m. Nov. 10, ages 7-10 - Common everyday items become something more in collage art. We will use colorful paper, feathers and sequins and arrange them to create a woodland owl.

Animanga Club, 4 p.m. Nov. 12, ages 12-18 - A casual club for fans of graphic novels, manga, and anime.

Q Club, 7 p.m. Nov. 14, ages 13-18 - A safe space for LGBTQ teens and allies to meet, socialize, and support each other.

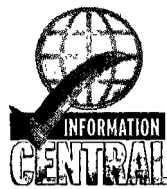
No Write-In, 6-8:45 p.m. Nov. 12, teens and adults - Ready to write a novel? You've come to the right place. National Novel Writing Month at the Westland Public Library includes library Write-Ins where you can write a novel in a month; Track your progress; get pep talks and support; meet fellow writers online and in person. At each write-in, participate in our Panda Challenge for a chance to win a gift card; learn tricks to keep your writ-

ing going. We'll have some refreshments and snacks to help keep you going. If you need to borrow a laptop for the Write-In (in library use only), we can do that for you (with valid state ID).

Starfish Little Learners Playgroup, 10-11:30 p.m. Nov. 14, ages 1-4 - This free program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the Westland library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. Siblings welcome. No registration.

Preview Book Sale, Friends of the Library, 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, 3-6 p.m. - The Preview Sale is a chance for members of the Friends of the Library (or those who wish to join) to get first pick in this month's book sale. The Book Sale will be open to the general public for the next three days.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Club, 7 p.m. Nov. 14, *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins, author of the *Hunger Games*, is Book One of the fantasy series, *The Underland Chronicles*. The action begins when Gregor falls down a grate into a strange world of giant talking creatures. All he wants to do is go home until he finds out there is a connection between this place and his father's disappearance years before. Join us for the book discussion, creative activities, and light re-



freshments.

Friends of the Library Public Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday Nov. 17 - Great prices for great books. All proceeds go to the library.

GED Q & A, 5-6 p.m. Nov. 14, adults - Chris Solano, director of the Tinkham Adult and Community Education Center, will answer questions about the GED Test.

Where and when can you take the test? How do you prepare? What is offered at the Tinkham Center? Find out at this information session. Sign up at Westlandlibrary.org/events or call 734-326-6123.

No Friday Night Movie Nov. 15 - Stop by the Friends of the Library's Book Sale instead. Great books and even better prices.

Kindergarten Book Club, 2-3 p.m. Nov. 16 - Join us as we read Teresa Bateman's book, *A Plum and Perky Turkey*, talk about what we have read, and do a lot of other fun, book-related activities.

This program includes a snack so please indicate any food allergies your child may have. Register online, at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 734-326-6123.

Selling Things Online, 7 p.m. Nov. 18, adults - Are you interested in selling your used items, collectibles, or crafts online? Join us to learn about online marketplaces, such as eBay, Amazon, Craigslist and Etsy. You will discover what each service expects from its sellers, what it costs, and what it specializes in selling. You will also receive tips on listing, pricing and shipping your items. Find out the basic requirements to begin selling things online. This is our Internet Special Topics course for November. Prerequisite: Internet Basics or experience using an Internet browser. Please register in advance at the Reference Desk to reserve your space in the class.

Writers Club, 7 p.m. Nov. 18, adults - Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's

Club.

New Health Care Law: What it Means for You, 6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 19 - Join us for an explanation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and how it will affect consumer and senior health coverage today and in the future, including information of the Health Insurance Marketplace. This talk will be presented by a representative from the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. Handouts will be available at the end of the program. Sign up at westlandlibrary.org/events or call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123.

Chess Group, 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays - Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

Information Central was compiled by Liz Waun, Adult Literacy Program Coordinator, and submitted in honor of her grandfather, Leon J. DeMay, veteran of World War II. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org.

11-13-0382 Motion by Hawley, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adopt Ordinance 2013-08, an ordinance to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1: THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BY THE REZONING OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 37434 MICHIGAN AVENUE FROM B-4 BUSINESS INTENSIVE TO B-3 BUSINESS EXTENSIVE. THE PARCEL ID IS #55-009-01-0191-001 (est 0.34 ac).

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3: That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: November 4, 2013

Published: November 10, 2013

Effective: November 14, 2013

Matthew Miller
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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



Clarenceville's Jalen Bryant (7) splits University Prep tacklers Antonio (5) and Deray Canty (50). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Clarenceville rolls by University Prep

Trojans win first district championship since 2001 with 11th straight victory, 31-22

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It had been quite a while since Livonia Clarenceville's football team was tested.

But the Trojans continued their dream season Friday night, earning the Region 4, District 1 title in Division 5 with a hard-fought 31-22 win over Detroit University Prep.

Jalen Bryant, the 6-foot-1, 185-pound senior tailback, was one of the big reasons why Clarenceville will play 10-1 Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central next Friday at home for the Region 4 championship.

Bryant finished with 195 yards rushing and three touchdowns, while coming up with a key interception late in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

"Jalen is the first guy that I've ever seen at the end of practice who actually

stays out and does extra on his own without even asking," said Clarenceville coach Ken Fry, whose team improved to 11-0 overall. "That's the kind of kid he is. Nobody is really looking at him yet and I'm surprised because of what he is. He just goes above and beyond. He dedicated himself all winter."

Bryant deflected the praise elsewhere after the Trojans hoisted their first district championship trophy since 2001.

"I can't go anywhere without my line," he said. "They do exactly what they need to do. They create the holes. My fullback goes through and we're off the races. I've got to give it all to my line."

University Prep (8-3) actually out-gained the Trojans in total yards, 307-268, thanks to the efforts of the running back tandem of Trye Smith (24 carries, 206 yards) and Trenell Whitworth (14

carries, 106 yards).

"I was so nervous of number five (Smith) and seven (Whitworth) all week," Fry said. "We were playing that all week and we just knew they were two tough kids. Their whole line was tough. They were a really football team. I take my hat off to them."

The Trojans, however, stymied Prep's passing attack, which went only 4-of-12 for 14 yards.

"They took our passing game completely away from us," Prep coach Antonio Ragland said. "Number two (Dezmond Earl) is our best receiver and they doubled him up. They were in front and over the top."

Clarenceville took advantage of a University Prep turnover for its first score. Santoy Reese recovered a fumble at the 29 and Bryant took it in on his

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Hawks garner district 'D' title

Huron Valley sweeps Eagles in straight sets

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Even when they got behind in sets two and three, the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls volleyball team kept its foot on the gas and never let go.

The result was a second straight Class D district title Thursday night as the Hawks swooped into Southfield Christian and cruised to a convincing 25-16, 25-19, 25-21 triumph.

The victory puts HVL, now 28-12-4 overall, into Tuesday's regional semifinal at Birmingham Roper against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. That match starts at 6 p.m. followed by the second semifinal between Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner against either Plymouth Christian Academy or Newport Lutheran South.

Southfield Christian found itself down two senior starters and on its heels most of the match against HVL's relentless attack.

The Hawks cruised in the first set and never trailed, but found themselves down 18-16 in the second before going on a 9-1 run to go up 2-0.

"They're a very scrappy defensive team," HVL coach Mike Dest said of the Eagles. "You definitely have to put

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Huron Valley's Lutheran Dayna Schroeder (15) unloads on the attack against Southfield Christian's Courtney Cline (12). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Staples fuels Rockets to 'A' crown

Wayne ousted by Kennedy in district continuation

Westland John Glenn is moving forward in the Class A girls volleyball tournament.

The Rockets got 19 kills from senior co-captain Hannah Staples en route to a 25-22, 25-18, 25-22 win Friday at home over Taylor Kennedy.

Glenn, which improved to 32-28-3 overall, will play Tuesday against host Allen Park in the regional semifinals. The other semifinal pits Temperance Bedford and Riverview. (Times to be determined).

Setter Shelby Hodges finished with 19 assists, while Bri

Robinson and Erin Parrinello paced the Rockets in digs with 14 apiece.

Parrinello was also the leader in blocks.

Both Staples and Kelly Epperson were able to hit from the back row, while senior co-captain Courtney Schaber played a key role with a front set attack in the final set.

Glenn also got contributions from Ryan Clemmons and Hannah Udell.

Earlier this season and prior to the district tournament, Glenn coach Krista DePoy was forced to juggle her lineup after back row player Val Ernat was lost for the season with an injury.

It was Glenn's back row attack that proved to be the difference as Staples caught fire continually hit down the line and the Eagles had now answers.

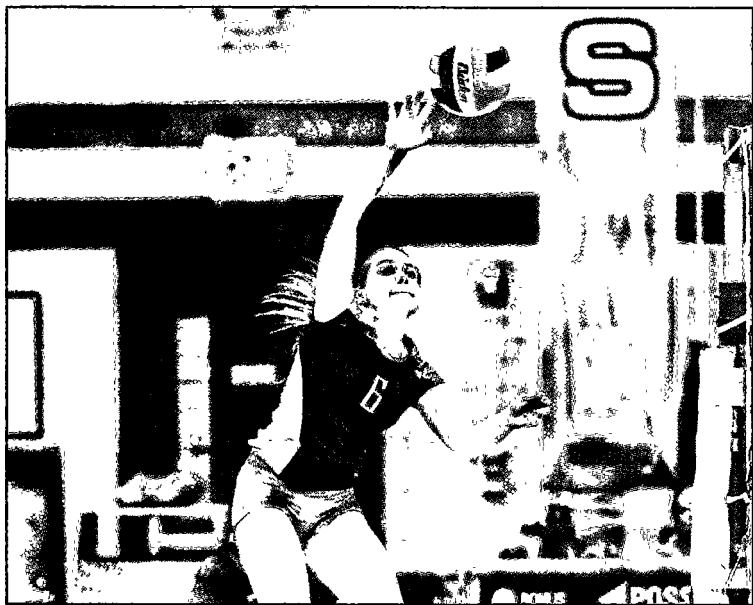
"Despite all the injuries we have had all year the girls pulled together as a team for all three games of districts and got it done," DePoy said. "I am very proud of the total team effort and dedication."

Blackout halts semifinal

Things literally went dark during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal at Glenn.

After the host Rockets dis-

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John Glenn's Hannah Staples (6) goes on the attack in Friday's district final. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

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Spartan JV 9-0



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TROJANS

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first carry of the night for a TD with 7:27 remaining in the first quarter.

After a Jawan Nelson interception at his own 5 squashed a University Prep drive, the Trojans turned over the ball on downs, but got it back on the Panthers' third turnover of the quarter when Brandon Uren recovered a fumble at the 32.

Bryant then carried 11 and 21 yards (TD) to make it 14-0 with 1:19 left in the first.

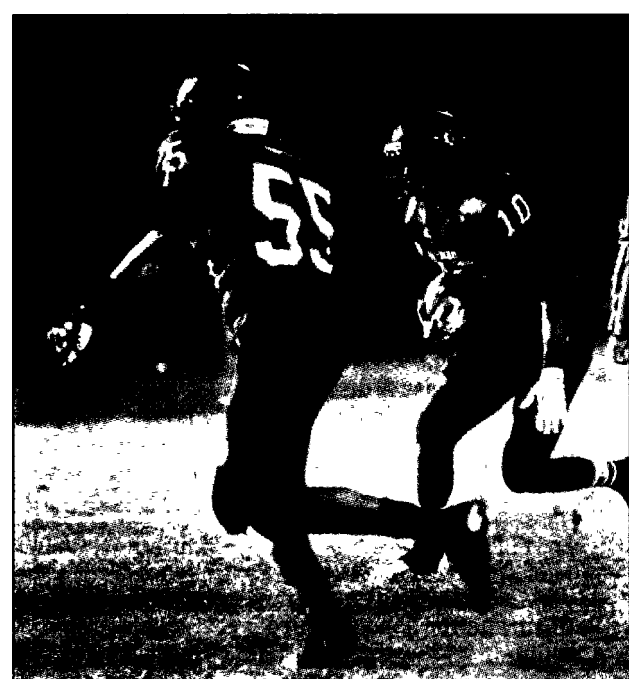
Forced to punt, Panthers quarterback Antonio Ragland could not handle a high snap. He scrambled away while picking up the ball and threw a complete pass, but it was for a loss of 17 yards as Clarenceville took over on downs at the Prep 17.

David Vanderkerckhove then drilled a 34-yard field goal to make it 17-0 with 10:51 left in the second quarter.

University Prep got on the board with 8:43 left in the first half on a 7-yard TD run by Whitworth, who also ran for the two-pointer to cut the deficit to 17-8.

But Bryant scored his third TD of the half with 5:14 left on a 8-yard run. His 34-yard run and Jake Kubiak's 19-yard screen to Nelson on third-and-long set up the TD. Vanderkerckhove's PAT made it 24-8 at intermission.

"First time in a district championship in school history, I think the kids were real nervous tonight, the crowd, the atmosphere, but I didn't expect that many turnovers in the first half," Ragland said. "It's a foot-



Clarenceville's Jawan Nelson (10) turns up field with David Curvin (55) blocking. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ball game. It happens."

University Prep, however, cut the deficit to 24-14 with 8:29 left in the third quarter, when Smith dragged several tacklers into the end zone for a 30-yard TD, but the Panthers couldn't convert the two-pointer. That drive covered 65 yards on just six plays.

But the Trojans answered on Kubiak's 29-yard TD pass to Kimani Dooley to make it 31-14 just 2:08 later.

The Panthers then marched right down the field on their next possession in just seven plays as Smith scored from 1 yard out with 3:00 to go in the third.

With 11:05 left in the fourth, Clarenceville came up with a big defensive stop at its own 24 when Uren tackled Smith for no gain on fourth-and-four.

With University Prep driving again midway through the fourth, Clarenceville's defense held again as Jesse Stallings

batted away a screen pass on fourth-and-nine at the Trojans' 39.

Bryant then intercepted a pass with 2:20 remaining to seal the win.

"Our defense - we're all brothers," Bryant said. "We fight every down. We give it everything we got every play. We're family. We've been practicing since day one in August coming together as a group and now it's starting to all pay off like a brotherhood."

The Trojans will go for their 12th in a row against Monroe CC, which got by Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in the other district final, 44-40.

"It's a great accomplishment, but some Monday we're right back at it and right back to the drawing board, get ready for Round 3," Bryant said. "No days off. Have a good weekend and go back to the drawing board."

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ROCKETS

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posed Taylor Truman in the first match, 25-17, 25-11, 25-18, the second semifinal between Wayne Memorial and Taylor Kennedy was postponed until Friday because of a

power outage.

Kennedy was up in sets, 2-1, but Wayne was leading in the fourth, 20-17, when play was suspended.

Wayne pulled out the fourth set victory, but lost in the deciding fifth set, 15-10.

Glenn moved into championship final

thanks to nine kills apiece from Staples and Clemmons.

Parrinello added 14 assist-to-kills and two blocks, while Robinson paced the defense with 27 digs.

Schaber also chipped in with three aces, while Staples was the Rockets' top passer.



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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Stevenson brings home third district crown

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A homemade sign prominently displayed in the Livonia Stevenson volleyball team's student cheering section during Friday's Class A district final against Livonia Franklin read "Kill 'Em Katie" — a subtle request for Spartan outside hitter Katie Tomasic.

The 6-foot-1 dynamo obliged — 20 times over — while leading her team to a thorough 25-15, 25-14, 25-16 sweep of the Patriots and the school's third straight district crown.

Tomasic deftly mixed up the speed and location of her 20 kills depending on the situation and the defense the Patriots were employing, but most of her terminations were as emphatic as a hammer hitting a nail.

"This feels pretty darn good, especially for the seniors who got the three-peat," Tomasic said. "Everybody did their job tonight. The passing

was great, the setting was great, everybody hit great and the blocking was great. We really came together tonight."

Tomasic had plenty of accomplices, most notably front-row mates Abigail Whitehead (11 kills) and Amanda Hawkins, who racked up five kills and three blocks.

Stevenson 6-1 middle blocker Taylor McLaud also sparkled, netting three kills and a pair of blocks while creating havoc at the center of the net for the undersized Patriots.

"This feels awesome; this is very, very cool," said Stevenson head coach Kelly Graham, whose team will carry a sterling 39-13-2 record into Tuesday's regional semifinal match against Detroit Cass Tech at Farmington High School.

"I've never had a team win three districts in a row, so I told the seniors they're part of history."

"All of my seniors (Tomasic, McLaud, setter Sarah Soave, Hawkins and Whitehead) bring

such veteran leadership to our team. It's a real comforting feeling knowing they're a part of the rotation."

Franklin (19-17-2) overcame its size disadvantage with a heavy dose of hustle, and hung with the Spartans deep into the first and third sets before finally succumbing to their opponents overpowering offense.

Led by junior libero Kelly Newton, the Patriots led 11-9 in the opening stanza and used a 5-1 flurry in the final set to pull to within 19-16 — and force Graham to call a regrouping time-out.

"Coach told us to calm down and play our game, that's all we needed to do," Tomasic said, recounting the timeout. "And that's what we went out and did."

Newton paced the Patriots with seven kills — all from the back row. Junior front-row players Sarah Cramton, Mikayla Sienkiewicz, Riley Kangas and Jessica McNally also excelled.



Livonia Stevenson players celebrate after earning their third consecutive Class A district championship. ED WRIGHT

CLASS B PREP VOLLEYBALL

Blazers fall in finals

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood's volleyball season came to an abrupt end Friday night against a nemesis from the Detroit Catholic League.

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard moved into Tuesday's Class B regional semifinal at Livonia Clarendonville by defeating the host Blazers in three sets for the district championship, 25-22, 25-22, 25-15.

Ladywood, which finished its season at 21-17-3 overall, beat Redford Union on Wednesday, 25-11, 25-19, 25-11 as senior Sabine Hutter had eight kills in the semifinal triumph. Sophomores Kayla March and Jaclyn Mullen each added six.

Emily Fradette chipped in five aces, while sophomore setter Abi Gluchowski added 13 assists for the Blazers.

Richard beat Detroit Community, 3-0, in the other semifinal.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

MU spikers bid adieu to 4 seniors

Latvian native among class to be recognized

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Senior Night took on an extra special meaning Wednesday for one Madonna University women's volleyball player.

Nastija Seremetjeva, who hails all the way from Riga, Latvia, was honored prior to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match against visiting Siena Heights along with teammates Emilie Freeman, Evia Prieditis and Stacey Catalano.

They helped the No. 4-ranked Crusaders stay unbeaten following a 25-18, 25-22, 25-14 victory over the Saints. MU, which improved to 35-0 overall, also captured the WHAC title outright with a 12-0 record.

Seremetjeva, who finished with four kills on the night, has persevered despite a troublesome knee injury, which has hampered her throughout MU career.

Tears flowed when her nation's national anthem was played after the four players were recognized.

"It was very emotional," said the 6-foot outside hitter. "It's real nice a lot of people came in and supported us, and just knowing that's our senior night. The last game was extremely emotional. I was crying, especially during my anthem. It was probably the most emotional part. The coaches hugged us. It was really nice."

Freeman, a 6-foot-3 middle hitter from Livonia (Lutheran Westland), finished with a match-high 11 kills, while Catalano, a second-year transfer from Grand Valley State, added nine.

Prieditis, a senior setter from Milford, had 32 assist-to-kills and 11 digs.

Meanwhile, the bond between Seremetjeva and her teammates is undeniable.

"Definitely I'm going to miss my girls," she said. "They're amazing friends ... because I came here all alone without family, and they were like family for me. They were helping me all the time if I had any questions or problems. They would help me solve them. They're like sisters, they're more than friends to me."



Seremetjeva

And of course the coaches, the staff, all very helpful for me over here. I'm going to miss them all."

The Crusaders, who had been off for a week, showed some rust against the Saints (13-13, 6-5), whose only threat came during the second set when they pulled within two points, 22-20.

Brianna Baker paced the Siena Heights hitting attack with eight kills, while Westland John Glenn grad Halie Baker, a junior, added six. Another Glenn product, Lauren Baker, a senior setter, had six assists.

MU's defense, meanwhile, was paced by Samantha Geile (13 digs).

"Honestly, it was a good win and everything else, but we didn't play as fast as we typically do," said MU coach Jerry Abraham, who nailed down his 12th WHAC crown. "We usually pass fast, attack fast and attack from antenna to antenna. We did a lot of good things, but I felt we were a little bit out of sync tonight. It's a very emotional evening with our four seniors. But hey, we went

12-0 in the league. This is a really talented team and I'm excited about what's ahead."

Ironically, there's a lot of season left and a lot at stake for the Crusaders, who have already locked up their 12th NIAA National Tournament appearance. MU will host the WHAC playoffs, Nov. 15-16, at the MU Activities Center. The Crusaders will await the Nov. 13 quarterfinal winner between Indiana Tech and Lawrence Tech.

Following the win, Seremetjeva had her right knee wrapped in ice.

"She's a joy to coach and just a Godsend," Abraham said. "She's an awesome kid. God only knows what had happened had she not hurt that knee because she's so explosive and such a powerful player. But she gives it all. She had a great match tonight. I kind of play her sparingly at times because it's hard for her to play two matches in a row, or five games. I just use common sense with her, but when she gets in there, she performs."

Seremetjeva has also performed in the classroom and will graduate next spring from MU with a degree in International Business.

"I may stay here for a little bit and go back during the summer, then we'll see," she said. "If I find a job at home, I'll stay and visit during the next year. If not, I may try and come here and get a job over here."

"I would love to travel, maybe be in a company and travel, maybe an advertiser, and maybe that will happen. I just renewed visa for the next five years, so I have a little while to actually come back."

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DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL SEMIFINALS

Spartans take care of host GC

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Dressed in sky-blue uniforms and fueled by sky-high talent, Livonia Stevenson's volleyball team soared into Friday's Class A district final on Wednesday by sweeping host Garden City, 25-18, 25-10, 25-13.

The Spartans (37-13-2) will face off against Livonia Franklin, which upended Redford Thurston in three sets in the night's first semifinal encounter.

The Cougars kept the first and final set close at the outset before the Spartans' waves of high-rising hitters delivered a steady stream of high-velocity kills.

Senior outside hitter Katie Tomasic's devastating swing was in top form on Wednesday as she piled up a team-high 17 kills. Senior outside hitters Abigail Whitehead and Amanda Hawkins were also thoroughly effective with seven kills each. Hawkins also delivered four blocks.

The Spartans' defensive charge was led by junior Arryn Dochenetz, who hit the floor for nine digs.

Stevenson setters Carmen Disler and Sarah Soave combined for 38 assists.

One of Garden City's strengths this season — which included a co-championship in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division — was its serving. However, the Spartans yielded just two aces and a large majority of their first passes were on-the-money dimes to Disler and Soave.

The Cougars trailed just 19-16 late in the opening stanza before Stevenson closed with a 6-2 flurry that was



Livonia Stevenson's Katie Tomasic knocks down one of her team-high 17 kills. ED WRIGHT

capped by a no-doubt-about-it kill from Hawkins, who also closed out her team's second-set triumph with a floor-pounding hit.

Sparked by Allie Lynn, Holly Sayer and Kennedy Gossett, the Cougars showed a lot of fire in set three as they trailed just 13-12 midway through. But a 9-0 run triggered by the serving of Dochenetz subdued any thoughts of a dramatic rally.

The match ended the high school volleyball careers of Garden City seniors, Cassidy Squires, Rikki Keene, Christina Palmer and Gossett.

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DISTRICT PREP VOLLEYBALL

Pats serve up semifinal win

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

What do you get when you match one volleyball team that is serving lights out against another that is passing like the lights are out?

Answer: Livonia Franklin 3, Redford Thurston 0.

The Patriots (19-16-2) were launching pin-point laser beams from the service stripe throughout Wednesday night's Class A district semifinal contest while the Eagles were struggling with connections. These two scenarios were reflected in Franklin's 25-17, 25-11, 25-11 victory.

Franklin advanced to take on Livonia Stevenson in Friday night's district final. If they serve like they did on Wednesday, the Patriots have more than a chance against the Spartans.

"The girls did a great job of putting the ball right in the zones our assistant coaches was calling for," Franklin coach Desiree Betts said. "That's as good as we've served all season."

Leading the serving charge for the winners was senior Breanna Hourigan, whose nine-point streak in the third set was jam-packed with five aces.

HAWKS

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the ball away when you're playing them, but I knew as long as we settled down, and not miss too many serves, we'd be fine.

In the third set, the Eagles held an 11-7 advantage before HVL went on a 10-2 run. Southfield Christian pulled to within 22-20, but couldn't get any closer as seniors Lexus Medina and Dayna Schroeder combined for 10 kills.

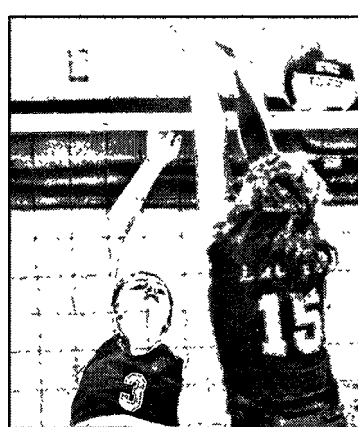
"We started out really good tonight, but got a little bit slow in the middle part," Dest said. "But the girls kept going on and it was good to see."

"We're rolling when we get into a good offensive system. We're passing the ball well, great communication, and then we have great offensive weapons, so when we can get the ball to our setter, we're pretty dangerous."

Medina, an explosive 5-foot-8 outside hitter, finished the night with a match-best 16 kills, while Madison Dest, a junior, and Schroeder contributed seven and five, respectively.

Junior setter Anne St. John had a total of 27 assist-to-kills, while Dest led the defense with eight digs.

Freshman Tiara Francisco paced the Eagles' attack with five kills, while junior setter Paige Nagle had 12 assists. Senior Courtney Cline added two solo blocks in her final



Huron Valley's Madison Dest (3) goes against Southfield Christian's Tiara Francisco (15). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

match.

Another freshman, libero Rebekah Wilson, along with senior Aubin Toma combined for 14 digs.

"We had a couple of freshman that we brought up that played extremely well, who really helped, and we had great senior leadership," Southfield Christian coach Mike Van Dyke said of his squad. "It was a tough match, a lot of digging."

Medina, in particular, gave Southfield Christian fits with her outside hitting.

"It's difficult, especially since we're not a real tall team," Van Dyke said.

The Eagles, who lost to HVL for the third time this season, finished 15-21 overall.

"In general, we showed a lot of progress," Van Dyke said. "We ended up third in our division (MIAC White), so it was a

stepping stone.

"We've got some good, young freshmen coming in. We have a couple of juniors coming back and quite few sophomores, so we'll be young. But we're progressing."

Despite the win, HVL made 13 service errors.

"We have an aggressive mentality and we're going miss a few more (serves) than some teams," Dest said. "We definitely got to clean that up and be better for sure. And we're going to keep working on that, and I think we'll be fine."

Last year, HVL reached the regional finals before falling to Steiner. Waterford Our Lady will provide a strong test in the regional semifinal.

"They're a really good team," Dest said. "I've seen them a couple times this year. But I think we're ready for them. We've played at that level a couple times and done pretty well. Yeah, we're looking forward to the challenge Tuesday for sure."

Dest, however, is confident he has the right blend of players to win its first regional title in school history.

"We've got some different personalities for sure and they seem to mesh on the court pretty well," he said. "As long as we can continue to do that ... we've got some good seniors and juniors. They're definitely unique and that's a good word for them."

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Area tennis aces fill All-Observer honor squad

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES Griffin Mertz, Jr., N. Farmington

The three-year varsity player and junior is a repeat member of the all-area first team who compiled an impressive, 23-7 record this year.

Mertz is a regional champion and was the No. 3 seed (quarterfinalist) at the Division 2 state tournament. He also finished first in the Portage Central Quad and North Farmington Invitational; he was a finalist in the Northville tournament.

"Griffin has made a lot of growth and improvement over the past three years on varsity," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "He has continued to be a huge asset to the team, especially with his growth in maturity on and off the court."

Jonathan Martin, Jr., Churchill: The junior finished with a 21-5 record en route to an individual berth in the Division 1 state finals after taking runner-up honors at the regional.

Martin was also KLAA 'B' tourney runner-up at No. 1 singles. He also excels academically in Churchill's MSC program.

"His play improved as the season went along," Churchill coach John Webster said. "He had several solid wins this season. Jonathan is looking forward to his senior season and continued success."

Chad Northey, Sr., Stevenson: The senior and four-year letter winner

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Dylan Collins, Sr., Farm. Harrison
Sam Tabor, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Mitchell Watsky, Soph., N. Farmington
George Zhou, Soph., Canton
Matt Decker, Fr., Plymouth
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Deven Patel, Fr., Plymouth
Rakesh Rajakumar, Sr., N. Farmington
Brody Clarke, Sr., N. Farmington
Trevor Kretschmoun, Sr., Canton
Shivang Shah, Jr., Canton

HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Sean Mulka, Steven VanWormer, Mark Denstead; **Franklin:** Jacob Liberati; **Stevenson:** Jeff Frederick, Jason Wysocki; **John Glenn:** Mike Woodard; **Wayne Memorial:** Tyler Hamos; **Farmington:** Tyler Szymkowski, Ryan Gandy; **Garden City:** Travis Kidd, Robbie Moyer, Bryan Widmer, Trent Wallace; **Redford Union:** Tj Kargul, Patrick Wierimaa, Matthew Wiseman, Luke Marheka; **Plymouth:** Charlie Hou, Jon Conry; **Canton:** Noah Lindbauer; **Salem:** Jon Clark, Lou Devoto.

ner finished with a 15-10 record this season, while helping the Spartans earn team runner-up honors at the regional.

The scholar-athlete played No. 1 singles three straight years and was MVP his sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

"Chad has had a stellar career at Stevenson," coach Don McCathney said. "He is a very dedicated and hard-working athlete. He has the skills to play at the next level and he possessed great leadership traits."

Rohan Vaishnav,



Griffin Mertz N. Farm.



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Tom Cwiek Stevenson



Neal Adams Stevenson



Noah Garber N. Farm.



Rob Chapekis N. Farm.

Soph., Canton: Vaishnav already is a force to be reckoned with in the KLAA despite being only a sophomore.

He finished 12-3, including strong wins against Livonia Stevenson, Brighton, Monroe while also earning victories at the Brighton and Monroe quads.

"Rohan is a great player with a strong sense of singles strategy," coach Barb Lehmann said. "He is a confident player and maintains a strong sense of focus when pushed to the back fence. He has an all-around solid game from his powerful serve to his net game."

Jordan Lu, Fr., Plymouth: The savvy freshman quickly showed his mettle, racking up a 13-9 record against top opponents in the KLAA and earning Most Valuable Player accolades in the process.

His leadership skills also were very apparent,

enough so that the team already voted him one of the captains for 2014 — showing how much his teammates respect him.

"Jordan has become competitive with the top players in the state and is committed to putting in the hard work to continue to improve his skills," coach Tom Kimball said.

Henri Medwed, Sr., Farmington: Medwed held his own against tough competition in the OAA White Division while facing elite opponents from such schools as Clarkston, Lake Orion, Rochester and Stoney Creek. He also had key wins over some Observerland players at No. 1 singles.

As a junior, Medwed was undefeated at No. 4 singles in the OAA Blue Division, helped lead the Falcons to the division championship and was named the team's most valuable player.

"Henri plays with passion and determination, using heavy doses of top spin on his ground strokes," coach Tom Kuskowski said. "He combines that with a soft touch on his volleys to earn his place on the all-area team."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES
Colin Halow, Sr.; Danny O'Neill, Sr.; N. Farmington: The senior duo makes another appearance on the all-area first team after an outstanding season. The Raiders earned all-OAA and all-state honors and won a regional championship. Halow and O'Neill were seeded fifth at the D-2 state tournament and advanced to the quarterfinals, losing to the No. 4 seed.

"These two have played together all four years, and their chemistry on the court is part of what makes them so successful," Wasielewski

said. "Their work ethic and dedication to the team and program is amazing. They were great role models on and off the court."

Tom Cwiek, Sr.; Neal Adams, Jr.; Stevenson: The two-time varsity letter winners compiled a 19-7 record this season while earning Division 1 regional runner-up honors.

Cwiek and Adams, both scholar-athletes, also captured the Livonia City title at No. 1 doubles.

"Tom and Neal teamed together for the first time this season and had great success," McCathney said. "The made an excellent team playing very focused and competitive tennis, which made them very difficult to beat. They were very coachable and had great attitudes."

Noah Garber, Sr.; Rob Chapekis, Sr.; N. Farmington: The Raiders posted an 18-7 record at No. 2 doubles, were OAA Red Division finalists, regional champions and Division 2 state semifinalists.

"Rob and Noah were a very successful and tough team that had a great season," Wasielewski said, adding they were the sixth seed in the state tournament.

"They upset the No. 3 seed from Forest Hills Central before losing in the semifinals to the No. 2 seed (from Forest Hills Northern) in a heart-breaking, three-set match, (3-6, 7-5, 6-1)."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU volleyball tryouts

And open tryout for the Madonna University women's volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon Sunday, Nov. 24 at the MU Activities Center.

The tryout is open to any high school senior or college transfer interested in Madonna University and in competing for a spot on the volleyball team for the 2014 season.

For more information contact assistant volleyball coach Brian McClain at 248-495-5307; or via email at bgmccclain1@aol.com.

AAU Jr. Crusaders

Tryouts for the AAU Junior Crusaders will be at the following at Madonna University Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia:

Girls 12s and 13s — noon-1:30 p.m.; 14s and 15s — 1:30-3 p.m.; 16s, 17s and 18s, 3-4:30 p.m. Players born before Sept. 1 are in the older age group. (A player born on Aug. 30, 2001 would be in the 13-year-old age group.)

Practices for the 2014 season begin Tuesday, March 4, 2014. All practices Tuesdays and Thursdays. Practice times are TBA at this time.

The program cost is \$565 (five tournaments including the state AAU).

For more information, contact the MU volleyball office at (734) 432-5612; or assistant coach Brian McClain at bgmccclain1@aol.com.

Golf enhancement

PGA professional Tami Bealert will kick off her first indoor fall-winter 2013-14 game enhancement indoor session from 10:15-11:30 a.m. and 6:45-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at the Oasis Practice Center, 39500 Five Mile, Plymouth.

Game enhancements will also be from 11 a.m.-noon or 7-8 p.m. on Tuesdays (date to be determined).

The cost is \$25 each. On course playing lessons are also available at the virtual golf simulator from 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, along with 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Avenue.

The cost is \$30 each (three to six persons.)

Bealert can also help you with golf-specific exercises and swing drills using exercise balls, stretch bands and hand weights at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

You must RSVP no later than four hours before the start of any class. Space is limited. The cost is \$25 each.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

EMU women crush Crusaders, 101-52

The Madonna University women's basketball team had a rough afternoon Friday against NCAA Division I foe Eastern Michigan University.

The host Eagles got 25 points on 10-of-17 shooting from Cha Sweeney in a 101-52 non-conference victory at the EMU Convocation Center.

EMU, playing its season opener, outrebounded the Crusaders by a whopping 67-19.

Other scorers in double figures for the Eagles, who led 57-30 at halftime, included Haley Moore (15), Desyree Thomas (13) and Olivia Fouty (10).

Sara Stone and Fouty also grabbed 12 and 11 rebounds, respectively.

The Crusaders did not have

any scorers in double figures as Rachel Melcher had a team-best seven points, while Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin), Erin Menard (Livonia Churchill), Justice Dean (Garden City) and Carrie Kloster added six apiece.

MU shot only 19-of-69 from the floor.

MU men cruise

Travis Schuba poured in 23 points on 4-of-6 shooting beyond the arc as the Madonna University men's basketball team notched its first win of the season Friday with a 103-53 triumph over Clearwater Christian (Fla.) in the Dick Versace Tip-Off Tournament in West Palm Beach.

Four other players scored in

double figures for the Crusaders (1-2), who led 57-16 at halftime, including Jeff Schmitz (12), Salem's Tyler Stewart (11), Derek Lennen (10) and Fred Williams (10).

Senior point-guarded Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) dished out seven assists, while Zach Wedesky added five.

MU shot a blistering 62.3 percent from the floor (38-of-61).

Clearwater Christian (2-2) got 15 points from Tristan Shore and 12 off the bench from Erik McRae.

The Crusaders played Saturday against Northwood University (Fla.), ranked No. 5 in the latest NAIA Division II coaches poll.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL DRAWS CLASS A
at FARMINGTON
Tuesday, Nov. 12: Farmington Hills Mercy vs. Grosse Pointe North, 5 p.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Detroit Cass Tech, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. Allen Park regional champion.)
at ALLEN PARK
Tuesday, Nov. 12: Westland John Glenn vs. Allen Park, TBA; Temperance Bedford vs. Riverview, TBA.
Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship final, TBA. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. Farmington regional champion.)
CLASS B
at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Tuesday, Nov. 12: Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 6 p.m.; Carleton Airport district champion vs. Monroe St. Mary Catholic

Central, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship final, 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Chelsea vs. Eaton Rapids regional champion.)
CLASS D
at BIRMINGHAM ROEPER
Tuesday, Nov. 12: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 6 p.m.; Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Mt. Morris vs. Bay City All Saints regional champion.)
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Nov. 15
(WHAC Playoffs at Madonna)
Madonna vs. 8-9 winner, noon.
N'western Ohio vs. 5-12 winner, 2:15 p.m.
Davenport vs. 7-10 winner, 4:45 p.m.
Cornerstone vs. 6-11 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16
(WHAC Playoffs at Madonna)

Semifinals, 10 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Championship final, 6 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Nov. 13
Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Sinclair (Ohio), 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Sunday, Nov. 10
Madonna at Northern Mich., 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 13
Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Sinclair (Ohio), 2 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Nov. 15
Mississauga vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16
Sarnia vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Capoccia sparks MU women to 3-0 victory

Kelly Capoccia notched her eighth and ninth goals of the season Wednesday as the host Madonna University women's soccer team opened the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs with a 3-0 quarterfinal victory over Siena Heights.

The Crusaders, who improved to 10-8-1 overall, will travel Saturday to Grand Rapids and take on Davenport University (16-2), the NAIA's 10th-ranked team, in the WHAC semifinals.

On Oct. 19, host Davenport won the first meeting in double-overtime, 4-3.

Capoccia, a sophomore transfer from Grand Valley State, broke a scoreless tie in the 52nd minute when she

scored from the left side off a cross from Katlyn Krysiak.

The Livonia Ladywood grad then made it 2-0 in the 56th minute on free kick from 25 yards out on a shot that just made it under the crossbar.

Morgan Himanek then put the game away during the 71st minute on another unassisted free kick from 25 yards away.

Goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg made five saves to post the Crusaders' sixth shutout of the season.

Crystal Wilcoxon played the first 80:06 in goal before giving way to Ashley Elliott for the Saints, who finished 8-8-3 overall.

Vardar wins Pride Cup



Vardar South, an under-13 boys soccer team, recently captured the FC Pride Cup for the second straight year, capped by victories over the PSC Impact from Ohio (4-0) and NWC Alliance '00 (4-1). Team members include (front row, from left) Eric Schulte, Novi; Ethan Lakatos, Westland; Ryan Gorman, Novi; Gavin Brose, Canton; Daniel Kohut, Novi; Christian Hajjar, West Bloomfield; and Ilia Iliadis, Ontario; and (back row, from left) Tyler Piper, Westland; Sam Clifford, Dearborn Heights; Hesham Moez, Farmington Hills; Griffen Fenton, Ontario; David Hiser, Farmington Hills; DaVion Page, Detroit; Justin Soltys, Ontario; Kelsey Turner, Northville; Josh Butkevitch, Westland; Oliver Zhao, West Bloomfield; and coach Slobodan Pavlovic, Novi.

LOCAL GARDENERS MEET SPIDERS, SCORPIONS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Andrea Millar held a live scorpion in her hand Tuesday night.

She didn't flinch. She didn't move. And she didn't regret one minute of the experience.

"It was cool and scary at the same time," said Millar, a Livonia resident and member of the Livonia Garden Club. "It was lighter than I thought and it felt stiff. It was definitely an adrenalin rush."

She and other club members got a close-up view of the animal during a presentation on spiders and other arachnids Nov. 5, at the Civic Park Senior Center. Cara Shillington, Ph.D., a biology professor at Eastern Michigan University who researches tarantulas and teaches a course in spiders, showed slides, told stories and unleashed a few of her creepy, crawly friends. Scorpions aren't spiders but both are arachnids, a class of eight-legged creatures that also includes mites and ticks.

Only Millar accepted Shillington's offer to hold the black-colored emperor scorpion, which glowed green in the dark when lights were dimmed.

"I know I'd never hold one otherwise," Millar said.

Shillington was more protective of her fragile black widow spider and her tarantula, prohibiting the audience from touching while she walked throughout the room with them. The black widow sat inside a jar lid and then scurried over Shillington's hand and coat sleeve before being returned to its habitat. The female tarantula walked along each tabletop it visited, spinning a line of webbing as it walked. With poor vision, ta-



Livonia Garden Club members Shirley Ziemba (left) and Judy Miller listen as Cara Shillington, Ph.D., a biology professor at Eastern Michigan University, talks about her favorite subject, spiders. The plastic box contains discarded exoskeletons from molting tarantulas. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

rantulas sense movement and vibrations through the hair on their bodies.

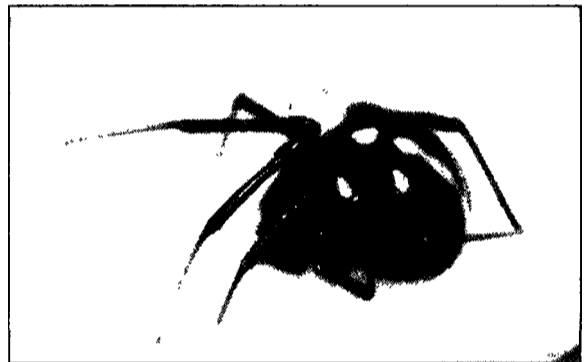
"I'm more afraid of what people might do to my animals than what the animals might do to them," she said, explaining that sudden movement or blasts of air can scare a tarantula. "They are so fragile. If she is dropped and punctures her abdomen, she dies."

Passionate about spiders

Shillington said she was more interested in cats and horses as a child, but took an interest in tarantulas as a college student after receiving one as a pet. By that time, she had earned a degree in engineering.

"I really don't know why but it was a life-changing event

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Professor Cara Shillington brought one of her research assistants, a Black Widow spider.

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Just like you, I get bits and pieces of what I think is important from our media and I keep my eyes and ears open to the subject of appliances. Recalls and warnings in the world of appliances I would consider my specialty and I pass on the information via this column. I have some friends who work in this industry and they clue me as what they see and repair on appliances.

Recently I have been getting emails from unknown technicians who send me more information to pass on and ask me not to reveal where they work for fear of being fired. I have promised to keep their employment confidential and I commend these



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

technicians for really caring about consumers who they feel should know the secrets that are kept out of the public eye. I have recently signed a contract with DTE to be a consultant, spokesman in regards to their Home Protection Plan and will be working alongside some very professional people in the appliance repair industry. I expect to have a bigger stage in helping homeowners gain more knowledge about appliances.

Today's big tip: I am

always complaining that our media doesn't do enough informing their viewers on dangerous aspects of appliances. They're short and usually one-timers.

Refrigerator problems

The following comes from Canada which is much more stringent on codes when it comes to appliances. They work through their association of fire marshals across the country and I think that is great for reaching out to homeowners. Here is the example of how it works. The office of the fire marshal has been made aware of concerns relating to the interior light bulb in certain bottom mount, French-door

LG refrigerator models and similar Sears Kenmore refrigerator models, manufactured by LG between 2004 and 2007. In the affected models, the interior light bulb can remain on when the refrigerator door is closed. The heat generated by the continuously lit bulb can lead to the melting, charring and smoking of the plastic light fixture and interior lining located at the top of the refrigerator. LG has attributed this light fixture problem to a faulty relay in the refrigerator's circuit board. Approximately 145,000 affected refrigerators were sold in Canada throughout this period. Now this is quite a story isn't it? Do you ever remember hearing

about this in the U.S.A.?

Check website

Well, it doesn't apply only to Canada and if you go to the website, www.sf/46/515 you will learn a lot more about this issue. I hear that Sears might even give you a new refrigerator because of this issue, God bless their souls. I hear that there are lifetime warranties being given to customers that wake up to a smoking refrigerator. This listed website will open your eyes to just some of the things we do not hear about.

Wouldn't it be something if we had a way of making every homeowner aware of such problems with a major home

appliance? It surely would save lives and prevent many fires and stem the tide of insurance pay-offs. I know it can be done, there has to be a way. A little red warning light installed at the manufacturing level that is activated by a red telephone in the office of the company president—that could be the way. If you have any suggestions, my email address is listed. I would like to hear from you. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

Meow mixer: Cat rescuer will show her furry 'kids' at pet expo

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Ann Grenier will help add a feline touch to the entertainment at Novi Pet Expo next weekend.

"A lot of people there are just going to know about the dogs. The expo is dog-oriented. I want exposure for the cats," said Grenier, founder of The Country Cat & The City Kitty Cat/Kitten Rescue in Livonia.

Grenier and other cat lovers will show their felines, who will vie for top ranking, at The International Cat Association event during the expo.

"People will say, 'We've heard of dog shows and what they do ... what tricks do cats do?' They don't do anything but look good. It's like a beauty contest."

The cat show, presented by The Buckeye Ohio Rollers Cat Club and TICA, is the only cat-oriented entertainment for the weekend and will



include judging of both purebred and household cats and kittens. Four dog-related acts, a bird show and a horse that does tricks, round out the rest of the entertainment lineup. Exhibitor booths, rescues, a petting farm and guest speakers also will be on hand.

Volunteers from Grenier's organization will offer cats for adoption in the animal rescue portion of the expo, while across the exhibit room, Grenier will present her cats, Flint and A Moment in Tyme at the TICA show.

Grenier rescued Flint after seeing a posting on Cragislist.

"He was flea infested and you could see where the fleas were biting him. I got him home and took him to the vet. He's a sweet guy."

At his first show last month in Indiana, Flint took second best. Tyme was awarded a first best in the same event.

"The last I heard she (Tyme) was the No. 4 household pet cat in our region."

She hopes the pair do well in the upcoming TICA show, which will offer some tough competition. Judging in the household category is subjective because there is no breed standard to use as a guide. Grenier said judges often use feather toys and bells to gain a cat's attention and watch how they play.

"For this show in Novi, people are flying in from all over the world. I am hoping my kids make it



Flint will compete in the cat show at the Novi Pet Expo.

through. To me, every kitty has a chance. I cheer on every kitty."

The expo runs noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Beck and Novi Road, Novi. Admission is \$10 for adults and children, 12 and over, \$5 for children, 6-11, free for children, 5 and under. Parking is \$5. Tickets are available online and at the door. Leashed, well-behaved dogs are permitted at the show. Maximum leash length is 6



Ann Grenier's cat, A Moment in Tyme, strikes a formal pose.

feet. No retractable leashes will be allowed. For more information, visit novipetexpo.com.

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and I went back to get a biology degree and study tarantulas," she said. "I never grew up with spiders. I had never handled spiders. I think if you can get someone over their fear a little, you can get them interested."

If there was any fear among Livonia Garden Club members, it quickly turned to sympathy for the tarantulas as Shillington told stories about following the animals in the wild with radio tracking devices.

"It's so tough for them. They got eaten by everything. One day I knew it was a possum. As I was getting close I heard a slight change in the (radio) beep. I turned the corner and there was a possum sitting there with a tarantula in its paws, eating the tarantula," Shillington said, eliciting a chorus of "Oh, no!" and "Aw!" from listeners.

In Michigan, she and her students find wolf spiders, jumping spiders and other species when they visit a field station in Lapeer.

"The problem is not everybody likes spiders, but the ones that do, boy, we have a lot of fun."



Professor Cara Shillington points out characteristics of tarantulas. Theresa Welling keeps her distance. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SPIDERS

Cara Shillington, Ph.D., who teaches a spider class at Eastern Michigan University, offered these insights into spiders and spider lore during her visit to the Livonia Garden Club:

- » "There was a real Miss Muffet. She was the daughter of Dr. Muffet and probably one of the reasons she was running away was that he used to dose her with spiders to cure ailments."
- » An old medicinal recipe from Kentucky called for eating "handfuls with bread and butter."
- » All spiders have fangs, used to grab their prey, but not all use venom. The smaller the spider, the more the venom it has.
- » Black widow spiders and brown recluse spiders are considered particularly venomous. "The only one we get here is the black widow. The brown recluse, I've had many people try to tell me they are around here, but nobody has brought me one that is a brown recluse."
- » "The nice thing about spiders is they will eat anything. If they are thriving in your basement they must be eating something. Leave them where they are and they will take care of whatever it is they are eating."



Pat Slayton decides whether to touch a discarded tarantula exoskeleton.

Party with a purpose



Enjoying the recent sixth annual CRUSH Wine & Food Classic are Desiree and Tim Wolken (left) of Utica, Ioana and Phillip Ben-Ezra of Farmington Hills, Lisa and Jason Curtis of Macomb, Michelle Pusta of Keego Harbor, and Dave Curtis of Detroit. The black tie gala, held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, benefited the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. JULIE YOLLES

Storytellers to perform in Livonia on Nov. 15

Tellabration: A Night of Storytelling for Adults returns Friday, Nov. 15, to the Livonia Civic Center Public Library auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

The annual program is a worldwide event, established in 1988 to promote storytelling and to share stories. The Detroit Story League presents Tellabration locally, with a silent auction from 6-7 p.m., and refreshments and final auction bids at 8:45 p.m. Proceeds from the silent auction support the organization's scholarship fund. Admission is \$5 at the door. Tellers this year are



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storytelling alive, provide an opportunity for the study of storytelling and to furnish storytellers for performances.

The group meets from noon to 3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month, except July, in a variety of locations. Its next meeting is Nov. 16 at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, in Farmington. The theme of the meeting is fruit baskets.

For more information about the Detroit Story League and its programs, visit detroit-storytelling.org.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

BETHANY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16

Location: Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Friends of Bethany bi-monthly breakfast

Coming up: Bethany Together Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 30, Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks, along with music for dancing. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Attire is business casual. Admission is \$13. Bethany provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. It's an organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Contact: www.bethanysemi.org or 248-988-0454

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

CARD PARTY

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22

Location: SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: Door, table, prizes, 50-50, light meal and snacks. Play cards and games of your choice. Admission \$8

Contact: 734-722-1343

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "Thanksgiving Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help Livonia Cares, a group that provides utility and rental assistance to residents in need; Cass Corridor Apartment Rehab, which rebuilds buildings to create affordable apartments in Detroit; and Brightmoor Community Christmas Store, which enables needy families to create an affordable Christmas celebration

Contact: 734-422-6038

CONCERT

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: Laurie Berkner will bring her "The You & Me Tour" to the congregation. Tickets range from \$18-\$118 per person.

Contact: 248-357-5544; shaareyzedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10

Location: Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park

Details: The group studies and creates Judaic needlework. At its next meeting, members will prepare a Purim table for the Holiday Tables event, Nov. 23-24 at Spicer House in Farmington Hills. They'll also complete Chanukah table runners

Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13

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

Details: Deacon Tom Loewe, co-host of EWTV's *Notes From Above* and development director of Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, will share the story of his reversion from Catholic school boy to, in Loewe's own words a "true prodigal son" to ordained Catholic deacon with the Diocese of Lansing

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Mass, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Widowed Friends is a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246

DECEMBER

ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Dec. 4, 11 and 18

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The theme for meditations is *Waiting for the Savior*

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

Location: St. Aidan, 17500

Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The 32nd annual Christmas concert will feature St. Aidan's Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5 along with two nonperishable food items

Contact: 734-425-5950

GIRL'S NIGHT FOR ADVENT

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Advent speaker Mary McKeon, a graduate of Marquette University, has been an inner city school teacher, worked for the United States Senate in Washington, DC, worked in adult and religious education, youth ministry, and currently is a commissioned intern of Manresa's Ignatian Spirituality Program and trained spiritual director. She will guide the group in pondering "Journeying with Mary." Includes a chili dinner. RSVP attendance and childcare needs. Last-minute walk-ins permitted

Contact: 734-455-5910

GUY'S NIGHT FOR ADVENT

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Guest speaker, the Rev. Joe Krupp, is a University of Michigan graduate and a former comedy writer who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lansing, in 1998. Embracing his inner "Spartan" he is the director of campus ministry at Michigan State University, a regular on Catholic television and monthly writer for *Faith Magazine*. The event is free. RSVP attendance and childcare needed. Last minute walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: 734-455-5910.

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerly, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

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

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.

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

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children.

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at 248-478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Loca

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: 248-374-5920

Song Circle

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com

MILESTONES

ENGAGEMENT

Bohdan-Hartmann

Meredith Bohdan and Brian Hartmann announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dr. James and Nancy Bohdan of Milford, is a 2005 graduate of Milford High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 2009 from Michigan State University honors college and a master's degree in environmental policy and planning in 2001 from the University of Michigan. She is employed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Her fiancé, son of Carl and Debbi Hartmann of Farmington Hills, is a 2003 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. He earned bachelor's and



Meredith Bohdan and Brian Hartmann

master's degrees from the University of Michigan, including an M.B.A. from Ross School of Business. He is employed by McKinsey and Company.

A December 2013 wedding is planned in West Bloomfield.

WEDDING

Panko-Grevell

Kimberly Josephine Panko and David John Grevell were married Feb. 21, 2013, at Le Kliff Restaurant in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The bride, daughter of Richard and Margo Panko of Canton, is a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, and 1997 graduate of Salem High School in Canton. She currently works as the Queensland State Government account manager for Pitney Bowes in Brisbane, Australia.

The groom, son of Paul and Lynne Grevell is from Brisbane, and works as an electrical engineer for Aquarius Technologies.

The bridesmaids were Cathy Roberts, Becky Lechowicz, Grace Overlander and Lora Montgomery.



Kelly Panko and David Grevell on their wedding day

Receptions were held in the Westin at Puerto Vallarta in February, Sails in Brisbane in March, and at Jeff Panko's house in August.

Their honeymoon included a Disney cruise through the Caribbean, a week at Disney World and a stay on a private island in Turks and Caicos.

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Study: Use better blood pressure guidelines for treatment plans

A new way of using blood pressure-lowering medications could prevent more than a quarter of the heart attacks and strokes that occur while using less medication overall, according to new research from the University of Michigan Health System and the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

The study found that using patients' risk of heart disease, while also considering other factors such as age, gender and smoking history, to individualize treatment plans is more effective than current treatment methods.

Current medical guidelines use a one-size-fits-all treatment approach based on target blood pressure values that leads to some patients being on too many medications and others being on too little, the authors say.

Blood pressure medication is used to prevent associated heart disease and stroke. Researchers found that a person's blood pressure level often is not the most important factor in determining if a blood pressure medication will prevent these diseases. However, the common practice is to base treatment strictly on blood pressure levels.

"Drugs that lower blood pressure are among the most effective and commonly used medications in the country, but we believe they can be used dramatically more effectively," said lead author Jeremy Sussman, M.D., M.Sc., assistant professor of internal medicine in the Division of General Medicine at the U-M Medical School and research scientist at the Center for Clinical Management Research at

the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

"The purpose of these medications is not actually to avoid high blood pressure itself but to stop heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular diseases. We should guide use of medications by a patient's risk of these diseases and how much adding a new medication decreases that risk — not solely on their blood pressure level. We found that people who have mildly high blood pressure but high cardiovascular risk receive a lot of benefit from treatment, but those with low overall cardiovascular risk do not."

Authors say new blood pressure guidelines could help patients make informed decisions about their care. For example, if patients knew that medication only slightly reduced their risk of a heart attack or stroke they may decide medication is not the right choice for them.

"In addition to resulting in more positive health outcomes for patients, this approach provides the type of information we need to guide individual decisions tailored to the patients' preferences and priorities," said senior author Rod Hayward, professor of Medicine and Public Health and senior investigator at the VA Center for Clinical Management Research. "Our research shows how we can estimate how much taking more blood pressure medicine will reduce an individual's risk of heart disease and strokes, so that they and their doctor can make the best decision for them."

Support: Memory loss program combines arts, socializing

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor offers a new monthly program in a cafe setting for individuals with Alzheimer's and memory loss. Joe's Memory Arts Cafe meets 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month on the St. Joseph Mercy campus at the Towsley Health Building, lower level, located at 5361 McAuley Drive, in Ypsilanti.

The free social gatherings provide a social outlet and stress relief for individuals with memory loss living in their own homes, their care partners, family and friends. The café is designed to be a safe, supportive and engaging environment where everyone can interact and have fun with their loved ones as well as find support and resources.

"Our focus is to relieve the stress and isolation felt by those dealing with this disease, which can cause tremendous burnout on the part of the care partner," stated Sandy Schmunk, dementia specialist and café coordinator. "Often, for those who are not in a residential care setting, old friendships dwindle,



St. Joseph Mercy Health System offers a new memory loss program the second Sunday of the month in this cafe setting.

it becomes more difficult to get out for social functions and there are fewer locations that feel comfortable and safe to take a loved one who has early, mid or late stage dementia."

The program includes activities centered on art and music, such as interactive musical performances, art therapy, dance movement, and more. Information pertaining to Alzheimer's and dementia will also be available. Each gathering will include a light meal in a café setting.

Registration is not re-

quired, but helps organizers with planning. For more information or to register, contact café coordinator Sandy Schmunk at 734-649-6806 or schmuns@trinity-health.org. More information also is available at stjoeshealth.org/huron-woods.

The café is a pilot program of Huron Woods, St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor's residential dementia care community. Collaborators include the Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and Catholic Social Service of Washtenaw County - Older Adult Services.

Doctor earns honors as top teacher

The American College of Osteopathic Internists recently named Armen A. Korkigian, D.O., FACOI, Teacher of the Year for the major contributions he has made to osteopathic medical education.

Korkigian is an internal medicine specialist on the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and a longtime professional instructor in Botsford's Medical Education Department.

"Armen has always been his own man — extremely knowledgeable, loves to teach, never a doubt where he stands on any issue," stated

Vance Powell Jr. D.O., director of Botsford Hospital's Medical Education Department. "Armen's clarity of

mind is one reason why people want to be on his service. He teaches his students so much and holds them accountable for everything. I admire his unfettered ability to 'tell it like it is.'"

"Armen is one of the best clinical teachers we've ever had at Botsford and is one of

the top reasons why Botsford is considered among the leading osteopathic teaching hospitals."

In the 17 years since the ACOI began seeking nominations for this award, its member internal medicine specialists have selected Botsford physician trainers three times. In addition to Korkigian, hematologist-oncologist Harold M. Margolis, D.O., FACOI was honored in 2001 and infectious disease specialist Gerald W. Blackburn, D.O., FACOI was recognized for his work in 1998.



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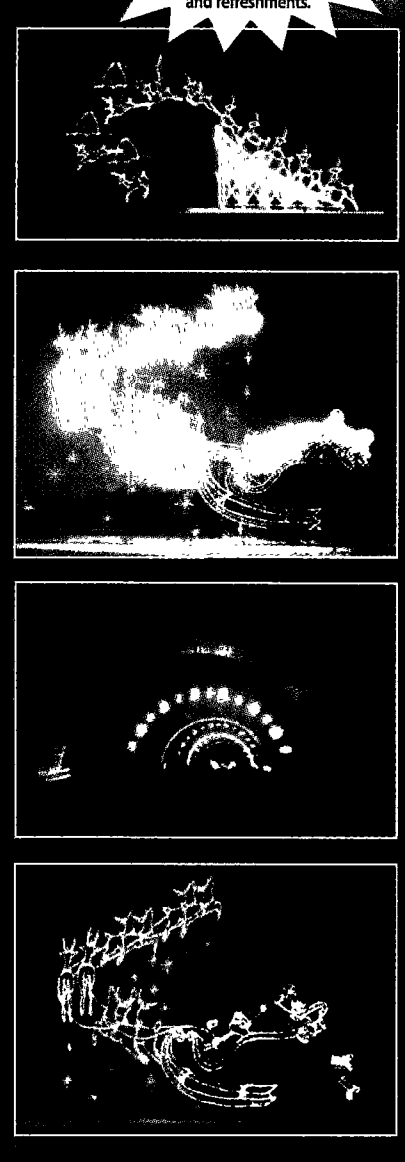
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While much remains unknown about multiple sclerosis (MS), researchers do know MS affects women in far greater numbers than men. *Wake Up For MS!* is an empowering and interactive program for women and their caregivers, focused on celebrating independence, learning, and facilitating friendships. Women will hear about emerging concepts in MS, the latest treatment options, MS and women's health, and the importance of ongoing therapies and exercise from Garden City Hospital Health Experts including Dr. Anne Pawlak, Neurology, Dr. Ingrid Wilson, OB/GYN, and Jennifer Holland, Rehabilitation.

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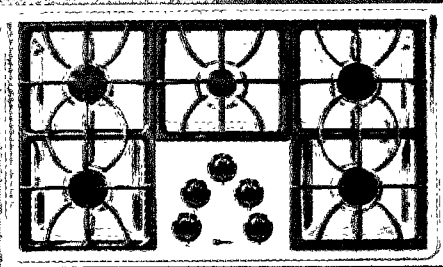
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Turning down a job offer can seem risky and reckless. No matter how long you've been on the hunt, saying no to a steady paycheck just seems wrong, especially with the job market still struggling to reach full recovery.

In the long run, however, accepting the wrong position can hinder your career more severely than passing up a viable opportunity. Here are several reasons why turning down a job offer might actually be your best move:

Opportunity blocks

Saying yes to an offer means saying no to any others that might be just around the corner. Especially if you recently started your search, passing up a reasonable but uninspiring opportunity might turn out to be, in effect, a very wise investment. On the other hand, if the offer is the only nibble you've had in months of determined searching, rejecting it is a risk.

If you're considering accepting an offer despite serious misgivings, thinking that you can always bail out after a few months, for example, don't bother. Doing so not only creates a question mark on your résumé, but it also subjects you to the challenges of starting a new job without yielding the benefits of sticking around.

Waning excitement

Ask yourself which job you're really considering: the one you imagined when you first learned of the opening or the one that you've since learned much more about? Has your enthusiasm intensified or faded over the course of the hiring process? Any loss of interest is likely to intensify during your firstand potentially only months on the job.

Missing fit

Don't let a generous offer blind you to subjective factors such as cultural fit. How

An offer you can refuse:



When to turn down a job opportunity

comfortable have you felt during your visits to the office and in your interactions with your potential boss?

Don't overestimate your ability to adapt to work and communication styles that don't match your own. In the long run, such intangibles are likely to be much more important to you than the exact number of hours you work, vacation days you enjoy or dollars you earn.

Dead-end ahead

An otherwise suitable job might not advance you along a satisfying career path. If the apparent potential for advancement leaves you feeling claustrophobic, you're likely better off continuing your search. After all, the most important aspect of your next position might be the breadth and qual-

ity of the jobs it prepares you for. Make sure you understand the advancement, training and development opportunities your prospective employer will provide.

Old hat

Do you find yourself focusing on everything about the potential job, the commute, compensation, schedule, culture, dress code; except the work itself? Take a closer look at the duties that will make up a typical day.

In some cases, a role that seems like a perfect fit won't provide enough fresh challenges. A role that doesn't require you to keep learning and growing might not keep you engaged for long. If no element of the prospective position makes you at least a

little bit nervous, in a good way, you might want to wait for a stiffer challenge.

When in doubt, ask

Don't hesitate to talk to the hiring manager about any issues that are getting between you and a decision. Some job candidates, fearing that any misgivings could insult the employer, keep their concerns to themselves. All that does is keep them from making a fully informed decision about the offer and, if they decide to accept it, gets their new professional relationships off to a secretive start.

If the company values you enough to have made you an offer, it will likely be eager to address your concerns. Employers are often willing to negotiate starting salary, for example, if you're hoping for a few more bucks.

If you still have trouble making a decision after following up, forget for a moment about the position in question. Write down the most important qualities of your next job. Then re-evaluate the position with those aspects in mind. Doing so might help you cut through distracting factors and get closer to an opportunity that suits your needs and goals, whether that's the offer at hand or the next one that comes along.

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 13 Any thing
 14 Fictional plantation
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 17 Economist — Greenspan
 18 Major no-no's
 19 Gothics, e.g.
 21 Prior to
 22 Stein filler
 23 White mineral
 26 Prepared fowl
 30 Leo mo.
 31 Electric swimmer
 32 Nay opposite
 33 Nutty confection
 36 Palette adjunct
 38 Halloween mo.
 39 A-Team member (2 wds.)
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 43 Cleopatra's adornment
 47 Tanker or ferry
 48 Rough
 50 Tarzan's transport
 51 Severe emotional distress
 52 Meditation practice
 53 Frog habitat
 54 Whiskey measure
 55 Hill builder

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 1 Cheery tone
 2 Pen name for Charles Lamb
 3 Lump of jelly, say
 4 Open the wine
 5 Stir to activity
 6 Add sound effects
 7 Disentangle
 8 Fends off
 9 Comet
 10 River in Russia
 11 Pantyhose shades
 12 Turkish title
 16 Caroler's tune
 20 Flamenco shout
 23 Upper limit
 24 Ben —
 25 Turkish title
 26 Sandra or Ruby
 27 Airline to Stockholm
 28 Scrutinize
 29 Tierra — Fuego
 31 Catches in a sting
 34 Pruned
 35 Freezer stuff
 36 Kind of knight
 37 They need a PIN
 39 Mr. Andretti
 40 Host's plea
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 42 Northwoods st.
 44 Judy Garland's daughter
 45 Two to two
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 49 Humbug precursor

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Level: Intermediate

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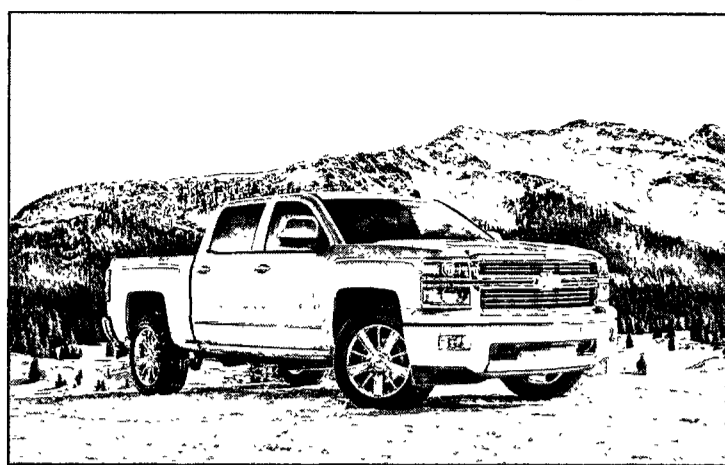
By Dale Buss

Back in the good old days of the American vehicle market, the Detroit Three makers would sell 1.5 million pickup trucks a year. They're only on a pace to return to about two-thirds of that level this year, their best in a long while—but it sure feels like old times the way buyers are returning to the cabs of trucks.

And heading the renaissance of the industry's highest-profit vehicles is the new 2014 Chevrolet Silverado. It has been extremely well received by consumers, and the reasons are several: It has a larger cargo bed than Dodge Ram, can tow a heavy trailer and delivers best-in-class fuel economy of 16 mpg overall. Silverado's 5.3-liter V-8 engine, six-speed automatic transmission and four-wheel drive even returns 23 mpg on the highway.

On a recent trip up north, Silverado also showed off its comfortable and spacious ride as a leisure vehicle and, for this driver, the advantages of a high ride and a huge "greenhouse" for navigating Michigan traffic. Multiple power and USB connections don't leave Silverado short in the increasingly important area of digital connectivity. And the extra storage space under the rear seat can be a trip-saver for a vehicle that might not seem all that travel-worthy at first glance.

And in proving an able yardwork assistant, Silverado's rear bumper steps and low step-in height proved an invaluable back-saver. That's all the more the case for the contractors and other professionals who comprise the most important segment of the resurgent



The new High Country version of the Silverado arrives just in time for winter.

pickup-truck market.

In fact, Consumer Reports rated Silverado over the new Ram 1500 in a recent evaluation of the two freshest full-size pickups; Ford will introduce a new F-150 next year. GMC's new sibling pickup, Sierra, also has impressed reviewers.

As a result, sales of the new 2014 Silverado and Sierra increased a combined 62 percent last month from the previous month. They accounted for about 76 percent of GM's light-duty deliveries, per plan.

"We are particularly pleased with our truck momentum," said Kurt McNeil, GM's vice president of U.S. sales operations. "Chevrolet and GMC have the newest and best light duty trucks, sales are accelerating and we are gearing up for the second, third and fourth phases of our strategic truck plan."

In November, the premium Chevrolet Silverado High Country and GMC Sierra Denali will hit showrooms, followed by a redesigned range of heavy-duty pickups

in the first quarter of 2014.

It's true that GM has hit a couple of discordant notes in the marketing of the new Silverado. Its planned "Silverado Strong" promotion during the World Series ran afoul of Bostonians who didn't like its resemblance to the "Boston Strong" slogan that arose after the Boston Marathon bombings last spring, so Chevy marketers had to pull it at the last minute.

And Chevy has been taking advantage of strong initial demand for the new Silverado by boosting prices by \$1,500. That was enough to pay for a \$1,500 rebate that recently has been offered on most models, and dealers like it because they can use it to help get customers qualified for a loan. But it does tend to undercut GM's strategic plan to let its brands and products do the talking in the showroom.

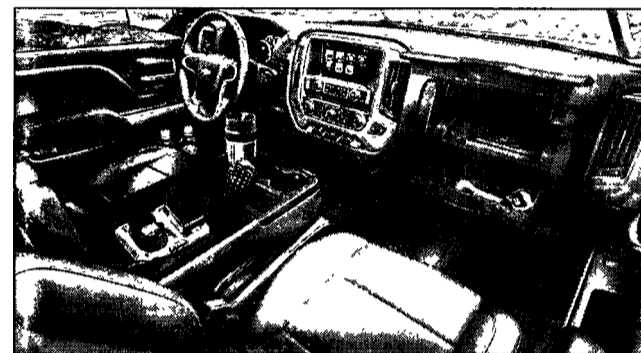
Still, Chevy's overall marketing campaign for Silverado has represented a welcome return to an approach that tugs at heartstrings and recalls some of the best truck advertising that Chevrolet has done over the decades, such as its long-running "Like

a Rock" positioning.

"What we're trying to do is emotionalize a category that has gotten pretty rational," Tim Mahoney, Chevy's chief marketing officer, told MarketingDaily.com. "It's as much a brand campaign as a Silverado campaign."

Or, as Chris Perry, head of Chevy advertising, put it to Advertising Age, the goal for the campaign—Chevy's largest in years—is to take "back the soulfulness of the category... That segment is one of the most steeped in values and imagery." Yet those values are largely missing from truck ads now, and "we want to reflect those customer values."

The Chevy execs' assessment of the state of truck marketing is instructive. Certainly Ford has taken a more rational route lately with its F-150, the nation's best-selling vehicle, by heavily promoting the availability of a fuel-efficient yet powerful-enough EcoBoost six-cylinder engine that now attracts about half the buyers for the nameplate. On the other hand, Ram certainly appealed to emotions with its evocative Super Bowl ad in February that was an ode to the American farmer.



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