

Donors large and small make a difference with Pennies from Heaven

Livonia residents donated “a lot of pennies” and some nickles, dimes and quarters too on Oct. 24 during the Livonia Observer’s Pennies from Heaven fundraiser benefiting Livonia Goodfellows.

Goodfellows President Bill Heaton didn’t have a total yet for the amount collected, but he said it was “a lot of pennies” and other change too.

Last year, the event held at the Civic Center Senior Center brought in \$700 to help the Livonia Goodfellows provide a Christmas celebration to about 365 needy Livonia families, including 813 children.

The collection was part of Make A Difference Day, a USA Today initiative, backed by the Gannett Co. and TEGNA Inc. In collaboration with Points of Light and with the support of Newman’s Own, it is the largest national day of community service.



Four generations of the family, 3-week-old Nicole Clough, mom Caroline Clough, Grandmother Linda Fry, and great-grandmother Patricia Taylor, show up to help the Goodfellows’ cause.



Goodfellows Bob Johnson and Steven Fry accept coins that will help finance the charity’s projects.



Nineteen-month-old Carson Clough, grandson of Goodfellow Steven Fry, is fascinated by the bin of donated coins.



Livonia residents Lori and John Vensko bring coins to Goodfellow Steven Fry.

Special Observer & Eccentric Reader Offer Breakthrough relief for back pain and sciatica

By: Sam Potter
Health Correspondent



IF YOU suffer from low back pain and sciatica, you are one of over 20 million adults in the USA with this often crippling spinal condition.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all symptoms of a pinched nerves often called “sciatica”.

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Sciatica Relief Expert Greg Kramer, says: In 20 years of practice, I’ve never seen a treatment as effective as Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care for patients with sciatica or lower back pain.

Rwandan genocide survivor to speak Nov. 23 in Livonia

Archdeacon Justin Zigiranyirazo, a genocide survivor from Kibuye, Rwanda, will be speaking at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium.

Zigiranyirazo has worked to reconcile and renew hope in his community in his country for the past 21 years.

One of the poorest areas in Rwanda, Kibuye suffered greatly due to the genocide of 1994, severely affecting economic and social development. Zigiranyirazo has worked tirelessly to reconcile people and build up the community through local churches and leaders and by encouraging and teaching people to use available resources so they can become economically self-sufficient.

Zigiranyirazo will speak about his experi-



Archdeacon Justin Zigiranyirazo and his wife Philomene.

ence as a genocide survivor and recount how hope, thanksgiving and forgiveness — even in the most tragic situations — can prevail to bring peace. He encourages listeners to be hopeful and thankful in whatever

difficulties they face.

The event is co-sponsored by His Church Anglican and the Livonia Human Relations Commission. Zigiranyirazo will be visiting His Church Anglican in Livonia Nov. 6-29. Church members have visited Zigiranyirazo at their sister church in Kibuye, Rwanda, twice in the past five years.



The Relay For Life of Livonia is a community event where teams and individuals take turns walking around the track at Bentley Field.

Relay For Life of Livonia hosts fall kickoff party

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Livonia will kick off its 19th annual event 6-8 p.m. Nov. 5 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The Relay Committee

is inviting people interested in learning more and getting involved in the event to attend.

This is the first year that the Relay event will host its Kickoff Party in the fall, rather than the traditional spring. The kickoff will feature a local cancer survivor speaker who will share her story with the audience. Food is being donated by the local Bob Evans, one of the Relay's long-time sponsors and supporters in the Livonia community. Local relayers, teams, sponsors and cancer survivors are all invited.

The public is welcome and all cancer survivors will receive a gift for attending.

"The Relayers in Livonia are so passionate about our event and why we relay. This event is so much fun and packed with entertainment and activities, too. Nearly all of the schools are involved and it's amazing to see people of all ages working so hard together to make a difference and be leaders in our commu-

nity," said Liz Evans, a local resident and American Cancer Society staff partner.

The Relay For Life of Livonia is a community event where teams and individuals take turns walking around the track at Bentley Field. Each team has at least one participant on the track at all times and participates in fundraising that supports the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives and finish the fight against cancer. The theme this year is "Decades: Relaying through the Decades." Four million people participated in more than 6,000 events worldwide in 2015. This past June, more than 500 people participated in the Livonia Relay and the community blew its fundraising goal of \$107,000 out of the water and raised \$114,100.

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Bill would protect children in foster care from identity theft

House Democratic Whip Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, was proud to see legislation he introduced, House Bill 4022, pass the House Committee on Families, Children and Seniors. The bill requires Department of Health and Human Services case-workers to review credit information of children in foster care to ensure no one has stolen their identity. "Kids in foster care are some of our most vulnerable citizens and, unfortunately, some people would take advantage of that," Kosowski said. "My bill



Kosowski

ensures that while they are in the foster care system, they will be safe from identity theft." The bill now moves to the full House for consideration.

Latest Veteran of the Month Tabor served during two wars

World War II and Korean War veteran Edward R. Tabor of Livonia was honored as the October 2015 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia. Tabor served in the Marines from 1946-53. Raised in Detroit, he graduated from Chadsey High School in spring 1946. All through high school, he and his fellow classmates followed the war in Europe and the Pacific. As soon as Tabor graduated and turned 18, he enlisted in the Marines.

By spring 1946, the war was officially over, but he figured there was still something that he

could do. He spent 12 weeks in boot camp at Parris Island, where he learned survival techniques and how to tear apart and reassemble an M-1 rifle. After basic training, his platoon was split up. He was sent to Great Lakes to attend Electronics/Mechanics Technician school. Other members of his platoon were sent to the Pacific to root out Japanese soldiers who didn't know the war was over. He was saddened when he later read in *Time* magazine that men from his platoon were shot and killed trying to get the Japanese to come out of the caves.

Tabor never got into EMT school and instead was put in a guard company that was also having tryouts for its baseball team. He tried out for the team and made it as a center fielder and shortstop. He also made the Navy/Marine All-Star team. Later he was sent to Camp Perry in Ohio, where he served as an MP, and then to Camp McAlester Ammunition Depot in Oklahoma, where he was put on security detail. In 1948, he went on inactive reserve status and was sent home. He attended business college at Dearborn Junior College and with other returning veterans started their baseball team.

In June 1950, the Korean war broke out and Tabor was called back into active service. He was sent to Camp Lejeune, N.C., for more training and, due to his college studies, was assigned to Battalion HQ as a clerk/typist. He was again put on inactive reserve status in 1951 and returned home, where he completed



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college. In 1953, he was honorably discharged from service.

In 1956, he went to work for the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn as an automotive product design checker. He retired from Ford in 1988 and lives in Livonia with his wife Elinore.

Tabor was interviewed and presented a plaque with his picture and service information by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule

of the American Legion Hall during the month of October for all to see. A DVD was made of the interview and shown at the October S.A.L. membership meeting.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

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First Step speaker touts prevention, teamwork to help combat violence

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Amy Youngquist, chief executive officer of First Step, is pleased with work of the Domestic Violence High-Risk Team.

"The ultimate goal is to prevent homicides," said Youngquist, who directs First Step, working to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault and help victims.

The McGregor Fund grant for the 35th District Court, which serves Canton, the Plymouths and the Northvilles, is stationed at the Canton Police Department. Police are trained to assess at the scene, working with advocates.

Youngquist, speaking Oct. 27 to the Plymouth Club of Rotary A.M., noted the homicide rate related to domestic violence is increasing in Wayne County and not elsewhere. She and colleagues found this model to address the problem in Maryland.

"The ultimate goal is to get rid of the need for people to come to shelters," she said. "Putting ourselves out of business, that's our goal."

The 24-hour help line is 734-722-6800 or toll-free 888-453-5900.

They serve some 7,000 clients a year. "We're coming up in a couple years to our 40th anniversary," Youngquist said. There's a center at Michigan Avenue and Venoy in Wayne with 50 beds for adults and children, near the



First Step's Amy Youngquist describes agency services and challenges to a Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. audience Tuesday, Oct. 27.

former Oakwood-Annapolis Hospital, which is now affiliated with Beaumont.

"That's a very busy center," she said. At Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon in Plymouth, a counseling/administration facility is now shared with a business "which is working out quite well, because it pays our mortgage," she said.

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church of Redford has donated space to First Step longer than the 18 years Youngquist has been with the agency. There's also a Lincoln Park office as the agen-

cy serves Downriver communities.

Youngquist noted work with advocates at police stations, including to address growing abuse of the elderly. "That's a way for us to reach out to victims," she said of law enforcement partnerships. "We are reaching a lot of people that wouldn't normally reach us."

She described work to help victims, usually but not always female, get back on their feet. This ranges from rent help to gas cards, bus passes to furniture and household goods. "It's amazing

what can happen two years after someone's been in that program," she said of survivors with a bright future.

A new program helps male victims of childhood sexual assault. "It's a community issue," she said. "We really believe that. It's also a public health issue for families."

Youngquist noted the emphasis in October on breast cancer awareness and prevention. She also cited the help available for problem gambling victims, adding that it affects fewer people than domestic violence and sexual assault.

"We really have to be outspoken on our communities to get the word

out," Youngquist said, adding one in four women is impacted by domestic violence.

First Step's annual budget is some \$2.6 million. "It's a lean operation," she said, and relies on volunteers and donations.

Staff and volunteers work with teens on dating behavior, including the 16-year-old age of consent. Boy-girl teams go into classrooms of younger students around ninth grade, she said, to discuss issues.

Plymouth clients usually need counseling and less often shelter. Some Canton clients need shelter, while diversity has brought new challenges to First Step in Canton.

Some Muslims families will have violence against a woman continue from another family member, she said, while the perpetrator is locked up. Some Indian families, again not all, keep violence awareness away from outsiders.

Perpetrators will usually also physically and sexually abuse children, she said: "We're trying to cut that off and help kids learn other ways to solve conflicts."

They even visit third-grade classes to work on that. First Step's website is www.firststep-mi.org.

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Santa is already making travel plans so he's in Garden City Nov. 28 for the annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade.

MICHAEL COLLINS

Softball standout is grand marshal of Santaland Parade

Plans are coming together for the 55th annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

The theme of this year's parade is "Christmas in the Mitten" and participants are encouraged to keep that theme in mind when they design their floats and other entries. Entry forms can be filled out online at www.santalalandparade.com. They can be also be printed off and mailed to Pat Squires, 33623 Leona, Garden City, MI 48135.

The deadline for entering is Friday, Nov. 6.

She may use a mitt instead of a mitten, but the grand marshal of the parade is University of Michigan softball standout and Garden City resident Kelsey Susalla.

Susalla drove in the game-winning run with a first-inning RBI single in a 1-0 win June 2 over No. 1-ranked Florida in the Women's College World Series championship series Game 2. After starting 65 games for the Wolverines in 2015, she was named to the NCAA all-tournament team. During the season, she batted .380 with 14 home

runs and drove in 61 runs. She was a pivotal part of the Wolverines, hitting clean-up on the team that came within one game of winning the Women's College World Series.



Susalla

Susalla graduated from Garden City High School in 2012 as four-year honor roll student and scholar-athlete. She was a four-year varsity letter winner, Michigan Miss Softball nominee, two-time first team all-state, three-time all-area selection, three-time all-region selection, four-time all-district and all-league selection and three-time team MVP, while leading Garden City to two state championship appearances.

Dozens of entries are already committed to be a part of this parade, including the Garden City High School AFJROTC, the Garden City, Oak Park and Taylor Kennedy Marching Bands, Great Lakes Garrison and Great Lakes Base Star Wars Costuming Clubs, the GC Gators Fastpitch Softball

team, the Motor City K-9s, Stan the Fireman, the Redford Unicycle Club, the GCHS Pom and Cheer squads and the Canton Young Marines.

The Garden City Downtown Development has once again agreed to be the title sponsor the parade and has committed to next year's parade as well. The DDA again will host the post-parade event at the end of the parade route in area south of Kroger at the corner of Ford and Middlebelt.

Along with the DDA, returning sponsors include The DTE Foundation, Garden City Hospital, Fleming Financial, The Santeiu Family, Barsamian Family Dentistry, Gordon Chevrolet, In-korporate Graphics and Mayor Randy Walker and his wife Linda.

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Clark's four TDs lift Patriots to win

Franklin gridders gain 33-30 district victory over Farmington High

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Following injuries to two other running backs, Jacob Clark became the go-to guy in the Livonia Franklin offense – and go he did Friday night! Clark rushed for 190 yards on 20 carries and scored four touchdowns to lead the host Patriots to a 33-30 playoff win over visiting Farmington.

He opened the scoring with a 28-yard touchdown pass from Denzel Adams and he later burst through the line for scoring runs of 28, 54 and 33 yards.

"I'm taught to follow my main man, (right tackle) Bobby Madley, through the hole," Clark said. "I go right off his butt just like coach tells me to do. As soon as I see daylight, I have to go as fast as I can. That's pretty much it."

Franklin coach Chris Kelbert and Clark said the real credit goes to Madley and the other interior linemen – Josh Retting, Dan Domzalski, Joe Fortin and Jax Gasaway.

"Jacob is a great football

player, but our offensive line is phenomenal," Kelbert said. "We had three running backs run that position. Jacob was the third guy and he just picked up where they left off, because that offensive line does a great job."

In that regard, it was a program win for the Patriots (7-3), who will play at Jackson for a Division 2 district championship next week.

Clark has been part of the mix of players in the Franklin backfield all season, but he became the featured back after Nate Binkiewicz and Isaac Moore were injured.

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NANCY ERWIN

Franklin's Jacob Clark had a huge night running the ball during the Patriots' 33-30 victory over Farmington.

Election Day hockey clinics

With many kids having the day off on Tuesday (Election Day), Suburban Ice Arena in Farmington Hills (23996 Freeway Park Drive) is hosting "Election Day Clinics" for youth hockey players between the ages of 6 and 14.

Clinics will run from 10 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. and will include some of the most popular Suburban Hockey School classes: Quick & Fast for training in quick starts, rapid acceleration, quick directional changes, foot quickness, lateral movement, powerful stride, and full-speed puck control; and Stick-handling & Scoring, which teaches the art of stick-handling (quick hands and feet, moves, puck protection and creating space).

Combine this with the technical training of shooting resulting in a quick release, improved accuracy and more velocity in wrist shots, snap shots, slap shots and backhands in all situations.

Last but not least, a Power Skating will be offered, which develops powerful strides, explosive starts, edge control, backward skating and pivoting.

Classes are 80 minutes long and run \$39 each, with multiple class discounts available. Interested parents can visit www.suburbanhockey.com for more information and to register online or call Suburban Hockey offices at 248-478-1600.

RU dodge ball

The annual Redford Union Dodge Ball Tournament will be held Friday, Nov. 13, in the Panthers' gymnasium.

The first ball is scheduled to be launched at 6:30 p.m. Area residents are encouraged to show up and watch the matches featuring teams of students, teachers, coaches, community supporters and Redford Township fire fighters.

Proceeds raised will benefit the school's Blue & Gold Club.

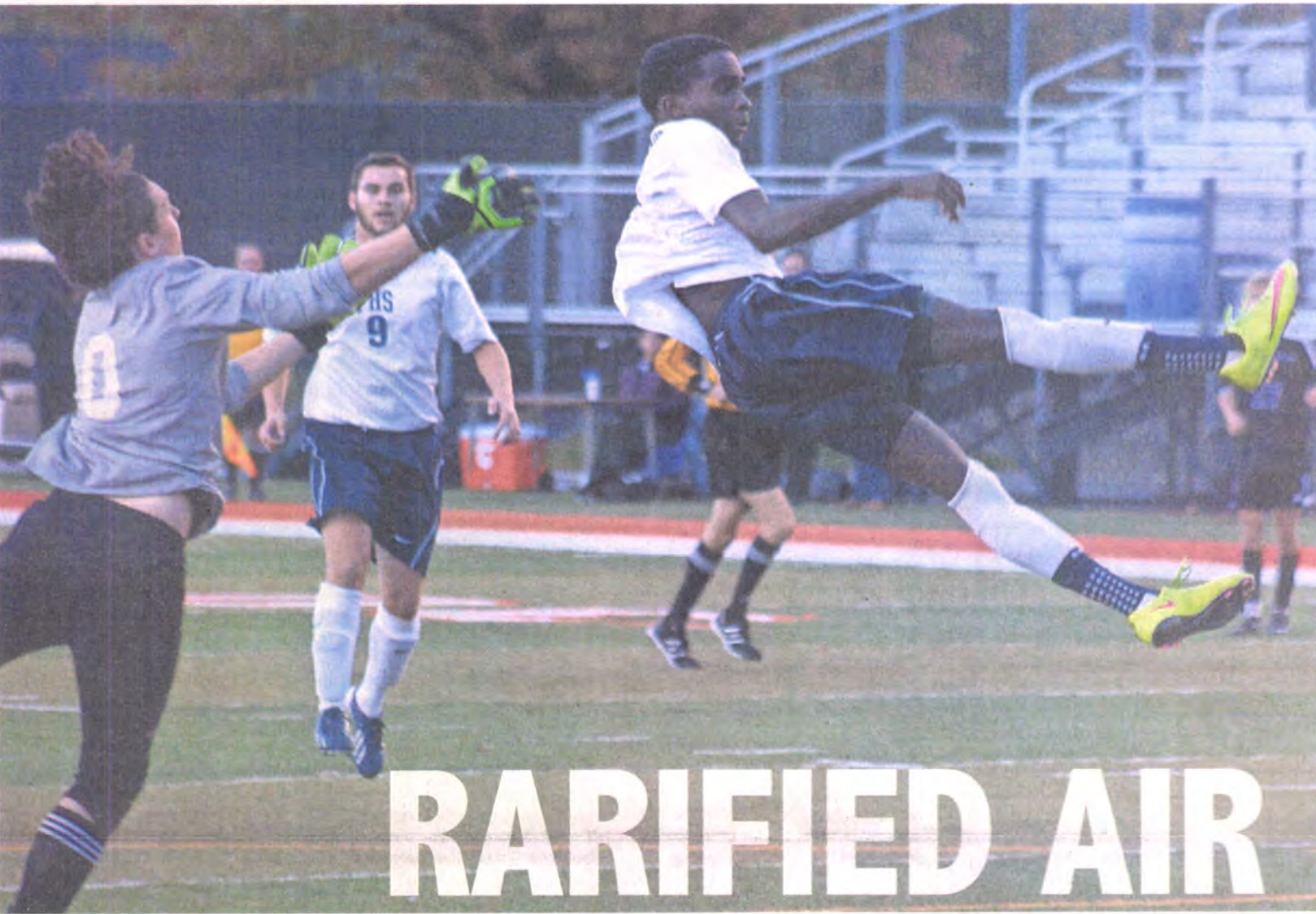
Admission is only \$2 per person.

Reporting results

Local high school coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m.

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL SOCCER



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin's Jordan Whitt watches his header sail into the net during the second half of Wednesday's Division 1 regional semifinal game against Woodhaven.

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Like Muhammad Ali in his prime, Livonia Franklin senior soccer forward Jordan Whitt floated like a butterfly, then stung like a bee while scoring the ultimate game-deciding goal during the Patriots' historic 2-1 Division 1 regional semifinal victory over Woodhaven

Franklin advances to first regional final in school history

Wednesday night. (Franklin lost to Canton, 3-1, in Friday night's regional championship game. Details on the contest will be published in Thursday's Observer.)

With the Patriots clinging to

attended net, giving his team what proved to be a priceless insurance goal.

Warrior Deavyn Dishroon made things interesting when he chipped in a ball from the left wing with 4:18 left, bringing his team to within 2-1, but the Patriots played lock-down defense the rest of the way to

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SHINING AT THE NEXT LEVEL

Brown punishing tacklers in college

Former Churchill standout making name at WSU

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Once Romello Brown secures a hand-off in the Wayne State University back field, squares his shoulders to the line of scrimmage and starts churning his tree-trunk-sized legs, you should pity the poor defensive back who gets in his way.

After red-shirting his first year for the Warriors in 2013, and backing up NFL free-agent signee Desmond Martin last fall, Brown is making the most of his first opportunity to start for Wayne State.

Heading into Saturday's home game against the University of Findlay, Brown has plowed his way to back-to-back 150-yard-plus rushing performances while accumulating a team-high 779 yards (on 5.3

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WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Wayne State's Romello Brown leaves a Malone University defensive back in his wake while striding into the end zone earlier this fall.



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Vintage Pyrex takes center stage at glass show

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Pyrex. You mix in it, bake with it and serve on it.

Now collect and display the iconic kitchenware with a little help from the Michigan Depression Glass Society. The organization, which meets monthly in Livonia, will display vintage Pyrex at its annual show and sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., at Greenfield, in Dearborn. Admission is \$5.

Jonathan Fuhrman, Society president, visited the Corning Museum of Glass in New York in preparation for the show, which will feature Michael D. Barber, author of two collector books on Pyrex.

"We'll have a big display of Pyrex on exhibit. I went on the Pyrex website and they said Pyrex is in at least 80 million American homes," said Fuhrman, a Canton resident and avid glass collector for the past 15 years.

Early Pyrex consisted of clear-glass ovenware, but the product line expanded to include serving pieces, bowls, storage containers, coffee pots and more in a variety of styles, colors and patterns.

"Pyrex is durable. I'm always amazed that you can go into a Salvation Army store and can get a couple pieces of Pyrex that someone has hauled there and didn't wrap, but they're still in good condition," Fuhrman said.

He displays and regularly uses his Pyrex pieces.

"I have little Pyrex refrigerator dishes I use to organize a junk drawer. I'll use a casserole if I bring food to a friend's house for a party," he said. "Even though I collect Pyrex, I don't consider it one of my main collections."

Other glass

In addition to collecting kitchenware, Fuhrman, 31, who works in marketing at Health Alliance Plan, collects Depression glass, the colorful machine-pressed glassware that was given away as premiums at theaters, gas stations, stores and in product boxes, such as laundry soap, from the 1920s-1940s. He also collects "elegant glass," which consists of higher quality, mouth-blown glass with hand-etched details.

"I'll confess, I own 14 dinner services in Depression glass," Fuhrman said.

He displays a portion of his collection in cabinets throughout his home. The rest remains on storage shelves in his basement.

"I can't display it all at once. I try to rotate everything quarterly."

Fuhrman began collecting glass out of nostalgia for childhood lunchtimes spent with his grandmother. She served him lunch off of pink Cherry Blossom Depression glass plates. He found the plates while helping his mother unpack his grandmother's glassware.

"I remembered those from



The Dogwood pattern of cups and bowls is not rare, however, the oval platter is.

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The blue pattern with lid is called Willow. The green is named Bride's Casserole.

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Jonathan Fuhrman holds Pyrex Delphite mixing bowls. Delphite refers to the color of the bowls. More examples of his collection are seen overhead in the background.

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Jonathan Fuhrman's collection rests in cabinets all around his home.

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when I was a kid. My mom told me there was a glass collecting club in Livonia and an annual show," he said.

Finding, selling glass

He joined the club and was hooked on glass collecting after attending his first show. He enjoys learning about the history of glass companies and the pieces they made, watching the effect supply and demand has on prices, and expe-

riencing the "thrill of the hunt" for hard-to-find items.

He shops garage and estate sales, antique shops and glass shows for his collection and says his best find was a \$5 pitcher bought at a garage sale. It was worth \$300.

"One of the reasons I enjoy being a member of the club is that it gives me the opportunity to sell glass. We have a club booth at the show and you can put in 25 pieces."

In addition to the club's booth, 25 vendors will sell glass from the early 1900s through the 1960s by such makers as Fostoria, Heisey, Fenton, Imperial, Cambridge, Anchor Hocking, Hazel Atlas, Indiana, Jeannette, Paden City and others.

Representatives from the Fostoria Glass Society of America will be on hand with a display of Fostoria's American product line, which was in-

troduced in 1915.

"The show is amazing. They bring in massive amounts of glass. It's interesting to walk into the ballroom and see everything sparkle," Fuhrman said. "Just go and experience it. What will happen is you'll go into the show and you'll find something your grandma or mom had."

For more about the show, visit michigandepressionglass.com.

Local kittens 'Uber' their way to potential adopters

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sandy Mezza of Westland delivered kittens to office workers for cuddle breaks Thursday.

"It was amazing," she said. "I didn't know what to expect. We've never done it before."

Mezza, who heads Guardian Angels Animal Rescue in Livonia, took foster kittens Salem, Callie, and Saber on the road for 15-minute stops at six Royal Oak locations, while GAAR volunteers Lisa Wheeler and her daughter, Rylea, shuttled Sheena and Greyson to eight sites in Birmingham and Troy.

The visits were part of Uber's kittens on-demand delivery day, which allowed customers in more than 50 cities to play with rescued kittens for a \$30 snuggle fee. The private transportation service drove felines and their shelter representatives to each stop, where customers broke out feather wands and toys for impromptu play. Detroit-area Uber drivers, shelters and animal rescue groups participated in the program for the first time on Oct. 29. In other cities, previous kitten delivery days have



Employees at RPM Freight Systems in Royal Oak play with kittens from Livonia-based Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

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led to 30 kitten adoptions, according to Uber.

Good publicity

Mezza is hopeful that some of GAAR's kittens — maybe even a foster dog — will find permanent homes because of the Uber event.

"We handed out adoption applications for the kittens. We even had someone who wants a big dog. He had three big dogs and wanted a fourth one."

GAAR fosters and adopts out both cats and dogs, focus-

ing its rescue efforts in Detroit. The organization became involved in Uber's kitten delivery day after a representative from Warren-based All About Animals asked Mezza if she was interested in participating. GAAR, All About Animals and Macomb Animal Control, which also participated, will benefit from the snuggle fee.

"I said sure, I'm game. I'll try it," said Mezza. "The people were wonderful. By the second stop, we couldn't get the kittens back into their carrier.



Employees at O2 Creative Solutions in Royal Oak take a kitty break Thursday with the help of Guardian Angels Animal Rescue of Livonia and Uber, the private transportation service.

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Everyone was giving them such attention."

Playful

The kittens were born in foster care, a few days after their mother was rescued from an abandoned house in Detroit. "Our kittens are such good entertainers. One company even had its own kitty toys."

Her most heartfelt experience was at a Royal Oak home, where a woman with a spinal cord injury awaited a cuddly visitor.

"Her brother had called us to bring the kittens in. The night before, she put cut-out pictures of kittens up next to her bed," Mezza said, adding that she placed Salem in the woman's lap. At other stops, the kitten had been a bundle of energy. "With this woman the kitten just laid on her. The kitten knew she was sick and needed to have that."

For more about Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, visit gaarmichigan.org.

