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Herzberg edges Reeves in council race

Godbout, Johnson, Hammons win re-election

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Three incumbent Westland councilmen were re-elected by voters Tuesday while the fourth incumbent was edged out of a new term.

Council President James Godbout, Councilmen Bill Johnson and Adam Hammons were the top three vote-getters, earning four-year council terms. Councilman Dewey Reeves finished fifth behind challenger Peter Herzberg, who earned a two-year council term for a fourth-place finish.

A 24-year administrative

assistant, Herzberg will be joining his first cousin Kevin Coleman, midway through a four-year term, on the council beginning in January.

Former councilman, state legislator and current Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, was the fifth member of the group of candidates campaigning together. LeBlanc was elected as the new Westland city clerk to replace Eileen DeHart Schoof, who isn't seeking re-election. LeBlanc carried 77.5% of the votes cast handily beating Jody

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Westland school board member Shawna Walker hugs Westland Councilman Dewey Reeves after he is defeated in a bid for re-election Tuesday.

BY THE NUMBERS

WESTLAND CITY CLERK

Four-year term, elect one
» Richard LeBlanc 5,451; 78%
Jody Rice-White 1,564; 22%

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Four-year term, elect four
» James Godbout (i) 3,912; 15%
» Bill Johnson (i) 3,661; 14%
» Adam Hammons (i) 3,539; 14%
» Peter Herzberg 3,440; 13%
Dewey Reeves (i) 3,333; 13%
Charles Pickering 2,976; 12%
Judy McKinney 2,372; 9%
William Campbell 2,339; 9%



Wayne voter Brian Girouard at the Precinct 6 poll.

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Rowe elected as new Wayne mayor

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

On her second try, Wayne Councilwoman Susan Rowe has been elected mayor while incumbent Councilman Lorne "Skip" Monit was defeated by a large margin a bid for re-election Tuesday.

Midway through a four-year council term, Rowe received 960 votes while Bob Boertje garnered 796 votes in the race for a two-year as mayor. Write-in candidate Leonard Fisher wasn't really a factor in the race, receiving only 38 votes.

It's the first time Wayne voters have elected council members through a ward voting system. Candidates must live in the ward and during the primary, only ward residents vote for their local candidate. In the general election, ward council seats are filled by votes cast citywide.



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Wayne Campaign volunteers Chris Miller, Ed Rowe, and Vic Osborne waited for voters. Rowe's wife, Susan, was elected mayor Tuesday.

IN OTHER RACES...

» In Ward 1, Christopher Sanders, the only candidate appearing on the ballot, was elected with 793 votes. Write-in candidates Allen "Buddy" Shuh and Alfred Brock received 544 and 199 votes, respectively.

» Incumbent Councilman John Rhaesa was unopposed in seeking a second four-year term and received 1,192 votes.

» Tom Porter was elected to a four-year council term in Ward 3 with 1,097 votes easily besting Monit, who received 554 votes.

» Appointed to fill a vacancy earlier this year, Anthony Miller received 1,149 votes to be elected to a two-year term as an at-large councilman. The other candidate, Lucietta Miles, received 360 votes and didn't actively campaign.

Driver sentenced in boy's death

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Romulus woman has been sentenced to 25 to 50 years in prison for running over and killing a Westland boy after consuming drugs before getting behind the wheel.

Kimberly Garrett, 39, was sentenced Tuesday by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens. She had entered a no contest plea to a charge of second-degree murder and to driving under the influence causing death, which has a 10-15-year concurrent sentence.

Garrett had consumed heroin, Xanax, and cocaine before driving her vehicle off the street and striking Kayale Fruge, 8. The youngster was struck June 20 by a Garrett's vehicle which left the roadway on Darwin near Delton Court and came into the yard where he was standing. The youngster died after being hospitalized on life support for several days.

Never stopping after the accident, Garrett continued driving to her home. A witness to the accident followed Garrett to Romulus and called police who arrested her.

Garrett was aware that she was driving in violation of restrictions that stemmed from a March arrest for driving under the influence of drugs, according to police. Garrett had told police that she was in intensive outpatient treatment for narcotics use and had been clean but resumed using narcotics in March.

An autopsy report from the Wayne County Medical Examiner found that Kayale had died of blunt trauma.



Garrett

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Redford Observer Reporter Beth Jachman was going about life Sunday evening when a horrendous blast shook Redford Township. She wasn't supposed to work that day, but Jachman — like so many other journalists who work for O&E Media — cares about the town she covers, so she grabbed her gear and went toward the sound.



Larry Ruehlen
STAFF WRITER

She contacted veteran photographer Bill Bresler and he made the short trip from his Livonia home to join her at the scene.

An entire home had exploded and there were more questions than answers when they arrived. As emergency crews worked the hectic scene, Jachman, a Redford resident, noticed township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz had posted information online, while Bresler captured images that would soon accompany the story online at our

website, hometownlife.com. What Jachman and Bresler did that night wasn't heroic, but it personified what O&E is all about. We cover community news like no other organization in the state of Michigan. Our reporters break big stories because they are in the towns they cover. But they

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No charges expected in fatal accident

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

An Inkster woman was struck by a car and fatally injured Halloween night on Merriman in Westland.

The woman, 43, was crossing west on Merri-

man, north of Palmer, at 7:50 p.m. when she was struck by a northbound car driven by a Toledo, Ohio, woman, according to Westland Police.

It was dark and rainy at the time of the accident, police said, with the victim crossing in an

area between intersections and wearing dark clothing.

The driver was not under the influence of alcohol; police said the pedestrian may have been drinking before the accident. The investigation into the fatal acci-

dent is continuing, but police report no charges are expected to be filed against the driver.

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TOM BEAUJOIN

Council President Jim Godbout on election night. He earned another four-year term.



TOM BEAUJOIN

Richard LeBlanc is Westland's new city clerk.



JULIE BROWN

Jim Hart of Westland, president of the Westland Area Jaycees, describes the fundraising 5K for veterans on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park.

Westland Area Jaycees' 5K to help Veterans Haven

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

As a 15-year U.S. Army veteran, Jim Hart of Westland believes in reaching out to military veterans.

"We're going to reach out to some of the local needs in our community," said Hart, president of the Westland Area Jaycees.

The Westland Area Jaycees will present an inaugural Veterans Day 5K from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park in Westland. Military units will

run and sing cadence to begin the event, said Hart, who noted all proceeds will go to Veterans Haven in Wayne.

"We're definitely reaching out to all organizations, if they can help us," he said, thanking current sponsors.

Registration to walk or run is \$25 in advance at www.westlandareajaycees.org.

All-day activities are planned for after the race, which includes a timed and certified track. Volunteers are welcome. Email 5k@westlandareajaycees.org for more in-

formation. Hart noted the Jaycees are worldwide, and turning 100 this year. They've been in Westland since 1960.

"Here in Westland, we're very community-focused," in Westland, Wayne and Garden City, Hart said.

That includes work with the Friends of the Rouge and an Easter egg hunt at the Wayne Ford Civic League. The Westland Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Westland City Hall on Warren Road. (The November meet-

ing was moved to Wednesday due to Election Day.)

"We're truly building leaders in the Westland Jaycees," Hart said.

He noted that women began to join in 1984 and are great leaders.

"Too bad it took until 1984 to do it," he said of women's membership.

Hart is director of wireless for 123Net in Southfield, and also owns a couple of small businesses.

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COUNCIL

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Rice-White. "Thank you to everybody who supported me. I mean it," Reeves told supporters gathered at the Wayne-Ford Civic League after the election results were posted.

A council member since 2007, Reeves has been the only African American to hold elected city office in recent years. He campaigned jointly with the other incumbents and with the endorsement of Westland Mayor William Wild.

"You meet certain people who change your life. I didn't know him (Reeves) — I knew his brother," said Wild. "He quickly won over the respect of everyone. He was targeted (by a group of residents) for reasons that make no sense."

A retired Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy, Reeves has remained a straight-shooter, Wild said, which most people find a quality lacking in politicians.

Wild cited Reeves' efforts as a member of the Nankin Transit board and work with

executive director James Ridener to revamp the troubled local bus service.

"Without Dewey's passion, Nankin Transit wouldn't have been turned around," said Wild. "Dewey helped move the city forward. There were a lot of tough issues that we faced and Dewey was always part of the solution."

Johnson also had sharp words for residents he said had unfairly and persistently attacked Reeves. "You've had a target on your back for six years. If I could do it, I'd go last and let Dewey stay," he added.

The bottom three candidates were former councilman and mayor Charles Pickering, Bill Campbell and Judy McKinney.

There were 7,249 ballots cast Tuesday for a turnout of just over 12% of Westland's registered voters.

"I want to thank the voters. Getting 78% of the votes is a high level of confidence. I'm looking forward to Jan. 1. I know I have a lot of hard work ahead of me," said LeBlanc.

Westland's elected officials take office Jan. 1.

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also write about you, too.

I once took a call from an excited grandmother who had a simple request. Her 5-year-old grandson had just caught two fish on a single hook and she wanted to know if we would put it in the paper.

That little boy took home a copy of his grandmother's hometown newspaper and a photo of his big day graced the front page.

We cover hyper-local stories others often ignore. I know what we do still matters, but I also know that our business will continue to evolve.

Change is relentless and that was the case Friday, when valued colleagues dispatched one final deadline before walking out the door for the last time.

There were a few tears as friends said goodbye, but most left the newsroom smiling. Corporate buyouts often have that effect. Those who take them leave behind the daily grind and those who stay dig in.

Susan Rosiek, our former publisher, left me in charge of the newsroom. Few people will ever know how hard she worked or how much she cared.

We also said goodbye to three editors: Sue Mason, Karen Smith and Cal Stone. All three cared deeply about journalism, but were excited about new opportunities, too.

O&E Media publishes 13 newspapers. From our flagship *Livonia Observer* to the *Birmingham Eccentric* and the *Northville Record*, our editions are ingrained in the com-

munities they serve. The *Northville Record* started in 1869 and the *Birmingham Eccentric* was founded in 1871. The local newspaper is often the oldest member business in any chamber of commerce.

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advertising professionals at Michigan.com are far ahead of the curve in providing solutions.

I went to lunch Monday with our advertising director, Jani Hayden, to talk about the future.

Hayden could barely contain her enthusiasm for what lies ahead. The entire department is committed to delivering agency-style solutions these days, she said. Gone are the days of calling an ad rep to get a notice in the paper about a sale planned for next week. Our company now offers merchants im-

proved search results, email blasts, social media campaigns and even website builds.

I left the lunch feeling more certain than ever that we not only had a good plan for moving forward, but also the right people in place to make it happen.

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Voters reject Schoolcraft College tax by slim margin

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College District voters Tuesday defeated a proposed tax hike by a scant 45 votes in unofficial totals, but the school's top leader vowed to find a way to push ahead with plans to improve.

"It's very disappointing," Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said. "We will have to start to do some serious thinking about how we proceed from here."

Voters rejected the 0.6-mill tax increase 18,342 votes to 18,297. The 10-year proposal would have cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$60 a year.

College Trustee James Fausone had called the tax increase a critical component to helping Livonia-based Schoolcraft recover from a \$29-million revenue loss it suffered from the bruising recession. The tax hike would have brought in \$8 million a year.

The proposal was favored 8,529 votes to 7,568 in Livonia, but it lost ground in other communities including Canton, Plymouth Township and Garden City.

"There's too many taxes as it is," Garden City voter Steven Dodge said. "There's just too much. The government's got to find a way to live within its means."

During an earlier informational meeting in Canton, resident Antonio Calderoni told college officials he supported the tax proposal, saying he had a friend and relative whose careers were boosted by their Schoolcraft studies.

"Your school caters to working people," Calderoni said.

Jeffress commended voters who supported the tax hike and said it's not yet clear what happens next.

"I think it's too early to say that," he said, adding he will have discussions with the college's elected trustees. "We have to collect our thoughts."

Fausone said the tax would have allowed Schoolcraft "to

invest in cutting-edge programs so that students are employable in those job sectors when they get out" of school.

He singled out efforts to expand Schoolcraft's nursing program and initial plans that have been hatched for studies in real estate, cyber security and data security. A new brewing and distillery program already is moving forward amid Michigan's burgeoning craft beer industry.

Jeffress said he isn't sure what college supporters could have done differently in their campaign for the tax increase. They had taken their plan on the road throughout the district, which has about 30,000

full- and part-time students in credit and non-credit courses.

Regardless, he vowed to continue to move Schoolcraft forward.

"I am still dedicated to many of the things we intended to do," Jeffress said. "I'll just have to be clever enough to get them done."

Schoolcraft voters live in the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Northville, Garden City and Clarenceville school districts. The college had last asked for a tax increase 29 years ago — and got it.

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Future U prepares students for college and career

Sue Mason
Correspondent

It may be a few years before they head off to college, but students in Garden City are getting ready in a program offered through the University of Michigan's Center for Educational Outreach.

Called Future U, the program helps build a college-going culture by addressing cultural, social and psychological obstacles faced by participating students. It starts with sixth-graders at Farmington Elementary and continues on through eighth grade at Garden City Middle School.

"It exposes them to university experiences and the processes for preparing for college," middle school Principal Kip O'Leary said. "It really helps students and their families realize that college is a viable option and how it brings options to their futures."

Currently, Future U is offered to students in Garden City Middle School, University Prep Academy Middle School and Phoenix Multicultural Academy. It was introduced in Garden City three years ago through the efforts of then-superintendent Michelle Cline, and then-middle school Principal Brian Sumner who "was instrumental in the overall success of Future



Farmington teacher Heather Swan talks with Karan Choudhary and her family during October's Future U Night.



Participating in Future U at Garden City Middle School is seventh-grader Riya Patel.

U." Thirty students per grade level are selected, based on their degree of interest and who may benefit most from it. Students do three Saturday visits to U-M, and the Future U members visit the schools to work with each grade level.

Future U is designed to expand the students' interests and academic capabilities

through career exploration workshops and additional workshops on diversity, leadership and goal-setting to encourage them "to develop a positive self-concept and confidence in their own abilities"

They are exposed to a college-going culture through campus visits, as well as visits to their schools, family nights in their communities and over-

night campus visits. Future U also provides give them activities that stimulate and help prepare them to get into college, such as scholarships, financial aid and the application process, O'Leary said.

A family night was held in October for incoming Future U students and current students and their families. The

school visits begin this month and go through the entire year.

"It prepares them for high school and their big freshman year with an end in mind — college and a career," O'Leary said. "It builds a college-going culture in the middle school by addressing issues that may be an obstacle to going to college. The kids are absolutely for it."

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny

An unspecified amount of cash was reportedly stolen Oct. 31 from Smokers Depot and Vape, 6737 Middlebelt. An employee told police he left the business just before 7:30 p.m. and went next to door to check on an employee at a business owned by the same company.

The man said he returned a short time later and served several customers before noticing several bills on the floor. When he checked the video surveillance, he said a man was seen entering the store, opening the cash register and taking cash.

The suspect was described as a white male wearing a black Carhartt coat with a red hooded sweatshirt underneath, jeans and black boots. He appeared to have fled southbound on foot.

Larceny

On Oct. 31 an employee of a business at 1061 N. Inkster Road told police that she was waiting in the parking lot for her husband when a man approached. After a short conversation, she said the man asked if the business was hiring. The woman said she went into her purse to get a business card and set her cell phone on the hood of her car.

The man grabbed the phone, valued at \$200, and ran away, she said.

Larceny

» A resident in the 31000 block of Leona told police Oct. 30 that someone had stolen a lawn mower, an electric start snow blower, a heater and two one-gallon containers of kerosene, valued at \$1,030, from an unlocked shed. He said he discovered the theft after noticing the gate to the backyard and the shed door open.

» At about 5 a.m. Oct. 30, a resident in the 31000 block of Leona told police he was awakened by a noise like pounding on a lock coming from his backyard. Checking, he said the lock was open on the ground. Missing from the shed was a lawn mower, weed wacker and a gas edger valued at \$240.

Fraud

A Garden City woman told police that she responded to a Craigslist ad for Luke Bryan concert tickets and was told to send \$230 through Moneygram to a Visa account. The tickets were supposed to be sent via email from Ticketmaster.

The woman said she sent the money as instructed but never received the tickets. The seller then refused to

answer calls. The woman told police she had a friend contact the man about the tickets through Craigslist and was told the tickets were still available.

Vandalism

On Nov. 2, a resident in the 6600 block of Burnly told police that someone smashed eggs on 2003 Ford van. The officer noted this was an ongoing problem at the address.

Larceny

» On Nov. 1, a resident in the 30000 block of Marquette told police that someone stole a snow blower with an electric start and a lawn mower, valued at \$629, from her garage. She said a lock had been forced off the garage door.

» An air compressor and a battery-powered trimmer, valued at \$400, were reported stolen from a garage in the 30000 block of Marquette Nov. 1. The owner told police the garage service door had not been locked.

» A resident in the 30000 block of Marquette told police Nov. 2 that someone stole a snow blower, a self-propelled lawn mower/mulcher and a lawn edger valued at \$800 from her garage. She said the garage had been left unlocked.

By LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

» A Dearborn Heights man told police Oct. 28 that he had received a telephone call from someone claiming to represent DTE Energy. The caller told him he needed to wire \$900 in Money Gram cards or the electricity would be shut off at a commercial building in the 1500 block of S. Wayne Road.

The man said that he had done as instructed and called the person back to provide the activation numbers on the cards. Shortly after, the man said he received call demanding another \$800. He said he called DTE customer service at that point and was told the demand for a wire transfer was a fraud.

» On Oct. 31, a Westland woman told police that someone made an unauthorized purchase of \$99 at Amazon.com using her debit card.

» A Westland man told police Oct. 27 that he had noticed an unauthorized transaction of \$73 at Home Depot in Sterling Heights. The transaction occurred Oct. 22.

» On Oct. 27, a Westland man told police that he received notification of two inquiries on his credit report. When he checked further, he said he was told someone attempted to open an account with his information.

Vandalism

A Marquette woman told police she was checking on her grandmother's home in the 33000 block of Casco Court on Oct. 27 and found someone had broken the outer pane of a double pane window.

The woman said the screen on the window had been pushed up and a patio chair placed in front of the window. The woman told police her grandmother had been out of town. No entry was made to the house.

Larceny

A resident at the Hunters West Apartments, 6515 Yale, told police Oct. 26 that she had not received a delivery of Bose headphones that she had ordered. UPS reported delivering the package Oct. 5.

Larceny

On Oct. 26, three Spartan Sewer Machines valued at \$8,500 were reported stolen from Reed's Sewer Cleaning, 1347 S. Wayne Road. The items were inside a van and had been last seen Oct. 23. There was no damage to the vehicle, so the owner told police it was possible an employee had left the van unlocked.

By LeAnne Rogers

State Police: Prepare your home for winter's wrath

With winter weather rapidly approaching, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is encouraging Michiganders to make winter emergency preparedness a priority.

Severe winter weather poses health and safety concerns with extremely cold temperatures, freezing pipes, potential propane shortages and power outages. Michiganders should consider the following actions to be prepared for the upcoming winter months.

To prepare your home for winter:

» Weatherproof your home by installing weather-stripping and caulking and insulating walls, doors and windows.

» Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so pipes are less likely to freeze.

» Lock in a propane rate now and have a backup heating plan, such as a generator, wood stove or fireplace.

» Have gas or oil furnaces inspected by a qualified professional and change the air filter.

» Have your fireplace and

chimney cleaned and inspected. Contact your local fire department for a referral or look for a local inspector online.

» Install battery-operated carbon monoxide (CO) detectors near every sleeping area. CO poisoning is most prevalent when furnaces are turned on to fight cold winter temperatures, but commonly occurs after winter storms and accompanying power outages, when people tend to rely on portable generators for electricity.

» Clean gutters to prevent

ice dams. Roof ice dams can cause water to build up, leading to interior damage.

» Clear storm drains along the curb to enable water to drain. If plugged, water has the potential to go into low-lying areas and flood basements.

» Have an emergency preparedness kit stored safely in your house that includes: water, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, extra batteries, a battery or hand-crank powered radio, emergency lighting or flashlights, extra blankets and warm clothing.

WAYNE COP CALLS

Funny money

An employee of the Nichols Veterinary Clinic, 36912 Van Born, told police Oct. 22 that the business accepted a counterfeit \$20 bill. The employee said the fake bill was received Oct. 20 but not noticed until a bank deposit was made the following day and it was spotted by the teller.

Police called the U.S. Secret Service office in Detroit and were instructed to mail a copy of the police report along with the fake bill.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Woman's road to recovery took inner strength, support

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Linda Vecchioni loves her 2-year-old granddaughter.

"She's the love of my life," said Vecchioni, mom to two daughters, 30 and 24, one in Florida, the other in Michigan with the toddler Vecchioni loves.

"I never knew there was a deeper love than that," the Melvindale resident said of parental love and being a grandma. "I get to see her learn and grow."

Vecchioni, 49, has traveled a torturous path to sobriety. At 36, she said she married an addict, her second marriage, and began to abuse crack cocaine, alcohol and prescription drugs.

"I just wanted to be loved and have the fairy tale so badly. It took me 43 years to realize this is the fairy tale," said Vecchioni, who grew up in Canton.

"I come from a pretty traditional Italian family," said Vecchioni, whose parents were 43 and 44 when she was born. She grew up with nieces and nephews her own age.

Now, Vecchioni is marking being clean. "October was my six and a half years," she said, with April 6, 2009, her clean date.

'A thinking disease'

She's also bipolar. "Addiction is a thinking disease. It's up here. For me, it was more of a stig-

ma to admit I had a mental illness vs. being an addict."

She married at 18, had her first child at 19 and was divorced at 21. Her second husband was a friend of years. "I just thought we were going to get married and it would all work out. At some point, it became my choice," she said of her addiction.

"So I do own my part in it," she said, noting she could have left. "I'm grateful he loved me enough to let me go and heal. I wouldn't change anything."

Her second marriage included domestic violence, she said. Vecchioni later divorced and speaks with her ex-husband, who agreed she should tell her own story for the *Observer*.

She'd done some marijuana use and beer drinking in high school, "nothing that really got out of control for me." Now, she sees patterns from growing up that caused later behavior.

"My last relapse was really bad," she said. "I couldn't find the exit door this time and I tried to commit suicide. I just came in so broken and so lost. I needed some direction."

Reaching out for help

She entered the Westland-based Beginning Step program. Vecchioni spent nine months in transitional housing, going to 12-step-based group meetings five

times weekly. She got a sponsor as well.

"She's still my sponsor today. She's a recovering addict. She has 18 months (clean) more than I do. My sponsor taught me unconditional love. She taught me not to take myself too seriously," Vecchioni said.

After becoming clean, Vecchioni earned Certified Recovery Peer Mentor credentials and took recovery coach training. She now volunteers with Beginning Step to help other addicts and will continue her training.

"My passion is really more being in the trenches working side by side with people," she said. She's based out of the Dorsey Center in Westland.

There's a related Safe Step housing concept for those battling addiction. "We service the veterans as well as recovering addicts coming in," she said. A contract with the VA is part of that initiative, to help those in recovery.

"As I stayed, I am so grateful," she said. "I truly surrendered from the heart." The 12-step programs include a higher power concept. "It's the god of your understanding," she explained. "I have spirituality today like the relationship you have with your best friend. My faith coming in has just deepened so much."

Her brother, whom she calls "amazing," told her, "Fear and faith cannot go together. You have

to pick one."

A sister supported Vecchioni emotionally through her struggles. "To guard their hearts, they have to back up for a minute," she said of family members of addicts.

Her daughters asked about relapse. "I don't know the future," she told them. She sees her disease like cancer or diabetes in that it requires research.

"I tried to get clean by myself many, many times. There was no support," she said. The peace and serenity she now has includes the mental health piece and reaching out to both friends and professionals.

She had her medical charts flagged for her addiction at the hospital. One physician wasn't aware in the past of her issue.

"He didn't know because I didn't disclose," she said of that doctor. At that time, she wouldn't allow blood draws.

She has no issues with that doctor, and later needed to change for insurance reasons. "We just have a wonderful agreement," she said of her current doctor, who's careful with medications due to her history. "He's very supportive."

Daily inventory needed

She takes a morning and evening daily inventory of herself, including the higher power and mental health. "Each day, my recovery has to come

first," said Vecchioni, who reaches out to her colleagues at Beginning Step, the 12-step program people and friends.

A few years back, she earned her GED. She was invited to speak at graduation, an especially proud moment enhanced by Beginning Step staffers attending.

"I always say to them 'you raised me.' There, I got my support. How do you go wrong with all that support?"

Re-engaging with her siblings in sobriety took some eight months. Her Florida daughter was apprehensive at first. "You're like a fragile flower," the daughter told her. "I don't want you to break."

She's proud of her career-oriented daughters and noted the "village" it took to raise them during her struggles. Newcomers to the agency rely on her, as she knows where they've been. Vecchioni also works to help women addicts, a passion she has and hopes to get more women into recovery.

She sees a growing heroin epidemic now, and would like more awareness of that. Facebook shares many stories on the heroin epidemic, some sad and others encouraging. She took out her phone to show the encouraging posts.

"I don't feel old," said Vecchioni, who has some lingering health challenges. "I'm so grateful I lived to this age."

She added, "We're all



JULIE BROWN

Linda Vecchioni and program director Don Oesterwind Jr. of Beginning Step visit at a recent Westland Rotary meeting where Vecchioni shared her story. Oesterwind said, "The process that Linda has undergone to change her life epitomizes the vision of Beginning Step. She has embraced every facet of our treatment process and has remained open to suggestions and self-reflection. She is not only a role model to every newcomer in the program, but also to everyone she meets. She is selfless, caring, and compassionate to everyone and we are extremely proud of her."

fighting this on a daily basis. I have to deal with life's problems, I can't just use. Today, I have a choice. But you get through it when you reach out, you just do."

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COURTESY LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Emily Serwatka, Jordan Vermette, Carrie Vermette, Mathieu Vermette, Dylan Serwatka and Robert Vermette.

Returning Marine surprises siblings

Mathieu Vermette has never been "photo bombed" quite like this before.

The Emerson Middle School eighth-grader was called to the edge of the stage in the cafeteria during Monday's lunch period to have his photo taken for the yearbook. Or so that's what he was told was happening.

When the teacher showed Mathieu the photos on the camera, he did a double take, looked a bit closer, and realized that a familiar face was poking through the stage curtain behind him, in the photo.

It took a minute for Mathieu to realize that it was his brother, U.S. Marine Dylan Serwatka, who surprised him with an unexpected visit. Hugs and tears followed, and the happy realization that he would have his brother home for two whole weeks.

Dylan is stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego and has recently returned from a six-month stint in Australia. The 2011 Franklin High School graduate has not been home in almost a year.

He, along with his sister Emily Serwatka and his mom and dad, Carrie and Robert Vermette, surprised Mathieu just after they stopped by Cooper Upper Elementary to surprise Dylan's sister, Jordan, while she was in class in the library.



COURTESY LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Dylan Serwatka pokes his head out from behind the curtain to surprise his brother while his photo is being taken.



COURTESY LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mathieu Vermette had to take a closer look when he realized someone was standing behind him in the photo.

Webb, Love to hold office hours in Redford

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb and state Rep. Leslie Love will be conducting office hours in Redford Township on Monday, Nov. 9, from 10-11 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. This session will allow constituents the opportunity to sit down and meet with both their state and county elected officials on a one-to-one basis to discuss



Webb Love

matters of concern. Webb will not be holding monthly office hours in December. She will, however, resume her second Monday of the month schedule in Redford in January.

If residents are unable to make their monthly office meetings in Redford, they can contact Webb's office at 313-224-0930 during normal business hours, or email her at dwebb1@waynecounty.com. All messages will be returned by the next business day.

For state issues and concerns, residents can contact Love's office at 517-373-5976 or via email at leslie-love@house.mi.gov.

'Make and Take It' offers craft fun on Nov. 14

Michigan State University Extension, Wayne County 4-H and Garden City's Department of Community Resources have scheduled a "Make and Take It" arts and crafts event for 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Maplewood Community Center, Garden City.

"This is a great way youth and adults can be involved in the Wayne County 4-H Program," stated

Glenda Weiss, county 4-H program coordinator, in a press release. She cited skills developed to use at home on participants' own projects or to share with other youth and adults.

Some projects are offered only once during the day. Facebook (MSUE 4h Wayne County, Garden City or Maplewood Community Center) has additional details. A list of session times is also available at the Maplewood Community Center.

Participants (age 5 to adult) can develop hands-on techniques while completing projects. Painting in various mediums (wood, glass and/or textiles) is included, along with making jewelry, key chains or felted soap.

Most projects range from \$1 to \$5. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Glenda Weiss at weissg@anr.msu.edu.

You may register the day of the event, but session availability isn't guaranteed.

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- Allen Park, Allen Park Community Center
- Brownstown, Event Center
- Dearborn Heights, Dearborn Heights City Hall
- Detroit, Matrix Center
- Taylor, Heritage Park
- Wayne, HYPE Athletic Center

Transportation and museum admission are free for Wayne County residents, but reservations must be made in advance online at dia.org or by calling 313.833.4005.

Shred day a one-stop shopping event



Lt. Eric Zimmer of the Garden City Police Department loads up donated food.



Garden City Clerk Allyson Bettis and council member Margo Arnoske on Saturday show the donated food that will go to the H.O.M.E food pantry at the Maplewood Center Community Center.

Before they could take care of Saturday's Halloween doings, residents and visitors took care of some one-stop shopping at Garden City's Community Shred Day.

The event included: a shred day; a food-raiser for the Our H.O.M.E. Pantry; a visit by the mobile Secretary of State office; and the clerk's office handling of election matters.

"The city takes identity protection very seriously and believes the Community Shred Day is an important line of attack to protect the residents from identity fraud," City Clerk/Treasurer Allyson Bettis said. "More than 19 million Americans have been the victims of identity-related fraud over the past two years."

Residents dropped off donations for the food pantry, including things like peanut

butter and jelly, soups, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned/boxed pasta, cereal, juice, mustard, ketchup, pancake mix and syrup, canned tuna or chicken. Toiletries — toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body soap, etc. — were also collected.

Our H.O.M.E. Pantry is located at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, west of Merriman, and serves Garden City, Westland and Dearborn Heights residents who are in need of putting food on their tables.

With the Secretary of State mobile office on hand, residents were able to take care of things like renewing driver's licenses and ID cards; obtaining license plates and tabs; title and register vehicles and watercraft; and registering to vote.

TOM BEAUDOIN
Ray Ainsworth of Garden City stands in a very short line to get his state ID at the Secretary of State mobile office.



Garden City council member Pat Squires and Youth Specialist Kelly McGuire collect food and cash for the local food bank.

Firefighters build ramp to help Westland family stay mobile

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland family will have an easier time getting out and about thanks to help from the Wayne-Westland Fire Department administration.

Firefighters purchased the materials and donated the labor for a handicap-accessible ramp to the home.

"I sure do appreciate it. My son loves it," William Underwood said.

A resident on Fairchild for 70 years, Underwood's parents owned the house next door to his current home. His wife

Sharon is having mobility issues and their son Jack, who was born with Spina Bifida, uses a wheelchair.

Getting the family in and out of the house was becoming more difficult for Underwood, who retired after 30 years working at the Ford Wayne Assembly plant. Jack Underwood contacted Westland Mayor William Wild, who put him in touch with the fire department's Public Safety Awareness Committee.

"We started (construction) over a month ago. We got it up so they could use it," Fire Capt. Joseph Wojtowicz said. "Then

we came back with some finishing touches. We've got a good crew."

In part, the firefighters were waiting for funding. The Public Safety Awareness Committee used to have a major fundraiser through its annual spring carnival, but that was discontinued a few years ago.

On behalf of the committee, Fire Chief Michael Reddy recently accepted a \$2,000 check for volunteer labor at Blues, Brews & Barbecue. Ramp materials totaled \$1,900.

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Westland resident William Underwood, second from left, got a helping hand from the Wayne-Westland Fire Department. From the department are Chief Michael Reddy, left, Capt. Joseph Wojtowicz, Assistant Chief Mike Stradtner and Deputy Chief Pat Harder.

Good manners: Key to civil society, some say on decline

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Judge Mark McConnell of Westland's 18th District Court has been on the bench more than 6½ years. He sees his share of rudeness in court.

"Absolutely. All kinds of forms," said McConnell, a Westland resident. That includes rudeness to court staff, other parties in the courtroom and the judge.

"It seems at times people don't have any respect for authority or the sanctity of the courtroom," he said. "It is something that starts at home and in the schools. The kids are allowed to get away with things."

McConnell has found that has led to a sense of "entitlement. It just flows into a rudeness and a disrespect for others."

He'd been in courtrooms before becoming a judge, so he didn't really have to learn how to control the setting.

"I have the ability to hopefully control my courtroom. I take advantage of those opportunities," McConnell said.

Some modern-day business people and others are irked by phone manners, including having someone on a phone delay responding in person while taking a call. McConnell

FIVE WAYS TO COMBAT RUDENESS

These tips come courtesy of the Emily Post Institute, a family business "that maintains and evolves the standards of etiquette that Emily Post established with her seminal book *Etiquette* in 1922. According to the Posts, though times have changed, the principles of good manners remain constant. Above all, manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others."

Handling other people's rudeness is tricky. You can't control someone else's behavior. So focus on maintaining your own standard of good behavior instead. Here are some tips to help:

- » Don't take it personally. Perhaps the offender is having a bad day.
- » Size up your annoyances. Is it worth it to make a fuss over something small or is it a waste of your emotional time?
- » Set a good example. Rudeness begets rudeness. If you speak sharply to the bank teller, don't be surprised if you get the same treatment in return.
- » Count to 10. When someone's behavior makes you angry, take a few deep breaths and ask yourself, "Is it really worth blowing my stack over this?"
- » Laugh it off. If you can't come up with a friendly joke, just chuckle and change the subject.

said only attorneys are allowed phone use in the 18th District Court, which they need for their jobs.

"Generally, they will put their phones away when court is in session," he said.

The court officer had a situation with a woman who was abusive using a phone there when more extensive use by non-lawyers was permitted.

"The next day, we banned phones in the building," McConnell said.

Golden rule

He added, "Be kind to everybody," agreeing the Golden

Rule of treating others as you wish to be treated is key.

At the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Traci Sincock, associate director, said of rudeness, "I don't hear that from a lot of our chamber members. We're a small office, so we don't get a lot of walk-in traffic."

Technology has presented some generational issues, Sincock noted, although working with local high school students at festivals and other events has been pleasant for her.

"Certainly technology is a very important element to their lives," said Sincock, who



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Added Delap, "In today's world, we're so connected." She noted young customers are also polite.

"The young people, I love them. I find them fun. I have never had any young person be rude to me," Delap said.

Little bit of patience

Diners at three popular downtown Plymouth restaurants on Main — Fiamma Grille, Compari's on the Park and The Sardine Room — will meet owners the Yaquinto family, including son Ryan Yaquinto.

"I think a little bit of patience goes a long way," Yaquinto said of his industry. "We never try to mislead people. We always ask customers to bear with us. We're just trying to help them enjoy their meal. People are usually giving us the benefit of the doubt."

Compari's is marking 15 years, Fiamma Grille 10 and it's the third year for The Sardine Room. "We always try to be proactive instead of reactive," said Yaquinto, a Plymouth resident, noting family ownership helps.

"The best way to go about it is to communicate with us," he said. Some will post on social media, "without always giving us a chance to correct or rectify the situation."

has been in the work force for 36 years, including as Northville's parks and recreation director.

Stella Delap has owned Basket Kreations for almost 27 years, now on Forest in Plymouth and in Canton its first 10 years.

"We have a very nice clientele in here," said Delap, a Canton resident. "Most of the people who come in here become almost like our extended family."

Cellphone users at Basket Kreations will occasionally say, "I'm sorry, I have to take this. I have a sick mom."

Alexander the Great celebrates 38 years as barbecue specialists

Family owned-and-operated restaurant Alexander the Great marked a milestone in September: its 38th anniversary.

The barbecued rib specialists reached that milestone by staying true to their core principle: consistency.

"We always felt that if we could consistently provide great food and service, we would have a chance to survive in a very competitive restaurant market," owner Tom Tomich said.

Tomich and his wife, Paulina, still maintain a presence at the restaurant and can be found catching up with regulars or managing the dining room.

Alexander the Great boasts a variety of dishes to satisfy all appetites, from their succulent roasted chicken to hearty mostaccioli. The barbecued pork sandwich is a favorite with diners along with the newly added pulled pork.

Alexander the Great also has joined forces with The Imagine Theater in Canton and MJR

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Cinemas to offer a deal for moviegoers — the Movie Dinner package, which includes two full dinners and two movie theater tickets.

It also does catering and hosts parties and large groups. Dinner goers also can find special offers and sign up for email alerts at www.alexanderthegreatbbq.com.

At the end of the day, however, the restaurant is known as "The Great Place for Ribs." The large St. Louis-style pork ribs — prepared with a dry rub and cooked slowly over an open rotisserie fire once and slathered with barbecue sauce — are the foundation for their success.



Paulina and Tom Tomich have been serving up good food and barbecue at Alexander the Great Restaurant in Westland for 38 years.



The restaurant's distinctive sign has been a part of its 38-year history.

Do your homework as Medicare, tax deadlines approach

It's hard to believe it is November already!

That means there are some fast approaching deadlines. Of course, not all deadlines apply to everyone; however, keep in mind that these deadlines are real and there are no extensions. Therefore, if any of these deadlines apply to you, you need to take them seriously. All too often, people make uninformed decisions as deadlines approach. You don't want to be in that crowd. You want to take the appropriate amount of time so you can gather the information you need and



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

make the proper decision.

The first approaching deadline deals with Medicare D. The prescription drug plan is now in an open enrollment period. This is the one time of year where people can make changes to their Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. The deadline to select a plan for 2016 is Dec. 7. Therefore, there is still time to do your

research and make an informed decision.

It is important to remember that not only do plans change year-to-year, but your prescriptions could change. The plan you had for 2015 may not be appropriate for 2016. My advice is to research as if you do not have a plan. Typically, people think if they had a plan last year and it was fine, they might as well just re-up for the next year. Unfortunately, that is not a strategy you should follow.

A great place to start your research is through Medicare's prescription

drug finder on its website. It is an excellent source of information.

Another deadline that is approaching is with taxes. For those of you who are generous in nature and are going to make year-end charitable contributions, if you are going to deduct them this year, contributions must be done before the end of the year. Once again, I believe people need to do their research. Not only are there scam artists that put up bogus charities just to steal your money, but there are also legitimate charities that do not spend your money

wisely.

As far as I'm concerned, when you make a charitable contribution, you're hoping that the money goes to a charitable purpose, not to paying high salaries and administrative fees. Therefore, before you give to a charity, it is important that you do some research.

Two excellent sources of information regarding charities are charitynavigator.org and www.give.org. There's a wealth of information on these websites that can assist you in making your charitable contributions.

I wish that life was easier and that you didn't have to check and double-check so many different things. It would be nice, but unfortunately, that is not the world that we live in. The only way that you can truly protect yourself is to take your time and do the necessary research. Only then can you make an informed decision that best suits your needs.

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

Self-discipline is foundation for success

I'm reminded this week of Aesop's fable about the Tortoise and the Hare. The Hare started out fast but didn't discipline himself to stick to the program, while the Tortoise consistently put one foot in front of the other until he crossed the finish line first.

It's a simple story to illustrate a profound point. Self-discipline is the foundation of success.

Without self-discipline, we get distracted, fail to finish things we start and allow ourselves to drift away from fundamental practices that (in the back of our minds) we know would make us



Clarity Patton Newhouse
GUEST COLUMNIST

more successful.

The good news is that some of the most important things we must do every day aren't physically demanding. Instead, the challenge — or opportunity — lies in exercising the necessary willpower to do what needs to be done, and done consistently.

Discipline improves with practice just like any other exercise. This morning, let's work out and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves ... self-discipline with all of them came first." — Harry S. Truman

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

New cargo flight enhances service for U.S. importers and exporters based in Michigan

DHL, a leading international express services provider, has a new flight that enhances service for U.S. importers and exporters based in Michigan.

Stationed at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the new Boeing 767-200 cargo flight enables DHL to provide earlier delivery times and later pickup times, equally by one hour on average. International customers within Detroit and surrounding areas, as well as in mid- and western Michigan, will greatly benefit from the new service.

"Our expanded service window and the additional capacity of this aircraft are essential to accommodate the increasing volumes that are being generated by major automotive companies and suppliers as well as other businesses based in the region," said Karsten Aufgebauer,

senior vice president and general manager for DHL Express in the Midwest.

"We are continually enhancing our U.S. network capabilities to ensure consistent, reliable service to our customers in the 220 countries and territories we serve.

The Boeing 767-200 flight operates daily between the DHL Americas Hub at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport (CVG) and Detroit, with a stop in Minneapolis to connect with freight routed to and from Canada.

It is operated by Atlas Air, Inc., a subsidiary of Atlas Air Worldwide, a leading global provider of outsourced aircraft and aviation operating services.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome DHL to Detroit Metropolitan Airport," said airport CEO Thomas Naughton.

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Thurston students mark College Application Week

Arliisa Brock and Andrea Cruse
Correspondents

What is college? Many will say it's just another high school, that it's four more years of learning. But college is so much more than that. College is where seniors, who have been under their parents' "protective wings," are able to branch out and pursue opportunities that weren't offered in high school. While in college, students become more independent and discover who they truly are.

High school counselors across the United States participate in College Application Week, a week during which seniors are able to apply to various colleges in order to get a jump-start on their future.

During the week of Oct. 26-30, thousands of high school seniors are applying to colleges across the globe. Ultimately, the goal of College Application Week is to get everyone to apply to at least one college especially the first generation college students.

At Thurston High School, counselors Tuesday Williams and Ann Proctor lead this process.

"College Application Week is a week where we kick-start the senior class to apply to college," Williams said.

"Our personal goal is to have every senior apply to at least one college by Thanksgiving, so we have a big start on that," Proctor added.

The staff at Thurston High School helps celebrate College Application Week by decorating their classroom door with a college of their choice.

"The doors are a way for students to get quick information about different colleges," Williams stated.



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Teacher Ms. Ferris decorated her door in order to share information about Wayne State University.



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When students prove they have applied to a college, they are given a raffle ticket in order to try to win some really cool prize.



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Counselor Tuesday Williams helps senior Ashley Major apply to Saginaw Valley State University. Both counselors at Thurston stationed themselves in the media center during College Application Week.



SUBMITTED

Senior Arliisa Brock poses in front of a Michigan State door decorated by Science Teacher Ms. Rozema.

Another way to motivate seniors to apply was through a raffle. For each college application completed, the seniors received a raffle ticket along with some nifty sunglasses that say "I applied" on them.

The raffle tickets can be used to enter for one of 23 prizes. Prizes range from college apparel and clothing hampers to miscellaneous gift cards from places such as Subway, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Foot Lockers, BP

gas station, and so on. In just one week, Thurston went from 5 percent applying to college to well over 40 percent.

Now that President Obama proclaimed November College Applica-

tion Month, the counselors are even more excited to work with seniors. By Thanksgiving, they plan to hit that 100 percent mark.

Whether it is a four-year university, a trade school, a community


college or the military, training after high school will unlock opportunities. Statistics show that education after high school will help today's youth access better jobs, keep jobs and make more money.



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OUR VIEWS

Celebrate veterans — and help them adjust to civilian life, join workforce

As our communities observe Veterans Day on Nov. 11, we pause to remember great sacrifices made on the battlefield and also on the home front.

The Westland Veterans Association hosts its Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11. The memorial garden is behind the Westland Public Library, located at 6123 Central City Parkway.

Older veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam pause to reflect on their service to their country. Veterans are now returning from conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, many having served more than one tour of duty.

They're often not all that young, and face chal-

lenges in returning to the workforce and adjusting to civilian life. On the work front, Schoolcraft College offers a great resource with its Veterans Resource Center.

Its coordinator, Pam Paxton-Keehner, helps veteran-students navigate through the thicket of paperwork that helps them to return to the classroom and hone skills. She's proud of them, including Detroit policeman Lawrence Smith of Canton, who came to Schoolcraft for his associate's degree and went on to Eastern Michigan University, where he earned his bachelor's degree.

Smith spoke last year at a Schoolcraft ceremony on Veterans Day at the resource center, sharing his experiences. He applauded Schoolcraft and Paxton-

Keehner for the help and encouragement they gave him.

We need to hear the stories of veterans of the earlier conflicts, and also provide help for newer returning veterans. Schoolcraft's Veterans Resource Center is in the McDowell Center on the Livonia campus. Paxton-Keehner is available at pkeehner@schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4351.

Center hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The Livonia campus is on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

Let's honor all our servicemen and women this Veterans Day as we also help them join the workforce, hone skills and learn. Let's also work toward the day when armed combat is just a distant memory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wallace will be missed

Garden City lost another fine resident in the passing of Buddy Wallace. I lost another friend. I had just visited with him three days before his death. It makes one stop and think just how precious life is, because we never know from one day to the next when God is going to call us home.

I first met Buddy Wallace about 14 years ago, when I started attending council meetings and became an advocate for changes in Garden City. Our friendship grew when our goals for our city seem to be the same. Buddy's compassion for

the city and all the residences never seem to waver. He truly loved Garden City. He would often tell me that some of the best times in his life were the 25 years of coaching sports while raising his family in Garden City.

The fact that we both were from the South, we seem to have more in common. Sometimes over coffee or a causal meal, our conversations would last for several hours as we discuss different events that happen in our lifetime.

Buddy had a keen sense in remembering people's names and faces that I thought was amazing of anybody I have

ever met in my lifetime. We could be out for lunch and he would run into someone that he hadn't seen in 15 years and recall their name and information as if it was only yesterday that he had seen them.

Buddy's insight and true friendship I will definitely miss. We may not always agree on everything, but I can say one thing about Buddy Wallace: over a cup of coffee it was all forgotten. Friendship was important to Buddy.

I will never forget something that Buddy would often say, and it will stick with me the rest of my life. He would say take one of your hands and if you can count three-five true friends count yourself blessed.

I have one less true friend today in the passing of Buddy Wallace and I truly feel it was a blessing to call him my friend.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family of their great loss.

Al Buckner

Garden City

Dangerous legislation

At the beginning of the summer, Gov. Rick Snyder announced the formation of a "Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force." It was an important move and perhaps an even more important acknowledgment — Michigan is facing a prescription drug abuse crisis.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, a record 1,533 people lost their lives to a drug overdose in Michigan in 2013 — with prescription painkillers resulting in more deaths than any other drug.

Now United States Attorney Barbara McQuade and law enforcement have weighed in, publicly calling out Michigan as a "drug pipeline" with pushers illegally pumping highly addictive prescription pain killers across the Midwest.

And it seems like every day we read another news story about prescription drug abuse claiming lives and tearing apart communities.

Unfortunately, lawmakers in Lansing are poised to pass a new bill that could make this crisis much worse.

Senate Bill 320, which could receive a vote from the Senate Health Policy Committee very soon, would for the first time ever give full prescribing authority to 3,000 certified registered nurse anesthetists, without requiring any additional training.

What's more, it would remove all physician oversight of opioid prescription by nurse anesthetists, tossing away the common sense safety measures and oversight required of every other Michigan nurse with prescribing authority.

The Department of Health and Human Services recently reported that between 2009 and 2012, 36 percent of fatal

drug overdose victims had obtained prescriptions from five or more prescribers in the year before their deaths. The more prescribers, and the less oversight, the worse the problem.

Adding 3,000 new prescribers overnight, while stripping away basic oversight requirements will only drive those numbers higher and exacerbate Michigan's opioid abuse crisis.

Gov. Snyder, Lt. Gov. Calley and Attorney General Bill Schuette are taking important steps to combat Michigan's prescription drug abuse crisis. And law enforcement is fighting back. But just when policymakers, physicians, and drug treatment experts are picking up steam in their battle to address opioid abuse, Senate Bill 320 would make it worse.

We strongly urge lawmakers to reject this dangerous legislation.

Dr. Fred Campbell
president, Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists

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PLAYOFF PREVIEW: FRANKLIN AT JACKSON

Patriots, Vikings post terrific turnarounds

Teams set to meet for first time since 1963

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Struggling high school football programs looking for a blue print on how to reverse their fortunes quickly should set their sights on Friday's 7 p.m. Division 2 district final showdown featuring Livonia Franklin and host Jackson. The Patriots and Vikings combined for just three victories in 2014 (Franklin was 2-7

in 2014 while Jackson was 1-8), and neither team had experienced post-season football in quite a while — Franklin's previous appearance was in 2010, Jackson's in 2009. Jackson, which held off a late Livonia Churchill charge to post a 42-35 pre-district victory last Friday, had posted a dismal 3-24 mark over the previous three autumns heading into this season of revival. "They're very similar to

us," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert, whose team is riding a five-game winning streak into Friday's district title game. "We both have a lot of talent on offense, but our defenses have been giving up some points. "Jackson is very athletic and very fast, and I've been told they're a physical team with a lot of team speed."

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NANCY ERWIN
Junior Chris Nehasil, pictured during Friday's victory over Farmington, has been a two-way standout for Franklin's football team.

CLASS A DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

ONWARD AND UPWARD

Churchill sidelines Franklin in first-round match

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The last thing Livonia Churchill's focused volleyball team was going to do during Monday's Class A district opener against rival Livonia Franklin was take the Patriots lightly.

"Even though we beat them twice during the season, the games were close, so we knew we had to play our best game to win," said junior Charger Megan Gendjar. "We came out really strong and loud and we never let them get the momentum."

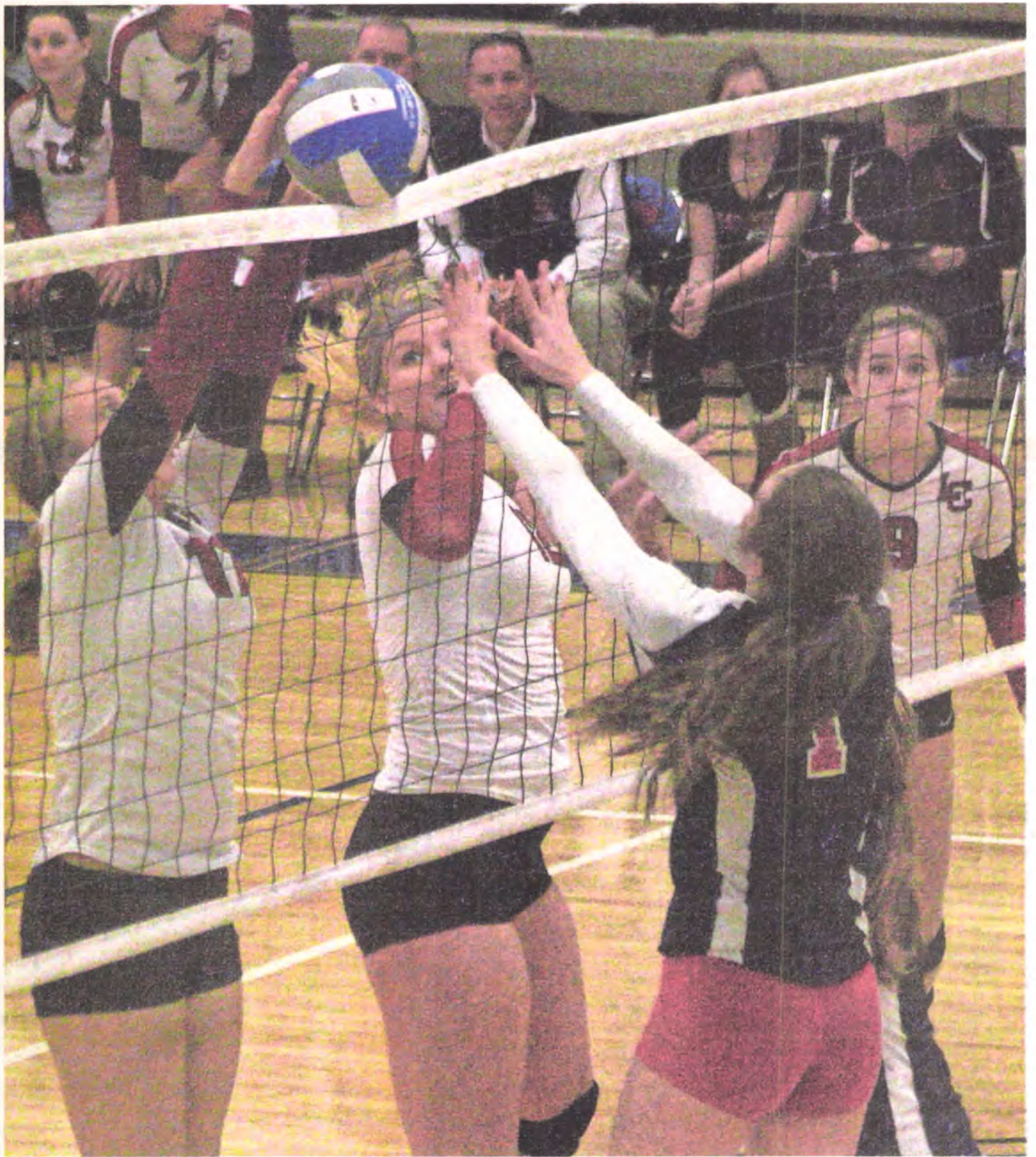
Throughout the three-game match, the Chargers never trailed for a second on the way to a 25-9, 25-11, 25-6 triumph that earned them a berth in Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal match at Garden City High School against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, which drew a first-round bye.

The host Cougars were to take on Redford Thurston in Wednesday's second semifinal encounter.

Senior Rayna Yetts was an all-around catalyst for the winners, delivering a team-high 13 kills while excelling at every other role next-level players are asked to perform during win-or-go-home matches.

"I am so glad I get to play with Rayna and not against her," Gendjar said, smiling. "I have to face her in practice and she hits the ball 10 times harder than a lot of other girls."

While Yetts sparkled, she was not the only star in the Chargers' galaxy of standouts. Junior middle hitter Anne Yost maintained her strong string of performances at the net, demoralizing the Patriots with a steady stream of blocks and hard-to-handle kills.



See DISTRICTS, Page B2 Churchill's Katelyn Seger nudges the ball over the net during Monday night's victory over Franklin.

ED WRIGHT

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Local runners earn state-meet berths

Franklin's Floyd and Douglas continue to shine

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's girls cross country team will send a pair of runners to the Division 1 state meet this weekend at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn — including the program's first freshman to qualify as an individual since at least as far back as 2002.

Overall, the Patriots placed fifth in the D1 regional hosted

by Willow Metropark. Northville won the event, as expected, after accumulating just 32 points, 49 less than runner-up Salem.

Farmington was third with 128, Livonia Churchill fourth with 141 and Franklin fifth with 150. Garden City placed 13th with 302 points, one spot ahead of Livonia Stevenson (343).

The top three teams in the final standings advance to the state meet and top 15 individuals move on as well.

Patriot runners Natalie Douglas, a senior who placed fourth in 18 minutes, 51.8 seconds, and freshman Erin Seibert, who was 13th in 19:27.7, will both be competing in their first state meet.

"As a team, we ran well, and finished where we were ranked going into the regional (fifth)," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "Natalie did another outstanding job. She has had bad days at the regional the last two years and finally got that 'monkey' off her back. She worked hard since the beginning of the summer and is very deserving of qualifying for the state finals.

"I told Erin she could qualify if she followed the lead runners from Salem, and that's exactly what she did. She is the first freshman I've had qualify since I started at Franklin in 2002."

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Churchill's girls cross country team placed fourth at Saturday's Division 1 regional, missing a state-meet qualifying spot by one place.

CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS

Blazer harriers state meet-bound

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Led by sophomore Sam Horn's pace-setting performance, Livonia Ladywood's cross country team advanced to the state meet for the first time in 10 years at Saturday's regional competition.

Horn turned in a season-best time of 21 minutes and 38 seconds to lead the Blazers, who were also bolstered by stellar efforts from Madeline Pochowicz, whose time of 23:13 was just a few seconds slower than her season-best effort.

The Blazers excelled despite not feeling 100 percent. "The team wasn't feeling

healthy before the race," head coach Dennis Murray said. "During the race, you could tell that each of the girls was working hard to overcome various challenges and obstacles."

"They worked the race as a team, none of them willing to let the others down. I am incredibly proud of not only them making it out of the regional, but how they made it — as a unit."

"Hopefully, by the state finals, the girls will be back to a healthy status and can rely on each other, not just to persevere but to excel together."

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Pictured are members of the state meet-bound Livonia Ladywood cross country team.

PREP PROFILE

THE TITANS OF THE TRENCHES

Livonia Franklin's offensive linemen pave way for speedsters

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With the ball at his own 1-yard line and a fired-up Livonia Churchill defense breathing fire during a tight and pivotal Week 6 game, Livonia Franklin quarterback Denzel Adams secured the snap from center Joe Fortin and appeared to push the entire mass of humanity in front of him 15 yards downfield — setting the stage for a 99-yard touchdown drive that helped the Patriots seal a 43-27 victory over the Chargers.

"Actually, that wasn't me moving the pile," Adams said during a post-game interview. "(Patriot offensive guard) Bobby Madley picked me up and started carrying me. It felt like I was floating."

While Franklin's offensive line hasn't carried the Patriots into the second week of the Division 2 playoffs, it's been a monumental contributor to a revival season that has been electric.

Ask anyone from Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert to any of the Patriots' back-field standouts, and they'll tell you the current five-game winning



Pictured (from left) are Livonia Franklin offensive linemen Ke-Mauri Heard, Josh Retting, Daniel Domzalski, Joe Fortin, Bobby Madley, Jax Gasaway and Ryan Tracy.

streak the team is on wouldn't be possible without the guys who do their best work in the trenches and out of the spotlight.

"It doesn't bother me at all that we don't get the same amount of recognition as the running backs and quarterback," admitted senior tackle Josh Retting. "We know we're a big part of the team, and the

coaches and our teammates tell us we're a big part.

"I like playing up front and getting down and dirty."

It takes a special breed of player to thrive in the pads-to-pads chaos that unfolds during every play along the line of scrimmage.

In fact, a mixed martial arts-type mentality is almost required.

"There are a lot of collisions, a lot of talking crap back and forth with the guy you're matched up against," said part-time tight end and full-time defensive end Ryan Tracy. "The every-play contact takes a toll on your body, but I like playing the line more than anything else."

A few of the Franklin block squad have refined skills

thanks to the time they've put in with the Patriots' successful wrestling program.

"Wrestling definitely helps when it comes to playing offensive line," said center Joe Fortin. "You know how to get leverage on the guy you're blocking, and when you're playing defense, it makes tackling easier because you know a combination of moves that can bring a guy down."

Playing offensive line at Franklin presents a unique — but enjoyable — challenge in sustaining your blocks while Adams keeps passing plays alive with scrambles that sometime last up to 10 seconds.

"Sometimes it's hard to figure out where Denzel's going, but we usually end up making the right blocks and he'll find a seam and go," said Daniel Domzalski. "It's crazy sometimes how long he's back there, breaking tackles and making guys miss. We're not allowed to go downfield just in case he does end up throwing it."

Madley said the Patriots' post-season run has sparked a level of enthusiasm in the Franklin student body that makes it more fun than normal to go to school.

"It's a lot more exciting around school and at the games," he said. "We get a lot more high-fives and kids telling us 'congratulations' and 'good job', that's for sure."

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The Livonia Eagles junior varsity football team advanced to Sunday's Western Lakes Junior Football League Super Bowl. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Matthew Johnson, Dillon Welch, Aaron Burkey, Trevor Perczak, Landyn Gantz, (second row from left) Jonah Efrusy, Michael Bossio, Ryder Juengel, Joe Kaoud, Griffin Nowak, Joey Harper, Anthony Grech, (third row from left) Nick Huddleston, Raymond Kastl, Sam White, Caden Crespi, Nolan Abraham, JD Bates, (fourth row from left) Mark Picano, Johan Malaj, Travis Jaynes, Wyatt Spisz, Logan Juengel, Anthony Thaxton, Caden Kendzorek, (fifth row from left) David McClaine, Alex Bowman, Keegan Maciejewski, Brandon Reiten, Charlie Davidek, Mark Warren, Zach Olesuk, Issac Gorla, (back r from left) coaches Jim Bates, Mike Perczak, Darren Nowak and Mike Bossio. Not pictured are coach Ray Kastl and player Dylan Barnes.

YOUTH SPORTS

JV Eagles soar to WLJFL 'Super Bowl'

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Fueled by an offense that is equal parts new-school and old-school, and a defense that is as stingy as the Grinch, the Livonia Eagles' junior-varsity football team has advanced to its first Western Lakes Junior Football League's Super Bowl for the first time since 2003.

The Eagles, who were the WLJFL's South Division champions, improved to 8-1 this past weekend after edging the rival Livonia Falcons, 14-6.

Sunday's opponent will be the Northville Stallions, who conquered the North Division. "We have a good mix of size and speed and a lot of players

play and contribute," said Eagles head coach Jim Bates. "Offensively, we run out of a wishbone and a spread, so we try to make it tough for our opponents to prepare for us."

Bates, whose team is made up mostly of fifth- and sixth-graders (there are two seventh-graders) who live in the Stevenson, Franklin and Churchill school districts, said he could see this team's successful run starting a couple years ago when the Eagles went 8-2 as freshmen.

The Eagles usually practice at Bentley Field, but will call Stevenson's field home this week due to the need for lighting. Last week they practiced at Clarenceville.

DISTRICTS

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Junior outside hitter Sam Zonca was also a force, knocking down seven kills, including three straight that helped the Chargers open up a semi-comfortable lead in the middle game. Zonca also provided the match's exclamation point with a sizzling swing that gave Churchill's its 75th and final point of the night.

Gendjar did a lot of everything while junior libero Alyssa Facione covered the court like a vacuum cleaner.

Sophomore middle hitter Annabelle Dunn's serving skills attracted the spotlight during the latter stages of the first game when she served out the final six points.

Despite strong efforts from sophomore Hannah Nordstrom, Samantha Grzech, Hunter Tarsin and Rachel



Franklin's Payton Miloser tips the ball over the block of Churchill's Anne Yost Monday night.

Beers, the Patriots could never quite get in sync long enough to sustain a run against the Chargers.

Churchill raced to a 15-5 lead in game one, before seizing a 20-10 advantage in the middle stanza before taking five of the final six points. Franklin showed some

spunk early in the final game when Nordstrom registered a block to draw the Patriots even at 1-1.

However, Churchill reeled off a 9-0 run to zap any hopes of a comeback the Patriots may have envisioned.

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CLASS B DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

Trojans coast to win

Livonia Clarenceville coasted to a first-round volleyball victory over Southfield Bradford Academy in a Class B district tournament Monday, 25-7, 25-4, 25-17.

The Trojans, who are the host school, were scheduled to play defending district champion Livonia Ladywood in a semifinal match Wednesday.

Seniors Brianna Brown and Delanie MacRae led the attack with seven kills apiece. Senior Tiffanie Iuliano chipped in four kills.

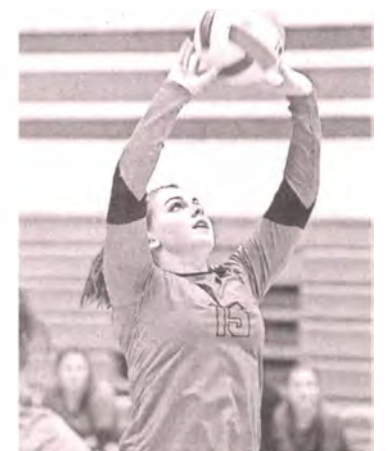
Sophomore Erica Bertera

and Brown were instrumental in organizing the offense. They had 11 and eight kill assists each.

Junior Josie VanDyke was the leading server, going 22-for-23 with 10 aces.

Freshman Madison Jaber was 10-for-11 from the service line in the second set with three aces.

"This was a team effort," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "The Lady Trojans were consistent and served well tonight."



Senior Tiffanie Iuliano sets the ball for a Clarenceville attack.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING & DIVING

Local swimmers perform well in South Division meet

Churchill freshman wins diving event

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Canton and Plymouth finished 1-2 in last week's KLAA South Division Girls Swimming & Diving Championship, but the "Park" teams didn't monopolize the outstanding-performance category.

The Chiefs took home the first-place trophy after piling up 691.5 points to out-distance

their neighbors by 125 points. Livonia Churchill was third with 263 points, followed by Westland John Glenn (260), Wayne Memorial (246) and Livonia Franklin (201).

The Chargers' third-place showing was powered by freshman diver Natalie Yurgil, who defeated her more-seasoned competition by racking up an event-winning 275.10 points — just eight more than Plymouth's Beth Henderson.

Wayne started out the meet in eye-opening fashion by placing second in the 200-yard medley relay. The Zebras'

foursome, which lost to Canton by just two-hundredths of a second — consisted of Olivia Hustad, Julia Bryant, Alicia Beene and Kayla Theus.

Franklin's Paityn Santi gave her team a boost in the 200 freestyle by placing fourth in 2:09.33.

John Glenn's Kera Sells made her presence felt in the 200 individual medley as she finished second in 2:18.15 behind only Canton's Meghan Mans (2:14.33). Bryant was fourth for Wayne.

Rocket junior Sidney Aloisi continued her South Division

domination in the 50 freestyle as she took gold with a time of 25.47 seconds. Aloisi set the division record in the event last fall.

Churchill's Joelle Ghareeb and Franklin's Cheyenne Franklin placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the race.

Sells sparked again in the 100 butterfly, touching second in 1:01.25, behind only Plymouth's Kathryn Waters. Santi placed fourth in 1:07.68.

Aloisi narrowly missed becoming a double winner as she took silver in the 100 freestyle, getting nudged out by

Plymouth's Allison Lennig by less than a second.

Patriot sophomore Caitlin Jodway was superb in the grueling 500 freestyle, taking fourth in 5:59.36.

Zebra Hustad earned 17 second-place points in the 100 backstroke with a stellar time of 1:04.64.

Bryant earned an individual division championship in the 100 breaststroke, which she won in 1:10.67.

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Members of Garden City's volleyball team celebrate a pivotal point during Monday's match against Stevenson.

ED WRIGHT

CLASS A DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

Cougars block Spartans' path to semifinals

Host Garden City earns hard-fought win over Stevenson

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Although Garden City's volleyball team swept Livonia Stevenson in Monday's Class A district opener, it wasn't as easy as 1-2-3.

After trailing throughout the first game before losing 25-14, the Spartans battled their hosts to the wire in the second and third stanzas, which the Cougars secured, 25-23 and 25-22.

Garden City advanced to Wednesday's 7 p.m. semifinal match against Redford Thurston, which drew a first-round bye.

"This match was a lot closer than three-zero," acknowledged GC head coach John Pace. "This is the part of volleyball I love — when you have two evenly-matched teams that are playing with a lot of passion. I cherish matches like this because they don't come along too often."

The Cougars were fueled by strong performances from their lone seniors — Allie Lynn and Heather Pennington. Lynn registered 14 kills, nine digs and seven service aces while Pennington chipped in with eight kills and nine digs.

"We were all pumped up tonight," said Pennington, who said she was determined to make sure that Monday's match wasn't her high school volleyball finale. "I just wanted to win tonight and when we did, it felt so good."

Lynn said it's going to take a team-wide sustained effort for the Cougars to win a district title.

"We're going to have to serve almost perfectly and play with a lot of energy like we did tonight," she said. "Everybody needs to be ready. I have a lot of confidence in this team. It won't be easy, but I think we can do it."

In addition to the seniors, Garden City was bolstered by strong efforts from Marti Dzendzel, who picked up nine digs; freshman libero Jacey Law, who had seven digs and more than a few point-saving hustle plays; sophomore setter



Stevenson's Elizabeth Scupholm takes a swing at a nice set Monday night against Garden City.

ED WRIGHT

Alex Roffi, who dished out 22 assists; and junior middle hitter Alea Montgomery, who delivered a series of floor-pounding kills.

"There were moments tonight when Alea was frighteningly good," Pace said. "I thought Alex was very composed tonight, too. They had us on our heels a few times tonight with their serves, but even when Alex had to chase down a ball across the court, she maintained her composure and set the ball effectively."

Engineering the Spartans' offense was junior setter Emily Ehrheart, who Pace praised during a post-match interview.

"She sets such a nice ball that you really have to try and make her run for the ball," Pace said. "When we did that, we had the upper-hand. If we would have let her control the ball more, we would have been in trouble. She's that good."

Looking to even the match, Stevenson jumped out to an 11-8 lead in the second set after junior Elizabeth Scupholm

knocked down an emphatic kill. Sparking the Spartans' early-set success was junior defensive specialist Alexis Jenkins, who contributed a four-point service run, and junior Jill Weiand, who added a pair of blocks.

With the second stanza knotted at 20-20, Lynn stepped up with back-to-back kills and the Cougars never trailed again, ultimately taking a 2-0 lead in sets on a final-point hitting error by the Spartans.

Stevenson looked determined to get back into the match when it surged to a 13-8 lead in set three thanks in large part to the attacking skills of seniors Zakia Hunt, the stellar setting of Ehrheart and impeccable defense from libero Brittny Van Horn.

However, a five-point serving string by Lynn, which included three aces, eventually evened the match at 16-16, and the Cougars closed it out with a 9-6 run.

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STATE MEET

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Also scoring for Franklin were Camryn Zurawski (37th in 20:36.7), Emma Devine (47th in 21:11.3) and Julie Wonch, who placed 49th in 21:13.2.

"Zurawski ran a very tough race and did everything we asked her to do," added Bjorklund. "So did Emma Devine. Unfortunately, to come in the top three, we needed a couple things to go our way and that just didn't happen. I am very proud of what we have done as a team this year, however."

Garden City's Korey Szymaniak will be headed to the state meet after placing eighth in 19:06.21.

Churchill's Caroline George is state meet-bound after placing 15th in 19:33.0. Kathleen George was 18th in 19:49.0 and Charger Christina Murphy placed 26th in 20:14.6. Livonia Stevenson's first

finisher was Julia Cercone, who placed 30th in 20:21.20.

Boys results

Perennial powers Novi (55 points), Northville (60) and Detroit Catholic Central (75) all advanced to the state meet in the Willow Metropark-hosted D1 regional.

Franklin's Tony Floyd turned in another amazing performance, advancing to MIS with a third-place finish in 15:43.0.

Churchill placed 11th overall with 255 points thanks to Josh Mussen's 25th-place showing in 16:49.80.

Stevenson was fifth as four Spartans — Alex Brauer (30th in 16:56.0), Nathan Ward (31st in 16:56.10), Andrew Bambach (35th in 17:03.80), and Owen Rowader (36th in 17:04.30) — placed in the top 36. Ben Grifith also scored for Stevenson with a 50th-place finish in 17:32.90.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Franklin's Tony Floyd extended his extraordinary high school cross country career by earning an individual qualifying position in this weekend's state meet.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

All games 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6

	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Canton (8-2) at Northville (10-0)	Canton	Northville	Northville
Livonia Franklin (7-3) at Jackson (8-2)	Franklin	Franklin	Jackson
Redford Thurston (6-4) at Allen Park (9-1)	Thurston	Allen Park	Allen Park
Last week's record	4-2	5-1	5-1
Season record	96-27	88-35	81-42

St. Michael's finishes perfect season



The St. Michael's Catholic School's varsity No. 2 volleyball team recently completed a perfect season, which included chalking up a 10-0 record in its division before winning the CYO tournament title defeating four opponents. Pictured are (top row from left) Valerie Osowski, Elizabeth Carl, coach Shannon Hogg, Keara Duffany, coach Marissa Voiles, (bottom row from left) Natalie Conn, Anna Nodge, Laura McWilliams, Breanna McCusker, Emily Koch, Josie Curtis.

IN MEMORIAM

Canton's Nolen succumbs to cancer at 22

Chiefs to wear No. 8 Friday in memory

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

During the final days of his life, with his body weakened beyond measure by a relentless beast called renal medullary carcinoma, Josh Nolen maintained the fighting spirit, million-dollar smile and selfless character that were his trademarks.

"When I went to the (University of Michigan) hospital to visit him a couple weeks ago, before I could even ask Josh how he was feeling, he asked me how the (Plymouth-Canton Steelers) football team I'm helping coach was doing," shared Angelo Lanava, who forged a strong friendship with Nolen during their four years as football teammates at Canton High School. "And he wasn't just asking to ask; he really cared.

"Despite all he was going through, he always smiled when we walked in the hospital room. His smile and his personality were infectious."

Nolen passed away Friday afternoon from the effects of a form of kidney cancer that is as rare as it is difficult to contain.

He was just 22 years old. According to Wikipedia, as of 2009 just 120 cases of RMC had been reported. The median survival rate after diagnosis is just three months, the site noted.

Relatively small in stature — he stood just 5-foot-8 and weighed 170 pounds — Nolen gained gridiron accolades at Canton while excelling as an afraid-of-no-one defensive back.

Nolen's cover and tackling skills were so ferocious that



Josh Nolen (center) is pictured with good friends (from left) Angelo Lanava, Marc Stevens, Jake Morris and Ryan Powell.



Former Canton football player Josh Nolen passed away Friday afternoon at the age of 22. He was diagnosed with renal medullary carcinoma in June.

he earned a scholarship to play football for Saginaw Valley State University, where he played briefly before suffering a career-ending injury.

"Off the field, Josh was a great kid, a real gentleman, a great student," remembered Canton football coach Tim Baechler. "On the field, he was a fighter in the sense that he wasn't going to take a back seat to anyone. He had a competitive edge to him that almost crossed the line into being nasty, but that's what made him such a great player.

"The last time we went to see Josh in the hospital, he couldn't talk, but I could tell in his eyes that he knew we were there. I bent down, kissed him on the forehead and told him I loved him. His dad (Derek Nolen) said, 'He's moving his right hand; he wants to shake

your hand'. So I shook his hand. He fought that disease as hard as you can fight it."

Canton's football team will honor Nolen's memory by wearing an "8" — Nolen's number at Canton — on their helmets during the remainder of the season.

A few hours after Nolen's death, the Chiefs, who weren't told of his death, defeated Livonia Stevenson 70-35 to advance to Friday's Division I district final at Northville.

"This football program is a family," Baechler said. "The phrase we use is, 'Once a Chief, always a Chief.' We will keep Josh alive in our hearts and we will use the way he battled to motivate the players, just like we keep other players and coaches who we've lost — Homer Elias and Deshon McClendon — alive."

The community's love for Nolen was reflected in a GoFundMe account that raised over \$15,000 to help his family offset mounting medical bills.

After being diagnosed with an advanced stage of RMC in late June — tumors were discovered on one of Nolen's kidneys and on a lung — he was transferred to the world-renowned M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where he underwent a barrage of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

He was transferred to the University of Michigan Hospital in September so that he could be treated closer to his family.

During an early-July phone interview with the *Observer*, Nolen spoke confidently about how he would battle the disease with a combination of

faith, positivity and support from his family and friends, and hopefully be able to finish his senior year of college at Western Michigan University, where he was close to earning a degree in finance/economics.

On one of his final posts on his GoFundMe page, Nolen wrote: "Keep me in your prayers. I truly do appreciate all your love and support, it keeps me motivated and reminds me why I'm fighting this battle. I love you guys."

Despite dire reports from the doctors who were treating him, Nolen never gave up on pulling off a miraculous recovery.

"He fought so hard, right to the end," Lanava added. "Even when we saw him a couple weeks ago, and he was at his lowest point, he was talking about getting better."

Funeral arrangements for Nolen had not been finalized as of early Sunday night.

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft sweep at NJCAA regionals

Men's team goes to shootout in final against Owens

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The trophy case at Schoolcraft College will have to get bigger.

On Sunday in Kirtland, Ohio, both the men's and women's soccer teams won the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XII championships.

Schoolcraft's men's squad followed up Saturday's 1-0 victory over Cincinnati State in the Region XII semifinal with a stirring 2-1 shootout win Sunday against Owens.

The Ocelots (14-2-3) needed to get to penalty kicks after playing to a 1-1 tie through regulation and two overtimes. In the shootout, School-

craft prevailed 4-3, with Livonian Jacob Rosen burying the deciding PK. Also scoring during the shootout was Livonia Stevenson alum Billy Werthman.

Schoolcraft reached the final thanks to Jon Quintana's free kick against Cincinnati State, with the goal standing up as the winner.

Next for the team is the NJCAA North Central District contest Nov. 7 in Maryland, against the Community College of Baltimore County-Essex.

Named to the Region XII tourney team were Werthman, Quintana, Victor Contreras, goalkeeper Andres Hernandez and head coach Rick Larson.

Women prevail

Also victorious were the Lady Ocelots, who blanked Muskegon 5-0 in the semifinal on Saturday and followed up with Sunday's 4-1 vic-

tory in the final against Cincinnati State.

Schoolcraft (16-1) earned a berth in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament the week of Nov. 16. The tournament is hosted by East Florida State College.

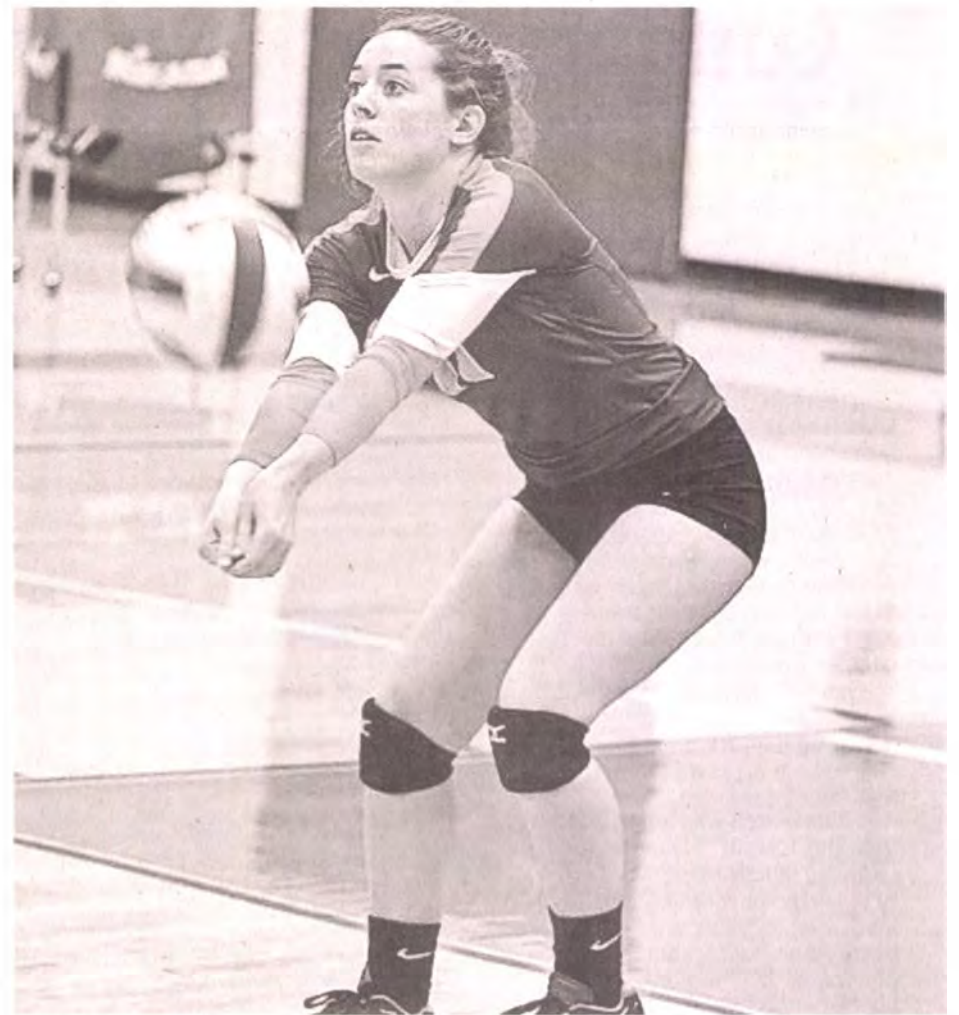
Honored by the NJCAA were: all-region first-teamers Shae van Gassen, Colleen McKay, Cynthia Konan, Lacey Chanady; second-teamers Cienna Rael-Whitsitt, Katie Vitella and Katie Dangelmaier; coach Dave Carver.

MCCAA HONORS: In addition to NJCAA Region XII accolades, a number of Schoolcraft soccer players were honored for their efforts in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

► **Women:** The conference champions boast the MCCAA Coach of the Year (Carver), Player of the Year (van Gassen) and Freshman of the Year (McKay). Making the first team were van Gassen, McKay, Cynthia Konan, Rael-Whitsitt and Chanady. Honorable mentions were Vitella, Samantha Alatto, Emily Bondy and Dangelmaier. The all-freshman team included McKay and Vitella.

► **Men:** Contreras was MCCAA Player of the Year, and was an all-conference first-team selection along with Quintana, Hernandez and Werthman. Honorable mentions were Connor Rutz, Cody Widlak and Youssef Barakat while Rutz was on the all-freshman team.

Ladywood cruises in district opener



TOM BEAUDOIN

Ladywood's Colleen Barnes focuses on making a perfect pass during Monday night's dominating three-set sweep of Detroit CMA in the Class B district opener for both teams. The Blazers advanced to Wednesday's semifinal round against host Livonia Clarenceville.

CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **November 10th, at 3:00 p.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND HEATING / A.C. UNIT REPLACEMENT

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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City Controller

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **November 12th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

DEMOLITION OF TWO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
Controller

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FRANKLIN

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Kelbert said watching game film from Friday's Jackson-Churchill game will help at least a little bit given that Franklin played Churchill earlier this fall.

"Since we know Churchill's personnel and how they do things, it gives us a better idea of what Jackson is capable of doing," he said.

The Patriots' offense hasn't slowed down even though its lost two key running backs — senior Nate Binkiewicz and sophomore Isaac Moore — to season-ending injuries.

Stepping up big-time to keep the team's running game up to speed

has been junior Jacob Clark, who scored four touchdowns during last week's 33-30 win over Farmington.

"Jacob is really coming into his own," said Kelbert. "He has really good instincts — he knows when to cut and he knows how to read things — and he has break-away speed."

Franklin's main man all season has been senior quarterback Denzel Adams, whose upper-echelon escapability gives defensive coordinators nightmares.

"Teams we play are geared to stop Denzel, which opens things up for our other guys," Kelbert said.

Kelbert said the support the team has received from the Franklin community has been

tremendous.

"I've heard from a lot of people, congratulating us and telling me how proud they are of the team," he said. "A lot of former players have stopped by practice to check things out. Everybody at school is excited about not only what we're doing, but our soccer team and cross-country teams as well."

The Patriots and Vikings do have a history, but it's pretty ancient. They last met on the gridiron on Oct. 4, 1963 — before most of the players' parents were born — when Franklin prevailed, 20-12, in a regular-season match-up.

Friday night's district final game promises to be higher scoring.

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME



This undated historic photo sheds light on the home's past.



The Plymouth home is close to downtown and by Fairground Park.

Maple St. home, built in 1879, shows Italianate Victorian architecture

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The city of Plymouth has many older, restored homes, including one on the market at 391 Maple St. that is a classic example of Italianate Victorian architecture.

The home is listed with Bake Real Estate of Plymouth at \$310,000. It was built in 1879 by John Hood and is known as the Hood-Behr Home.

John Hood returned from the Civil War and bought the land from John Kellogg. Previous owners of the land included William Starkweather, Tim Lyons and Ben Holbrock.

"The current owners have done a fantastic job enhancing the features of the home while maintaining the historic character, which is important to them," said broker/owner Carrie Bake, the listing agent, in an email. "The tall windows and ceilings are dramatic and it has a location very close to Kellogg Park and all that downtown Plymouth has to offer."

The home description notes: "The original home is a square, two-story house with a simple hipped roof. There are wide overhanging eaves adorned with large decorative brackets. The tall, arched hooded windows are also indicative of this style of architecture. Around the 1880s, the rear one-story wing was added



— possibly as a carriage house or kitchen. This space has since been transformed into a large family room with a cork floor and radiant floor heating. An enduring historic home in the heart of Plymouth."

Its features include:
» Received Heritage Day plaques for architectural/historical significance.
» Three bedrooms, one full bath and one half bath.
» 1,632 square feet above grade.
» 67-by-113 corner lot across from Fairground Park.



The kitchen offers a view to the spacious yard.

Hardwood flooring enhances the historic home's appeal.

» Original wood windows on upper level restored to working order.
» Historic light fixtures in dining room and entry way with reproduction light fixtures in kitchen, full bath, and upstairs hall
» Half bath remodeled with Pewabic Pottery of Detroit iridescent tile backsplash, and iridescent art glass light fixtures
» Private back yard with flowering bushes, old fashioned lilacs and trees.
» Lily-pad filled pond that

has accommodated ornamental goldfish/Koi over past 20 years
» Perennial garden beds wrap around house including: spring bulbs, peonies, poppies, roses, hydrangeas, day lilies, purple coneflower and Black-eyed Susans, coral bells, salvia, Russian sage, fox glove, hostas, various herbs, and wildflowers, spring-blooming azalea bushes and flowering cherry and apple blossoms.
Carrie Bake of Bake Real Estate is available at 734-788-2398 or Carrie@bobbake.com.

Heed law if deciding whether to ban drones

Q: A board member in our condominium association has been piloting his drone to inspect construction work being done by contractors to a common element in our building. This has upset the co-owners living in the complex as they are concerned about the privacy issues that this activity raises. Can we demand that the association prohibit this drone activity?

A: It's not clear from your question whether the individual operating the drone is doing so in his official capacity as a board member, under the board's authority and approval, or for his own curiosity as a hobbyist. The Federal Aviation Administration has recently proposed rules regarding small unmanned aircraft which, in addition to aircraft requirements, include operational limitations, certification and related responsibilities. FAA policy specifically excludes the use of drones for business purposes. If a drone is to be used for business purposes, it must first get an exemption from the FAA.

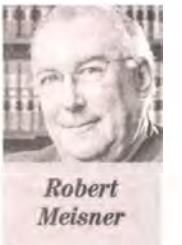
The board will also need to consider the facts of this present situation and determine this individual's status before it finalizes a resolution. However, it must also eventually establish guidelines for third-party individuals (hobbyists) and professional entities (Realtors and insurers), if it is going to address this matter in a thorough manner. If the board decides to ban drones for particular reasons, they should include these restrictions in the association's bylaws and/or rules and regulations. I would recommend that the board seek qualified legal counsel before it makes a recommendation to the co-owners regarding this topic, as it has such sweeping ramifications. An error in judgment could invite unnecessary litigation against the association.

Q: I have a condominium in Florida and the issue of drones is a growing concern for our community. Many residents have discussed the issue at homeowner's meetings, but we are not sure where the law stands in this regard.

A: Many states have enacted statutes to regulate unmanned aircraft and Florida recently passed a new law on July 1 that addresses the various restrictions and regulations placed upon drones. Florida legislators reviewed the concerns of their constituents and found that privacy issues were at the forefront of their concerns. As such, the "Freedom from Unwanted Surveillance Act" was enacted, which limits the use of drones by both private individuals and government entities.

The new statute provides that law enforcement may not use drones to gather evidence for purposes of carrying out criminal investigations. Furthermore, no person, state agency, or political subdivision may use a drone on privately owned property without the written permission of the owner, tenant, occupant, invitee or licensee of such property where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. There are exceptions outlined in the statute. These exceptions include specific law enforcement issues, as well as legitimate business or governmental concerns, such as use by utility companies to observe easements. The law provides that if a person has been found guilty of violating the statute, that individual may be subject to civil penalties, including reimbursement of attorney's fees. Look for more statutory and homeowner association restrictions to be adopted to deal with the increased problems.

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Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 15-19, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
19096 Bedford St	\$650,000
17400 Binwood Ave	\$296,000
21529 Meadow Ln	\$528,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1644 Buckingham Ave	\$610,000
2493 Buckingham Ave	\$300,000
155 Catalpa Dr	\$740,000
1248 Emmons Ave	\$480,000
787 Harmon St	\$990,000
1943 Henrietta St	\$733,000
1327 N Glenhurst Dr	\$1,440,000
535 N Old Woodward Ave	\$245,000
2125 Pembroke Rd	\$270,000
1340 Pierce St	\$400,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 805	\$305,000
1844 W Lincoln St	\$600,000
111 Willis St Apt 315	\$600,000
700 Wimbeldon Dr	\$395,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2461 Benthaven Ct	\$295,000
6621 Cathedral Dr	\$245,000
75 Harlan Dr	\$950,000
4220 Meadowlane Dr	\$345,000
810 Ribonhood Ct	\$260,000
5651 Sutters Ln	\$281,000
5128 Woodlands Dr	\$390,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2775 Brady Dr	\$287,000
2888 Colonial Way	\$300,000
3576 Darcy Dr	\$470,000
1729 Hamilton Dr	\$685,000
7415 Jackson Park Dr	\$475,000
4876 Keithdale Ln	\$350,000
1234 Lake Crescent Dr	\$403,000

1864 Long Lake Shore Dr	\$1,900,000
5275 Longmeadow Rd	\$500,000
2426 Mulberry Sq	\$92,000
4852 N Harsdale Rd	\$799,000
1858 Pine Ridge Ln	\$450,000
1705 S Hill Blvd	\$168,000
2153 Somerset Rd	\$217,000
2273 Somerset Rd	\$229,000
6188 Thurber Rd	\$384,000
1997 W Spinningwheel Ln	\$303,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
626 E Grand Traverse St	\$252,000
2285 Fairgrove Ct	\$312,000
8550 Golfside Dr	\$437,000
4429 Lynne Ln	\$255,000
3906 Ranya Dr	\$412,000
5808 Strawberry Cir	\$75,000
1881 Thorndale St	\$215,000
4640 Vandalia St	\$173,000
8615 War Bonnet Dr	\$195,000
FARMINGTON	
23145 Farmington Rd	\$182,000
35415 Heritage Ln	\$175,000
31790 Lamar Dr	\$162,000
35766 Smithfield Rd	\$231,000
32215 Valley View Cir	\$193,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21629 Albion Ave	\$106,000
25088 Arden Park Dr	\$220,000
29565 Ashford Pkwy	\$220,000
29610 Club House Ln	\$265,000
38837 Country Cir	\$125,000
33910 Edna St	\$127,000
37774 Fleetwood Dr	\$172,000
37125 Fox Glen	\$363,000
29700 Fox Grove Rd	\$279,000
38197 French Pond	\$336,000
28088 Gettysburg Dr	\$230,000
38311 Golfview Dr	\$350,000
32980 Hargrove Ct	\$260,000
28232 Hawberry Rd	\$149,000
28790 Hidden Trl	\$415,000
35854 Johnstown Rd	\$196,000
28443 Lake Park Dr W	\$225,000
24759 Lakeland St	\$230,000

29840 Minglewood Ln	\$200,000
36209 Parklane Cir	\$325,000
29529 Pendleton Club Dr	\$71,000
23269 Potomac Cir # 4	\$212,000
36936 Ridgedale Ct	\$140,000
33501 Star Ser St	\$167,000
32520 W Wayburn St	\$210,000
26210 Westmeath St	\$240,000
25280 Westmoreland Dr	\$220,000
HIGHLAND	
660 Allen Dr	\$156,000
881 Blue Heron Dr	\$265,000
1875 Cheren Dr	\$185,000
2755 Dunleavy Ct	\$127,000
4061 Hillcrest	\$182,000
5160 N Duck Lake Rd	\$200,000
2495 Overbrook	\$370,000
1572 Sandra Dr	\$287,000
3181 Steeplechase	\$325,000
880 W Livingston Dr	\$229,000
MILFORD	
648 Atlantic St	\$289,000
2625 Heritage Oaks Dr	\$65,000
1640 Newberry	\$285,000
2685 W Commerce Rd	\$240,000
200 Water St	\$410,000
NORTHVILLE	
47450 Bellagio Dr	\$1,220,000
45055 Galway Dr	\$238,000
41741 Onaway Dr	\$75,000
52263 Pierce Dr	\$525,000
559 Reed St	\$188,000
697 River Park Village Blvd	\$198,000
21405 Summerside Ln	\$385,000
50965 Sunday Dr	\$710,000
1108 Washington Cir	\$146,000
NOVI	
26270 Beck Rd	\$165,000
24587 Bethany Way	\$404,000
45818 Cider Mill Rd	\$260,000
40041 Crosswinds	\$135,000
224 Endwell St	\$155,000
26665 Island Lake Dr	\$343,000
40664 Ladene Ln	\$287,000
45896 Latham Dr	\$456,000

44895 Lightsway Dr	\$369,000
41863 Mitchell Rd	\$220,000
23598 N Rockledge	\$85,000
25577 Portico Ln	\$167,000
45288 Sedra Ct	\$545,000
24365 Simmons St	\$265,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 122	\$64,000
27159 Victoria Rd	\$365,000
39805 Village Wood Ln	\$90,000
46449 Williams Dr	\$365,000
SOUTH LYON	
22988 Cheyenne Dr	\$463,000
26760 Johns Rd	\$212,000
24760 Millford Rd	\$360,000
23438 Millwood	\$533,000
23499 Millwood	\$515,000
23824 Millwood	\$485,000
59846 Mulberry Ln	\$325,000
1099 Stable Ln	\$313,000
58698 Swing Beam Ct	\$454,000
362 University Ave	\$173,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18558 Addison Dr	\$155,000
17811 Bonstelle Ave	\$32,000
29818 Everett St	\$58,000
30126 Everett St	\$20,000
18886 Hilton Dr	\$90,000
27176 Johnny Cake Ln	\$81,000
23801 Lee Baker Dr	\$135,000
18150 Melrose Ave	\$97,000
27046 Pierce St	\$157,000
27166 Pierce St	\$175,000
15801 Providence Dr Apt 07e	\$85,000
15801 Providence Dr Apt 10f	\$90,000
17381 Revere St	\$150,000
20160 S Greenway St	\$160,000
25539 Southwood Dr	\$248,000
WHITE LAKE	
8461 Carpathian Dr	\$265,000
10190 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$336,000
9051 Mandon Rd	\$120,000
642 Ranveen St	\$635,000
100 Teggedrine Rd	\$614,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 6-10, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

CANTON	
43672 Appomattox Ct	\$180,000
47125 Ashley Ct	\$362,000
47196 Bartlett Dr	\$248,000
4211 Berkeley Ave	\$135,000
3388 Brooklyn Dr	\$274,000
2344 Cabot St	\$184,000
565 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$181,000
1542 Commodore Cir	\$201,000
44820 Fair Oaks Dr	\$193,000
49601 Flushing Ave	\$385,000
7010 Founidge Dr	\$259,000
43465 Gieri Dr	\$162,000
1730 Glenshire Dr	\$215,000
1513 Hampshire Dr	\$142,000
8458 Holly Dr	\$155,000
48176 Manhattan Cir	\$490,000
45426 Michael Ct	\$209,000
41281 N Maplewood Dr	\$187,000
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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children
Contact: 734-425-4421

FAIR TRADE BOUTIQUE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15
Location: St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Guests can buy merchandise from around the world through Catholic Relief Services and Ten Thousand Villages, and speak with ministry representatives from local organizations that assist the poor in southeastern Michigan
Contact: 248-646-2686

PARADE OF PARTIES

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Concordia Lutheran School presents a shopping event featuring such vendors as Tupperware, PartyLite, Mary Kay and more
Contact: 313-937-2233; concordials.org

POMERANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15
Location: Rachel's Needlepoint & Judaic Gifts, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield
Details: The Guild, a group that studies and creates Judaic needlecraft, will learn how to make a beaded kippah. Rachel's will provide kits for \$25.
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

SINGLES DANCE

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14
Location: Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia
Details: Livonia Christian Singles Community's annual square dance is \$12 per person. No partner needed, but RSVP requested. Includes refreshments.
Contact: catholicingles@livonia-stmikael.org

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising ceremony; 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 8
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: An informal reception will follow
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; livonia-stmikael.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12
Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia
Details: Movie and lunch. Widowed Friends is a peer support group of Archdiocese of Detroit. RSVP required
Contact: Elaine at 734-717-0303

DECEMBER

WOMEN'S EVENT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4
Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: A Cup of Christmas Tea - A night of tea, carols, crafts, and fun for women and girls, ages 8 and up. Event is free but reservations are requested. RSVP by Sunday, Nov. 29 at crossroadssnow.org and click on the "get involved"
Contact: 248-890-5718

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion

and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223
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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho.org; or email to adm@firesidecho.org

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.ooa.org for additional information

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JOHNSON, MILDRED L.

Age 89, November 1, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of William (Marcia) Reeder. Dear grandmother of Kimberly Reeder and Candice (Christopher) Asher, and great grandmother of Trevor and Logan Asher. Sister of Katherine Knowles, Mae Barton and Ruth Stoner. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Friday from 2-4pm with a Memorial Service at 4pm in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City. Please share a memory of Mildred by signing her on-line guestbook at www.rggharris.com.



MOORE, SR., JAMES H.

Died Monday, October 19, after a brief stay at the Indian River Medical Hospital and VNA Hospice, surrounded by family. James, known as 'Jim' or 'Jimmy' to his family and friends, was born to Lewis and Florence Moore on December 12, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up on Edison Avenue in the City of Detroit in the same neighborhood as car moguls, including the Ford and Dodge families, during the heyday of automotive growth in the Motor City. Jim graduated from Northern High School in Detroit and entered Duke University at age 18. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in April of 1943 reporting to the 11th Airborne Division, as part of the 66th Infantry where he was trained as a paratrooper. He made nine combat jumps onto various islands in the Pacific Ocean Theater becoming a decorated combat veteran. Jim returned to Duke in 1946 where he met his future wife, Joyce Ellen Dawson of Douglaston, New York. They wed May 7, 1949 and began married life in Detroit. Jim secured a position in the insurance industry eventually forming an agency partnership in Birmingham, Michigan. The couple was among the original 50 members to form the Congregational Church of Birmingham. After retirement, Jim and Joyce moved to Vero Beach, Florida where they enjoyed their 'new life' on the Treasure Coast, generously hosting frequent family vacationers. Jim, an avid golfer and boater, was a charter member of the Birmingham Athletic Club and a member of Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. In Vero Beach he joined the Dodger Pines Golf Club and the Vero Beach Country Club. Jim enjoyed traveling, circumnavigating the world once, chartering sailboats in the Windward Islands, and visiting his beloved ancestral land of Scotland on several occasions. Jim was known for his sense of humor, sharing it freely with family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Ellen; his four sons and daughters-in-law, James Jr. and Diane of Traverse City, Michigan, John and Susan of Gaylor, Michigan, Jeffrey and Mari Anne of Northville, Michigan, and Joel and Catherine of Harbor Springs, Michigan; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Alexander W. Moore. A Memorial Service will be held November 13, 2:00 p.m. at the Community Church of Vero Beach. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made in honor of James H. Moore to We Care of Indian River County (www.wecareofirc.org) or the Community Church of Vero Beach music department, 1901 23rd Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960. Online condolences may be made at www.coxgiffordseawinds.com.

LUKEY, SR., RICHARD L.

87, of Farmington Hills, retired owner of Contractors Valve Company, died Saturday, October 31, 2015. Beloved husband of 58 years to the late Marjorie J. "Peggy" (d. 2010). Devoted father of Richard (Pam) and Mandy (Rick) Johnson. Loving grandfather of Stephani, Shannon, Becca, Scott, and Julie. Great-grandfather of Tyler, Jack, Taylor, Hayden, and Lexi. Uncle to one niece and two nephews; and cousin to many. Dick's hobbies included golfing and bowling. He was a member of Farmington Elks Lodge #1986 and the Groves-Walker American Legion Post #346; and a volunteer for the Farmington Hills Police Handicapped Parking Enforcement and the Meals on Wheels program. Funeral Service Saturday, November 7, 10:30 a.m., at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248- 474-5200). Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. Internment Glen Eden, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to Michigan Humane Society or Farmington Hills Meals on Wheels Program.
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MITCHELL, MARILYN

72, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, went to be with the Lord on November 1, 2015. She passed peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving family after a long battle with pulmonary disease. Marilyn was born on July 12, 1943 in Memphis, Tennessee, the only daughter of Walter and Marie Mitchell who preceded her in death. She is survived by her long time partner, Shelly Knoll and by her two brothers, Bill (Marilyn) and Don (Nina). She was blessed with nine nieces and nephews and 25 grand nieces and nephews, all of who affectionately knew her as Auntie Mart, and will sorely miss her Marilyn had a long and successful career in nursing and nursing administration. She held masters degrees in both nursing and social work and was a licensed Nurse Practitioner. Family, friends, co-workers, and patients all loved her for her extraordinary gifts of humility, empathy and other centeredness that allowed her to love and care for everyone she encountered in ways that will be long remembered. At her request, the memorial service will be a private family celebration of her life. Friends are invited to visit Marilyn's Book of Memories at www.keehfuneralhome.com. Contributions can be made to Hospices of Henry Ford, One Ford Place-5A, Detroit, MI, 48202 in her memory.



PUCKETT, ROBERT R.

Of Plymouth, passed away Sunday morning at the age of 82. Robert was born to Oscar and Elizabeth on May 2, 1933, in Melber, Kentucky. He came to Plymouth when he was 7 years old and was the owner of the Puckett Company, Inc. for over 60 years. He was dedicated to his work and being in Plymouth his whole life, he was very generous to his customers from the community. Robert was an avid walker, loved his antique shopping, and was a big poker player. He also loved paintings of ducks and birds. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was an awesome father, grandfather and an all around good person. Robert is survived by his five children: William (Linda) Puckett, Pennie (Gary) Cole, Michael (John) Niemetta Puckett, Joseph Puckett and Paula (Steve) Puckett-Potoczak. Five brothers and sisters: Doris Johnson, Lura (Pat) Morin, Marilyn (Bob) Ray, James Puckett, and Shirley (Tom) Wandrey. He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cousins and loving friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Elizabeth Puckett and Juanita Puckett, his siblings, Oscar Puckett, Jr. and Ester Miller, his grandchildren, Jason and River Puckett and Brett and Angela Christensen and brother-in-law, Bernard Johnson. Visitation for Robert will be held on Wednesday, November 4, from 2-8 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, 48170. Robert's family will have a private family service at a later date.



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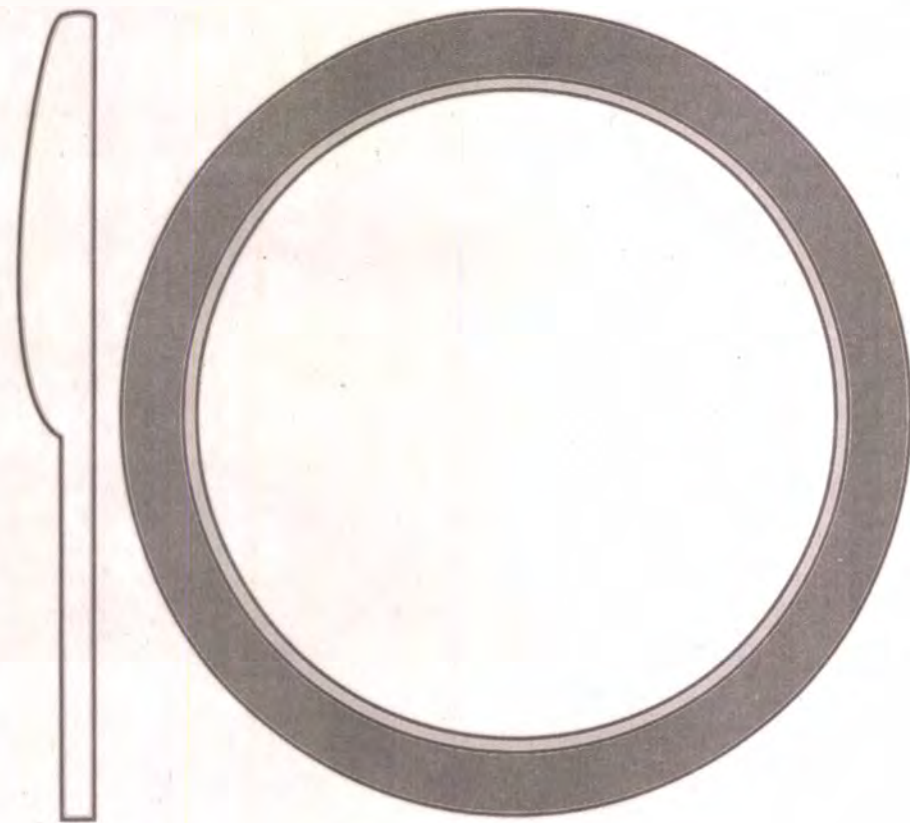
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PLACES VETERANS CAN EAT FREE NOV. 11

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Former and active military members can get a free lunch at many local restaurants on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. "It's a way for us to give back to people who have given so much to us," said Drew Sienkiewicz, general manager of Applebees, 43500 Ford Road, Canton.

Veterans and active military personnel will get a chance to choose one of seven meals at no charge at Applebees with proof of service, such as a U.S. Uniformed Services ID Card, U.S. Uniformed Services Retired ID Card, veterans organization card, a photo of themselves in uniform or commendation. Meals include pasta, grilled chicken, chicken salad and chicken tenders, sirloin, shrimp, and hamburger.

The restaurant will open an hour early on Veterans Day and the free meals will be available from 10 a.m. to midnight. All Michigan Applebees will participate in the national restaurant chain's Veterans Day program.

Sienkiewicz said the "best part" of Veterans Day is talking with customers who served in the military. He assigns more staff than usual, so they can engage with veterans as they serve them lunch. Some customers bring in photographs of their time in the service.

"It's about hearing their stories, reliving the past," he said, adding that veterans "love it." "We encourage people to show up in uniform."

Call 734-455-7510 for more information.

Here are nine other restaurants that will offer free meals to veterans. Be sure to take proof of military service with you:



Left: The American Standard hamburger meal is one of seven entrees available free to active military and veterans on Nov. 11 at Applebees. Right: Veterans and military personnel can get free hotcakes and other breakfast entrees Nov. 11 at Bob Evans Farms Restaurants.



SUBMITTED

» **Texas Roadhouse**, 36750 Ford Road, Westland, will open early Nov. 11, to serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eligible patrons will choose one of 10 entrees and get sides and a non-alcoholic beverage. Call 734-729-4570 for more information.

» **Bob Evans Farms Restaurants** will offer five different breakfast choices, including a mini sampler breakfast. Bob Evans restaurants are open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 11 at 41190 Ford Road, in Canton, 734-981-5222; and at 13911 Middlebelt, in Livonia, 734-261-7770; and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 46080 Michigan Ave., in Canton, 734-495-1451.

» **Chili's** has a menu of several lunch and dinner entrees available to veterans and active duty military personnel with ID. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at 29563 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-513-9477;

41680 Ford Road, Canton, 734-844-9050; and 20901 Haggerty, Novi, 248-344-9722.

» **California Pizza Kitchen** will offer a menu with six different pizzas, five salads and three pastas on Nov. 11. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Locations are 37546 West Six Mile, at Laurel Park Place, in Livonia, 734-591-0476; 31005 Orchard Lake Road, at Hunters Square, Farmington Hills, 248-737-5912; and 27500 Novi Road, at Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, 248-449-3280.

» **Max & Ermas** gives veterans a choice of soup or salad, with a cheeseburger, seasoned fries and a cookie. Hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., 15257 Beck, Plymouth, 734-414-1557; 6601 Newburgh, Westland, 734-728-6733; 37714 Six Mile, at Laurel Park Place, Livonia, 734-462-9870; 2240 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, 734-981-3370; and 27466 Novi Road, at

Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, 248-344-7180.

» **Red Lobster** offers a free appetizer to veterans and active military personnel, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Nov. 9-12, at 29980 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-427-0537; 5774 North Wayne Road, Westland; 734-326-7655; and 27760 Novi Road, Novi, 248-349-8470.

» At **Olive Garden** veterans and active military members can select a free entree from a menu that includes lasagna, chicken parmigiana, cheese ravioli, spaghetti and chicken. Family members dining with them get 10 percent off the cost of their meals. Local restaurants include 14000 Middlebelt, Livonia, 734-458-5100; and 43300 Crescent Blvd., Novi, 248-348-4279.

» **Little Caesars Pizza** will give free \$5 Lunch Combos to veterans and active military members from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Veterans Day. The offer includes four slices of deep dish pizza, with a 20-ounce beverage. Visit littlecaesars.com for addresses and phone numbers of store locations in Garden City, Redford, Westland, Livonia, Canton and Farmington Hills.

» **IHOP Restaurants** will thank veterans and active duty military for their service with a free stack of buttermilk pancakes topped with glazed strawberries, blueberry compote and whipped topping, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. IHOP locations include 14200 Middlebelt, Livonia, 734-422-4467; 5946 N. Sheldon, Canton, 734-254-9846; and 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi, 248-773-8444.

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With the holidays around the corner and kids' school activities in full swing, it can be difficult to get a hearty, homemade meal on your family table, day in and day out.

But the solution for simple, delicious dishes is a lot closer than you think. With a well-stocked pantry full of ingredients like canned tomatoes, kidney beans and pumpkin, preparing a nutritious, creative meal that your family will love is easy.

As temperatures fall and your to-do list grows, don't let your packed schedule compromise sharing a heart-warming, homemade meal with your family. Simply reach in your pantry for foods that can help you make hearty meals, such as Vegetarian Three Bean Chili, Pumpkin Mac and Cheese, or Eggplant Cacciatore in no time.

For more nutritious and flavorful recipes, visit CansGetYouCooking.com.

—Courtesy of Family Features

EGGPLANT CACCIATORE

Servings: 4

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 large eggplant, about 1½ pounds, cut into ½-inch pieces
1 (14.5-ounce) can no salt added stewed tomatoes
1 (8-ounce) can mushroom stems and pieces, drained
1 teaspoon dried basil
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
½ cup shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese

In 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat, in olive oil, cook onion about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add eggplant and cook until tender, 10 to 12 minutes, stirring constantly. Add stewed tomatoes, mushrooms, basil, salt and pepper, stirring to break up tomatoes; over high heat, heat to boiling. Simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes until mixture thickens, stirring occasionally. To serve, sprinkle eggplant mixture with shredded cheese.

VEGETARIAN THREE BEAN CHILI

Servings: 6

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 large onion, diced
1 large green pepper, seeded and diced
2 large garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
1 can (16 ounces) diced tomatoes
1 can (15½ ounces) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (15½ ounces) white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (15½ ounces) red kidney drained and rinsed
1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies, drained
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon chipotle Tabasco pepper sauce
chopped parsley (optional)
shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

In large saucepan over medium heat, in hot oil, cook onion, pepper and garlic until softened, about 5 minutes. Add chili powder and cumin, cook 1 minute. Add crushed tomatoes, diced tomatoes, pinto beans, white beans, red beans, green chilies, salt and Tabasco sauce. Over high heat, bring to boil; reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 15 minutes to blend flavors, stirring occasionally. If desired, sprinkle with parsley and cheddar.

PUMPKIN MAC AND CHEESE

Servings: 4

8 ounces rotini or medium shell pasta
5 tablespoons butter, divided
½ cup all-purpose flour
1 can (12 ounces) Nestle Carnation Evaporated Fat Free Milk
1 cup milk
½ cup Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
1 ½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 cups shredded Swiss or Gruyere cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Cook pasta as package directs. Drain. Set aside.

Heat oven to 375 F. Grease 1-½ quart baking dish. In 4-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt 3 tablespoons butter. Stir in flour; cook 1 minute. Gradually stir in evaporated milk and milk, cook until mixture is thickened and smooth. Stir in pumpkin, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Remove from heat; whisk in Swiss and cheddar cheese until smooth. Stir in cooked pasta; toss to mix well. Spoon into baking dish. Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter; stir in bread crumbs to coat well. Sprinkle on top of casserole. Bake 30 minutes or until sauce is bubbly and mixture is golden.



'Want to go on a 1,300-mile bike ride?'

Family story about biking Lake Superior becomes feature film

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Edd Benda first heard the story five years ago at Thanksgiving dinner. His uncle Karl recalled biking 1,300 miles with his cousin, Dan "Dudza" Junttila, around Lake Superior at age 17. He still owned the bike he had pedaled 40 years earlier and the essay he had written for school about the trip.

"I was so fascinated about the time and place that young men could do that. They woke up, said what do you want to do today? Want to go on a 1,300-mile bike ride? Sure," said Benda, recalling Karl Benda's conversation. "I don't think I've developed the confidence to ride 125 miles a day over a span of 10 days with change in my pocket and a shirt on my back. Had it not been cool the morning they left, they wouldn't even have had jackets."

Inspired by his uncle's impromptu journey, the former Birmingham resident expanded the story into a feature film, *Superior*, which will end its nine-city tour of Michigan at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at the Maple Theater, 4135 W. Maple, west of Telegraph, Bloomfield Township. Benda, who wrote and directed the film, will be on hand for a Q&A with the audience. Tickets are \$10; themapletheater.com.

The movie, filmed in 21 days in summer 2014 in the Keweenaw Peninsula, premiered in June at the Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. as part of the Dances with Films festival, and was screened at the Heartland Film Festival Oct. 6-25, in Indianapolis, Ind.

It was produced by Beyond the Porch Productions, a company Benda and Washington native Alex Bell, who served as cinematographer on *Superior*, created three years ago while they were students at University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts.

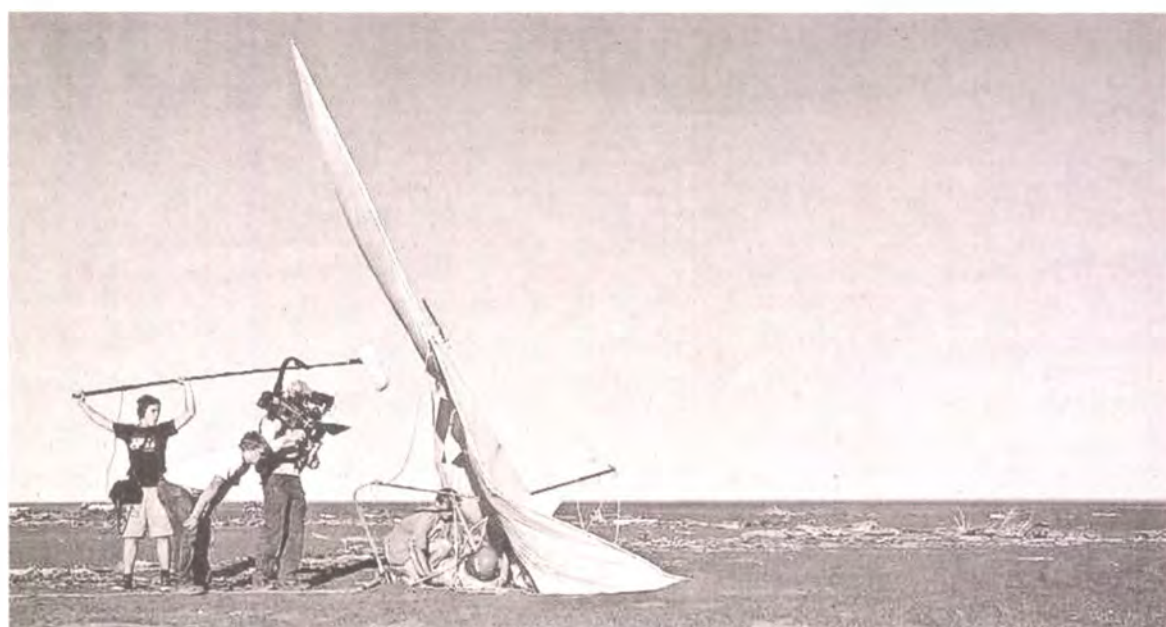
Superior, set in 1969, tells the story of two best friends, Derek Suintila, (Paul Stanko) and Charlie Eskola, (Thatcher Robinson) who bike around Lake Superior the summer after high school graduation. It's their last adventure before Eskola goes off to college and Suintila likely is drafted into the military.

Benda tapped film school alumni for his crew and auditioned lead actors in a forested area of Griffith Park in Los Angeles, Calif., hoping to simulate a Michigan environment.

"Hurdle number one was can this person hike to the middle of the woods and have a smile on their face," he said. "Everybody else in the film is local, from the U.P."

Battling black flies

The lead actors biked more than 100 miles during filming and everyone on the crew and cast fought black



SUBMITTED
Above: Thatcher Robinson (top) and Paul Stanko star in "Superior." At left: The crew films "Charlie" (Thatcher Robinson) and "Derek" (Paul Stanko) in the wreckage of a hang glider flight gone awry.

SUBMITTED
Below: Director Edd Benda (right) and Alex Bell, director of photography, plan the composition of a shot in "Superior."



flies.

"We were constantly battling bugs and the weather. That was part of the struggle and the charm of what we were doing. If anything went wrong with the film equipment, the nearest place (for replacements) was an eight-hour drive to Minneapolis."

The group bunked in a cabin owned by one of Benda's aunts. They drew names randomly for sleeping arrangements that included beds, a couch and a mattress on the basement floor.

"There was a lot of comedy and good humor about the way we lived," he said, adding that the team remained in good spirits. "Having a team that I worked with for years and

knew and they knew what needed to be done, was crucial."

Learning the craft

Before *Superior*, Benda worked on short film projects, such as *The Hipster Werewolf*, (2013) while at USC.

His film experience prior to college had been watching movies, listening to his father quote movies, and working on film projects while at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

"I set up a production studio in an old closet," said Benda. "The summer before my senior year I had that space and built it into a studio. I managed a film elective class in association with one of our faculty members. I wanted

to tell stories and I wanted to do that visually."

Storytelling had always been a part of his childhood. Family dinner time was like a story slam, with his relatives trying to outdo each other. Benda wove some of their characters, places and story bits and pieces into the *Superior* script.

He also read his uncle's school essay about the trip.

"He got a B minus on the paper. That was our baseline," Benda said, with a laugh. "We knew we had to do better than a B minus."

For more about Benda, visit eddbenda.com. Check out *Superior* on Facebook.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Wild Lights: 5:30-9 p.m. Nov. 20-22, 27-29 and Dec. 4-6, 11-13, 18-23 and 26-31. Admission is \$9 in advance and \$11 at the gate for ages 2 and older. Parking is \$6 per car. Features illuminated sculptures, holiday entertainment and activities, ice carving and arts and crafts. Buy tickets online at detroit-zoo.org/events/wild-lights

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6. Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and

noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 12

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit consists of 120 pieces that are no larger than 12-by-12 inches. A Northville Camera Club exhibit is located in the lower gallery.

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Holiday Art Sale will include juried one-of-a-kind pieces by PCAC artists, friends and instructors, baked goods, PCAC gift certificates; \$2 suggested admission

Contact: plymoutharts.com; 734-416-4278

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22

Location: 326 N. Main, behind the Crossings Restaurant, in Plymouth.

Details: Annual Holiday Sale includes

functional and decorative pottery created by 25 members of the Guild. Shoppers will find mugs, ornaments, tiles, dinnerware, vases, jewelry and platters ranging from \$4-\$200

Contact: 734-207-8807; villagepotters-guild.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Nov. 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Sky/Ground" features abstract landscapes from above and below by artist Leslie Sobel, who uses a combination of scientific imaging, including satellite and photomicrographs, computer code and maps to create her work

Contact: cantorvillageheater.org; 734-394-5308

DANCE DANCING WITH THE DETROIT STARS

Time/Date: 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 14

Location: The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham

Details: In this charity event for South Oakland Shelter, area movers and shakers will pair up with professional dancers in a celebrity dance competition. Includes strolling dinner, cocktails and a silent auction. Tickets are \$200

Contact: southoaklandshelter.org

MUSIC HALL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Shaping Sound features contemporary dancers bringing a mash-up of dance styles and musical genres to life. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50

Contact: ticketmaster.com; starticket.com

COMEDY

G. SUBU'S LEATHER BOTTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11

Location: 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Comedians Grandma Lee with Bob Lauver. No cover, age 18 and over

Contact: 248-474-2420; gsubuleather-bottle.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8

Location: 310 S. Troy Street, at Fourth Street, in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Fortune Feimster, a former member of the Sunday Company at the Groundlings Theatre and a writer and performer on E! Network's show, *Chelsea Lately*, performs stand-up. \$20

Contact: 248-542-9900; comedycastle.com

MR. B'S PUB

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13

Location: 215 S. Main, Royal Oak

Details: Comedian/storyteller Greg Martin, performs a new stand-up special, "Flaky," with proceeds of the show going to his Waterford-based charity, DRAW, which helps communities hit by disaster. Admission is \$10 at the door. Reserve a spot on the Flaky: Greg Martin Comedy Show Facebook page

Contact: 248-399-0017

GET OUT!

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FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 and 12, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

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

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

Details: *Roman Holiday*, \$5
Contact: 313-898-1481; redford-theatre.com

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17.

Contact: 734-455-8940

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BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Erich Goebel and the Flying Crowbars perform Nov. 10. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Kate Patterson and Friends perform Nov. 24. \$10



Terry Viviani of Westland is "Carter" and Pat McKane of Canton is "Wyatt" in Barefoot Productions' staging of "Things My Mother Taught Me."



Fortune Feimster performs Nov. 8 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.



Lake Michigan Blues, along with other pieces by Leslie Sobel, are on display this month at the Village Theater in Canton.

donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MAMA'S COFFEEHOUSE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21

Location: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

Details: Annie and Rod Capps; \$15 general admission, \$13 for students and seniors

Contact: mamacoffeehouse.org

JAZZ CAFE

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

Location: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Jon Anderson, original singer/songwriter for YES, teams with jazz violinist, Jean Luc Ponty. The AndersonPonty Band will play new arrangements of classic YES hits, like *Roundabout* and *Owner Of A Lonely Heart*, as well as other tunes. Tickets are \$42, \$59, \$69 and \$79

Contact: musichall.org; 313-887-8501

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Brazilian Blast! concert features a pre-concert talk at

6:45 p.m. and a mix of jazz, classical and Brazilian music.

Brazilian-American composer Clarice Assad will be featured as composer, jazz vocalist and piano soloist with her pieces, *Scattered: Concerto for Scat Singing, Piano & Orchestra* and *The Last Song*. Tickets are \$30 general, \$25 seniors, 62 and over, and \$10 students

Contact: michiganphil.org

PIANO-THON

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 7

Location: Near the food court at Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Piano students perform and collect donations for Henry Ford Hospice Center SandCastles Grief Support Program

Contact: 734-462-1100; Laurel-ParkPlace.com

PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 and 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: ABBACADABRA, an ABBA tribute band, performs

Contact: recreg.fhgov.com; 248-473-1848

ST. JOHN MUSIC GUILD

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: The Guild presents a



Erich Goebel will perform at the Blues@The Elks series Nov. 10 in Plymouth.

Details: Santa arrives via fire truck and is escorted to his new home in the mall food court by SpongeBob SquarePants and other characters. Balloon Twisting, face painting and cookie decorating continues until 1 p.m.

SPOKEN WORD MOTH STORY SLAM

Time/Date: Doors open 4:30 p.m., stories start 7 p.m. Nov. 5, Detroit; doors open 6 p.m., stories start 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17, Ann Arbor

Location: Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave., Detroit and Circus Bar, 210 S. First Ave., Ann Arbor

Details: Prepare a five-minute story on the theme, toss your name in the hat, and if your name is pulled, step up and tell your true personal story live without notes. Volunteers from the audience judge the stories. This month's theme at Cliff Bell's is payback. The theme for Circus Bar is gifted. Admission is \$5 in Detroit, \$8 in Ann Arbor

Contact: themoth.org

TELLEBRATION!

Time/Date: 6 p.m. silent auction, 7 p.m. storytelling, Nov. 13

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Gwendolyn Lewis, Alma Petrini, and Judy Sima tell stories during this annual night of storytelling for adults. Elizabeth Najdich is the maestro. Includes silent auction and refreshments. Admission is \$5

Contact: 248-476-8515; judy@judy-sima.com

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 6-7 and 13-14 and 2 p.m. Nov. 8 and 15

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Things My Mother Taught Me*, a new romantic comedy by Katherine DiSavino, tells the story of Olivia and Gabe, a young couple moving into their first apartment together, and what happens when their parents show up to help them move in. Tickets are \$15

Contact: 734-404-6889; just-gobarefoot.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. check-in, 1 p.m. auditions, Sunday, Nov. 15

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for *The Diary of Anne Frank*, adapted by Wendy Kesselman. Email for an electronic preview copy of the script or for more information

Contact: annefrank@farmingtonplayers.org

PAUL'S PLAYERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13-14, and 2 p.m. Nov. 15

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: *The Diary of Anne Frank*, adapted by Wendy Kesselman tells the story of eight persons hiding from the Nazis in a storage attic. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students, 18 and under

Contact: 248-347-4134; paul-players.com

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 and Dec. 4-5 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 15, 22, 29 and Dec. 6

Location: 21730 Madison, Dearborn

Details: *White Christmas*, featuring Denise Kowalewski-Tucker of Livonia in the role of Martha Watson. Tickets are \$20 with a \$2 discount for student with valid ID

Contact: 313-561-TKTS; playersguildofdearborn.org

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 13-14, 20-21; 2 p.m. Nov. 15 and 22

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: *In Almost, Maine*, the residents of a town in Maine fall in and out of love in the strangest ways. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, available online, at the theater box office 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, and one hour before show time at the door

Contact: cantonvillage-theatre.org; 734-394-5300

TWO MUSES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 15, and 22

Location: In the theater at West Bloomfield Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road

Details: *The Light in the Piazza* tells the story of Clara, who falls in love with an Italian man in a Florentine piazza. Her mother must decide whether she will reveal truths about her daughter that could destroy the romance. General admission advance tickets are \$23 for adults, and \$21 for students and senior citizens, age 62 and over. Tickets are \$2 more at the door

Contact: twomusetheatre.org; 248-850-9919



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