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Councils consider sharing fire chief

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Under a proposed agreement, Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy could be doing extra duty — at least for several months — overseeing the Inkster Fire Department.

The Inkster council has already approved the fire chief sharing intergovernmental agreement which would run until the July 1 start of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

The proposal, which the Westland and Wayne councils will consider next month, is aimed at giving Reddy an opportunity to assess whether Inkster would be a potential addition to the merged Wayne-Westland Fire Department. The long-term plan has been to create a Western Wayne Fire Authority which could also include Garden City.

"Inkster is without a fire chief now. They reached out to us to see if we wanted to do the

same agreement as with Wayne," Reddy said. "It's just chief sharing — it's not a merger. It lets us see if we can put a merger together."

While serving as chief, Reddy said he can make changes in the department for day-to-day savings, look at redeployment, resource sharing and work with the firefighters union to see if there is buy-in for a merger.

The Wayne-Westland fire merger received \$800,000 in

state funding to complete the process of compatible equipment and other changes. Reddy said the proposal with Inkster would be expected to qualify for \$400,000 in state funding.

Larger issue

Only the shared chief agreement was being discussed at the Westland council study session but Councilman Bill Johnson questioned the larger issue of the merger with Wayne in light of that city's

financial issues. With the failure of a millage question earlier this month, Wayne is projecting a \$2 million deficit.

"The issues that may arise in Wayne could keep us from expanding to Inkster," said Johnson, referring to the potential layoff of Wayne firefighters. "I'm not willing to expand this without seeing what will happen in Wayne."

The Wayne council has

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Wayne-Westland school board Treasurer Shawna Walker joined her husband Dwayne, a member of UAW Local 900, in handing out Thanksgiving turkeys to residents in Norwayne on Tuesday. PHOTOS BY KATHY HANSEN

UAW, Ford put turkey on table for Westland families

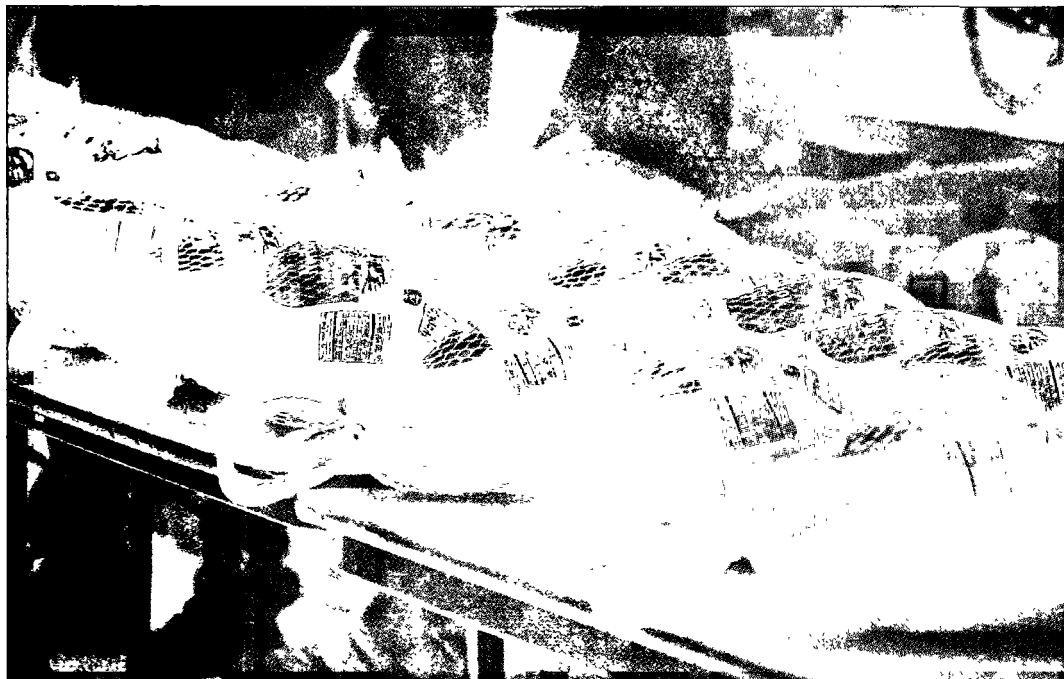
By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a bit brighter for 150 families in the Norwayne community with the delivery of frozen turkeys Tuesday.

The turkeys were among 5,000 the Ford Motor Co. and UAW passed out in communities throughout southeast Michigan to help people who have not been touched by the economic recovery.

"This is so awesome, it's really cool," Norwayne Community Watch founder Brenda Hubbard said. "This is the first time for doing something like this. They called Wednesday night and asked if we could use 200 turkeys. I got to call and let people know. Some of those I called wouldn't have had a turkey or would have had a turkey but no sides."

A steady stream of residents filed passed folding tables lined with frozen turkeys two deep being given out UAW members and Ford employees. Waiting to shake their hands and wish them a Happy Thanksgiving were Jimmy Settles, vice president UAW-Ford and Marty Malloy, Ford vice-president for human relations, who put together the



Turkeys are lined up two deep, waiting to be given to Norwayne families.

giveaway in a short two weeks time.

"The idea came from the rank and file, it came about quickly," Settles said. "I got in touch with Marty and he said let's make it happen."

Combined effort

Large UAW Locals made donations while the UAW-Ford Fund covered for small

locals which weren't able to contribute.

"Each local chipped in money and then Ford and the UAW made up the difference," Settles said. "Meijer gave us a great price. It started two weeks ago when we first started notifying people to make sure everyone would get turkey."

One of the people called

was Westland Mayor William Wild.

"When they contacted me and said they wanted to bring this to Westland, I could think of no better place than Norwayne," he said. "We are grateful for the generosity this Thanksgiving and the charitable

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Police will investigate HalloWayne contest complaint

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Wayne woman is alleging a prize offered for the HalloWayne pumpkin carving contest was a Halloween trick, not a treat.

Nichole Vargas has filed a complaint with Wayne Police over a \$1,000 prize that was promised but not awarded at the event.

"It is being investigated. I will not make any comments on it," Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright said. "I don't know if a crime has been committed. We took a report last week. We are talking to the people involved. We'll let the investigation run its course."

HalloWayne organizer Christopher Sanders also didn't want to comment.

"I won't make any comments until the police investigation has gone through its course," Sanders said. "I cooperated with the police as much as I can."

Vargas, however, brought

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Pair pleads guilty to Leo's robbery

Two men have pleaded guilty to charges they robbed Leo's Jewelry and Gifts in Wayne on July 17.

Quentin Goddard, 23, of Detroit and Jonathan Stalling, 21, of Battle Creek had both been scheduled for trial Nov. 26 before entering their pleas before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong.

Both men are jailed pending sentencing — Stalling on Dec. 5; Goddard on Dec. 10.

Store employees testified that a couple was buzzed into the store, and then four males ran in coming quickly from around an exterior wall.

The testimony was that two of the men, wearing gloves, carried what looked like a short-handled sledge hammer and a claw hammer, smashed display cases. Reported stolen were two pairs of Swarovski crystal earrings valued at \$100.

Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright and Deputy Chief Alan Maciag heard the dispatch run

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made no decision on how to deal with the city's financial shortfall, Wayne Councilman James Hawley said when questioned by Johnson. Hawley, Wayne Councilman John Rhaesa, Inkster City Manager Richard Marsh and Ben Ferguson of the Inkster firefighters union attended the study session.

Specifically, Johnson said he was concerned Wayne would lay off six firefighters, dropping their manpower to 12. Westland's firefighter staffing would be at 54 — a low number based on the joint staffing.

"We would not supplement each other (in manpower)," said Reddy, adding both cities have applied for continued federal grant funding for firefighter positions.

Lower staffing

Additionally, since the firefighters union agreed to the lower staffing number based on the merger, Westland would need to hire 20 additional firefighters, Westland Mayor William Wild said.

"At this point, the only thing we are sharing (with Inkster) would be the chief," Wild said. "At the end of June we will go to 54 firefighters. If we have to hire 20 firefighters, there is a cost. With Wayne-Westland (merged), we have access to 90 firefighters for the cost of 54. We have to be careful not to throw the baby out with the bath water."

Sharing Johnson's concerns, Councilman Michael Kehrer said Westland needs to make sure financially strapped communities like Wayne and Inkster can meet their financial obligations to sustain a fire department merger.

"I don't have an issue with a shared fire chief. I don't have an issue with Wayne. If they can't live up to the (merger) agreement, it's over," he said. "We need to be in a position to see if this (Inkster addition) is viable."

The cities need to do their due diligence regarding the fire department merger, Westland Council President James Godbout said.

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spirit to help a neighborhood in most need. Norwayne is Westland's oldest neighborhood and has the city's highest unemployment rate."

Settles had praise for Johnson who has been very involved in helping the Westland community with benefits for organizations like the Goodfellows.

"Bill has always been the spark to do more," Settles said. "We've been blessed to be on the giving side. I wish we could do more. This is a token of our appreciation to help other folks. The economic recovery hasn't come to all people."

Malloy also praised Johnson for the "great work he does in the community."

"We have two great, no actually three great organizations — the city, the UAW and Ford — that make a powerful force in the community," Malloy said.

Helping others

The Thanksgiving give-away was so well-received that they're



Hank Johnson, chairman of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, thanks Ford Vice-President Marty Malloy and UAW Vice-President Jimmy Settles for their continued support of those in need in the Norwayne community during the holidays. KATHY HANSEN

already talking about doing it again at Christmas. That's good news for Joan Carr who received 50 turkeys for St. Vincent de Paul. The organization will also get another 50 at Christmas to use in 100 food baskets.

"We'll use them all at Christmas," Carr said. "We do it all at Christmas, we do 110 families, toys and everything. Each child gets at least

three toys and the family gets a big box of food. We try to give them enough for the week between the holidays."

The donation also means the agency will have at least \$1,000 that can be used to help people with rent payments, utilities, prescriptions and similar expenses.

Settles and Malloy were glad to be a part of the give-away.

"For me, seeing the

joy on their faces when they got their turkeys was the best," Settles said.

"I'm sure we probably did something like this at one time, but not within my memory," said Malloy, who enjoyed the opportunity of shaking hands with residents. "They're nice people."

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her complaint about the pumpkin carving contest to the Wayne Council.

"There was a \$1,000 first prize. It should have been a red flag with that high amount," Vargas said. "I honestly believe there was no real winner. There was no picture posted on Facebook. Where is the \$1,000? Was it ever there?"

When she entered the contest, Vargas said she was told there were 15 entries and later 30

entries. There was only one name on the sign-up sheet, she said, with two entries on the table.

This was the third annual HalloWayne event sponsored by the Destination Wayne Committee which includes the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

It's not the first HalloWayne controversy. Comments made about inappropriate touching of children during the 2012 event spurred Sanders to sue Wayne Councilman Skip Monit for defamation.

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CORRECTION

Youngsters can visit with Santa Sunday, Dec. 8, at Historic Greenmead in Livonia. The village buildings, decorated for the holidays, will be open for tours Dec. 8, 15 and 22.

A story in the Nov. 24 issue of the *Observer* listed an incorrect date.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Youth Assistance

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center are hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshops for youth. "Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. It is interactive, fun, and most importantly, it works.

The workshops will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Dorsey Center 32715 Dorsey, south of Palmer, Westland. All participants will get a free snack in the morning, free lunch and free prizes.

For more information or to register, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at 734-467-7904.

Christmas Reception

The Westland Community Foundation is hosting its annual Christmas Reception at the John Glenn High School Media Center 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres prepared by chef Tony and the students from the Culinary Arts Department of William D. Ford Career Technical Center will be provided, and the John Glenn High School's Glenn Singers and the Salvation Army Band will perform.

Due to these difficult times, the foundation is asking for a \$5 contribution along with two unwrapped, new toys as a donation for the children and families for the Salvation Army. Please don't forget to buy for the teenagers.

Reserve a spot by Dec. 5 by calling 734-595-7727.

Christmas Party

The Wayne Golden Hour Club and Senior Services Office will co-host its annual Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 19. There will be a punch reception at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Senior Services Office located in the Wayne Community Center at Howe and Annapolis in Wayne.

WCGH reunion

The 29th annual Wayne County General Hospital reunion for former employees and retirees will be held in the party room at the Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet at 6539 N. Wayne Road, Westland, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The cost of the buffet is \$10.59, with a senior discount available.

Westland Goodfellows

The Westland Goodfellows are looking for donations for their Silent Auction and Bucket Raffle which will be held in conjunction

with a Bowling Fundraiser at Wayne Bowl, 36900 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

The Goodfellows are accepting cash donations or new items to be donated for the Silent Auction and Bucket Raffle, or sponsor a bowling lane for \$100. They are willing to pick up any donations or they can be dropped off at Local 900 UAW, 38200 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184. If making a monetary donation, make the check payable to Westland Goodfellows Inc. Specify if a monetary donation is for a bowling lane sponsor.

For more information, contact Chad Erickson at 734-467-0181, Mike Smith at 734-721-2530 or Don Conger at 734-467-0082.

Wayne Goodfellows

The Wayne Goodfellows will hold their 27th annual fundraiser 5:30-midnight Friday, Dec. 6, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne.

There will be prizes, raffles, auction, DJ, dancing and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 and include a full buffet dinner, desserts, drinks and door prize entry. Presale only is a table of 10 for \$225, including one free ticket. For tickets or to donate, call 734-722-1111. Tickets also available at Henry's Auto Service Center, 3041 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

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for the robbery and went to assist the patrol officers searching for the suspects.

After spotting the suspects' vehicle, Wright and Maciag followed the car to a dead end street. Despite being rammed by the police car, the vehicle managed to flee after passengers fled on foot, police said.

A short time later, Maciag and a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy arrested Goddard who reportedly had been

hiding in tall brush. Stalling was arrested nearby by other officers. No other suspects were arrested.

In statements to police, Stalling and Goddard gave differing accounts of why they were in Wayne — looking for apartments, giving someone a ride and having no names for their companions.

Police reported that Stalling, who eventually told police he knew about the planned robbery but never actually entered the store, was spotted on surveillance video at Leo's the day before the robbery.

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City offices close for holiday

The Thanksgiving holiday will have an effect on municipal services in Westland, Garden City and Wayne.

In Westland, city offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 28-29. The William P. Faust Public Library will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and reopen at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30.

City offices in Garden City, including the Maplewood Center, will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29. The Garden City Public Library also will be closed from Thursday, Nov. 28, through Saturday, Nov. 30. The library will reopen Monday, Dec. 2.

Wayne's city offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 28, in addition to normal closings on Fridays. The Wayne Public Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29, in addition to its normal closings on Sunday and Monday. It will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Police and fire services will not be affected by the holiday; however, trash pickup will be delayed one day, with Thursday's collection done on Friday and Friday's on Saturday.

Family, friends, health: Lots to be thankful for

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Eva Davis, Canton Public Library director, didn't have to think long about what she's thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday.

"We here at the Canton library are most thankful for our supportive community and our excellent staff and our Friends of the Library," she said, adding the Library Board. "We would not be here without them."

Davis, who lives in Plymouth Township, also has gratitude for her family, extended family, "family that we choose. Friends are family that we choose," she said.

Americans will sit down to Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, giving thanks for blessings between eating turkey and watching the parade and Detroit Lions football. A quick survey of area residents revealed many sources of gratitude.

"Thankful for friends and family," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said. "And for living in a great town," the Plymouth resident added, visiting with friends over coffee at the Plymouth Panera.

Said Jim Jabara of Plymouth Township, a longtime local businessman, "I'm thankful for the friends and family I have. I'm thankful for everything this community offers in the form of fellowship, the friendliness of the people in the community."

Jabara, who lived in the city of Plymouth 33 years, now calls Plymouth Township home. "It's a great community," he said of its people. "That's what makes a community."

State Rep. Kurt Heise, a Plymouth Township Republican who represents Plymouth, Northville and part of Canton, said, "My family and friends and good health. Good health for all."



Paul Sincock, who grew up in Plymouth and now manages it, is thankful for his community.



Mark McConnell, a Westland district court judge, is thankful for his "great wife and two beautiful, happy, healthy daughters."

Heise had stopped in at the Plymouth Panera later that same morning. "I'm thankful for a great team to work with to turn Michigan around," he added.

Over a Thursday Westland Rotary lunch at Joy Manor - turkey with all the trimmings - Judge Mark McConnell of the 18th District Court in Westland said, "Great wife, two beautiful, happy, healthy daughters. And a great staff, too." McConnell is a Westland

resident.

At McConnell's lunch table was Jeff Juenemann of Northville Township, owner of Juenemann Insurance in Westland. "Good health, dear friends," Juenemann said, including his Rotary friends. "I like 'em on Facebook," he said with a smile.

Westland's Gina Toarmina said, "I am thankful for my family, of course. I'm thankful that I have employment." She's an overload aide at Wayne-



Canton Library Director Eva Davis is thankful for a supportive community.



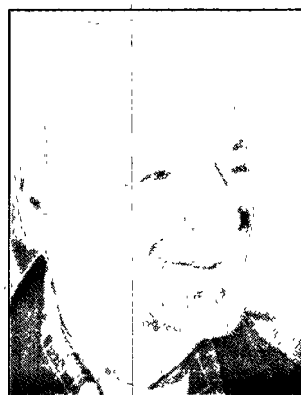
Diana Wilcox is thankful for her family, including her parents, who are 91 years old.

Westland's Wildwood Elementary.

"I'm actually thankful for the people I work with, because they're all really friendly and want to help the kids," she said. "I am thankful I have a home because some people don't."

She's grateful in general: "They're the common things, I guess. I'm thankful for life." She's also happy to hear the Christmas carols starting, even before Thanksgiving.

Diana Wilcox of Livonia, a retired Garden City schools educator, said, "I think I'm pretty thankful for my family. I still have surviving parents," both 91, said Wilcox, now teaching early childhood curriculum at Madonna University in Livonia. She



Jim Jabara is "thankful for the friends and family I have."

also has one child along with husband Joe and three grandchildren.

"They're all happy and healthy and this is good," she said.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Vandalism

A resident in the 28000 block of Maplewood told police that sometime between 7 p.m. Nov. 23 and 4:30 p.m. Nov. 24 a Ford F-150 pickup truck was damaged while parked in the driveway of her home.

The truck had key marks on the hood and along both sides. The woman told police she suspects her ex-boyfriend, a Westland resident, is responsible for the damage. She told police she has had previous complaints against him for similar incidents and a pending domestic violence case.

Suspended license

An Inkster woman was ticketed for driving with a suspended license after being stopped for making an improper left turn out of the Kmart parking lot on Nov. 24.

The police officer watched the woman make the left turn onto Brandt and then head eastbound on Ford Road. When stopped by the officer in the Ford Road-Middlebelt area, the woman handed the officer a state identification card instead of her driver's license. She told him that her license was currently suspended, police said.

A check showed that the woman had nine current license suspensions, police said. She was arrested and late ticketed for driving while license is suspended and impeding traffic.

Attempted break-in

An officer responding to an alarm at the Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church at 33144 Cherry Hill at 10:40 p.m. Nov. 21 found a window had been pried open on east side of the building, but no one entered the building.

The officer searched the church and found all of the interior doors secured and a safe and computer equipment untouched. A church member

told the officer she noticed the lock on the window was damaged prior to the attempted break-in and that several screens to windows on the east side of the building had been previously damaged.

The officer also found pry marks on two other windows and a steel door, but was unable to tell if the damage was recent.

Break-in

A resident in the 32000 block of Marcello Drive called police at 11:43 a.m. Nov. 21 after hearing someone on the main floor of the home while he was in the basement.

He told police his dog was barking and when he came upstairs he could hear someone in the bedrooms at the east end of the home. He grabbed his dog and went to the front yard where he had a neighbor call 911.

The officers searched the home and found that two bedrooms had been searched, but could not determine how the suspect entered or left. There was one rear window that was unlocked, but did appear that anyone could have entered or left through it.

The homeowner said it appeared nothing was missing, but that someone had been in the house and moved things around. He added that he did not see anyone leave while he was outside waiting for police.

Suspended license

The driver of a vehicle was arrested for driving with a suspended license and his passenger arrested for sex offender failing to report an address change following a traffic stop at Ford and Central on Nov. 21.

A Garden City police officer made the stop after noticing the pickup truck had a cracked windshield and an unreadable license plate due to dirt on it.

Fire officials warn about potential dangers of using turkey fryers

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

There are many ways to cook a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. In recent years, one method growing in popularity is to deep fry the bird, which can be done much quicker than cooking it in an oven. However, fire officials are warning people that the technique poses some serious dangers, especially if done improperly.

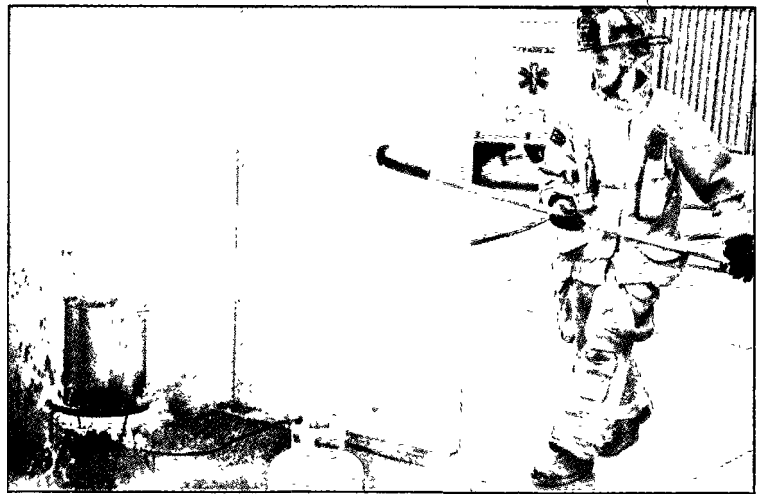
State Fire Marshal Richard Miller and Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead visited the Northville Township Fire Department on Friday, where local firefighters showed just how serious a fire hazard it can be. They demonstrated the two most common mistakes people make, including putting too much oil in the fryer and using a frozen turkey. In both scenarios, boiling oil spilled over an open flame below and then onto the ground.

In addition to posing a fire hazard, this can also cause serious personal injury due to the boiling oil. In either event, it would certainly ruin a Thanksgiving celebration.

According to Miller, the National Fire Protection Association says turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use by even well-informed and careful consumers.

As it is, Thanksgiving Day sees more fires than any other day, turkey fryers have only increased the numbers — an additional 1,000 per year. And Miller says the fryers are a growing trend.

"You used to only find them at sporting goods stores. Now even supermarkets and Meijer stores sell them. Some of that is definitely due to the novelty of it," Miller said. "But people need to know they are definitely more dangerous. You're



Northville Township firefighter Michael Obermiller demonstrates what a flaming disaster can occur when a turkey is dropped into a too-full, too-hot turkey fryer. The demonstration took place during a visit to the Northville Township station by the State Fire Marshal Rich Miller on Nov. 22. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

dealing with an open flame and hot oil."

Miller explained that most turkey fryer incidents occur while the oil is being heated. The units can easily tip over, spilling hot, scalding oil onto anyone or anything nearby, leading to fires, burns or other injuries. Since most units do not have automatic thermostat controls, oil may heat until it catches fire. The sides, lids, and handles get extremely hot and may cause burns.

Miller said if people insist on using a fryer, they should heed these safety precautions:

» Read and follow the manufacturer's user guide.

» Completely thaw the turkey, remove any wrapping and discard the neck and giblets.

» Do not overfill the fryer with oil. Before dumping a few gallons of oil into the fryer, first try it out with water.

Place the turkey inside and then fill it with water until the bird is submerged. Remove it and then mark the water line on the fryer so you will know how much oil should be put in the fryer.

» Never leave the fryer unattended.

» Allow at least two feet of space between the liquid propane tank and the fryer burner.

» Keep children and pets well away from the fryer.

» If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn the gas supply off.

» Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and use it if the fire is manageable. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

Whitehead, president of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, said the main thing people need to keep in mind is not to use the fryers indoors.

"Where you don't want to do it is inside any kind of structure — no garages, no sheds," Whitehead said. "Garages and sheds usually contain all kinds of combustible materials."

For more safety tips, visit the Michigan Bureau of Fire Services website at www.michigan.gov/bfs.

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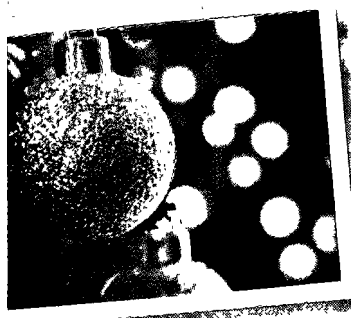
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Livonia woman celebrates 108th birthday

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

When she was 105, Mary Motsinger of Livonia took a bad fall, hit her head hard and got a big blood clot on the brain. Doctors gave her 24 hours to live. One doctor refused to operate on her because of her age, but another doctor said he would.

"That was over two and a half years ago, and we still have her," said her daughter, Nancy Banks, 78, of Ashville, Ala.

On Saturday, Motsinger celebrated her 108th birthday at a party organized by Banks and her sisters, Polly Bradley, 85, of Plymouth and Martha Bouman, 75, of Canton. It was held at Marywood Nursing Care Center in Livonia, where she has lived since the fall.

"She loves to go to Bingo and we sit in the hall (to watch the people go by)," Banks said. "She gets a twinkle in her eye when she sees children."

Up until the fall, she was knitting and crocheting, making winter scarves. Prior to moving to Marywood, she lived with Bradley in Plymouth and then Bouman in Canton.

Motsinger was born Nov. 16, 1905, in Dickson, Tenn. She was the oldest of three children born to Thomas Dallas, a farmer, and his wife Jessie Belle. She married Harold Motsinger in about 1925. He had lived across the pasture from her childhood home in Lewisburg, Ky., where she moved when she was 6.

The Motsingers were married in Detroit, where Harold had moved to find work. They returned to Kentucky during the Depression, but then moved back again to Detroit in 1935, where Harold was able to find work as a postman and a salesman selling everything from insurance and cars to real estate.

They raised three daughters. Mary worked twice outside the home, in a plant making parts



Mary Motsinger of Livonia at her 108th birthday party. TOM BEAUDOIN

for the military during World War II and later on as a seasonal employee of a department store in Northville.

Harold died in 1964, and Mary went to live with her daughters three years later.

Mary has seven grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren. She has outlived both her younger sister and her younger brother, who lived to be 96 and about 78, respectively.

Banks said her mother, who is somewhat hard of hearing, attributes her long life to "clean living" — literally.

"She always told us to wash our pretty little hands," Banks said, commenting that frequent hand washing is what health professionals advocate today to keep illness at bay. "She was way ahead of her time."

She never drank alcohol or smoked and kept her weight in check. But "she loved her onions and corn bread and dried beans. She loved all that country food," Banks said.

Banks said her mother was in the hospital for a urinary tract infection last Thursday, but was released Tuesday and "she was in activities" (at Marywood) on Wednesday.

"Some call her the Energizer Bunny," Banks said. "She keeps bouncing back."

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Mary Motsinger, 108, surrounded by her daughters, Poly Bradley, 85, of Plymouth; Nancy Banks, 78, of Ashville, Ala.; and Martha Bouman, 75 of Canton. TOM BEAUDOIN



Mary Motsinger's grandchildren: (back row, from left) Leanne Kennedy, Kris Pickney and Jeff Bradley; (front row, from left) Cindy Gould, Debbie Krajewski and Judy Facine. Another grandchild is Scott Bouman. Motsinger also has 15 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. TOM BEAUDOIN

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2013-41

November 19, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. A moment of silence was given for Daniel DiLernia and Warren Attwood. The Mayor and the new Councilpersons were given their Oaths of Office. APPROVED: minutes of the special meeting of November 4 and regular meeting of November 5; James Hawley as Mayor Pro Tem; budget freeze; second reading of Chapter 1478.03 Flood Prone Hazard Areas; resolution for Canadian Nuclear Waste Repository; Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan and Personnel Director as coordinator; study session for 12/10/13 at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station; recessed to Closed Session at 9:42 p.m.; reconvened in Open Session at 10:22 p.m.; settlement with Mutual Communities regarding Franks Furniture and consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
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Where to find a helping hand

Food banks see increased demand during holiday season

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Hunger doesn't take a vacation nor a holiday.

Local food banks and those in need know this all too well, but this challenge is overcome by remembering what matters most.

This time of year has many saying thank you and for those who receive help from places like Northville Civic Concern, Redford Interfaith Relief, the Connection Church in Canton's Open Door Ministry, South Lyon's Active Faith Community Service and Livonia's Holy Cross Lutheran and Wayne's John Bolde Food Depot, the feeling of gratitude is truly heartfelt.

"It means a lot to me that people in the community want to help," said Sarah, a 26-year-old single mother from Canton who, through Michigan Works, receives help from Northville Civic Concern.

Her last name has been omitted to protect her identity.

For those giving of their time and help, this time of year is a reminder that their mission is an ongoing one.

"There's a tremendous need in many communities, even here in Canton," said Steve Darr, director of the food pantry at Connection Church. "We're not only here to help them in difficult times, but to help them also find out why they are in a tough situation and how they can get out of it."

Volunteers and donations

It's the people who donate time, food, clothing and money to help families and individuals in need that make a food bank truly successful.

"We owe a lot to those who donate so much time and help," said Maryanne Mihalic, of South Lyon's Active Faith. "We are very blessed to have so many in the community that care."

She said the group's Thanksgiving distribution day was expected to bring in 180 families, which is above the typical 160 or so families it

AREA FOOD BANKS

Northville Civic Concern: 248-344-1033, 43261 Seven Mile Road, P.O. Box 323, Northville, MI 48167

Holy Cross: 734-427-1414, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152; <http://www.holycrosslivonia.org/#/beyond-our-doors/>

Active Faith Community Service: 248-437-9790, 401 Washington St., South Lyon, MI 48178;

www.activefaithcs.org
Connection Church: 734-397-1777, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48188;

<http://connectionchurch.org>
Faith Community Presbyterian: 248-349-2345, 44400 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375; www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Redford Interfaith Relief: 313-387-9802, 8499, Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI; e-mail: sue@redfordinterfaith-relief.org

Community Sharing: 248-889-0347, 1550 N. Milford Road, Highland Township, MI 48357; www.community-sharing.org

John Bolde Food Dept: 734-326-2234, 34646 Sims, Wayne, Michigan 48184; stmarywayne.org/depot

Good Hope Lutheran Food Pantry: 734-427-3660, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City, MI 48135; 734-427-3660

Lighthouse Home Missions: 734-326-3885, 34033 Palmer, Westland 48186

FISH of Wayne-Westland: 734-722-3606, 3030 S Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184

Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps: 734-722-3660, 2300 S.Venoy, Westland, MI 48185

St. Dunstan Church: 734-425-6720, 1526 Belton Ave., Garden City, MI 48135

sees throughout the year. Help for this came from groups like St. Joseph Parish's catechism class and the local high school student council, which literally donated tons of food to help make the holiday a good one.

At Redford's Interfaith Relief, which is a coalition of member churches within the community, each month is busy. It helps provide



Doug Finan moves pallets of food for Open Door Ministry, which distributed a record-shattering 1.61 million pounds of food in 2012. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The John Bolde Food Depot is operated as an outreach program of St. Mary's church in Wayne.

essentials like food and clothing for at least 500 families. So it was huge when it was recently given 8,000 pounds of food by local Boy Scouts.

In Canton, 600 turkeys were donated. Open Ministry had its biggest Thanksgiving distribution day yet with more than 560 families showing up.

"Neighbors helping neighbors," Interfaith Relief administrative assistant Jane Cameron said of members' motivation.

At Civic Concern, 20 turkeys were donated by Our Lady of Victory, while the Main Street League — a local charitable organization — recently raised more than \$11,000 to help out. These are just two examples of the variety of places

Civic Concern from which receives help.

"These are the spokes that make the wheel go," Civic Concern Director Marlene Kunz said of its volunteer and donation help.

Those in need

The clients of these organizations have a variety of reasons why they need help in one form or another. There may be one income in the home that can only cover so many things, a layoff or medical issues.

Food bank directors say it's not just a simple handout; clients have to go through an approval process at each organization to verify their needs and challenges.

Another single mother from Canton, who didn't want to be named, also



Volunteer Mike Grubb helped Redford Interfaith Relief move into the Keeler Center.

found Civic Concern through Michigan Works. She said her eyes opened up to the different challenges people have to confront.

"There are so many people going through so many things that it's important that organizations like this exist," the 41-year-old mother said. "What I love about this place is how it receives people with open arms."

Proof of residency, identity and federal assistance are just a few of the things that need to be verified when a client is vetted. At Holy Cross, which provides non-food

essential items, clients must go through the city of Livonia to verify their status.

Each organization has its own mission specific to its community. However, they all ultimately have the same goal in mind.

"It's about caring for each other," Kunz said. "This is an effort that will always be needed as long as there are people in need."

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:58 pm. regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

ORDINANCE NO:

ILLEGAL TRANSPORT OF MARIJUANA ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ILLEGAL TRANSPORT OF MARIJUANA IN A MOVING VEHICLE OR BOAT; PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRICTIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Garden City by adding a new section which new section shall be designated as Section 136.01 (C) of Chapter 136 of Title XIII.

SECTION I. CODE ADOPTED.

Pursuant to Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended, MCL 117.3(k) the City of Garden City hereby adopts by reference MCL 750.474 prohibiting the illegal transport of Marijuana.

SECTION II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk / Treasurer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Westland, Michigan 48185

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 2013 Sinking Fund Project, Bid Package #2 consisting of:

Wildwood Elementary School Remodeling Project

will be received at the office of Dr. David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director / Business & Operations, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185, until 11:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

103 Selective Demolition	105 Concrete Flatwork
106 Masonry	107 Steel
108 Carpentry / General Trades	109 Roofing
114 Aluminum Entrances; Windows; Glass & Glazing	115 Metal Studs / GPDW / EIFS
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118 Carpet / Resilient Tile Flooring	120 Painting
137 Food Service Equipment (Alternate)	140 Plumbing (Alternate)
142 HVAC	143 Electrical

Bid documents may be purchased from the office of ARC-Dunn Blue, Troy / Clawson, MI for a \$100.00 deposit made payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Deposit to be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to ARC-Dunn Blue no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after bid opening. (Bidders are responsible to pick-up or pay for the shipment of drawings). Documents will be available for viewing on the PlanWell Enterprise System by accessing the website via www.e-arc.com, or by contacting ARC-Dunn Blue at (248) 288-5600.

Bid Documents will also be available for public inspection at Dodge Plan Room, CAM, Reed, and Builders Exchange.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the projects, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have an opportunity to visit the Wildwood Elementary School site to walkthrough the building. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting, but is highly recommended for bidders to attend.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. In addition, all bids shall include a completed and signed Certification of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act form. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include these executed forms.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the prevailing wage rate.

U.S. district attorney shares stories regarding high-profile cases

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

As Anne Bater listened to U.S. District Attorney Barbara McQuade speak about the Christmas Day underwear bomber, she realized how an incident like that can take place at anytime.

A Livonia resident who moved to the United States from England two years ago, Bater said she has flown the same route Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab took from Amsterdam to Detroit many times.

"He could have been on my flight," she said. "I (now) know more than I did."

Bater was one of several hundred people who attended the year's second installment of the Livonia Town Hall series at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church.

McQuade, the current attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan and first woman to hold the position, has been responsible for prosecuting several high-profile federal crimes, including the case against Abdulmutallab and former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

She said she had been confirmed for the position, which prosecutes federal crimes in the eastern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, the day before the Christmas bombing had taken place in a plane over metro Detroit. Her term began in January 2010.

"Christmas Eve, I get a call. 'Great news, you have been confirmed as district attorney.' Hey, that's great timing, I'm going to kick back and enjoy my Christmas," she said she recalls thinking. "Then the next day, I'm minding my own business, preparing the fam-



U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade speaks to Livonia Town Hall. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ily meal and opening gifts and I get this email."

The incident, had it been successful, would have resulted in the plane crashing somewhere in Woodhaven, which would have most likely killed everyone on board and possibly some people on the ground.

Terrorism any time, any place

"A terrorist attack can occur at any time, like Christmas Day, and at any place," McQuade said.

Abdulmutallab was sentenced to life in prison in 2012 for the attempted attack.

She went over some of

the duties her office handles, which are sometimes unknown by many residents. The U.S. Attorney's office focuses on federal crimes, which include issues related to terrorism, exports and imports, child pornography and some violent crimes.

Livonia resident Rose Kachnowski said she did not realize the wide array of responsibilities McQuade's office had and said she learned more details she did not know in cases she had heard about for several years, including the underwear bomber case.

"It did show that people take a deeper interest

in this right now," she said. "All the details about it were quite interesting."

Kilpatrick prosecution

McQuade shared her stories of the prosecution of Kilpatrick, who was sentenced to 28 years in prison after being found guilty of several racketeering and extortion charges earlier this year.

McQuade said one interesting fact with the case involving Kilpatrick was that more than 30 other individuals had been charged in connection with how he was running the mayor's office in Detroit.

"It shows it wasn't just him," she said. "This culture of corruption pervaded his entire administration."

Some have questioned the sentence pushed for by her office, saying some criminals who are convicted of second-degree murder are released before Kilpatrick will be, she noted. The crimes committed by Kilpatrick and his associates, she said, were premeditated, making the crime that much worse.

"I would suggest to you that this is worse. Second-degree murder usually occurs when someone acts in the heat of passion, on the spot, rushed to judgment, without thinking through what they're doing," she said. "This was years long in the making. This was as deliberate as it possibly could be."

The next Livonia Town Hall event, which will take place at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 14 at St. Mary's, will feature Detroit Institute of Arts director Graham W.J. Beal.

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Former Northville supervisor named Wayne County CFO

It didn't take too long for former Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo to find another way to serve the public. On Monday, Abbo was named Wayne County's new chief financial officer, a little over a year after deciding



not to seek re-election as the township's supervisor. Abbo was appointed to the position by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who noted Abbo's extensive experience as a CPA and financial experience will be a benefit as the county struggles to straighten out its financial troubles.

"Mark brings a wealth of financial management expertise and a fresh perspective to the county's department of management and budget," Ficano said. "Mark knows government finance and, with decades of work as a CPA and chief financial officer in a number of private sector businesses over the course of his 30-plus year career, he knows how to find solutions."

Abbo replaces Carla Sledge, who retired Oct. 1 after serving 20 years in Wayne County government.

Abbo, a longtime Republican, has had a long career in private sector financial management. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 1975, he worked for some of the "Big 8"

accounting firms and later took on leadership role at several manufacturing companies in southeast Michigan.

Abbo also served two decades as an elected official in Northville Township, including serving three terms as supervisor.

"Mark has a long track record of driving efficiencies in both the government and private sectors. It's a unique blend of experience and we're fortunate to have him join our team," Ficano said. Abbo said he is looking forward to the opportunity and believes his private-sector experience will be helpful to Ficano's team.

"There are few communities and governments that have sailed through the 2008 recession unscathed," Abbo said. "Wayne County continues to have challenges and I'm excited for the opportunity to bring my private- and public-sector experience to the table."

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-Canton, called Abbo "an excellent choice."

"As the former supervisor of Northville Township, Mark has a proven record of thinking outside the box, consolidating services and building a substantial fund balance," Price said. "The administration hit a home run when they appointed Republican Jim Fausone to the Detroit water board and I am confident that the addition of Abbo's conservative voice will also be beneficial to the county."

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Westland City Hall	36601 Ford Rd., Westland
Westland Fire Station-Main	Ford Rd at Central City Parkway, Westland
Westland Library	6123 Central City Parkway, Westland
Westland Nursing & Rehab. Centre	36137 W. Warren Rd., Westland
Westland Police Dept.-Lobby	36701 Ford Rd., Westland
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LET THE SHOPPING BEGIN

Retail expert: Frenzy starts early because consumers want it that way

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Love it or hate it, Black Friday — that hallowed day of shopping slowly threatening to usurp Thanksgiving gatherings everywhere — is here to stay.

Retailers seeking to boost their end of the year sales, combined with shoppers eager to kick off the holiday season with good bargains and deeply discounted finds, makes for an incredible event — one that seems to be growing in enormity every year with retailers opening their doors earlier and earlier.

And despite the displeasure voiced by some consumers over the stores' early-bird attitude, the enticements of slashed prices and one-time only buys are hard to resist for many.

Mike Bernacchi, professor of marketing at the University of Detroit Mercy, explains it "takes two to tango. You can blame it in the retailers, but no one is pushing me out the door," to shop Black Friday.

"It's not just the merchandisers clamoring for early shopping," Bernacchi said. "There is a reason the stores are opening early — they know people will be in line to buy. Americans like the feel of getting a good deal."

Although Black Friday has served as an official start to the holiday season for many years, it was not until the advent of the 2010 Cyber Monday — a creation of the National Retail Federation — that retailers began pushing back opening hours.

As consumers discovered they could shop online "anytime, anywhere," retailers felt forced to move their early openings back, Bernacchi said, even into Thanksgiving, as some retailers have done this year.

Responding to demand?

Some local malls have responded to the demand from consumers as well.

Livonia's Laurel Park Place is opening four hours earlier this Thanksgiving, at 8 p.m. instead of midnight as in years past. It is not mandatory for all stores to be open, so only stores electing to do so will be open.

"I think we're just following the retail industry," said Claudia J. Frederick, the mall's group marketing director, explaining the decision to open four hours earlier. "We're just trying to meet the convenience of the shopper."

Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, as well as Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, both owned by Taubman Centers, Inc., will also open early this year.

"We're responding to requests from both our customers and our retailers to open earlier, especially since the holiday season is six days shorter this year," said Karen MacDonald, Taubman director of communications.



Farmington-area shoppers last year filled the aisles at area stores Black Friday.

Although some large retailers, including Costco, Nordstrom, REI, Home Depot, T.J. Maxx, Marshall's and Burlington Coat Factory, are bucking the trend by not opening Thanksgiving, Black Friday is a retail phenomenon that is not likely to change anytime soon.

A recent study by Accenture indicates that the lure of Black Friday as a major shopping event is at its highest level in five years, with 55 percent of shoppers saying they are likely to take part in shopping at some point that day.

ABC Warehouse

(www.ABCWarehouse.com) announced that for the first time in its 50-year history, it will have Thanksgiving Day hours, opening all 43 of its stores in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio 8-11 p.m.

The next day, ABC Warehouse's traditional "Doorbuster Deals" return with stores open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.,

Shopping is social time

For some, Black Friday is not just about the deals.

"The Black Friday shopping bonanza has become a social activity, with generations coordinating and collaborating and

shopping together," Bernacchi said.

For the past five years, Kellie Bugajski and her daughter Megan, 21, have joined the throngs of holiday shoppers hitting the stores early Black Friday in hopes of finding the perfect gift at an even-more perfect price.

And bargains they have found, admits Bugajski, recalling a past Black Friday purchase of an elegant coat for the rock-bottom price of \$16.

However, for Bugajski and her daughter, the Black Friday event is about much more than just shopping: it is about

THANKSGIVING, BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING HOURS EXPAND

The race to win your holiday shopping dollars is heating up this year and that means expanded Black Friday shopping hours.

This year, many retailers have elected to follow the lead of Meijer — since the 1980s, the retailer has been open 364 days a year (including Thanksgiving), closing only Christmas Day.

If you take part in the shopping frenzy, plan ahead to make your shopping trip a bit easier. Be sure to check advertising fliers inside this newspaper as well as retailer's websites to identify the sale items. Use them as a guide to map out your best bargain hunting strategy.

Area malls, as well as local stores, are taking part in Black Friday with expanded shopping hours listed below.

MALLS

Briarwood Mall — open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close 9 p.m. Friday.
Fairlane Shopping Center — open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close 9 p.m. Friday.
Laurel Park Place — open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close 10 p.m. Friday.
Somerset Collection in Troy — closed Thanksgiving and open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.
All Macy's (including Somerset) — open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close 10 p.m. Friday.
Twelve Oaks Mall — open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close 9 p.m. Friday.
Westland Shopping Center — open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close 9 p.m. Friday.

MAJOR RETAILERS

ABC Warehouse — 8-11 p.m. Thanksgiving; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday
Sears — 8 p.m. Thanksgiving to 10 p.m. Friday.
Kmart — 6 a.m. Thanksgiving to 11 p.m. Friday.
Kohl's — 8 p.m. Thanksgiving to midnight Friday.
Macy's — 8 p.m. Thanksgiving to 10 p.m. Friday.
Target — 8 p.m. Thanksgiving to 11 p.m. Friday.
Toys R Us — 5 p.m. Thanksgiving to 10 p.m. Friday.
JC Penney — 8 p.m. Thanksgiving to 11 p.m. Friday.
Best Buy — 6 p.m. Thanksgiving to 10 p.m. Friday.
Nordstrom — closed Thanksgiving; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.
Lord & Taylor — closed Thanksgiving; 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday.
Walmart — 6 p.m. Thanksgiving to midnight Friday.

spending time together.

"We both love to shop and it has become something we look forward to every year. It's a great way to carve out some time for the two of us to spend together," said Bugajski, a Plymouth resident, "We really enjoy it."

Westland mall opening early for holiday shoppers

Westland Shopping Center has a lot in store for shoppers looking to shop off their Turkey dinner this year. The mall will kick off the holiday season by opening at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Day and will remain open until 9 p.m. Black Friday.

Shoppers will be treated to giveaways, giving back and great buys at the shopping center. At 8 p.m. sharp, the first 100 shoppers to arrive at Guest Services in the East Court will receive a \$10 Westland Shopping Center gift card.

» At 9 p.m., shoppers can enter to win four tickets to *Elf the Musical*, playing at Detroit Opera House.

» At 10 p.m., shoppers can enter to win a trip to Fort Myers, Fla., with hotel and airline transportation included. The contest runs through the holidays. Visit Guest Services for the official rules and regulations.

» Bon Bon's will also provide free Dinky Donuts starting at midnight to help shoppers refuel, while supplies last. "We're excited to be a part of our customers' holiday season. Prompted by shopper requests, for the first time,

Westland Shopping Center will be opening at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day where it will be the most festive place to continue on the celebration and help kick off the holidays in style with all our great mall-wide promotions, sales and giveaways," said Carol Rutz, the mall's general manager.

"Westland Shopping Center has a long and rich history of giving back. It's particularly gratifying this time of year to keep this great tradition alive," added Patrick Derrig, marketing manager. "We're thankful to be affiliated with worthy organizations, such as Angela Hospice Angel Tree, Suits for Soldiers and the Salvation Army with their Giving Tree — all of which will be present at the center over the holidays. The important services they offer support the communities we are privileged to serve and those in need."

Westland Shopping Center also will have extended holiday hours throughout the season. Visit the mall's website at www.westlandcenter.com or the Westland Shopping Center Facebook page for details.

Westland Shopping Center



The East Court of Westland Shopping Center is decorated and ready for the start of the holiday shopping season.

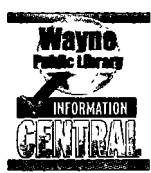
offers more 70 specialty stores, including a mix of national retailers along with anchors Macy's, Kohl's, JC Pen-

ney and Sears, and a variety of restaurants and services, including Ticketmaster. Managed by Cushman &

Wakefield, Westland Shopping Center is at 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road in Westland.

Ring in the holidays with a good book

The holiday season is upon us and the Wayne Public Library would like to alert patrons about new titles of interest with a Christmas theme.



Curl up with a good book and get into the holiday spirit! Adults might enjoy holiday-themed fiction including *Starry Night* by Debbie Macomber, *Winter Dream* by Richard Paul Evans, *Merry Christmas, Cowboy* by Janet Dailey or *Silent Night: a Spenser Holiday Novel* by Robert B. Parker. Newer books for young readers include *The Berenstain Bears Night Before Christmas*, *Dora's Christmas Carol*, *The Twelve Bots of Christmas* and *Tallulah's Nutcracker*.

Everyone can use a little help with their holiday preparations and planning. Non-fiction books that can lend a hand are *Country Living Merry & Bright: 301 Festive Ideas for Celebrating Christmas and Have Yourself a Very Vintage Christmas: Crafts, Decorating Tips, and Recipes*.

Ring in the holidays with some music. The library has over 150 holiday CDs to get you into the spirit. Check out new titles, including *Johnny Cash - The Classic Christmas Album* and *Wrapped in Red* by Kelly Clarkson.

Of course the holidays can also be hectic, so here's a tip to save a little time. If you find that you're too busy to visit the library there is a time-saving app available for your smart phone or mobile device. Called Library Anywhere, the app allows you to search our online catalog, place holds, review your account, and see the latest library events — anywhere, anytime, and all from the palm of your hand. Just visit the Wayne Public Library homepage at wayne.lib.mi.us to find information on how to download and install the app.

The Wayne Public Library will be closed for the holidays on Nov. 28, 29, Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. The staff and board wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season.

Upcoming Events

» Children are invited to help decorate the library for the holiday season by making ornaments for the children's Christmas tree. This is a drop-in event running from Nov. 30 through Dec. 21. Supplies can be found at the Youth reference desk. Thank you to the Wayne Civitan Club for sponsoring this festive activity.

» Teen Advisory Group Holiday Craft — All teens and tweens are welcome to come out of the cold and join our TAG group. On Dec. 14 from 2-3 p.m., we will be creating custom gift bags for your holiday events. Supplies and snacks will be provided for this entirely free event.

» The Youth Department is looking for adult volunteers to help plan our Paddington Bear Party, which will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25. Those interested in helping, please contact Kelly at the Youth Reference Desk or by email at ksoe-rens@wayne.lib.mi.us.

Information Central was compiled by John MacDonald. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

Beyond the cha-ching: Lights, parades, exhibits fill holiday weekend

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a time for families far and near to get together for a festive meal, a bit of shopping, maybe a movie or a holiday parade.

For those so inclined, start Thanksgiving Day with a parade. One of the country's oldest and most celebrated parades happens right here in Detroit. Presented by Art Van Furniture, America's Thanksgiving Parade will step off at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, on Woodward Avenue and Kirby and end at Woodward Avenue and Congress in downtown Detroit.

Hundreds of thousands of parade-goers will be watching as the parade makes its way down the avenue. But if you're not into crowds, you can take the little ones to see a western Wayne County tradition — the 53rd annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade on Saturday, Nov. 30. Floats, marching bands, balloons and, of course, Santa Claus will be a part of the parade that starts at 10 a.m. at Garden City High School on Middlebelt north of Ford Road.

The parade will travel south on Middlebelt, turn east on Ford Road and end at the site of the Farmers Market in the Garden City Town Center parking lot, where

the Downtown Development Authority holds its highly attended post-parade event. There will be entertainment, hot chocolate and other goodies, and kids will have the opportunity to spend time with Santa and give him their Christmas lists.

Bundle up the kids and head for Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth where Santa, Mrs. Claus and Christmas Carol will arrive by fire truck at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29.

The Salvation Army will be in full force for collections and sharing some hot chocolate. Santa will be welcomed by city officials and will pull the lever to light the Christmas Trees in Kellogg Park. Once the ceremony is finished, he will hold a meet and greet with children to his house in the park until 8:30 p.m.

For those who can't make it there on Friday to see Santa, have no fear. Santa will be at his house from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

If it's lights you like, head for Hines Parks for the 20th annual Lightfest, the largest and longest drive-thru holiday light show in the Midwest. It's going on in the park now through Dec. 31, except for Christmas Day.

The 4½-mile long light show that stretches from Merriman Hollow at



More than 2 million LED lights illuminate trees, buildings and animal sculptures on a half-mile trail through the front of the Detroit Zoo at Wild Lights.

wilder at the Detroit Zoo's annual Wild Lights from 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30, and Sunday, Dec. 1.

Wild Lights is a spectacular holiday light display with more than 2 million LED lights illuminating trees, buildings and animal sculptures on a half-mile trail through the front of the zoo. There's also live entertainment, arts and crafts, storytelling, ice carving and a Lego® holiday train display to add to the festivities, not to mention seasonal refreshments, Wild Lights souvenirs. Photos with Santa also will be available for purchase.

Go on an extraordinary adventure in the Wild Adventure Zone with *The Polar Express 4-D Experience* at the 4-D Theater. The 14-minute film, featuring Tom Hanks, tells the tale of a doubting young boy who takes a train ride to the North Pole and discovers that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

Also showing in the Wild Adventure Zone is *Happy Feet: Mumble's Wild Ride* at the Simulator Ride.

The cost is \$8 per person in advance and \$10 at the gate for ages 2 and up (under 2 free); parking is \$5 per car for all guests, members and non-members. Tickets for each experience are \$5 with Wild Lights admission or a "Bundle Up" price of \$7 for both.

Warren Road in Westland to the Warrendale area at Telegraph in Dearborn Heights. It's open from 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

And families can stop by Santa's Workshop at Warrendale Park at the end of the Lightfest drive. Santa will be there during Lightfest hours. There also is a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa.

Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle. For more information on Lightfest or any other

Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

Thinking more like "adventure." The Livonia Community Recreation Center is having a Rock Wall Homecoming, featuring food, dancing and climbing fun 6-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29. Pizza and pop will be provided, but attendees may bring a dish to pass.

The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for Livonia residents, \$7 for non-residents. Registration is open now as well as the day of the event. The Livonia Community Center is at 15100 Hubbard at Mile. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

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New IT career training program helps veterans find jobs

A new public-private partnership has been formed to provide information and technology training and certification to Michigan veterans.

"Military service members are among the most highly trained talent in the country, but they often struggle to transfer their military skills into civilian job qualifications and miss great opportunities to secure rewarding careers," Gov. Rick Snyder said. "This program will provide vets who worked in IT fields with the fast-track training they need to successfully transition into civilian employment."

The Michigan Shifting Careers: IT Networking Certifications Program for Military Servicemembers pilot program is offered by the Workforce Development Agency - Veterans' Services Division in partnership with New Horizons, Cisco, Futures Inc., Pearson VUE, Davenport University, and Capella University.

The program will provide, at no cost to veterans, ANSI-accredited Cisco training and preparation leading to the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA®) certification to veterans with IT skills, as well as virtual access to Cisco Learning Labs.

"Thousands of U.S. military personnel have built technical, leadership and other valuable skills during their time of service," said Jeanne Beliveau Dunn, vice

president and general manager, Learning@Cisco. "Despite risking life and limb, finding employment when they return stateside is a battle that veterans should not have to fight alone. This program will leverage and validate the unique skills, experience, and qualifications that veterans hold by fast-tracking veterans to obtain the industry-recognized Cisco CCNA certification, and pairing them with high-demand IT jobs."

"Cisco is pleased to stand side-by-side with the state of Michigan, New Horizons, Futures Inc. and our many partners to offer a brighter future for our veterans," she said.

As veterans complete the training, pass the exams and earn their certifications, an extensive partner and employer network will help them secure full-time employment. Participants will also have the option of using their credit toward a two- or four-year degree program at Davenport University or Capella University.

New Horizons training facilities in Detroit, Livonia, Troy, East Lansing, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, in collaboration with local MWA offices and the Michigan National Guard, are creating a virtual cohort and training program that can simultaneously serve veterans and employers across multiple locations.

The inaugural cohort will consist of 20 partici-

pants, with additional cohorts being offered in the future.

Participating veterans, service members and employers will use US IT Pipeline, a cloud-based talent exchange platform that enables an entirely new level of collaboration between the IT industry, training partners and veterans. The platform provides registered users with skills assessment, career exploration tools, education and training information and direct access to job openings. It also enables employers to match their jobs with personnel based on their training, experience, education and credentials.

"Information technology is an important employment sector in Michigan, and our returning veterans bring valuable IT skills to the table," Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Jeff Barnes said. "Michigan has a growing cyber security industry, which presents our veterans with a great opportunity to match their IT skills with this national security service."

For more information on Shifting Careers: IT Network Certification for Veterans, visit the Veterans' Services Division at www.mitalent.org/veteran. Employers and service members who are interested in participating in this program can register by creating their account at usit-pipeline.com.

Garden City Hospital receives eHealthcare Leadership Award

Garden City Hospital has been honored with the 2013 Silver eHealthcare Leadership Award distinction for Best Doctor Directory. The physician directory, built by Biznet Internet Solutions, of Southfield, showcases the more than 350 health experts of Garden City Hospital. The directory can be found at www.gch.org.

Garden City Hospital was among some 260 healthcare organizations to receive recognition for their outstanding websites and digital communications at a special presentation in New Orleans on Nov. 6 during the 17th annual Healthcare Internet Conference. Winners of the 2013 eHealthcare Leadership Awards were selected from more than 1,100 entries. A total of 121 individuals familiar with healthcare and the Internet judged the entries.

"When you're sick, you're looking for more than a phone number," said Kim Moore, director



of public relations and marketing at Garden City Hospital. "You want to learn as much as you can about the person you trust with your health."

Guests searching the GCH physician directory have the option to meet a GCH doctor online by viewing their image, specialty, professional biography, languages spoken, office hours, medical education and recent articles. Visitors also can request an on-line appointment.

"We're delighted that Garden City was recognized for its dedication to using digital technology to improve the customer health care experience," says Kevin Krason, CEO of Biznet Internet Solutions. "For example, they invest in resources to keep data current and

accessible by laptop or mobile device."

Winners of platinum, gold, silver, and distinction awards represented 17 industry classifications, from hospitals and health systems to pharmaceutical firms and online health companies. Awards were given in 14 different categories: Best Mobile Communications, Best Patient Access and Convenience, Best Site Design, Best Health/Healthcare Content, Best Interactive, Best Care/Disease Management, Best Employee Recruitment, Best Doctor Directory, Best Social Networking, Best Rich Media, Best Marketing Campaign, Best Overall Internet Site, Best Intranet, and eHealth Organizational Commitment.

Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large.

If it's obvious, it might not be true

Remember the days of taking multiple-choice tests in school and avoiding the obvious answers because you knew they were there just to mislead you? Life is like that. The obvious answer is frequently not the correct one.

"Never assume the obvious is true."

These are wise words from William Safire, because we're all at risk of making erroneous assumptions, especially about other people. Today's note is a simple reminder to look closer, investigate further and



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A SUNNY NOTE

make sure we understand the situation or the person before drawing conclusions.

Watch out for "multiple choice" moments - and have a sunny day!

Clarity P.S. "Most of our assumptions have outlived their usefulness."

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New position

Franco Public Relations Group, a Detroit-based public relations agency, recently promoted Andrea Kenski to senior account executive and Marie Stawasz to account executive.

"It's exciting to witness the professional development and growth of the Franco team, especially as we prepare for our 50th year in business," said Tina Kozak, Franco's executive vice president and chief operating officer. "Both Andrea and Marie have demonstrated excellence in their areas of expertise - the type of excellence that we strive to provide all of our clients."

Kenski services a number of Franco's non-profit and healthcare clients including day-to-day client relations for The Salvation Army and Arbor Hospice. She also supports strategic planning, crisis communications, event planning and social media for various other clients.

Kenski, a Madison Heights resident, is an active member of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC). She is currently serving as student relations director on the IABC Board of Directors. Kenski holds a bachelor of arts degree in communications and a bachelor of science degree in public relations, both from Eastern Michigan University.

Stawasz, a Westland resident, provides media relations, event planning and social media services for several of Franco's consumer and nonprofit clients including Buddy's

Pizza, the Village of Milford's Downtown Development Authority, Allied Printing Company, the GM Renaissance Center, Security Credit Union and The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center.

Stawasz is an active member of Social Media in the D, a professional network of Detroit-based social media managers; the Polish National Alliance, a fraternal organization for Polish-Americans; and The Henry Ford's Young Professionals Group, a network of young professionals dedicated to preserving Detroit's place in American history. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in communication from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

ADA certification

St. Mary Mercy Livonia's Outpatient Diabetes Education Program has received continued recognition from the American Diabetes Association (ADA). This voluntary process assures the program meets national standards for diabetes self-management education set forth by the ADA.

Programs that achieve recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide state-of-the-art information about diabetes management for participants. The certification was first awarded to the program in 2000. The process gives professionals a national standard to measure the quality of diabetes education provided.

"This recognition from the American Diabetes Association helps

patients identify quality programs where they will receive the best information about how to manage their disease," said David Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "We are pleased to be able to offer this quality program to this population to help manage and improve their health."

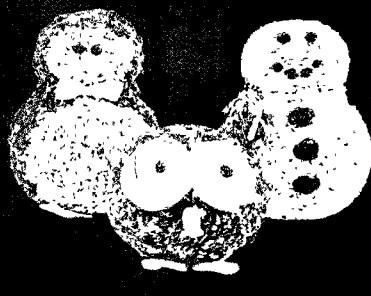
Diabetes affects 23.6 million people in the United States. The American Diabetes Association says 1.6 million new cases of diabetes are diagnosed in people over age 20 each year. Two out of three people with diabetes will die of a stroke or heart attack and diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, non-traumatic amputation.

The Outpatient Diabetes Education Program at St. Mary Mercy has Certified Diabetes Educators dedicated to teaching people how to minimize their risk for developing type 2 diabetes and giving people who already have diabetes (type 1, type 2 or gestational diabetes) the education and resources needed to safely manage their disease. They also develop individual plans, including instruction on eating well, being more physically active and monitoring blood sugars, the patient and doctor can determine the best treatment plan.

The diabetes classes teach participants how they can control the disease and not let it control them. For information about classes and support group, call 734-655-8950 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

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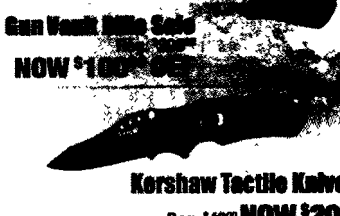
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Year-end tax planning — examine your goals

Happy Thanksgiving! One thing we should always give thanks for is, despite problems, we live in the greatest country in the history of the world. Now that Thanksgiving is here, the countdown for 2013 has begun. You're going to start hearing from a number of so-called experts who'll give you advice as to what to do before the end of the year. Typically, from a tax standpoint, you hear the same old advice such as accelerating deductions into this year and, where possible, postponing income into next year. In addition, you will hear about selling investments



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

that you have losses in so as to deduct those losses this year as opposed to next year. Although a lot of tax advice makes sense, there are some things to keep in mind. Whenever you hear tax advice, apply it to your individual situation. In many situations, it does not make sense to do the things experts are recommending. For example, if this year you're taking the standard deduction, it does not make sense to accelerate de-

ductions. In addition, if you're in a low tax bracket and next year it appears you'll be in a higher tax bracket, it makes sense to recognize income this year as opposed to next.

Examine your goals
The bottom line is always look at your individual situation before you make any tax moves. Does it make sense to go through your portfolio and sell your losses? Even though you may have a loss on an investment, it may make sense to keep it in your portfolio. Remember, on the whole you don't want to do anything for tax reasons alone. Short-term tax consequences are not

nearly as important as achieving long-term goals and objectives. Some investors think that they can sell an investment where they have a loss and then turn around and re-buy the investment. Although this sounds like a good strategy, unfortunately, the IRS does not allow it. We have what are known as wash sales rules. This means if you are selling an investment with a loss, if you deduct that loss for tax purposes, you cannot have purchased that investment 30 days before you sell it or 30 days after the sale. If you do purchase the investment within that 60-day window, you are not allowed to deduct

your losses. I recommend computing the real tax saving before doing any year-end tax moves. Sometimes the real tax savings may be nominal at best and not worth the hassle or the cost. There are some year-end moves that can make sense from a tax standpoint and an economic standpoint. For example, a Roth conversion. There are also a lot of other tax planning moves that just do not make sense. After all, no one knows what the tax laws will be next year. In today's world, where things change quickly, it is very difficult to do any long-term tax planning. That is why

I don't attempt to do any. However, I want to make decisions that are fundamentally sound economically and not be overly concerned with the tax implications. That doesn't mean you shouldn't be smart with taxes, but don't let the tax tail wag the dog. I've always said, the goal is not to lower your taxes but, rather, to have more money in your pocket. Good luck. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.


A POW'S TALE OF SURVIVAL

Lawrence Witt lived his entire life within miles of his Detroit birthplace. He was a family man, a faithful Ford employee and an avid gardener. Yet, for many decades, no one knew his story. Family and friends did not know that he served with the Army Air Corps during World War II. They did not know that his plane was shot down over Germany and half his crew killed. They did not know that he was once a prisoner of war. These topics were off-limits. They were never discussed. But Witt's eldest daughter, Laura Edge, was curious and began digging into her father's past. She interviewed her dad's surviving crew mates, his fellow prisoners of war and his forced march companions. She sent for military records and pored over the letters her father sent home from war. The result of Edge's research is now published in the book *On*

the Wings of Dawn: American Airmen as Germany's Prisoners. This account of survival follows Witt and five of his crew mates through their narrow escape from a fiery, out-of-control B-17 bomber to their poignant return to freedom after 11½ months of captivity in German stalags and as participants on a brutal forced march. This book reads like an action-packed novel, but is meticulously researched and documented. Ex-prisoner of war Al Gorashko said, "Laura Edge's account of the POW experience at Stalag Luft IV, the Black March and Stalag 357, is accurate in every detail." Those interested will be able to meet Edge 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Next Chapter Bookstore and Bistro in downtown Northville. She will be available to share her research journey and to sign her book.



This is the crew Lawrence Witt served with during World War II.



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to occupy 30608 Ford Road for a jewelry store that sells new jewelry and new and secondhand coins. The subject site is zoned C-2 Community Business District. Secondhand stores are a special land use in the C-2 District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Publish: November 28, 2013

11-13-0392 Motion by Damitio, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2013-09, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

**CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 2013-09**

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

SECTION 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 1478.03 DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) entitled "Wayne County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions)" (Name) and dated 2-2-12, revised 12-3-13, and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMS) panel number(s) of 26163C: 0216E, and 0218E, 0220E and 0240E and dated 2-2-12 and the FIRMS panel number(s) of 26163C: 0220F and 0240F dated 12-3-13 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

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 18, 2013
Published: November 28, 2013
Effective: November 28, 2013
Publish Date: November 28, 2013

Matthew Miller
City Clerk


**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 22 11/18/13**

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
190: Appr. Minutes of meeting held 11/4/13.
- Bid for demolition of 31814 & 31844 Bay Ct., 32003 & 32059 Cheboygan to Leadhead Construction; amt. \$4,100 each, and for demolition of 32561-67 Mackinac & 32511-17 Lydia to Berkshire Development; amt. \$6,250 each.
- Bid for Glock Equipment for PD to Michigan Police Equipment Co.; amt. \$18,596.
- Appr. agrmnt w/McKenna Associates for consulting/planning svcs. for completion of 2014-18 Wayne-Westland Parks & Rec Master Plan; amt. not to exceed \$14,000.
- Intro Budget Amendment 2013/14-03-1st Quarter revenue & expenditures.
- Intro Budget Amendment 2013/14-04-Manpower for Community Development, Building/Planning & DPS.
-Intro Ord. 248-A-75, rezone CB-2 to CB-3, PID #035-99-0016-000, NW corner of Ford Rd. & Wildwood Ave.
- Intro. Ord. 191-B-8-1, an ordinance to amend Ch. 22, Art. II, Sec. 39 of the City Code re. enforcement of Fema Floodplain Management Regulations.
- Adopted prepared resolution re. publication of notice & reimbursement from bond proceeds for Farmer's Market & Tattan Park Project.
191: Conf. appt. of T. Edwards to Parks & Rec. Advisory Bd. to fill unexp. term to exp. 12/31/13.
192: Appr. checklist: \$ 1,881,636.98.
Mtg. adj. at 8:00 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President
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OUR VIEWS

Giving thanks should be more than one-day thing

In an age when social media is a preferred means of communication, an activity flooding Facebook pages is actually bringing to the forefront, in its own slightly cheesy way, the whole idea behind Thanksgiving.

The activity is done in two fashions. In one, the person takes a letter of the alphabet and each day, starting Nov. 1, points out something starting with that letter for which he or she was thankful. The other one is simpler: The person just picks one thing each day to be thankful for.

While simple in its execution, the idea is replete with meaning, if done sincerely. It shows Thanksgiving isn't just a one-day event, that its purpose should be a 365-day, 24/7 way of life.

How much is thankfulness taken for granted? How perfunctory does saying "thank you" become?

This holiday is a clue as to what the problem is: For 364 days a year, we say thank you. Only one day each year, the fourth Thursday in November, we give thanks. Talk, it seems, really is cheap.

How long will you bite your tongue, after a Thanksgiving dinner guest tries to compliment you by saying that the mashed potatoes had fewer lumps than the gravy this year, before you say, "Gee, thanks?" When you stumble into a coffee shop before dawn Black Friday for some liquid gold before a shopping foray, what do you say as you finger the change the barista hands you? It may be almost subconscious, but likely as

not, you'll mumble a "thanks."

We say it all the time (or we should), not just Thanksgiving. Whether it's because the notion of politeness was drilled into us by our parents or because we bought into the "please and thank you" lessons of *Sesame Street* and *Captain Kangaroo*, saying thanks or thank you is arguably one of the most used phrases in the English language.

Maybe we use it too much. Consider that, when our children return to school in the fall, our thanks are better directed to their teachers than spoken as our sense of relief. And face it, there is no way you mean anything close to "thanks" when you get a back-handed compliment on your Thanksgiving dinner cooking skills, nor is there really any meaning in that exchange at the coffee shop.

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We all have to make our own list of what to be thankful for, but giving thanks means more than lip service, even if it is on Facebook. It means pausing to look straight in someone's eye and smile, letting that person know you value them and the service they have performed. Isn't that what we do Thanksgiving, by pausing to gather with family, letting them know we count them among our blessings?

There are as many ways to give thanks as there are reasons to do so and they don't have to stop when the table is cleared after dinner and dessert.

Are you just saying "Thank you" to be polite, or are you truly "thankful"?

It is something to ponder and maybe not just each Thanksgiving.



There are many things for which to be thankful at Thanksgiving, including volunteers who help feed people, as Heidi Russell is doing here. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"I'm thankful for my family."

Josh Miller
Westland



"I'm thankful for the grace God has given us and, secondly for my family and friends."

Zach Garrett
Westland



"I'm thankful for my mother's health. She's 95 and doing so well. I take care of her and it is dearly a blessing."

Joan Amsteen
Garden City



"I'm thankful for the freedom we have in this country."

Richard Grams
Dearborn Heights

LETTERS

Thanks for the help

For two years I have been taking care of the flowers located near the Garden City Public Library at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. I work in the flower beds throughout the growing season, but I need help in the spring when volunteers plant the flowers, and then in the autumn when there is the fall cleanup to complete.

On Nov. 5, the fall cleanup was done, and I want to thank the following people who did this work: Janet Smith of the Garden City Library Board, Gail Hodge from the Friends of the Garden City Library and a special thank you to my husband Paul Bailey from the Friends of the Garden City Library who did many hours of work. On Nov. 5 the four of us completed the work, placing lawn refuse in 17 large brown bags.

Nancy Bailey
Garden City Library Board

Hungry for power?

There have been recently two unusual events in the world of the great and powerful. They don't look good. They aren't that important.

The first event was the 2013 awards for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is an award bestowed by the President of the United States and is — along with the comparable Congressional Gold Medal bestowed by an act of U.S. Congress — the highest civilian award in the United States. It recognizes those individuals who

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century as saints.

On the surface these events are not particularly onerous, but if we hearken back to the days of the crumbling Roman Empire, Chinese Empire, French, British, Mayan or Incan empires, when leaders are "transformed" by the edict of other leaders into gods then you can believe that the present leaders are hungry for the same extensive powers. Are they worthy?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Travel by car

The cost of airfares has taken off and the price of gas is steadily declining, making travel by car the way to go this holiday season.

According to the a recent *Wall Street Journal* story, airfares on tickets sold for Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks have risen 9.4 and 7.3 percent, respectively, compared with last year. On the other hand, CNN Money reports that gas prices are falling with nearly 20 percent of gas stations nationwide charging less than \$3 per gallon.

Going by car to your holiday destination offers a number of practical advantages. You can come and go as you please, pack as much as you want, avoid long ticket counter and security lines, and better enjoy the ride. Because a family of four can travel 1,000 miles round-trip by car for about the cost of one airline ticket, driving is the sensible economic option.

Rich White
Executive Director
Car Care Council

GUEST COLUMN

Protect yourself from Medicare fraud

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B receives numerous calls each year from Medicare beneficiaries concerned about contact they've had with suspicious salespersons or con artists. Unfortunately, with the start of the Health Care Marketplace and the Medicare open enrollment period just coming to an end Dec. 7, scams and unscrupulous activity targeted at older adults may be on the rise.

Last week, we received a call from a man who was contacted by someone asking for his Medicare or Social Security number so they could send him a new Medicare card. Another beneficiary reported getting a call from Medicare asking to come to her home to discuss her options. Fortunately, in both situations, the individual did not provide any information or make an appointment to have the caller visit their home.

In both situations, the caller was attempting to obtain the older adult's personal information to commit identity theft or fraud.

The AAA 1-B's Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program is a trusted resource that Medicare beneficiaries can turn to for answers, options and information. If you are on Medicare or know someone who is, here are some important guidelines to follow to avoid being a victim of a scam, fraud or financial abuse:

» The Health Insurance Marketplace is designed to help people who don't have any health coverage. If you have health coverage through Medicare, the marketplace won't have any effect on your Medicare coverage. In fact, it is against the law for someone who knows that you have Medi-



Jennifer Therrien

care to sell you a marketplace plan. Always remember, Medicare will not call or come to your home to sell you anything. No government worker will call you to ask for personal information or to verify your Medicare number, Social Security number or credit card information.

» Guard your information. Don't give your Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security cards or numbers to an unknown person. Treat these cards like credit cards and keep them in a private and safe place.

» Trust your instincts. If you receive a call or a visit from someone and you feel pressured or something does not feel right, then your instincts are probably right — it probably is a scam. Do not feel obligated to continue the conversation or provide any personal information.

» Don't hesitate to ask questions. Ask for the person's name, number, address and the name of their agency/company. Someone who is legitimately trying to assist you will provide you with the information and respect your need to be a safe consumer.

Protect your information

» Be suspicious of anyone, even health care professionals, who ask for your Medicare number in exchange for free equipment or services.

» Recognize the difference between legitimate mail and scam mail. Mailings and letters from government agencies, such as Medicare and Social

Security, will have an official government seal and/or logo on it. Don't overlook this mail. Other fliers, letters or postcards claiming to be from "Medicare" that don't have these seals/logos should be set aside. Do not respond to them unless you can verify that they are legitimate.

» Save your Medicare summary notices and Part D explanation of benefits. Record the dates of all of your doctor appointments and procedures (tests, X-rays, etc.). Check your Medicare statements carefully to make sure they match and the details are correct. If you spend time in a hospital, make sure the admission date, discharge date and diagnosis on your bill are correct.

» Report any type of potential scam, identity theft or Medicare fraud to an official, including the police and the Federal Trade Commission. Statistics indicate that for every one person who reports a fraudulent scam, there are likely 10 other people who experienced the same thing but either were afraid to speak up or didn't know who to call. You can file a complaint online, using the FTC Complaint Assistant online at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>.

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program can help provide more information about Medicare or Medicaid fraud and explain how to report it. If you suspect Medicare or Medicaid fraud or abuse or have questions about Medicare or Medicaid, call MMAP at 800-803-7174.

Jennifer Therrien is manager of the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. She can be reached at 248-262-1290.

GUEST COLUMN

Thanksgiving: A time to reflect, remember

Thanksgiving week is a time to remember, to reflect, to give thanks. Last Friday marked the 50th anniversary of President John F.



Phil Power

deeply sorry to announce that President Kennedy has been shot while on a visit to Dallas, Texas. He is not expected to survive."

I was the only American in the room and I wasn't ashamed to hold my head in my hands while the tears came. The master came over and kindly said, "I am terribly sorry for you to hear this awful news in this way. Of course, if you wish to leave the dinner, you are excused."

I stayed for a while and tried to maintain a certain level of conversation, trying to remember Ernest Hemingway's definition of courage - which was also JFK's - "grace under pressure."

Supportive friends

But as dessert was served, I couldn't bear it anymore and went back to my room. As I opened the door, I was astonished to find all the lights on, the room filled with my English friends, gathered there to be with their American chum in a desolate hour.

Someone turned on the radio and picked up the bulletin from the BBC: the president was dead. I don't remember

the rest of the evening very well, other than that it turned into a kind of wake, with much whiskey being drunk and hugs exchanged with the normally reserved English.

I had met John F. Kennedy once, in an elevator, before he had announced his candidacy for president. He had bright blue-gray eyes and a magnetic air that filled that tiny space.

I saw him again at a distance at 2 a.m. Oct. 14, 1960, standing on the steps of the Michigan Union in Ann Arbor, urging young Americans to volunteer to serve abroad. Like the thousands who had waited for hours to hear him, I was thrilled and motivated at his speech - in part because I had a very indirect role in it.

While an undergraduate at the university, I had been a member of a student group, Americans Committed to World Responsibility. Organized by two sociology graduate students, Al and Judy Guskin, the group met from time to time to discuss the world situation. We stayed up too late and drank far too much coffee and beer.

Eventually, we wrote a manifesto (of course) calling on American youth to take up our responsibility to help the world.

That manifesto was reported in the student newspaper, the *Michigan Daily*, and was warmly received on campus and around the country. Eventually, it wound up in the hands of Theodore Sorenson, Kennedy's speech writer.

Although Kennedy did not use the phrase "Peace Corps" until several weeks later, his speech in Ann Arbor is widely recognized as the first expression of the idea.

All those memories came flickering through my mind last Friday as I journeyed back through that dark night half a

century ago, an American far away from home grieving for my assassinated president. And I always will give thanks for the English students who, unbidden, came to my room to comfort their American friend.

It's truly said that you are very, very lucky if you have 10 real friends over a lifetime. In that room that night were young Englishmen who became my true friends.

And I will always give thanks for the gifts of grace and intelligence of John F. Kennedy. Over the years since his death, history has revised its opinion of his short presidency. It was not a particularly successful one and it was only the shock of his death and the legislative mastery of the new president, Lyndon John-

son, that led to the Civil Rights Act, among other achievements.

But to people of my age, Kennedy's presidency was a bright flame that has stayed alight in our hearts for the last 50 years.

Like the Bible's Job, I am learning in my old age that it is only out of profound sadness that it is possible truly to give thanks.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics. He is founder and chairman of the Center for Michigan, a nonprofit, bipartisan centrist think tank. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of the center. He welcomes comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

University in England. For me and for many, many others, the events of that day are frozen in my memory: cold, still horrible.

The local time at Oxford was seven hours ahead of Dallas, meaning those fatal shots were fired at 7:30 that Friday evening.

I - with around 25 others - was seated at a formal black tie dinner in a beautiful candle-lit, oak-paneled room at University College. The main course had just been served when the college's master, Sir John Redcliffe-Maud, stood up at the end of the table.

His face was white and his hands trembled as he said: "I am very

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Bakers needed

To make the upcoming annual St. Raphael School Cookie Walk a success, the school is asking for the donation of homemade holiday treats - cookies, breads, fudge, brownies and candies.

The items can be dropped off at the Parish or School at 31500 Beechwood, Garden City Monday-Friday, Dec. 2-6.

The Cookie Walk and Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 7, in the St. Raphael School Activities Center, 31500 Beechwood, west

of Merriman and north of Ford, Garden City.

Purchase a container and fill it with all the homemade holiday treats you can fit inside. Pick up some Christmas gifts at the in-house local vendor bazaar, too.

For more information, contact Janet Kosta at 734-968-5375 or at janetkosta@gmail.com or Julie Ryan at 734-673-2121 or julryan77@hotmail.com.

Senior Travel Show

Seniors who'd like to join friends on one-day and multiple-day tours

can visit Party Animal Travel at the Wayne Community Center from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, for a free travel and tour show.

Meet travelers with similar interests and see places to go. Bus tours, plane and cruise tours will be presented. There is no cost. Space is limited and raffles for trips and gifts will be at the end of the night.

For more information or free tickets, call 734-525-9777. Please no children at this event. Reservations are required.



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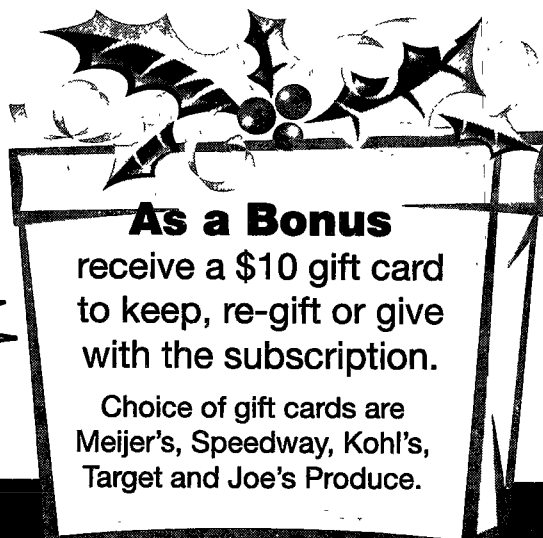


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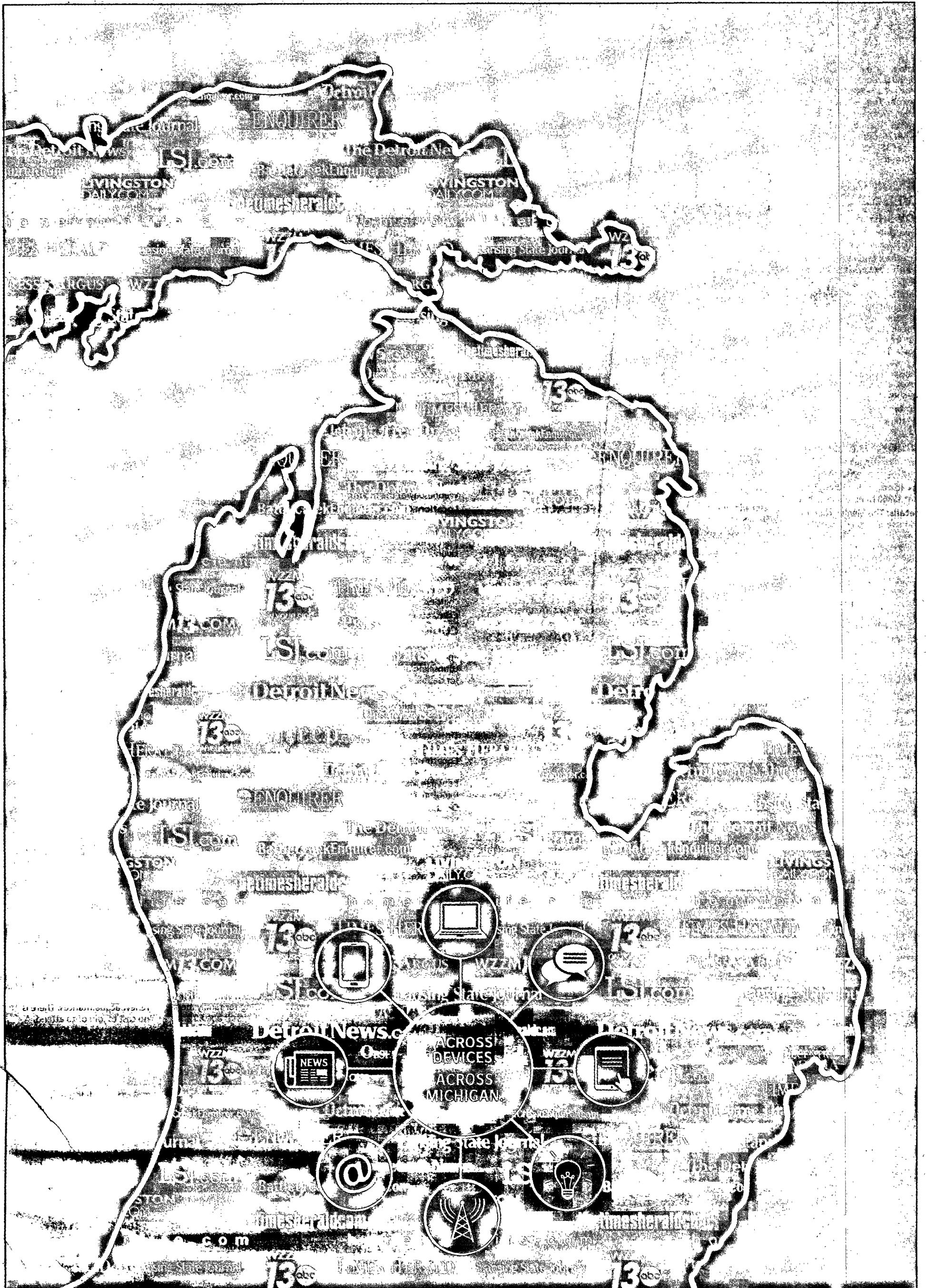


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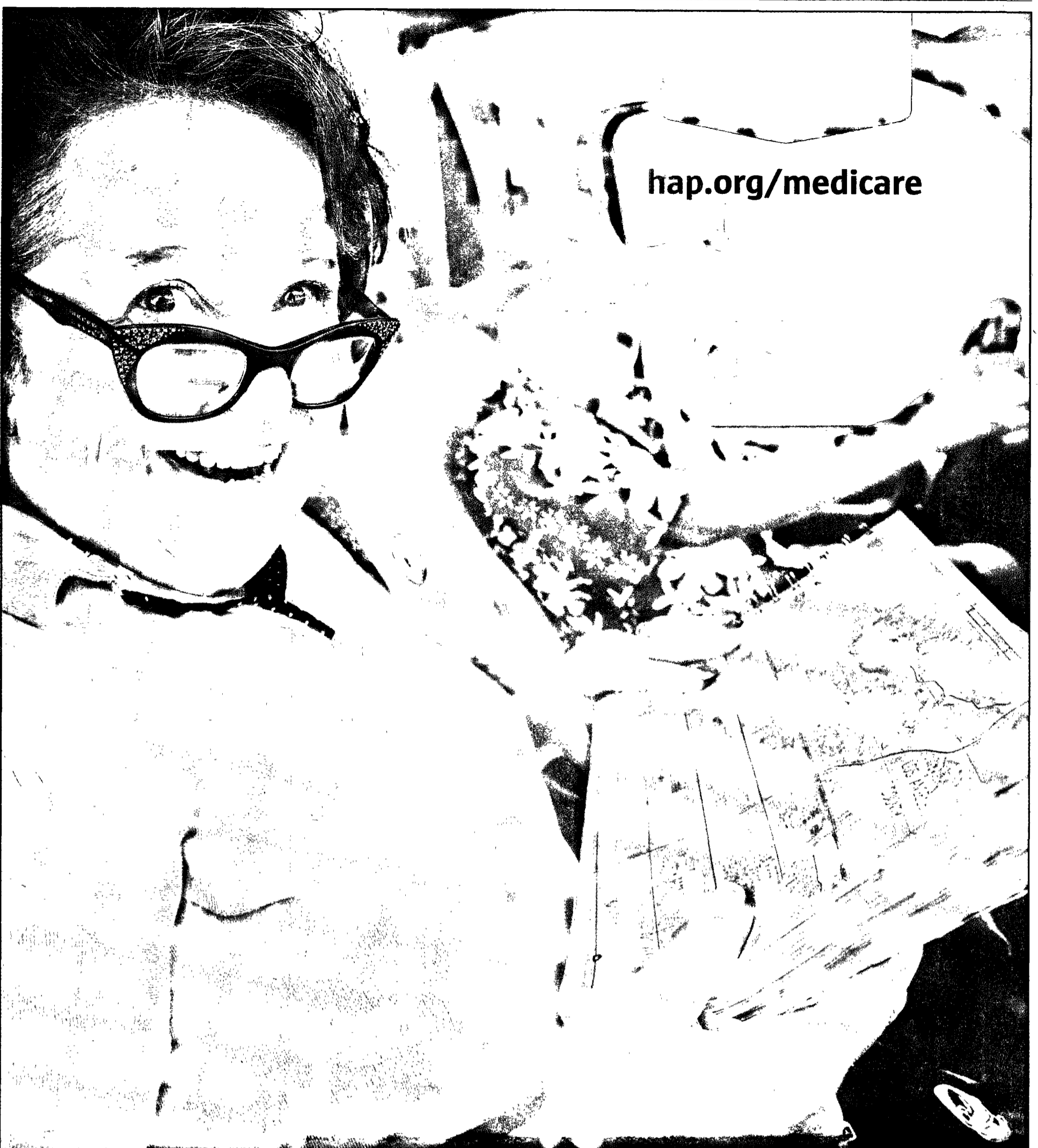
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PREP FOOTBALL SEASON RECAP

I'll remember these Trojans for quite awhile

Clarenceville stumped everyone
with long playoff run, 12-1 yearBrad
Emons

If you remember the Titans, then you certainly got to remember the 2013 Trojans.

Livonia Clarenceville's football season didn't have the storybook ending like the movie, but it was pretty darn close.

The numbers may have finally caught up with the Trojans on a frigid Saturday afternoon in Battle Creek following a 35-0 Division 5 state semifinal loss to Grand Rapids West Catholic.

But the overall season was an unequivocal success.

Clarenceville started the regular season with only 21 varsity players, lost

a couple to injury, but still managed to go 9-0, its first undefeated season since 2001 when Tim Shaw led the Trojans to a runner-up finish in the Division 5 state playoffs.

And the Trojans made quite a splash in their debut as a new member of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division, going 5-0.

The smallest school in the Red Division, Clarenceville proved to be a giant killer with the biggest eye-opener coming in Week 4 when the Trojans pounded Garden City, a school twice its size, 55-14.

So in the big picture, coach Ken Fry and his staff deserve kudos for a job well done.

Offensive coordinator Lloyd Slabough knew how to utilize a talented array of skill players, led by the team's heart-and-soul Jalen Bryant.

If the Trojans got into space, they were dangerous to make the big play and go to the house at any time.

The defense, led by Jesse Stallings, Brandon Uren, Drake Taylor and company, had a bend, but not break attitude.

And Bryant would be the first to tell you the team dedicated itself during

the offseason with a unified purpose — to go further than the previous year's first-round playoff exit against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

And the Trojans did just that, beating Warren Michigan Collegiate and Detroit University Prep in the district followed by an improbable miracle finish thanks to a 60-yard hook-and-ladder play in which Bryant scoring the game-winning TD to stun Monroe Catholic Central, 21-20, for the regional title.

With many players going both ways, Clarenceville finally ran out of ammunition in Saturday's Freeze Bowl against West Catholic, a program with state championship pedigree and a roster loaded with over 70 players.

Had quarterback Jake Kubiak not hurt his throwing hand during the first half in a 0-0 deadlock, who knows?

Things might have been different and the final score a little closer.

But Fry, always the realist, would be the first to tell that West Catholic was a deserving winner.

The fourth-year coach and I have a special link that goes back to our high school days at Franklin — JV basketball

teammates, a year apart, who grew up down the street from each other on Grandon.

Fry, a longtime special education teacher at Clarenceville, certainly knows what it means to go to war.

Just out of high school, the ex-Marine was wounded in the Mayaguez Incident at the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Fry returned home, earned his degree, went on to coach as assistant at Franklin and Northville, while also becoming a deacon in Catholic Church.

In the sports writing business you're supposed to be neutral, but I don't think I've got more excited than watching this team make a playoff run.

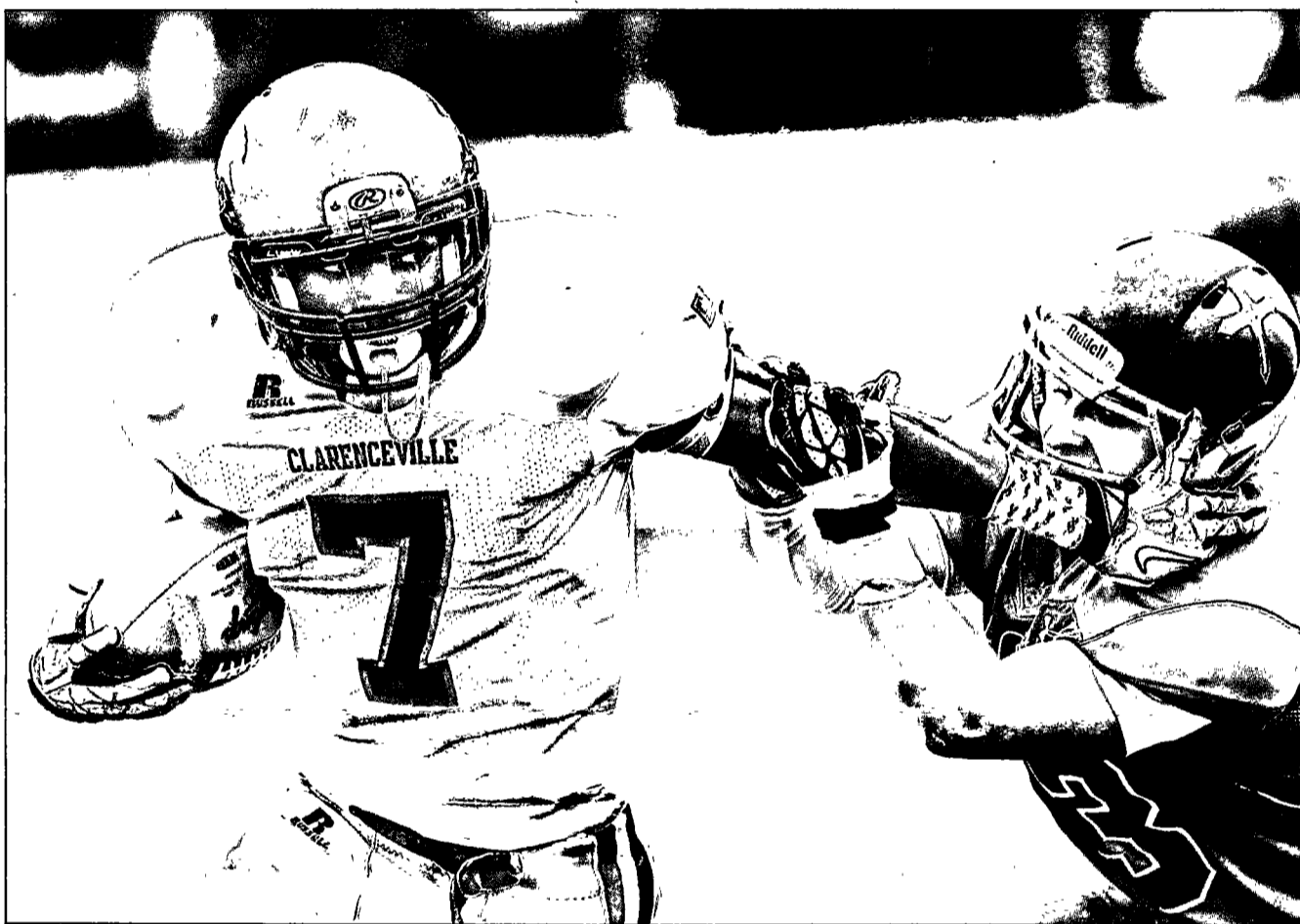
Don't call me a cheerleader, but those hook-and-ladder moments still remain priceless for me after 35 years.

With a senior-laden lineup, it will be a rebuilding year in 2014 for Clarenceville.

But I'll certainly cherish this season and remember those 2013 Trojans for a long time.

Brad Emons is a sports editor for the Livonia-Westland Observer. Follow him on Twitter @BradEmons1

DIVISION 5 FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS



Clarenceville's Jalen Bryant (7) stiff-arms a Grand Rapids West Catholic tackler. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

The Big Chill:
Trojans ousted

Clarenceville's magical season stopped by Grand Rapids West Catholic, 35-0

Livonia Clarenceville's most glorious football season since 2001 ended with an arctic chill kind of feeling Saturday afternoon in Battle Creek.

With temperatures hovering below freezing coupled with Nordic winds whipping across at Harper Creek High School, the Trojans' season and bid to go to Ford Field were spoiled by Grand Rapids West Catholic, 35-0, in the Division 5 state semifinal.

West Catholic (9-4), last year's Division 5 runner-up, rang up 28 third-quarter points to break a scoreless halftime deadlock and advanced to Saturday's state championship game for the second straight year against Menominee.

Clarenceville, which reached the state finals in 2001 led by Tim Shaw, ends its season at 12-1 overall.

Both teams were affected offensively by the weather conditions during the opening half.

Clarenceville, ironically, was inside the Falcons' 40 on three of its first five first-half possessions, but elected to punt.

Meanwhile, West Catholic had the ball four times and missed their best chance to score with 5:06 left in the first quarter only to have a 36-yard field goal attempt clang off the left upright.

But the whole complexion of the game changed near the end of the first half when Clarenceville starting quarterback Jake Kubiak was sidelined. The forced starting tailback Jalen Bryant, who had rushed for 104 first-half yards, into an emergency role at QB.

"I think what happened is at first is that Jake hit his elbow and numbed his whole hand, and he couldn't feel anything," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "I guess he has a disease that I didn't even know about it that once his hand goes numb ... I don't know ... if it's a nerve thing or when his hands go cold he's got no feeling."

That put Clarenceville's passing attack in a bind and West Catholic seized upon the opportunity.

The Falcons took the ball first to start the second half and scored when Andy Corey, who led all rushers with 186 yards on 25 carries, bolted in from 8 yards out with 9:44 left in the third quarter.

"The third quarter was my fault," Fry said. "I thought we could hold them on defense, that's why I went against the wind. I said, 'I'll never do that again.' It was a bad call on my part."

But the critical play on the Falcons' first TD drive came on fourth-and-8 on the Clarenceville 19 when officials missed an obvious illegal substitution call as West Catholic was able to pick up the first down when Lasavain Majewski scampered 12 yards to sustain the drive.

"That's what I was asking them, but we didn't get it," Fry said about the substitution ruling. "They were coming in-and-out and it was really late. I talked to the guy (official) on the sideline and they were pretty good about it. There were a lot of missed calls on both sides. It just wasn't one play, especially the way the score is."

Things went from bad to worse for the Trojans on their first snap of the third quarter. Kubiak re-entered the game, but a bad exchange on a hand-off was recovered by West Catholic's Mitchell Stanitzek at the Clarenceville 10.

And just three plays later on fourth-and-goal, the Falcons scored again to go up 14-0 on a 4-yard option run by David Bancuk.

The Trojans were unable to move the ball on their next possession and West Catholic, aided by a 46-yard bomb from Russell to Brad Burns, scored again with 4:51 left in the third period when Corey ran in from a yard out to make it 21-0.

After Clarenceville had a punt go just 5 yards that blown back by the wind at midfield, West Catholic scored again with 46.3 seconds left in the third on Russell's 16-yard TD toss to Drake Wooten to put the Falcons ahead 28-0.

"We didn't throw the ball a ton, but we were aggressive," West Catholic coach Dan Rohn said. "We made some big plays in the third quarter. We have a lot of seniors on this team that have played a lot of football."

The final outcome was all but sealed when the Trojans fumbled another snap out of the pistol formation again to start the fourth quarter.

With 8:19 left, Russell connected on a 13-yard TD pass to Stanitzek. Kicker Travis Hoving's PAT made it a 35-point cushion and started a running clock.

PRO FOOTBALL

Blessings:
White back
with Pack,
faces LionsStevenson grad is thankful
about return to Ford Field

You could say Myles White has come full circle.

The former Livonia Stevenson High wide receiver lost his only game at Ford Field when the Spartans fell to Macomb Dakota in the 2007 MHSAA Division 1 state championship game.

"The last time I played there we got smacked 41-21, so we've got to turn it around," said the rookie wide receiver of the Green Bay Packers. "There's a lot of meaning for this game to me. I've only played there one time. Like I've said, it's a special game."

Six years later, White returns to Detroit to face the his hometown Detroit Lions on Thanksgiving Day, a dream come true for any young football player growing up.

And the game has first-place implications in the NFC's Central Division.

"I'm excited because I would always watch this game growing up," he said. "Just the opportunity to play in it is special to me, especially at Ford Field. It's definitely an opportunity. I'm blessed to be in it. I just hope we can pull off the dub (win)."

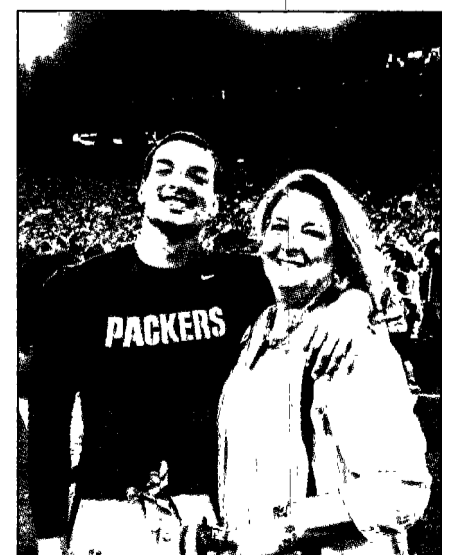
White, a rookie free agent who was signed off the Packers' practice squad in mid-October, has taken a circuitous route to the NFL.

It started at Michigan State, along with one stop at Northwest Mississippi Community College, before landing at Louisiana Tech where he had a total of 86 catches for 1,132 yards and nine touchdowns in two seasons with the Bulldogs.

The 6-foot, 182-pound slot receiver, who earned second-team All-WAC honors as a senior, then showed enough during the preseason to earn a spot on Green Bay's practice squad.

And when the Packers were hit with a rash of injuries at wide receiver, White got the call. He made eight catches for 61 yards in his first

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Myles White and his mother Karen after a preseason scrimmage at Green Bay's Lambeau Field. MYLES WHITE | TWITTER

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NAIA VOLLEYBALL NATIONALS

No. 4 Madonna spikers set to face trio of top 25 foes

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced pool play schedule for the 2013 NAIA Volleyball National Championship, Dec. 3-7, in Sioux City, Iowa, as fourth-ranked Madonna University was placed in Pool D with No. 9 MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.), No. 16 The Master's (Calif.) and No. 25 Rocky Mountain (Mont.).

The 38-0 Crusaders, coached by NAIA's winningest coach Jerry Abraham, enter the NAIA's champions of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament titles and after receiving a bye in the NAIA opening round.

MidAmerica Nazarene enters the final site after also receiving a bye in the opening round

at 26-2, while The Master's is 20-8 and Rocky Mountain is 25-6.

Madonna is a combined 3-0 against its pool play opponents, having faced off with each school once.

MU, led by WHAC Player of the Year Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran High Westland), plays one match each day in the pool play format, starting with Rocky Mountain at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 followed by a 2 p.m. matchup Wednesday, Dec. 4 against the Master's before wrapping up pool play at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 at 4:15 p.m. against MidAmerica Nazarene.

There are six pools with four teams in each pool and they all start action on Dec. 3. The top two teams from each

pool will advance to the single-elimination bracket beginning Friday, Dec. 6. The championship match starts at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

The top three seeds include Texas at Brownsville, 31-0 (Pool A); Concordia (Calif.), 23-2 (Pool B); and Biola (Calif.), 22-3 (Pool C).

Other top seeds include 34-2 Northwestern (Iowa) in Pool E and 34-3 Midland (Neb.) in Pool F.

NeuLion, the NAIA's official video-streaming, will broadcast live all 47 matches for the first time ever, including all pool play matches from Dec. 3-5, in addition to bracket play through the championship final on Dec. 7. Single day packages can be purchased for \$9.95, while an all-tournament pass is available for \$24.95.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crusader men's cagers deck Concordia, 85-61

The 17th-ranked Madonna University men's basketball team led from start to finish Saturday en route to an 85-61 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over visiting Concordia University.

The Crusaders, who improved to 4-3 overall and 3-0 in the WHAC, got 17 points apiece from senior guards Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) and Travis Schuba.

Naubert also dished out seven assists, while Schuba hit 5-of-8 shots from three-point range.

Senior forward Fred Williams chipped in with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Derek Lennen came off the bench to add nine points.

The Crusaders, who started the game with an 11-2 run, made 57.1 percent of their shots from the floor (28-of-49), but only 61.8 percent of hits shots from the foul line (21-of-43).

The Cardinals (2-5, 1-2) got 13 points from John Schaffer, while Josh Fugate added 11. Mak Kurvits-Statum and Jesse Schienke contributed 10 apiece.

Concordia made just 20-of-61 shots from the floor (32.8 percent).

Duffey sparks MU women

Tori Duffey poured in a career-high 28 points Saturday to carry Madonna University (3-4, 2-1) to an 83-62 WHAC women's basketball victory Saturday over Concordia University (3-4, 1-2).

Duffey, a sophomore guard from Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, made 7-of-9 shots from the floor, including 5-of-6 from beyond the arc. She also hit 9-of-11 free throws as the Crusaders pulled away in the second half after leading by only three at intermission, 38-35.

Junior forward Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin) also had a strong game with 19 points, six rebounds and eight assists, while Rachel Melcher finished with 17 points.

MU shot a blistering 26-of-50 from the floor (52 percent) and committed just nine turnovers.

Becca Sabol scored 22 points off the bench and Brooke Adams contributed 21 points and 10 boards for the Cardinals, who committed 21 turnovers and shot just 4-of-25 from three-point range.

SPORTS SHORTS

WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball (ages 9-17) is under way. Games and practices will occur mainly at Marshall Upper Elementary School. League age-groups include 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17. To register, visit wyaa.org. For more information, email wyaa-volleyball2013@comcast.net.

Churchill softball camp

The Livonia Churchill Chargers holiday hitting camp for girls in grades 3-8 will be 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 21 at the high school fieldhouse. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$25.

Email Churchill varsity girls softball coach Steve Gentilia at Churchillsoftball@gmail.com or call 734-776-1716.

Baseball skills

Eastern Michigan University coach Jay Alexander will put on a baseball skills camp on hitting and defense from 9 a.m. to noon (ages 8-14) and 1-4 p.m. (all high school ages) Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30 at Precision Baseball, 7835 Market St., Canton.

Email info@precision-baseballone.com or coachtomd@comcast.net.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Nov. 29 (Cranbrook Tourney)
Stevenson vs. Rochester, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 30 Cranbrook Tourney, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Friday, Nov. 29 (Muskegon CC Classic)

Schoolcraft vs. Alma JV, 3 p.m. (St. Xavier, Ill. Classic)
Madonna vs. St. Xavier, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 30 (St. Xavier, Ill. Classic)
Madonna vs. Trinity (Ill.), 2 p.m. (Muskegon CC Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Muskegon, 7 p.m. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**

Friday, Nov. 29 (Muskegon CC Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Alma JV, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 30 (Muskegon CC Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Muskegon, 5 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.



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ST. NICHOLAS PARTY
Time/Date: 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30
Location: Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church...

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church...

DECEMBER

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5
Location: St. Michael School cafeteria...

ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 and 18
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church...

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
Location: Zhong Shu Temple...

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Time/Date: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Details: Children, 3-10, can celebrate Christmas...

Dec. 7
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Ring of Carols Through the Night"...

CONCERT

Time/Date: During 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services, Sunday, Dec. 8
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Location: Praise Baptist Church...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 248-478-6520
Details: Finnish American Singers of Michigan...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Details: Buyers will find various crafters and product vendors...

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GIRL'S NIGHT OUT FOR ADVENT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church...

GUY'S NIGHT OUT FOR ADVENT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church...

GUY'S NIGHT OUT FOR ADVENT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10
Location: The Berman Center for the Performing Arts...

JEWISH NEW TESTAMENT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10
Location: The Berman Center for the Performing Arts...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church...

CONCERT

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11
Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant...

Details: Cost is \$15 and includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door...
Stay for cards games and conversation until 9 p.m. RSVP by Dec. 8.

of Detroit.
Coming up: Christmas dinner, 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Red Olive Banquet Center...

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November 17, 2013. Age 82 of Canton. Beloved husband of Virginia. Dear father of Scott (Linda), Greg (Kimberly), Jodi (Pastor Dave) Vercellino, Sandy (Gary) Gerlach, and Kimberly (Andrew) Ingram...

COLBY, CARL FREDERICK

Age 69. Carl passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on November 23, 2013 at MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland after a valiant fight against acute leukemia. Carl, currently of Jackson, Michigan, was born and raised in Midland, Michigan. He graduated from Midland High School, Class of '62.



COLBY, CARL FREDERICK

Age 98, November 22, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Loving mother of Martha (Bruce Beyer) Scharchburg. Dearest grandmother of Cameron Scharchburg Beyer. Dear Aunt of John Reich. Eleanor was a proud 1933 Graduate of Highland Park High School.



SCHARCHBURG, ELEANOR (Shuman)

Age 98, November 22, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Loving mother of Martha (Bruce Beyer) Scharchburg. Dearest grandmother of Cameron Scharchburg Beyer. Dear Aunt of John Reich. Eleanor was a proud 1933 Graduate of Highland Park High School.



BOTA, ROBERT ANTHONY, M.D.

Age 82, passed away August 30, 2013. Beloved husband of Lu for 59 years. Dear father of Karen, Rick, Wayne and Mary Helen, and the late Brian. Loving poppy of Ainsley Swed (Joe), Christopher, Michael, Daniel and Charlotte. Big brother of Elizabeth Danowski (the late Ed). Also will be missed by loving nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

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Plymouth theater asks audience members to tell their stories

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Audience members will become the stars of Barefoot Productions next show, Holiday Memories, An Evening of Open Mic Holiday Storytelling.

"This is an event built on audience participation. This will be the third time we've done this. This time around we wanted to add a holiday feeling to it," said Craig Hane, artistic director.

Audience members who want to tell a personal holiday story simply sign up at the show. Holiday Memories is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Barefoot Productions, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Admission is \$15 and is available at the door, online at www.justgobarefoot.com or by calling the box office at 734-560-1493.

Barefoot Productions held its first storytelling open mic night more than a year ago

and brought the concept back to its stage in August. Hane said he hopes to continue the open mic events — dubbed The FlutterBy Hour storytelling series — every few months.

Similar concept

He likens the show to National Public Radio's (NPR) *The Moth Radio Hour*, during which audience members tell a personal story based on a theme. *Moth* storytellers are not allowed to use notes and a five-minute time limit is set for *Moth* storySLAMS.

Hane said there are no guidelines or time limits for Barefoot Production's storytelling open mic shows, other than the holiday theme for the Dec. 7 event.

"If someone wants to talk for 20 minutes, they can. We never stop a person in the middle of a story," he said. "Some of the stories that come from people are just amazing.



Audience members get animated as they share personal stories at a Barefoot Production's open mic storytelling event in August.

At the last show I had a 22-year-old tell a story about being diabetic and a 65-year-old tell about being in China during 9/11.

"It's infectious once people see how much fun it is. Some

stories are poignant, some are funny and silly. They can be three minutes or 30 minutes."

Seems like home

Storytellers will share their holiday memories on a set

made to resemble a cozy living, with a Christmas tree, fireplace and chairs. Hane hopes it will put first-time storytellers at ease, making them feel like they're telling stories to friends or family members at a holiday party.

Vintner's Canton Winery will offer samples of hot mulled wine at the show. Coffee and Christmas cookies also will be served.

"We want to make it as warm and intimate as possible," Hane said. "We live in a society in which it's so common for people to hide behind texting, emails, blogging. We are losing the art of intimate social conversation. Storytelling is bringing back humanity to conversation and emotions that aren't there in an email. It's about sharing and being intimate and being people and not machines on a keyboard."

For more information about Barefoot Productions, visit www.justgobarefoot.com.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Send holiday entertainment items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Send photos as jpg attachments.

CHRISTMAS TREES FESTIVAL OF TREES

Time/Date: 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 25-26; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1

Location: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., west of Greenfield, Dearborn

Details: The 29th annual festival displays individually designed -foot, 4-foot and 3-foot trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and other holiday gift shop items for purchase. The event will feature an elaborate holiday Lego display sponsored by the Michigan Lego Users Group, a train display from Glancy Modular Railroad Club, children's activities and photo opportunities with Santa. The event benefits the Evergreen Endowment Fund at Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Tickets for adults are \$5, for children 2 and up, \$3. Available at the door or in advance at

fot.org

Contact: Theresa Diefenbach at 248-336-2331; Fotmichigan@hotmail.com

COMEDY GO! COMEDY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, through Dec. 21

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: *The Worst Noel*, the fifth annual holiday sketch revue. Tickets are \$15 Thursday, \$20 Friday and Saturday, available at gocomedy.net

Also playing: *Frosty*, 10 p.m. Dec. 5, 12 and 19, is an original late night show about Frosty the Snowman who returns to the town of Armonk from the North Pole to find the children he once knew have grown up and are home from college. Tickets are \$10.

Contact: 428-327-0575

DANCE DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Details: Balletmet Columbus performs.

Family matinees include live reindeer, photos with Santa and the Nutcracker, a Sugar Plum parade, holiday-themed crafts, samples of Nutcracker ice cream and a family-friendly buffet. The buffet costs \$10. Performances cost \$25-\$80

Contact: michiganopera.org

EISENHOWER DANCE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 6

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day, 22305 W. 13 Mile at Lahser, in Beverly Hills

Details: December Dances features the premiere of the full performance of *Begin with the End in Mind* by Ron de Jesus; and *The Light Show*, a collection of five dances created by five different pairs of choreographers and lighting designers. \$18 for regular admission, \$14 for seniors and \$10 for students

Contact: 248-559-2095; eisenhowerdance.org

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET CO.

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 and 2 p.m. Dec. 8

Location: Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 48181 Joy, Canton



Nancy Cooper (left), Jonathan Jones, and Pete Podolski, in *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*, Dec. 6-22 at Two Muses Theatre.

Details: The Michigan Philharmonic will perform the music for the ballet. A Sugar Plum parade will be held following the performance. The audience will be invited to meet the dancers. WDIV Channel 4's Ashlee Baracy will open each performance with a reading of *The Night Before Christmas*. The P-CEP Madrigal Choir will perform choral work during the ballet. Tickets at the door are \$25 for adults and teens and \$18 for children. Sugar Plum Parade tickets are \$3 each. Advance tickets are discounted \$2.

Contact: 734-676-7233; www.plymouthcantonballet.org

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5; 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7; and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *It's a Wonderful Life*, admission \$3

Coming up: *Elf*, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 14-15; *A Christmas Story*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20; *The Polar Express*, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-22

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 7

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: *Home Alone* starring Macaulay

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HOLIDAY

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Caulkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Catherine O'Hara and John Herd. Santa will be on hand for photos, bring a camera; \$5
Coming up: *White Christmas* starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney, 8 p.m. Dec. 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 21. Tickets are \$5. Bring your camera to get a photo with Santa. Donations of nonperishable food items will be accepted for St. Christine Food Pantry.
Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL GARDEN CITY MUSEUM

Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, Dec. 7-28
Location: 6221 Merriman, Garden City
Details: View a collection of more than 200 Santa Claus figures. Dan Dare, the collection owner, will be on hand to talk about the items on Dec. 7
Contact: 734-838-0650
GREENMEAD
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 15 and 22
Location: At Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia
Details: A visit with Santa, Dec. 8 and tours of the village buildings, which will

be decorated for the holidays, Dec. 8, 15 and 22
Contact: 248-477-8568
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through Jan. 19, 2014
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: A Red Ryder Christmas Story is an exhibit based on the film, *A Christmas Story*. The museum is filled with vignettes of scenes from the movie, including the infamous leg lamp and Flick's tongue getting stuck to the lamp pole. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for ages 6-17
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Location: Detroit Zoo, Woodward

Ave., at the 1-696 service drive, Royal Oak
Details: More than two million twinkling LED lights adorn buildings, animal sculptures and trees on a half-mile trail through the front of the zoo. Tickets are \$8 per person in advance and \$10 at the gate for ages 2 and up (under 2 free); parking is \$5 per car. Buy tickets at the Detroit Zoo main admissions or online at <http://www.detroitzoo.org/events/wild-lights>. They also are available at Kroger stores
Holiday Cheer: Guests, age 21 and over, can enjoy holiday drinks while viewing the light display, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$40 and include admission, parking, "The Polar Express 4-D Experience" at the Wild Adventure Zone and three full-pour alcoholic beverages, wine or beer. Food and additional drink tickets will be available for purchase. Designated driver (DD) tickets are \$25 and include admission, parking, "The Polar Express 4-D Experience" and unlimited soft drinks, hot cocoa and cider. DD ticket holders are not permitted to consume alcohol at the event. Buy tickets at the zoo, or online at detroitzoo.org/wild-lights/holiday-cheer.
Contact: 248-541-5717

MARKET FARMINGTON

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

Location: Old Town Hall, 23715 Farmington Road, at Grand River Avenue, Farmington
Details: The Old Town Hall-day Market will include more than a dozen vendors local to the Farmington area. Shop for art, jewelry, woodwork, gourmet food and more.
Contact: Hal at 248-921-6603

MUSIC DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21
Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit
Details: Too Hot to Handel features a jazz gospel version of *The Messiah*. Tickets are \$20-\$68.
Contact: michiganopera.org
FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 14
Location: Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Joyful and Triumphant" will feature the full chorus, soloists, small groups and instrumentalists. Advance discounted tickets \$12 are available at www.farmingtonchorus.com or from chorus members. Tickets may be available at the door for \$15.
Contact: Tom Lamb at 734-427-6047

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12

Location: Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: "Holiday Pops with the Phil" will feature Amy Kuras on cello at the 8 p.m. performance. Concert will feature traditional holiday favorites and the world premiere of *The Eighth Candle*, an arrangement celebrating Hanukkah. Tickets are \$30 general, \$25 for seniors, 62 and up, and \$10 for students with ID.
Contact: www.michiganphil.org
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, Dec. 4
Location: VisTaTech Center on the main campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Paul Keller Ensemble, with special guest, Sarah D'Angelo, perform holiday music. Donations accepted at the door
Coming up: Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo present Winter Wonderland Concert, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 in the VisTaTech Center. The concert will feature both large and small jazz groups performing traditional, contemporary, and holiday jazz arrangements. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted. The Schoolcraft College music ensembles, including the Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and Wind Ensemble, will present a special holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the Vis Ta Tech Center. The concert is free, although donations will be accepted



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Or put a modern spin on a holiday classic. Updates to some of your favorite holiday classics help keep family traditions alive while incorporating creative and on-trend ingredients. Everyone knows fruitcakes have long been a holiday tradition, and new and improved versions of this timeless treat are making a festive comeback, causing many holiday guests to go back for seconds. A modern take on a holiday classic, Upside-Down Apple Cake with Whiskey-Soaked Fruit, is filled with sweetened mascarpone.

To add a spark of creativity to your kitchen, check out Betty Crocker's Red Hot Holiday Trends. With exciting flavor innovations that range from sweet and savory cookies to caramel popcorn adorned with dulce de leche, the list includes global culinary trends that will liven up any holiday spread; www.BettyCrocker.com/redhot.

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CHOCOLATE-DIPPED OLIVE SABLÉS

Prep Time: 45 Minutes
Start to Finish: 1 Hour 15 Minutes
Yield: 4 dozen cookies

Cookies:

½ cup plus 2 tablespoons butter, softened
½ cup sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
½ cup finely chopped Kalamata olives, drained, patted dry with a paper towel
½ cup finely chopped pistachio nuts
½ cup finely chopped dark chocolate chips

Topping:

1 cup dark chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
½ cup finely chopped pistachio nuts

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, stir ¾ cup of the butter and the sugar until well mixed. Stir in flour (if dough is crumbly, mix in up to 2 additional tablespoons softened butter). Stir in remaining cookie ingredients. On work surface, lightly sprinkled with flour, roll dough ¼ inch thick. Cut with 2-inch round cutter. On ungreased cookie sheets, place ½ inch apart. Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until set. Immediately remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave 1 cup chocolate chips and the oil uncovered on High 1 minute 30 seconds, stirring every 30 seconds or until mixture can be stirred smooth. Dip half of each cookie into chocolate; wipe excess on edge of bowl. Sprinkle edge of dipped half with finely chopped pistachio nuts. Place on waxed paper to set, about 1 hour.

1 Cookie: Calories 100 (calories from fat 60); total fat 6g (saturated fat 3.5g, trans fat 0g); cholesterol 10mg; sodium 40mg; potassium 60mg; total carbohydrate 9g (dietary fiber 0g); protein 1g
Percentage daily value: vitamin A 2 percent; vitamin C 0 percent; calcium 0 percent; iron 4 percent

Exchanges: ½ starch, 1 fat
Carbohydrate choices: ½

Kitchen tips:

- » Dipping the cookie in chocolate gives it a finished look, but if you're short on time, simply drizzle the melted chocolate over the cooled cookies.
- » Make ahead by stirring up the batter, wrapping it tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerating for up to 2 days before baking. Allow the dough to come to room temperature before rolling it out.

UPSIDE-DOWN APPLE CAKE WITH WHISKEY-SOAKED FRUIT

Prep Time: 1 Hour 45 Minutes
Start to Finish: 4 Hours
Yield: 16 servings

Fruit Cake:

½ cup sweetened dried cranberries
½ cup chopped dried apricots
2 teaspoons grated orange peel
3 tablespoons whiskey or bourbon
3 red apples, unpeeled, quartered, cored, very thinly (¼ inch) sliced
1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist yellow cake mix
1 cup water
¾ cup slivered almonds, finely ground
½ cup vegetable oil
4 eggs
3 tablespoons chopped crystallized ginger

Toppings:

½ cup apple jelly
2 ounces (from 8-ounce container) mascarpone cheese, softened
½ cup whipping cream
1 tablespoon sugar
Fresh cranberries and orange slices, if desired

In medium bowl, mix dried cranberries, apricots, orange peel and bourbon. Let stand at room temperature 1 hour or overnight. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan). Generously grease bottom and sides of two 8-inch round cake pans with shortening. Line bottom of each pan with cooking parchment paper. Grease parchment paper with shortening. Line bottom and side of each pan with overlapping apple slices, cutting slices as necessary to line side of each pan.

In large bowl, beat cake mix, water, ground almonds, oil and eggs with electric mixer on low speed until moistened, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in soaked dried fruit and ginger. Gently pour into pans over apple slices.

Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Immediately turn pans upside down to release cakes onto cooling racks.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave apple jelly uncovered on high 15 to 30 seconds, stirring every 15 seconds, until hot. Brush over apples on top and side of each cake to make shiny. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, beat mascarpone cheese, whipping cream and sugar with electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form. On serving plate, place one cake, apple side up. Top with whipped cream mixture. Gently place remaining cake layer on top of cream, apple side up. Garnish with fresh cranberries and orange slices. Cut into slices with serrated knife. Cover and refrigerate any remaining cake.

1 Serving: Calories 300 (calories from fat 120); total fat 14g (saturated fat 4.5g, trans fat 0g); cholesterol 60mg; sodium 220mg; potassium 150mg; total carbohydrate 39g (dietary fiber 2g); protein 3g

Percentage of daily value: vitamin A 8 percent; vitamin C 0 percent; Calcium 8 percent; Iron 6 percent

Exchanges: 1 starch, 1 ½ other carbohydrate, 2 ½ fat

Carbohydrate choices: 2 ½

Kitchen tips:

- » Grind the slivered almonds in small food processor, or very finely chop with knife.
- » Garnish with toasted, sliced almonds, if desired.
- » Make it ahead and save some time. Prepare the dried fruit the night before, or bake the cake layers, and whip up (and refrigerate) the topping a day early. Put the cake together the day you serve it for best results.
- » This layered cake can also be made as two single layer cakes for smaller gatherings. Skip the stacking of the layers and place a single cake layer, apple side up, on a cake stand. Top the cake with a dollop of the sweet cream topping, and garnish with cranberries and orange slices.



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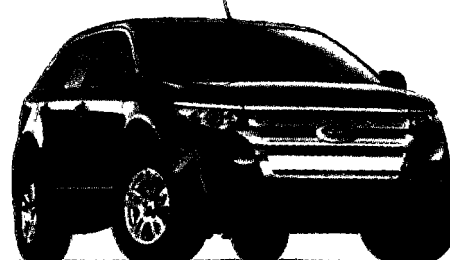
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- 1.6L GTDI EcoBoost[®] Engine
 - 6-Speed SelectShift[®] Automatic Transmission
 - SecuriCode[™] Keyless-Entry Keypad
 - SiriusXM Satellite Radio with 6-month Prepaid Subscription • SYNC[®] with MyFord[®] Voice-Activated Communications & Entertainment System³
 - SecuriLock[®] Passive Anti-Theft System

Lease a 2013 Ford Edge SE FWD for
\$209 For 24 months for current
 PER MONTH A/Z plan lessees¹
 \$1,329 Cash Due at Signing

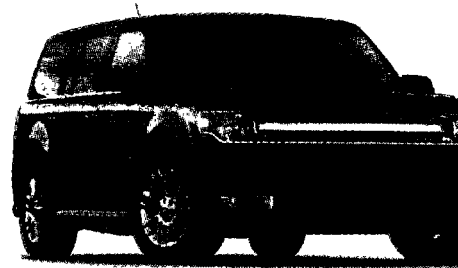
EPA-estimated rating of
19 city / 27 highway MPG²



- This Vehicle Features:**
- 3.5L Ti-VCT V-6 Engine
 - Reverse Sensing System
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\$249 For 24 months for current
 PER MONTH A/Z plan lessees¹
 \$1,139 Cash Due at Signing

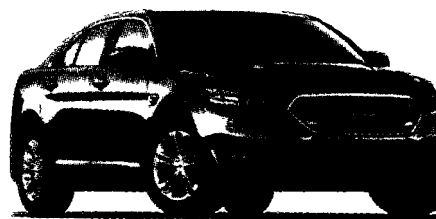
EPA-estimated rating of
18 city / 25 highway MPG²



- This Vehicle Features:**
- 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine
 - 6-Speed SelectShift[®] Automatic Transmission with Shifter Button Activation
 - AdvanceTrac[®] with Roll Stability Control[®]
 - SiriusXM Satellite Radio
 - Power Liftgate • Rear View Camera
 - SYNC[®] with MyFord Touch[®]³

Lease a 2014 Ford Taurus SEL FWD for
\$259 For 24 months for current
 PER MONTH A/Z plan lessees¹
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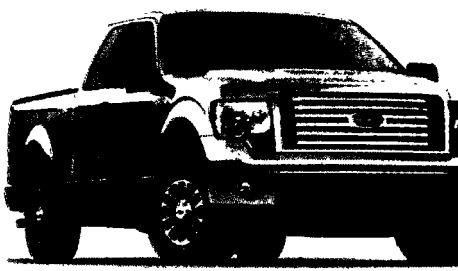
EPA-estimated rating of
19 city / 29 highway MPG²



- This Vehicle Features:**
- 3.5L 24-valve DOHC Ti-VCT V6 Engine
 - SYNC[®] with MyFord Touch[®]³
 - AdvanceTrac[®] Electronic Stability Control (ESC)
 - Reverse Sensing System • Rear view camera
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\$279 For 24 months for current
 PER MONTH A/Z plan lessees¹
 \$919 Cash Due at Signing

EPA-estimated rating of
14 city / 19 highway MPG²



- This Vehicle Features:**
- 5.0L V8 Ti-VCT V-8 Engine
 - 6-speed SelectShift[®] Automatic Transmission
 - AdvanceTrac[®] with Roll Stability Control[™]
 - Reverse Sensing System
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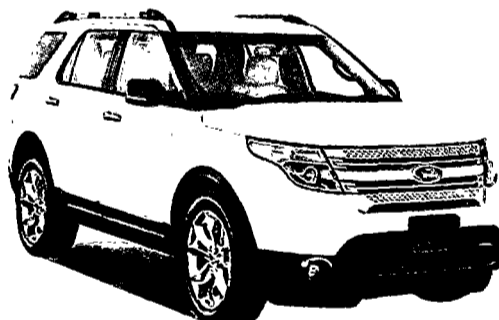
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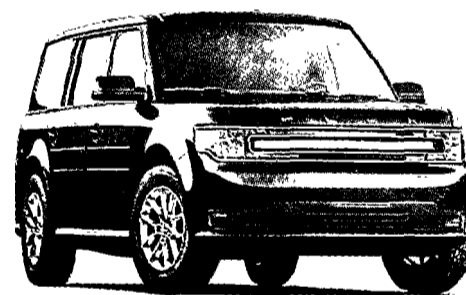
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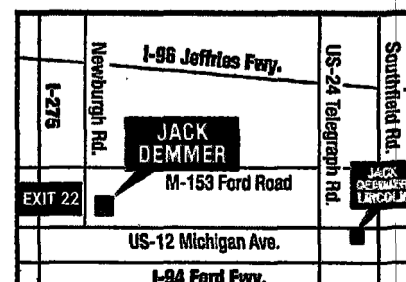
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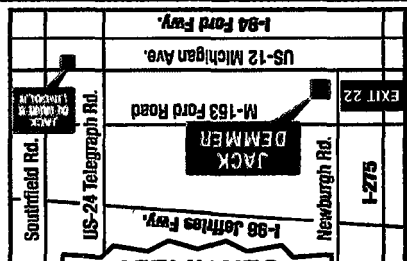
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