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IN BRIEF

Facebook fans

The City of Westland has reached a milestone with its online communications. On Nov. 11, 2010, Amanda Diaz became the 1,000th City of Westland Facebook Fan.

With widespread popularity of the semantic web and the concept of connecting content from various sources, the city has made a presence in the social media realm by launching pages on Facebook, Twitter, Nixle, LinkedIn and Livestream and integrating content from photos to WLND videos on these sites.

"Our city administration recognizes that with over 500 million Facebook users on the web, this is the quickest growing media channel for us to connect with our residents and others interested in Westland," said Mayor William Wild. "Thank you to all our fans for helping us reach this goal."

The City of Westland has invited Diaz to be recognized at the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Westland City Hall.

To become a fan of the City of Westland on Facebook, simply go to www.facebook.com/cityofwestland and click the "Like" button. Residents who do will receive daily updates from the city regarding its latest news and events.

White Christmas

Youngsters living in Westland have until 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, to enter Westland's We Promise You A White Christmas Poster Contest.

Children in kindergarten through fifth-grade are asked to draw a poster of what their house would look like covered in snow on Christmas Day. Posters can be drawn at home or school and should include the child's name, age and address, home phone number so winner can be contacted and the name of their school and their grade.

Entries can be mailed to Poster Contest, Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Winner will be notified on Monday, Dec. 20. If there is no snow on the ground, a truck load of snow will be placed on the winner's front lawn on Dec. 21. If there is snow already covering the ground, another prize will be awarded.

Volunteers needed

Help is needed to decorate the Westland senior Friendship Center for the holidays 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1.

There will be a Christmas concert by the Dyer Senior Center Choir at 6:30 p.m., and pizza and beverages will be provided for those who help with decorations. After the concert, volunteers can enjoy hot chocolate, coffee and Christmas cookies.

For more information, call the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628.

Shoppers help brighten Christmas for troops

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Terri and Amanda Dewyer had been on the hunt for bargains at Westland Shopping Center and found one they couldn't refuse — sending a Christmas card, free of charge, to U.S. troops overseas.

"We just had to let them know we're thinking of them and appreciate what they're doing for us," said Terri Dewyer.

The Canton residents were among shoppers who helped the Westland Jaycees in their mission to collect signed 3,000 Christmas cards to military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan this holiday season. This is the fifth year the Jaycees have been at the mall the day after Thanksgiving to ask shoppers to stop and fill out one of the cards.

"We do it every Fourth of July and Christmas," said Bob Cartty, an associ-

ate member of the organization. "We do anything we can do to help the community and help our soldiers."

The Dewyers, a mother-daughter team, were on the downside of their shopping when they stopped by the Jaycees table to sign the cards. They had a "small game plan" and had started out at 5 a.m. had been to Radio Shack, Target, Sam's Club and Best Buy before stopping at the mall and at the card table.

"We knew what we wanted and knew what to look for," said Terri Dewyer, adding that "we're out here Christmas shopping and they're out there. It doesn't seem fair."

Also stopping to sign cards were Canton residents Lina Kapadia and Alexander Clark.

"We never really get to say thank you and one of the easiest ways is to fill out

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Remembering loved ones



SS. Simon and Jude parishioners Sharron Sedlarik (left), Alice Namovich, Henry Johnson, the Rev. Gerard Bechard and Michael Harning of the Archdiocese of Detroit hold a panel of the quilt remembering people who have died of AIDS. The church is hosting the annual AIDS prayer day Dec. 1.

SS. Simon and Jude Church hosts 2010 AIDS Day Prayer Service

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

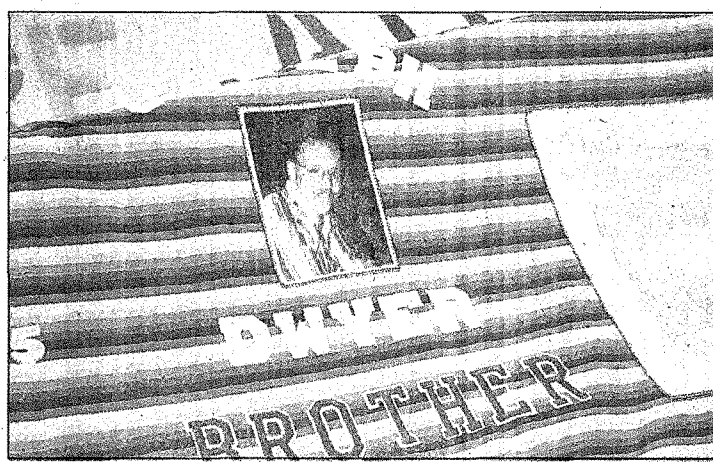
Being a welcoming community is something that parishioners at SS. Simon and Jude Catholic Church take pride in.

So when parishioner Henry Johnson suggested that the Westland church join with the Archdiocese of Detroit to host the 2010 AIDS Day Prayer Service on Wednesday, Dec. 1, the parish agreed.

"The reception from the parish has been very warm, I'm very proud of that," said Johnson.

The ecumenical prayer service has been held for about 15 years at various locations in the metro Detroit area but this is the first time it has been held at a western Wayne County church, said Michael Harning, director of the archdiocese department of parish life and services and the office for Catholic charities.

"I think it's to remember back to the days when people died so quickly of



AIDS, to remember the loss to their family and friends and also the loss it has been to the community," said Harning. "A lot of family members come to this — it's a way to remember a loved one."

The prayer services will be held at 6:30 p.m. for all affected directly or indirectly by HIV/AIDS. The names of

more than 420 Metro Detroit residents and others who have died of AIDS will be read as the tower bells ring every 11 seconds to represent the fact that someone in the world dies every 11 seconds from AIDS.

Three panels from the Michigan

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Colorfully decorated panels from the Michigan NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at Westland's SS. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, which is hosting the annual AIDS Prayer Day service Dec. 1.

Famous Dave's joins lineup for Taste Fest

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sandra Santiago is excited that Famous Dave's will be participating for the first time in the Holiday Taste Fest sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

"We wanted to get more involved in the community and get our name out there," said Santiago, catering sales manager for the Westland Famous Dave's. "We want to be more famous, if that's possible."

The Famous Dave's team is still debating which menu items to feature at the Holiday Taste Fest, which will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

"We're fighting over which item is the best food to bring. I'm extremely excited, especially for myself being in charge of this for the first time," said Santiago, who started her current position earlier this year. "A lot of my team that is going to the event are excited, too."

This is the 12th year for Holiday Taste Fest which draws about 500 people each year. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance from the chamber.

"All of the restaurants are along the outside of the room. You walk up, pick what you want to eat and go on to the next one," said chamber President Brookellen Swope.

Along with Famous Dave's, another first-time participant is Knox Restaurant and Catering based at their restaurant on Middlebelt at Annapolis.

Returning restaurants include the Hellenic Cultural Center, Longhorn Steakhouse, Maria's Italian Bakery, Marvaso's Italian Grille, McDonald's, O & W Miller Beer, Rose Catering, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Red Robin, Texas Roadhouse, Toarina's Pizza, Vintage Market and the Culinary Arts Department of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Some of the unusual auction items includes flowers or massages each month for a year. There are about 200 tickets remaining for the Holiday Taste Fest but Swope expects another sellout. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

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Patrons respond to library's Food for Fines

The Food for Fines program at Westland's William P. Faust Library is off to a good start.

According to reference librarian Andy Schuck, in just two days the monthlong program received donations of more than 100 nonperishable food items and forgave more than \$150 in fines.

"We are on our way to 1,000 donated items," said Schuck in a posting on the library website, www.westland.lib.mi.us.

"Help us reach our weekly goal of 250 donated items by stopping in."

The Food for Fines program has a goal of collecting 1,000 items by Thursday, Dec. 23 — that means a weekly goal of 250 items. Nonfine related donations and monetary contributions are also being accepted, all to benefit the Gleaners Community Food Bank and distributed to various food agencies in the Westland area.

"A \$1 donation can serve three meals

for someone in need," Schuck said.

One nonperishable, unexpired donation will clear \$2 in fines with donations offsetting up to \$20 total in fines. The donations cannot be used to cover the costs for lost or damaged items but can cover fines on those items.

Nonfood items such as health and beauty products also will be accepted. To see a list of eligible food and non-food items, stop by any of the library service desks or call (734) 326-6123.



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'A Wonderful Life': A wonderful cause

'Tis the season to do good. And to do good shows, according to Inspire Theatre of Westland.

This holiday season, Inspire Theatre will present the perennial classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, with a twist. In addition to presenting a heartwarming story of a man's worth, Inspire Theatre is endeavoring to raise the hopes of local families this Christmas by collecting cash and gifts from attendees. Inspire Theatre also will designate a portion of each ticket sold toward the cause.

It's a Wonderful Life - A Radio Play promises to be

sensory adventure, according to artistic director Len Fisher. Saturday night tickets include an hors d'oeuvres buffet donated by local restaurants. Attendees will be treated to all the sights and sounds of live broadcast of a radio theatre.

Originally broadcast on the Lux Radio Theatre on March 10, 1947, on the CBS network, *It's a Wonderful Life* is the story of a man who, tired of his life on Earth, finds out what it's like never to have been born, with the help of his guardian angel Clarence.

Performers from Westland, Redford, Livonia, Farmington,

Canton, and Garden City will bring the holiday favorite to life, and audiences will have a front row seat for all the lights and sounds that a live broadcast could bring.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Tickets for the Saturday night performance are \$15 and the matinee tickets are \$10.

The Inspire Theatre is located inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

SERVICE

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NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display for the prayer service and remain at the church through Dec. 5. The panels, each with a Michigan connection, have individual squares remembering someone who died of AIDS.

The panels range from skillfully crafted with photographs and precise embroidery to simple but no less heartfelt messages written on white material with a black marker.

"I went to Washington, D.C., when the NAMES Project panels were on display. It's so large that it can no longer be displayed in one location," said Johnson. "Three or four years ago, I went to the prayer service at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak."

Next year will mark 30 years since the first case of HIV/AIDS was diagnosed. In the early years, Johnson recalls patients often had a life expectancy of nine months after diagnosis.

"People are living longer now — people look at it as a chronic illness rather than a death sentence," said Johnson. "People are living with it and taking medications but it's not an

Some panels from the Michigan NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt include photographs of loved ones who have died of AIDS.

easy path. It takes a great deal of commitment."

Along with the spiritual aspect of prayer and compassion, Johnson said he wanted the parish to make a strong statement on social justice for those who have HIV/AIDS.

"I felt strongly that people living with HIV/AIDS are discriminated against. They can lose their jobs — it carries a stigma," said Johnson. "This was an opportunity for a parish-wide event to educate on HIV/AIDS. It's a social justice issue that so many people don't have access to universal health care and access to the retroviral medications. They aren't available or they can't afford them."

Following the prayer service, the church will hold a recep-

tion with time for reflection. The 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Mass will include prayers acknowledging those who have died of HIV/AIDS and those living with the disease, along with their families and caregivers.

Donations of baked goods for the prayer service reception are being accepted. To donate baked goods or add a name to the AIDS prayer list, call Johnson at (734) 444-8344.

SS. Simon and Jude Catholic Church is at 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, in Westland. The quilt panels can be viewed at other times when the church is open. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

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Families talk about the quality of care at Four Seasons

Genevieve Nehring with Certified Nurse Assistant Ellena Horne

Carol Henry rests easy knowing her 94-year old mother Genevieve Nehring is receiving the best care at Four Seasons. Genevieve arrived at Four Seasons with congestive heart failure complicated by COPD. "It gives me relief to know she has medical care and is not just languishing. In nice weather we go out and sit on the patio," said Carol Henry who works in a lab hospital near her home in Howell. "They've been very accommodating. Mom likes it that they all say 'Hi Genevieve' when they see her." "They all know me," added Genevieve Nehring.

"My mother is active at Four Seasons... she plays bingo five days a week, enjoys the live entertainment and looks forward to getting her nails done."

Socialization motivates patient recovery

Dr. Keith Tobin, Attending Physician

Dr. Keith Tobin, an attending physician at Four Seasons Rehabilitation and Nursing, recognizes the need for socialization to stimulate residents and patients. "Here at Four Seasons nursing center, we believe in the importance of social interaction," said Dr. Tobin. "Studies show that social stimulation helps to maintain and, in many instances, actually improves cognition in patients with neurological deficits. Interacting with others requires the utilization of many parts of the brain."

Dr. Tobin is certified in family medicine and geriatrics, practices at Livonia Family Medical, and on staff at Botsford, Garden City, St. Mary Mercy and Oakwood hospitals.

Recent renovations to Four Seasons include a state-of-the-art activities center which encourages and facilitates resident-to-resident and resident-to-staff interaction. Rooms with two, three, or four residents are favored to foster a sense of community within each resident and minimize social isolation.

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Franklin history teacher an 'exceptional educator'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gerald Bagazinski, a Franklin High School parent, believes that Mary Helen Diegel created a "terrific" forum for students to express ideas and debate current events and political issues in her role as faculty adviser for the Junior State of America Club at Franklin.

"She has also gone above and beyond to help arrange and chaperone trips to the regional JSA Mock Legislature events in Wisconsin and Washington, D.C.," Bagazinski said.

Bagazinski's comments and others highlighted Diegel's achievements Monday as she was honored as the Secondary Teacher of the Year in the Livonia school district.

Diegel, a history teacher at Franklin High School, was chosen by a committee of teachers, parents and administrators.

A resolution approved by the school board Monday stated that Diegel "is an exceptional educator, going far beyond the expected range of her duties to meet the needs of students, colleagues, parents and others."

Diegel has served as her building's teacher mentor; world history learning community chair; volleyball, basketball and softball coach; and has assisted with Players Theatre Productions. She has also served on numerous district curriculum committees, including formative assessment, accelerated English and world history.

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Among her awards and achievements are the Veterans of Foreign Wars Southeast Michigan Teacher of the Year, the Livonia Education Association's Spotlight Award, and Volleyball Coach of the Year. She also served as a teacher in the Livonia Public Schools South African Exchange Program.

'THOUGHTFUL AND HUMBLE'

Dan Willenborg, Franklin's principal, said Diegel "is a thoughtful and humble person who has continually brought credit upon the teaching profession."

"She has earned a stellar reputation as a classroom instructor and has been an all-around contributor to the school setting," Willenborg said.

"Students appreciate the extensive planning she puts into her lessons and that she cares about their individual success. She offers respect and gets respect from all."

Willenborg called her "a gifted teacher and a tremendously valuable asset" to Livonia Public Schools. "She has a perspective much larger than self, and sacrifices much toward the advancement of others," Willenborg said. "Her high character and her devotion to the teaching profession have earned her the honor to be named as Teacher of the Year."

Assistant Principal Dennis Gerathy said Diegel promotes the success of students by "developing a vision of learning that is shared and supported."

"Her passion for student learning and personal growth is visible to everyone who works with her," Gerathy said.

Kathy Frame, teacher at

Cooper and past district curriculum facilitator, said Diegel is a much-respected member of the social studies department in her school and across the district. "She has played a key role in aligning our world history curriculum to the new state standards and developing a curriculum that will help our students become critical thinkers," Frame said.

CRITICAL THINKING MOTIVATES DIEGEL

In accepting the award, Diegel said teaching "is bridging the wisdom of experience with the enthusiasm of youth."

With the support of building principals, along with Kathy Frame, Carol Tinney and David Mitchell, Diegel and Kelly Eddy from Churchill have been able to connect Advanced Placement U.S. history students through social networking "in a responsible and productive way," Diegel said.

"Having 200 students from two buildings think critically about history and engage in the issues of our world motivates me," Diegel said.

"Developing and implementing writing and critical thinking within our world history classes across the district — and seeing the positive improvements our students are making excites me."

Casey Rhines, a 10th-grader at Franklin, said Diegel treats JSA students with the utmost respect.

"JSA teaches how to put your leadership skills in action, and how to make you an effective member of society," Rhines said.

"She's a great all-around person and influential. She really teaches both sides of political issues so you get an all-around view of it. She's not biased."



Livonia Teacher of the Year Mary Helen Diegel works with student Garrett Gault.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In her speech, Diegel quoted Eleanor Roosevelt, also a former history teacher. "She said

we need informed and intelligent citizens and that we are all responsible for the trend of thought and the action of our times," Diegel said.

The Livonia Public Schools do just that, she said.

"I hope to show my students a glimpse of their potential greatness and teach them that the

internal strength that resides within each person is enough for anyone to believe in the future and continue to persevere," Diegel said. "I hope to give my students a passion for learning, a sense of responsibility to the greater community, and a desire to make this world better each day."

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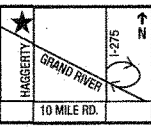
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Something that matters

New Morning students reach out to others

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Molly Kramer likes to teach her preschool class at New Morning School about worlds — their world consisting of the classroom, and their bigger world that includes friends and family at home.

On Monday, with Thanksgiving approaching, Kramer had her students in the Cantica Cafe at the St. Al's Community Center, the outreach arm of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, trying to teach them about doing a greater good for the world at large.

New Morning students, who'd spent several weeks collecting hygiene products, were at St. Al's to put together some 75 hygiene kits for the homeless and disadvantaged served by the center.

"We've been working with a theme of helping with our hands," Kramer said. "Not just in our school community, but in our homes and out in the big world."

Students started the hygiene drive at the beginning of November, with the "whole school community" getting involved in the collection of soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant, lip balm and

other health-care items.

When Kramer went looking for a project with a broader scope, colleague Lori Brugman told her about friends who volunteered at St. Al's, and the idea was born.

The kids spent a few hours there Monday, putting together baggies loaded with hygiene products to be distributed to the people served by St. Al's.

The center serves meals, collects clothing, provides nursing services and other essentials to some 250-300 people a day. Help from places like New Morning School, the Plymouth Township-based school that draws students from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and other western Wayne County communities, is invaluable to the center's mission.

"It means a great deal on a variety of levels," said Brother Al Mascia, a Franciscan who works at St. Al's. "Certainly there's the direct benefit of the efforts of the children. More importantly, this gives the children a very early experience of a lifestyle and culture that is different than theirs."

"It plants the seeds of sensitivity and compassion for people less fortunate than them," Mascia added. "Hopefully, society benefits at the end of the

day."

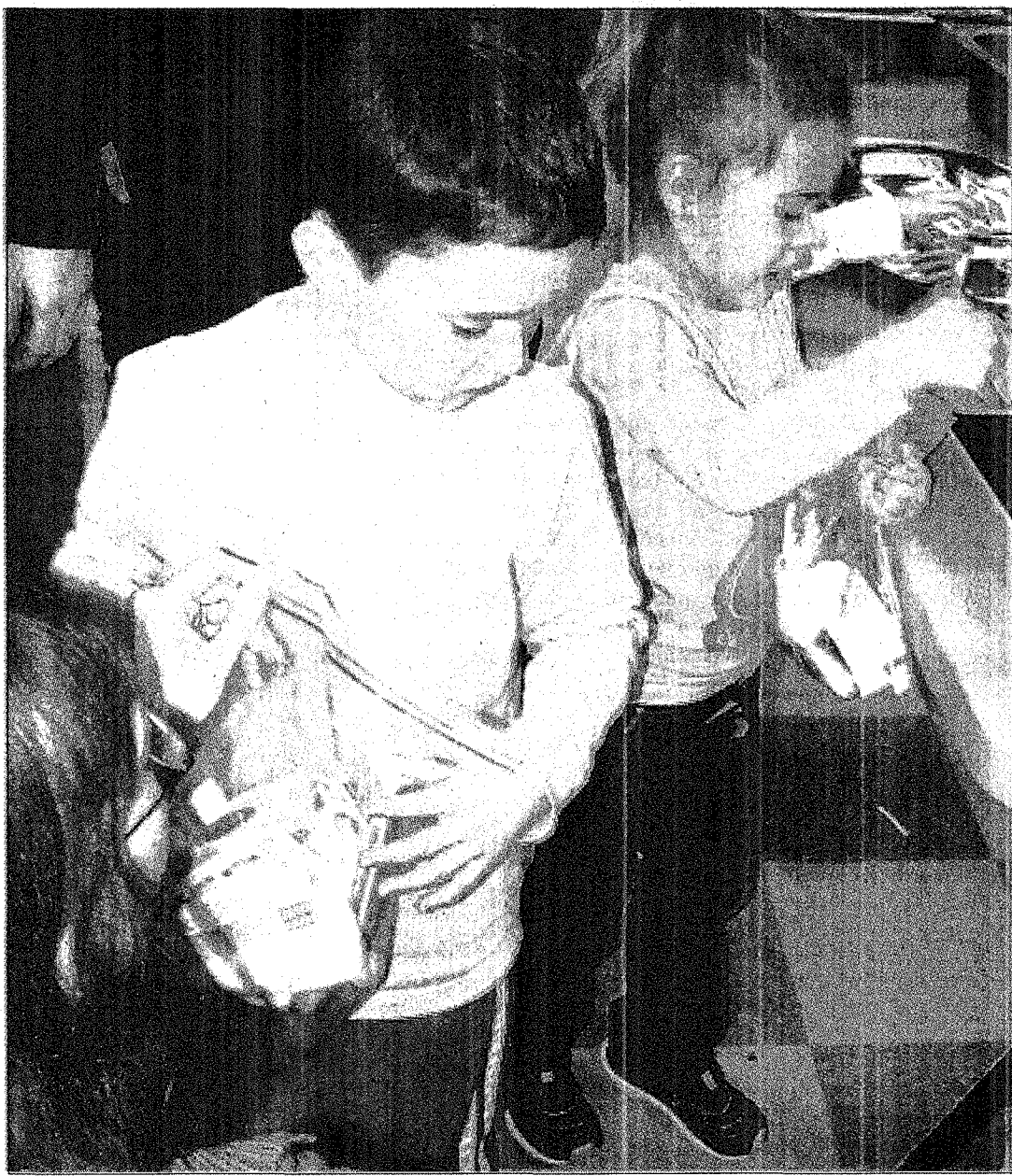
That's the hope of the parents involved in the project, too. As she helped her 3-year-old daughter, Clara, put together the kits, Renee Armstrong of Wayne, whose daughters attend New Morning School, agreed that's the lesson she hoped her kids would take away from the project.

"I've been wanting to expose my girls to projects that serve the community," Armstrong said. "I want to get them used to helping others, and make it part of what we do as a family."

Directly helping people who need it, Kramer said, is a little different than other, equally worthy, efforts such as food drives. Building the kits, she said, gives the children a more direct benefit.

"We wanted to have something meaningful for them," Kramer said. "We wanted to do something that had some impact, and show (students) they're doing something that matters."

"I want my students to be exposed to the blessings they have," she added. "I hope we're preparing them not just for reading and writing, but for having a heart for other people."



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Kindergarten Dixon Miller of Plymouth assembling a bag with his mom, Faye.

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Roadshow Comes to Livonia!

By Jason Delong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow is coming to **Livonia**. Roadshow experts are in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

Got Gold? This week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's

are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational

prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old

coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable

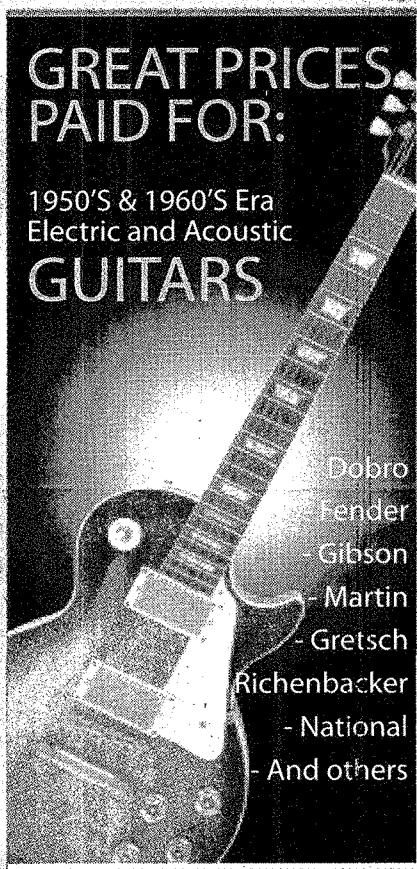


Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Tuesday through Saturday in Livonia."

because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.

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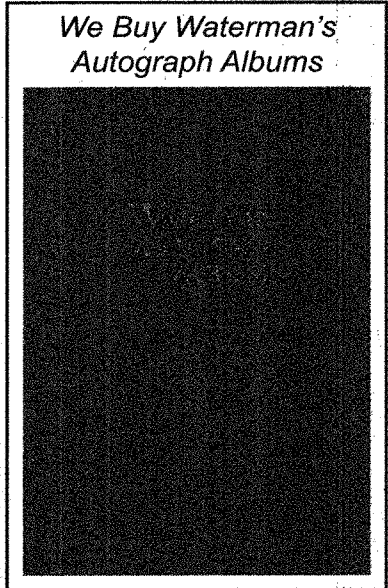
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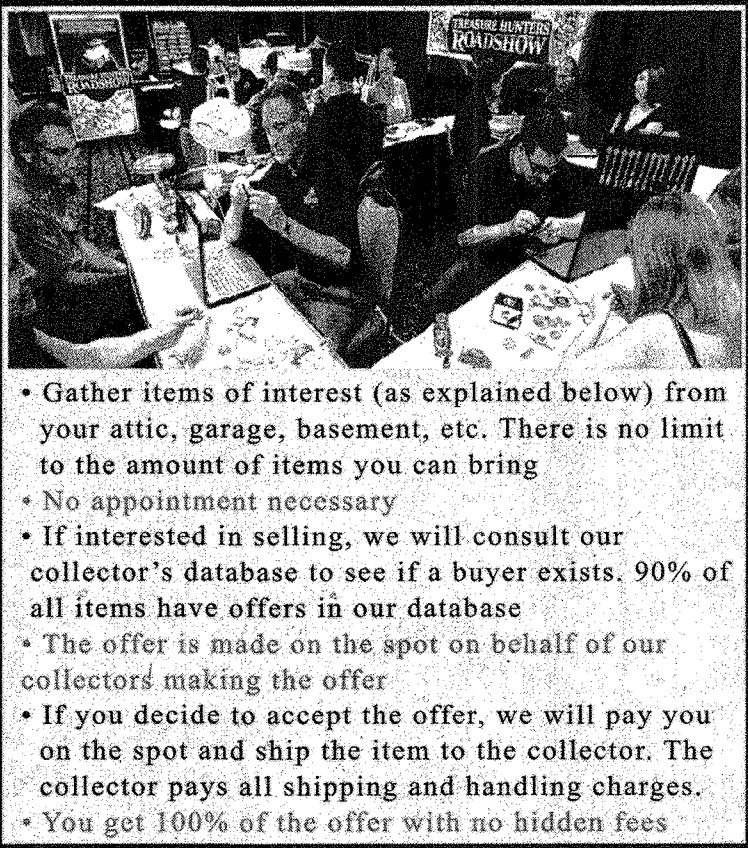
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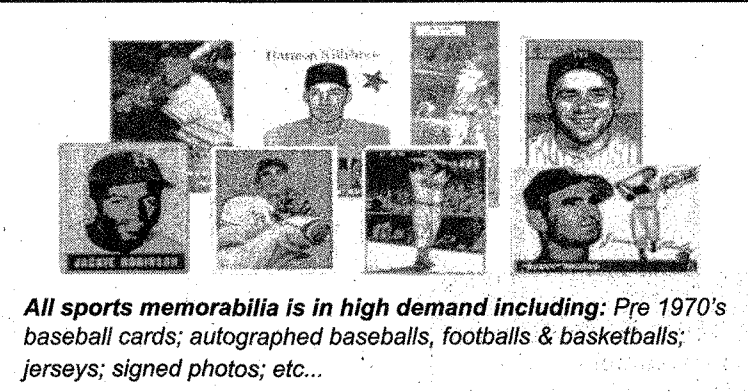
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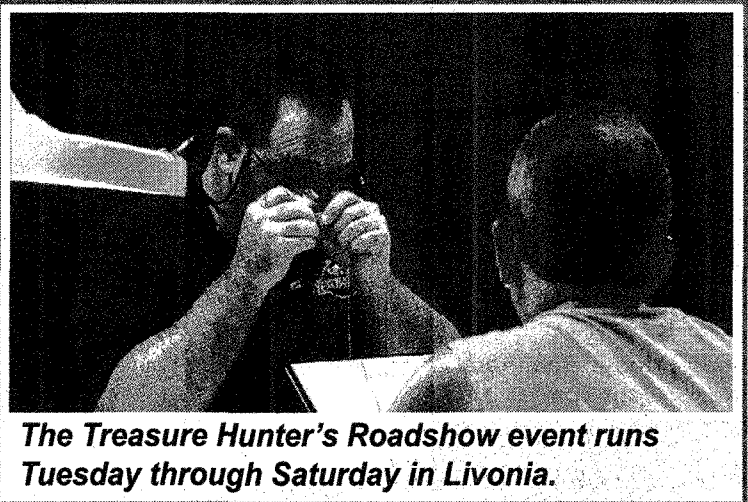
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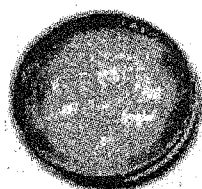
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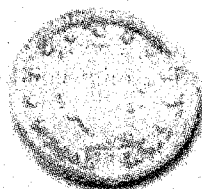
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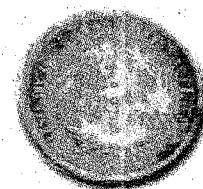
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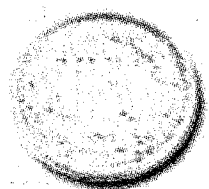
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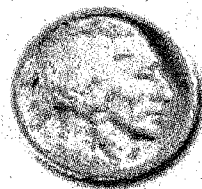
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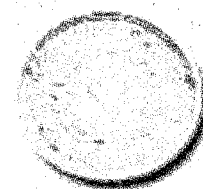
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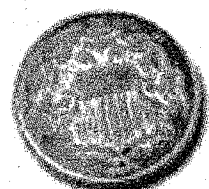
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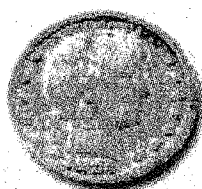
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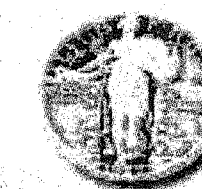
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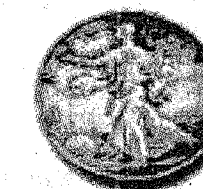
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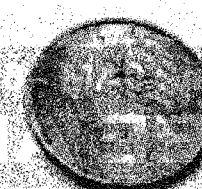
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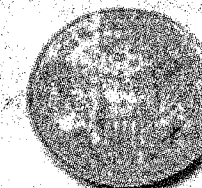
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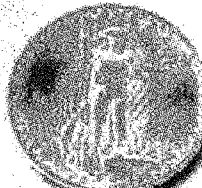
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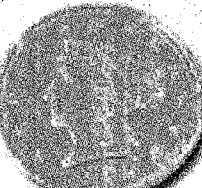
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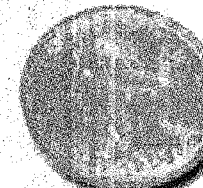
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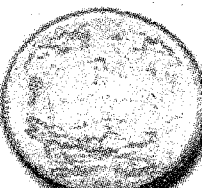
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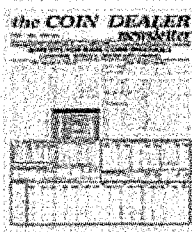
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'Tie One On'

Westland Mayor Wild and other local dignitaries will be at Westland Shopping Center at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, to encourage residents to "Tie One on for Safety."

Come and get your "Holiday Red Ribbon" at the program that will be held in the mall's Macy's Court. The MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) event is part of a public awareness campaign which reminds motorists to drive responsibly during the holidays.

Refreshments will be served. Westland Mall is at 35000 W. Warren Road at Wayne Road at Warren Road.

Tree decorating

Youth groups and scout troops can sign up now for Mayor William Wild's annual tree decorating event at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Bring in the holidays with the mayor and his special guest, Santa Claus, and decorate the trees between City Hall and the Bailey Recreation Center. Each group will decorate a tree specially chosen for them and then present their trees to the mayor.

The celebration also includes greetings from the Mayor and Santa, a Christmas carol sing-along with the Wildwood Elementary School Fourth-Grade Choir and refreshments. Registration is required. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Bowling with Santa

The Plymouth-Westland Grange No. 389, the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, Westland Jaycees and Town N Country Lanes are sponsoring Bowling with Santa 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Town N Country Lanes on Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. The cost is \$10 for two games, shoes and hot dog and drink. Santa and his friends will be there and prizes also will be given out.

Preregister by sending a check or money order, payable to Plymouth Grange No. 389, to 5692 N Globe, Westland, MI 48185. Be sure to list each adult, name and age of the child, if a bumper lane is needed and a phone number. Registration also can be done by calling Frank before 3 p.m. at (734) 626-0169 or Sue (313) 522-0089 or sending an e-mail to plymouthwestland.grange@gmail.com.

Money raised will go to the Grange's dictionary program for third-graders.

Christmas benefit

The Westland Community Foundation is hosting its annual Christmas Reception at the John Glenn High School Media Center, featuring the John Glenn High School's Glenn Singers.

The event will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Tony Paquette and the students from the Culinary Arts Department of William D. Ford Career Technical Center will be provided.

Due to these very difficult times, the foundation is asking for a \$5 contribution along with two unwrapped, new toys as a donation for the children served by the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. Don't forget the teenagers.

Reserve a spot by Dec. 3 by calling (734) 595-7727.

Santa's Workshop

The Plymouth-Westland Grange No. 389, Maxwell's Art and Treasures and Westland Jaycees are hosting a Santa's Workshop 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 5, at Maxwell's, 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City.

Parents, stay and enjoy the afternoon with your children, including family friendly activities, a visit and photo with Santa and his Elves, lunch and crafts to decorate, give away and wrap them, too.

Space is limited, so take advantage of pre-sale tickets at \$5 per person, or a family of four pack for \$18. They're available at Maxwell's Arts and Treasures. Tickets at the door will be \$7 per person.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

Holiday craft show

Garden City Middle School will be hosting a Holiday craft and vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. There will be more than 50 tables of your favorite home vendors, such as Tupperware, Avon and Tastefully Simple, as well as home made crafts. There also will be door prize raffles, 50/50 drawing, bake sale and concessions.

Admission is \$1, which includes a free raffle ticket. Garden City Middle School is at 1851 Radcliff, south of Ford. For more information or table availability, e-mail Sheryl at vendorshow@gmail.com. All proceeds will benefit the middle school's PBS program.

Family Concert

The Lathers Child Development Center will host Jim Gill's Family Room Tour 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford.

Gill is an award winning author and musician who bangs out energetic rhythms on his banjo while everyone claps, jumps, dances and even sneezes along. The concert is filled with songs from his recordings and features a read-along and sing-along of his musical books for young children.

Seating is limited. Tickets cost \$5 each and go on sale Nov. 8. Purchase tickets at the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center, 28351 Marquette.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sonya Griwicki, childcare director, at (734) 762-8440.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

New members

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession.

Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City. Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfonline.org.

Free testing

As a service to the community, the staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing, free of charge, on a bi-weekly basis to senior citizens at the Maplewood Community Center, located on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Testing will be available at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

Office hours

Need to talk with Garden City Mayor Randy Walker? You'll find him Tuesdays at Garden City Hall. Walker will hold office hours 4:30-6 p.m. Residents can schedule an appointment by calling Administrative Assistant Margo Ciecierski at (734) 793-1660.

Donations sought

Have a used video, book or DVD you looking to pass on? Well, consider donating it to the Garden City Library which is looking for donations of books, videos and DVDs in good condition. For more information, call the library at (734) 793-1830.

Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Garden City, is resuming office hours after taking a summer break. Webb represents the county's 9th District, which includes Dearborn Heights, Garden City, and Redford Township.

She will hold office hours on the following days and times:

- 9:30 a.m. the third Monday of each month at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, and at 11:30 a.m. at the Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights.

- 10 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, in Redford Township.

- 11:30 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

For residents who are unable to attend daytime office hours, Webb holds evening hours at 6 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month. The locations rotate throughout her district. Call (313) 224-0930 to confirm the location of the evening office hours for the current month.

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Cha-Ching!

Holiday shoppers find plenty to buy on Black Friday

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gary Martin was prepared to wait, that was his job for the day after Thanksgiving shopping spree. All you had to do was read the back of his T-shirt. Embroidered in red and green, it announced that the Garden City resident was the "official line holder."

His job: waiting in long checkout lines while his wife, Alice, and sister-in-law Kristie Thompson of Livonia shopped.

"We started out around 2:30 a.m. this morning," said Martin who sat in a chair in the center's Central Court scratching off instant lottery tickets. "We've been to five stores and Target was the worst. I waited in line 1 1/2 hours once we got in the door. They got a lot of good buys, most of it's in the car."

"He's been the official line holder for eight years, including last year. Even on crutches and in a wheelchair, he still did it," said his wife.

Nearby, it was obvious Susan Howard of Brownstown Township and her group had yet to make a trip to their car. A wheeled cart from Kohl's was heaped high with bargains the party of seven had gathered at J.C. Penney, Sears, Aeropostale and Victoria's Secret.

"We got up a midnight and hit Aeropostale at Southland mall," said Howard. "Then we met up here with my five daughters for more shopping. We've gotten everything we've come for."

The meeting place is actually Renee Cooper's home in Garden City.

"I'm mad because I couldn't fall asleep early so I could get up," said Cooper. "I'm usually up first, but my sisters were on the ball this year."

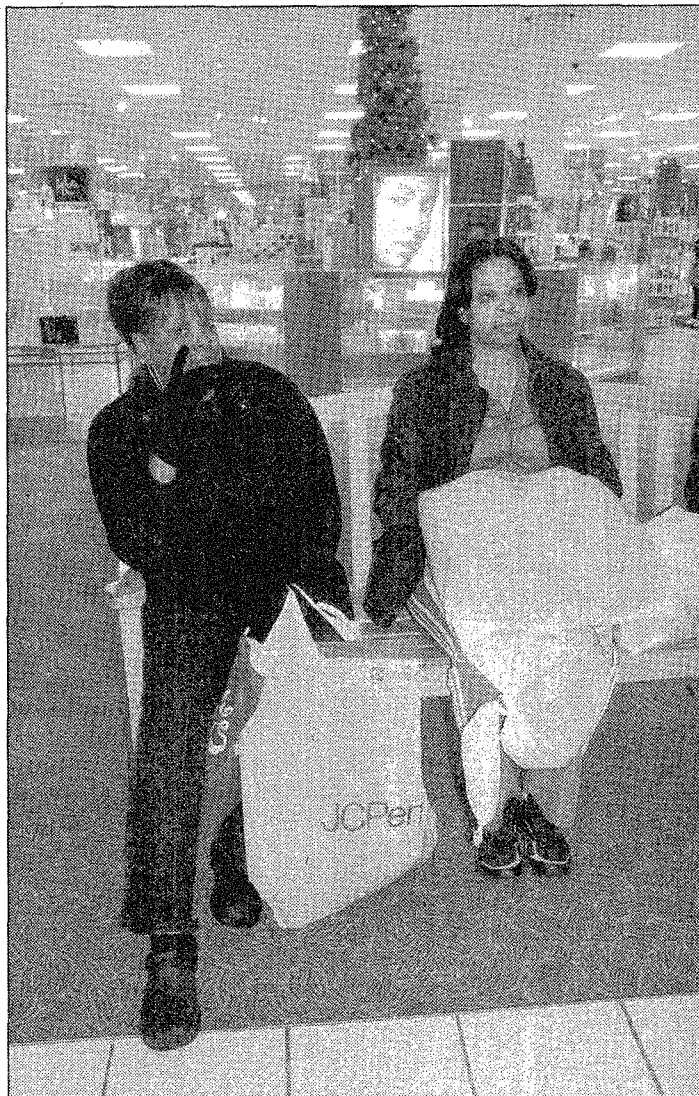
And even though she was late to rise, Cooper did "make a big dent" in her holiday shopping.

According to Howard's daughter Chynna Howard, "there were a lot of good deals." She stood in a long line at Victoria's Secret with her cousin, Celia Cooper of Riverview, to get a free bag containing samples of perfume and lotions.

"You spend \$60 and get a bag, it's a treat for us," said Celia Cooper.

"It's a yearly tradition," added Chynna Howard.

Calvin Crawford didn't look thrilled to be on the shopping expedition with his mother, Tonya, and Williamae Lane of Westland, even though the



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Williamae Lane of Westland and Tonya Crawford of Garden City take a break from Black Friday shopping at Westland Shopping Center.

youngster had bought watches and jewelry for cousins and grandmothers.

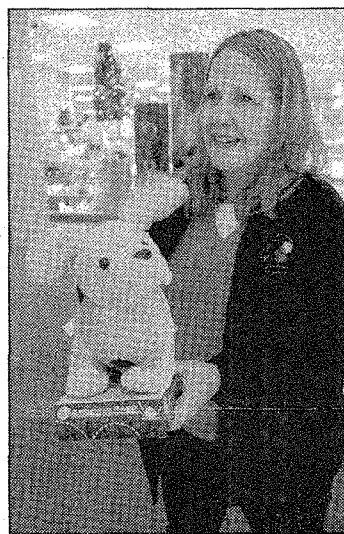
"I really didn't want to go, but I had no choice," he said.

The trio started their shopping at Walmart where Tonya Crawford admitted that "I didn't know they had a back lot."

"The shopping is great, we've caught a lot of good sales," the Garden City resident said. "We stayed true to our plan. We knew what we wanted, we knew what to look for. We did miss out on the laptops and TVs. We didn't need them, but they were a good price."

Dressing up for the shopping spree is a given for Diane Musser of Livonia, a part of the five-member Holiday Bargain Hunters who have been shopping as a well-coordinated team since 2004.

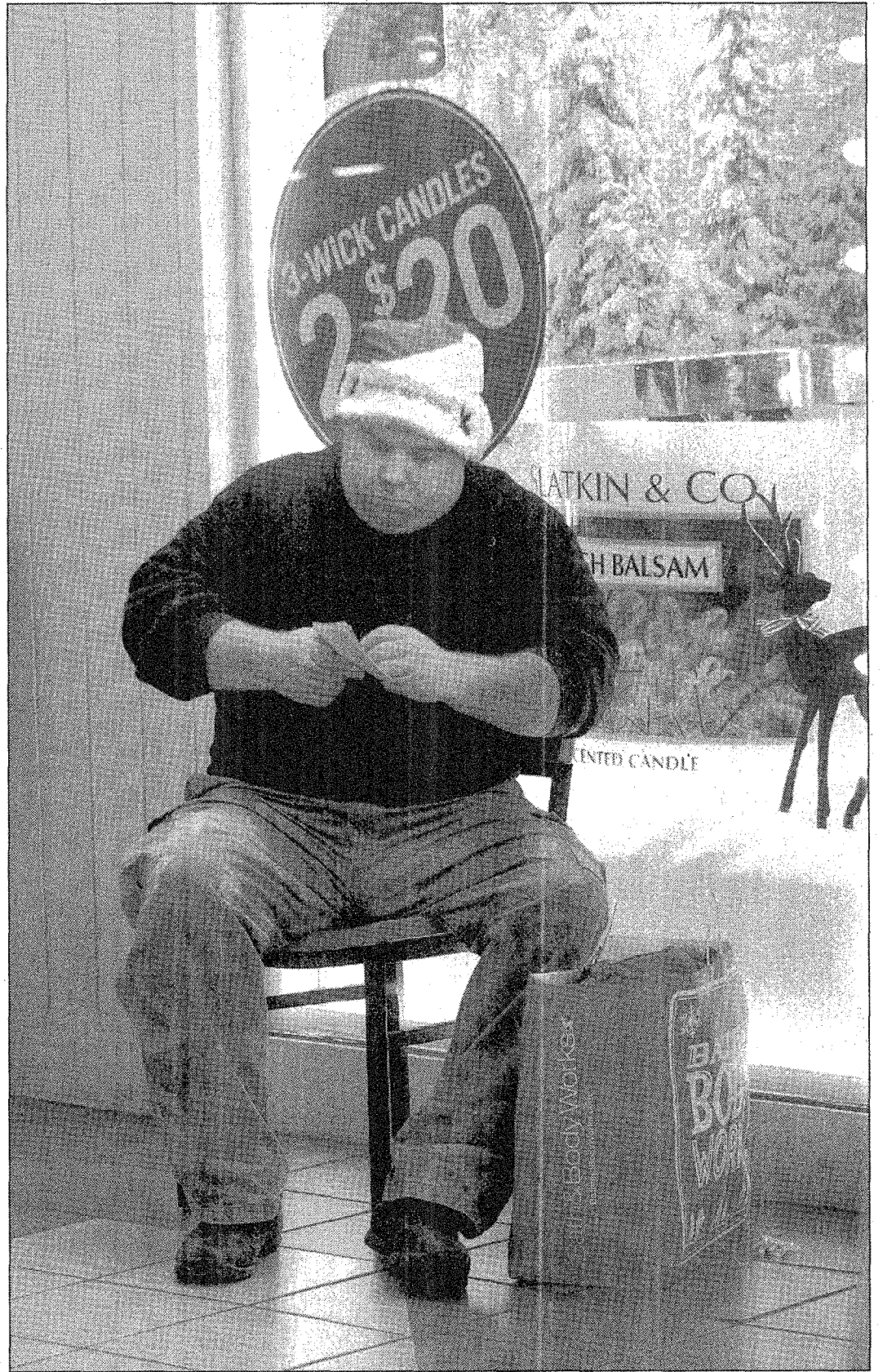
The group has a coordinated outfit with red vests decorated with a patch designed for each shopping year. This year's patch has question for Santa: Define good. They also wore red shoes and matching socks that say naughty and nice,



Garden City Councilmember Jaylee Lynch shows her "catch of the day," an animated bank that wags its ears and barks, that she got at Kohl's.

had purses Musser found in Florida that looked like Santa's jacket and reindeer antler headpieces.

"We've already been to ToysRUs, Target, Office Max and Best Buy," said Musser. "We come here to check out the mall, then go and have



Garden City resident Gary Martin, whose Black Friday job is to wait in the checkout line while his wife shops, takes a few minutes to sit down and scratch off an instant lottery ticket.

breakfast and come back to shop."

The Bargain Hunters include Musser, daughter Aimee of Commerce Township, and Diane's sisters, Laura Condroik of Jacksonville, Fla., Sue McCann of Madison, Conn., and Lisa Barnett of Baton Rouge, La. Also a part of the shopping spree is their mother, the late Patricia Piper. The sisters promised her they'd take her with them to shopping and bring an urn containing her remains.

Jennifer Fenech and her family didn't come quite as far as Barnett to shop. The family hails from Thompson Station, Tenn., and were in Michigan to visit mom Sharon Welke of Dearborn.

"We been out since 5:30 a.m., we've already made a quick trip to the car," said Fenech.

The shopping trip included husband Adam, sons Adam and Austin and daughters Alexis and Sierra.

Little Adam wasn't thrilled to be involved, but had to admit he got a few early presents — a stop watch and sea patrol boat.

"This is a tradition, we've been doing this for eight years," Fenech said.

Bags in hand, Jaylee Lynch had determined she had her

Christmas shopping almost done after making her way through the entire mall.

"I was here to shop and ran into things I hadn't thought of," said the Garden City resident, showing off her "catch of the day," a dog bank that barks and moves its ears when you put money in it. "I found sales on everything. I just fell into things."

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY WINTER TAX NOTICE

The 2010 winter taxes will be payable from December 1, 2010 through February 14, 2011 without penalty. Beginning February 15, 2011 thru February 28, 2011 a 3% penalty will be added to the unpaid taxes. Beginning March 1, 2011 all unpaid 2010 REAL property taxes must be paid to: Raymond J Wojtowicz, Wayne County Treasurer, The International Center Building, 400 Monroe, 5th floor, Detroit, MI 48226 with an additional 4% administration fee plus 1% per month interest computed from March 1, 2011.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wayne Masonic Temple Association, a Michigan non-profit corporation, shall be held at the office of the corporation at 37137 Palmer Rd., Westland, Michigan on the Tuesday December 14, 2010 at 8:00 PM for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2720-J. Donahue.32028 Anita
Request for a 2.6' front yard setback variance from Ord. 248 in order to construct a 5' x 20' porch addition to the front of the home that would be 22.4' from the front lot line whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum front yard setback of 25'.

Petition #2721-A. Warren. 28967 Eton
Request for one side yard fence location variance, one side yard fence height variance, and one front yard fence location variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a 6' high privacy fence in the east side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yards may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in height, and to install a front yard screening fence from 2' to 32' in hgt. across the entire front yard; whereas Sec. 22-304(a)(3) states that front yd. fences are allowed as a split rail/ranch style fence at a maximum hgt. of 3'.

Petition #2722-Liberty Hill Housing Corp.. 499 N. Hix
Request for one side yard fence location variance and one brick requirement variance from Ord. 248 in order to construct a new duplex home at the site with the ability to seed the lot once the grading is complete; whereas Sec. 3:9.2(c) requires the entire yard, front, rear and side be provided with sod, and to construct the new duplex home with a combination brick and vinyl exterior around the first floor of the exterior of the home; whereas Sec. 6:7(e) requires that all new homes be constructed with a brick exterior on all four sides to the top of the first floor.

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools Westland, Michigan 48185

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the purchase of used buses by Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be received until **3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 7, 2010** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

The Board is seeking bids for used Thomas EF school buses with 78 passenger seating not to exceed four (4) model years old with less than 40,000 miles. The submission of comparable alternates will be accepted and reviewed. However, if any substitution or departure is not clearly noted and described, it will be understood that the bid intends to exactly meet the specifications. The Board of Education shall be the sole judge as to whether the proposed goods are equal or approved.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents in electronic format (PDF), beginning at 9:00 A.M., Monday, November 29, 2010, by contacting Angela Black at blacka@wwcs.k12.mi.us or 734-419-2046. One (1) set of hard copies of the bid document may be obtained by visiting the Business Office located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. Bid responses are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed as follows.

**Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Angela Black, Supervisor of Business/Purchasing
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All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of Wayne-Westland Community Schools or the Superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools shall have the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid proposal received and to accept bid proposals which, in its judgment, are in its own best interest, which includes not awarding to the low bidder. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid proposals or to split awards by item in its sole discretion except where otherwise provided by law and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the school district.

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In Loving Memory ...at the Holidays

Remember the loved ones you've lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute.

The Observer and Eccentric/Hometown Weekly newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for the holidays. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of loved ones who hold a special place in your heart.

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Homemade gifts for the holiday season

As busy as the holiday season can be, there are many good reasons to spend the extra time on homemade gifts. When giving to a number of people such as neighbors, coworkers, teachers, etc., creating a "batch" of gifts can be cost-effective and fun! For those special someones in your life, something made by hand can convey a heartfelt sincerity not found in most store-bought gifts.

Even if you do not consider yourself a "crafty" person, there are a lot of things you can do to show those you care about that you are thinking of them this holiday season. Consider enlarging and framing a picture of you and a loved one, personalizing a store-bought gift with ribbon, paint, embroidery or glass etching, or using your computer to create a music CD with personalized cover.

You will be surprised by what can be accomplished with a hot glue gun, an iron and solid-color fabric, or custom clip art (tip: try MarthaStewart.com for calendar templates, tag stencils and more).

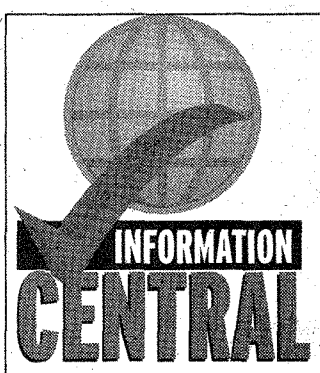
For those more "craft-inclined," the library has a wide variety of books on paper arts, candle making, glass etching, drawing and painting, framing, photography and pretty much anything you can sew, knit, embroider or otherwise apply needle and yarn to in the pursuit of a unique gift. For knitters, the library hosts a drop-in knitting group every Wednesday complete with tips and instruction for all skill levels.

Beginning in December, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be hosting four programs aimed at teaching you about inexpensive ways to make heartfelt gifts for everyone on your "nice" list. We'll be making candy wreaths and hot chocolate kits (great for teachers and co-workers!), learning how to etch glass and exploring inexpensive ways to create beautifully-wrapped gifts without breaking the bank.

Feel free to give us a call (734-326-6123), check the online catalog (catalog.westland.lib.mi.us/) or stop by the library to learn more about our resources for innovative and crafty gift-givers.

Highlighted Activities

LAST CHANCE - NaNoWriMo:
Writing Night 6-8:30 p.m. Nov. 30



Now is the time to burn the midnight oil! Novel-writers of the world unite! Or at least make your way to the library to get away from all the distractions that are forcing you to not finish National Novel Writing Month. Newbies and those curious are welcome, but be prepared to talk a little and write a lot! Join others as you finish your great American novel.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. Dec. 1

Join us for a discussion of Cory Doctorow's "Down and Out in the Magic Kingdom." Jules, a relative youngster at more than a century old, is a contented citizen of the Bitchin Society that has filled Earth and near-space since short-age and death were overcome. People are free to do whatever they wish, since the only wealth is respect and since constant internal interface lets all monitor exactly how successful they are at being liked. Copies of the book will be available a month before the meeting at the Reference desk. Everyone welcome.

Tea Leaf Reading: 7 p.m. Dec. 2, Adults and Teens

Warm up with a cup of tea and learn the Victorian art of tea leaf reading from Detroit Historical Society Guild Member Marguerite Humes. Please bring a white, round-bottom teacup and saucer to the event; the rest of your materials will be provided! A few seats still available. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call (734) 326-6123

Friday Movie Night: 7 p.m. Dec. 3

Stop by the library every Friday evening for a screening of a recently released movie. This week's movie is "Cemetery Junction." A 1970s-set comedy centers on three

upstart professional men working at an insurance company. Rated R. No registration is required. This is an after hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Holiday Concert Series: Dr. Mike & the Sea, 2 p.m. Dec. 5

Join us for some fun, seasonal entertainment as local group Dr. Mike & the Sea Monkeys bring their quirky folk anthems to the library. Fun for all ages.

Holiday Cookie Exchange: 3 p.m. Dec. 5 (following the Holiday Concert)

There are so many great holiday recipes, how do we choose? With a cookie exchange, of course! Share your favorite recipe with others and try out some new ones, too! Bring in your favorite recipe and two dozen homemade cookies and leave with samples and recipes from other cookie enthusiasts. Registration required. Stop by or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123 for details.

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Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer Classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at (734) 326-6123 to find out more.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Megan Esseltine. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

Purchase of long-term care calls for caution

Q: Dear Rick: I just read that MetLife is getting out of the long-term care area. I've had a MetLife policy for 10 years and I'm sure I cannot qualify for a policy with a different company. Do I have any options and what do you think I should do? I paid for 10 years under this policy.

A: MetLife did announce it would stop selling long-term care policies. However, the company also stated it will continue to service existing policies. MetLife has been one of the largest long-term care companies and it has over 500,000 policies in effect. As long as you continue to pay your premiums you will be covered.

I've done some research regarding the MetLife situation. At this point in time it does not appear that MetLife has any plans to sell its long-term care business. However, it would not surprise me if that happened sometime in the future. Typically, when insurance companies sell a portion of their business to another carrier, that company assumes the original insurance company's obligations and there is very little effect to the policy holders.

One question many people may be asking is why MetLife and other companies have left the long-term care business. I think the simple answer to that is economics. People are living longer and these insurance companies are finding that more people are collecting on their policies. Therefore, these types of policies are not as profitable as they

used to be. This is one of the reasons that many of the long-term care companies have asked for substantial premium increases. In fact, over the last few years some companies have increased premiums by as much as 40 percent.

I anticipate that many long-term care insurance companies are going to re-evaluate their policies and the business of long-term care in the near future. How many more companies decide to leave the long-term care business, I don't know, but I do know that premiums will rise in the near future.

I know that many people are sold long-term care policies with the idea that premiums cannot increase. Unfortunately, when agents tell you that, they are being less than honest with you. As far as I know there are only two types of long-term care policies where premiums cannot increase. These types of policies are a single-pay long-term care policy or a limited-pay long-term care policy with a rate guarantee.

A single-pay long-term care policy requires that you make one premium payment and that is it. As long as you live you are covered by that policy. Since you are only making one premium payment, there cannot be a rate increase.

The second type of policy that does not have a rate increase is a limited-pay long-term care policy. If these types of policies have a rate guarantee, then the premium cannot go up. Typically, in these types of policies, the policy holder pays a fixed premium for a fixed number of years. For example, a limited-pay long-term care policy with a rate guarantee ensures that if you pay the premium for five

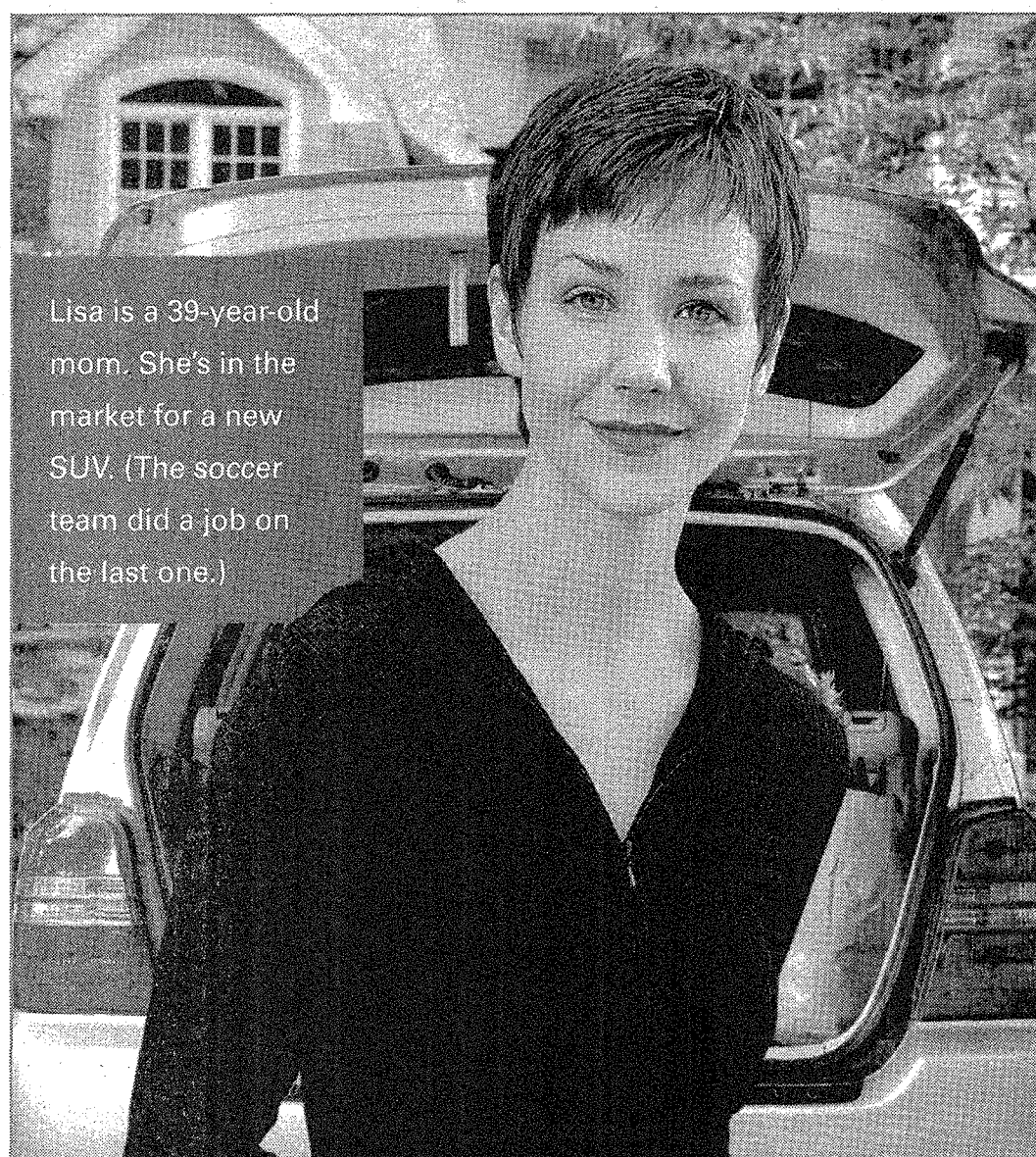
years, the policy is paid up and cannot have additional fees. Of course, in reality most people cannot afford a single premium long-term care policy or even a limited-pay long-term care policy. Most people that have long-term care policies have a standard pay policy where premiums can be increased.

For those who have had MetLife for a number of years, there are limited options at this point in time. However, for those who recently purchased a MetLife policy, it may make sense to shop around for a new company dedicated to the long-term care market place.

The long-term care insurance industry is going through a restructuring. How it will settle, I don't know. If you are thinking about purchasing a long-term care policy, proceed with caution. A long-term care policy can be an important part of someone's overall personal financial plan and that is why changes in the industry are important to you. MetLife said it does not intend to sell the business and those policies will be maintained as they always have been. I hope that is the case. However, the reality is that even in the best of times insurance companies sometimes make it difficult to collect on valid claims. Consequently, when a company is winding down its business it may be a little more difficult to collect on valid claims. Therefore, be vigilant when it comes to claims.

Good luck!

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Teen caught following police chase

Police Chase

A Westland teenager is facing charges that he stole a car and led police on a high speed chase through several communities before crashing in Ann Arbor early Monday, Nov. 22.

The vehicle was reportedly stolen in Westland. Romulus police attempted to stop the vehicle at about 1 a.m., but reportedly the teen fled at speeds of 90-110 mph on I-94.

The chase ended when the car crashed into the median wall near State Street in Ann Arbor. Officers from Michigan State Police, the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department and Van Buren Township assisted in the chase.

The teen driver was taken to a local hospital after the accident and then taken to jail. As a juvenile, his name has not been released.

Larceny from building

A laptop computer was reported stolen from the computer lab at Cambridge Alternative High School Nov. 17.

The teacher told police he discovered the computer missing from the desk of a student who had asked to go to the office because he wasn't feeling well. The teacher checked the classroom for the laptop. He also said that none of students in the class had bags large enough to conceal the computer.

A security camera reportedly showed the student leave the lab with a red backpack and go to the bathroom before leaving the school without reporting to the office. The student reportedly denied having anything to do with the missing laptop and said he had gone to the office for some medicine before leaving the school. The office staff reportedly didn't recall the student coming in before leaving.

The computer was valued at \$1,500.

Identity theft

A 42-year-old Garden City

COP CALLS

woman filed a complaint with police Nov. 18 after she started receiving calls from cell phone companies, hotels and collection agencies about outstanding balances on accounts in her name.

She told police she did not make any of the purchases and didn't give anyone permission to use her information to do so.

Vandalism

A landscaping brick was used to break the glass in the door of Sunoco Gas Station at 32843 Ford Nov. 19.

A surveillance video reportedly showed a white male with a white scarf around his face throw the brick at the window. When the alarm sounded, the suspect fled on foot.

Damage was set at \$500.

Larceny from a vehicle

More than \$700 in hand tools, a miter saw, band saw, socket set and drill were reportedly taken from a tool box in an open bed of a pickup truck parked on the street in the 29000 block of Sheridan sometime between 10:30 p.m. Nov. 18 and 6:45 a.m. Nov. 19.

The owner told police the tool box locks were not very secure and it's easy to open the box without a key.

A GPS navigational system and iPod were reportedly taken from at vehicle parked on the street in the 28000 block of James Avenue Nov. 19-20.

The owner told police that he found the window on the passenger side door completely down, and the items missing from the console and dash. He said he has a problem with the window, making it hard to completely close.

Vandalism

The manager of Sure Stop Auto, 6940 Middlebelt, told police that on Nov. 17 he discovered the window of a sliding door on the passenger side

had been shattered. The car had been parked in front of the business at the time.

The vehicle wasn't searched, and the owner of the van said that there had been nothing of value in it.

A large piece on concrete was used to break the driver's side rear window of a vehicle parked in a lot at Garden City Opportunity Mamom, 6337 Central, sometime between 10 p.m. Nov. 19 and 8 a.m. Nov. 20.

The piece of concrete was found on the floor in the back-seat of the car.

Warrant arrest

A 38-year-old Inkster man was arrested after he reportedly was found in Garden City Park after curfew with a 35-year-old Detroit woman at 11 p.m. Nov. 20.

The couple was found in a vehicle parked in the lot by the Civic Arena. The woman was ticketed for a park hours violation while the man reportedly was held for failure to appear in 22nd District Court on a marijuana possession charge.



Wish You Were Here

When Denise Spillman of Tecumseh drove her parents, Ron and Pat Kendra of Westland, to Traverse City for vacation, they made sure to take a day trip to the Legs Inn in Cross Village where they posed with their Observer for a Wish You Were Here snapshot. According to the Kendras, they drove through Charlevoix, Petoskey and Harbor Springs to get to Cross Village where they "enjoyed a delicious, authentic Polish lunch." Afterwards, they walked around the flower gardens and enjoyed the view of Sturgeon Bay. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Benefit Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11
Location: Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne
Details: Life Pointe Church is presenting a Sounds of Life Benefit Concert featuring Bishop RJ Shackleford and HIS. The cost is a \$20 donation. Proceeds will benefit Life Pointe Church.
Contact: For information and tickets, call (734) 486-3210.

Christmas Tea

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Dec. 20
Location: Alexander Blue House at Greenmead on Newburgh north of Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter will be holding a Christmas Tea. Bring one dozen of your favor-

ite Christmas Cookies with several copies of the recipe to share. Also bring one of your treasured Christmas ornaments and be ready to tell what it means to you.
Contact: (248) 477-7375
Hospital reunion
Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7
Location: Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland.
Details: Retirees and former employees of the Wayne County General Hospital in Westland, which closed in 1984, are invited to the 26th Holiday Reunion at the Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Guest can pay at the door. Space is limited to 62 people.
Contact: Call Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or by e-mail chknlt@wideopenwest.com, Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or by e-mail atfrightingirish316@scbglobal.net, or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or e-mail pibbotso@aol.com for further information or to make a reservation.

Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS support Group will hear guest speaker Dr. Gary Salada will speak on medical marijuana. The group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month.
Contact: For more information, contact Ruthann at (734) 981-2519 or online www.MetroFibroGroup.com

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Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28
Location: SS. Simon and Jude Church Hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland
Details: The SS. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club is sponsoring sponsor a Toys and Train Show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. the day of the show.
Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.
Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience

needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.
Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.
Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.
Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

VOLUNTEERS

First Step

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least

18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.
Contact: (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223
Drivers Needed
Details: Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.
Contact: (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

VNA Hospice

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.
Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org



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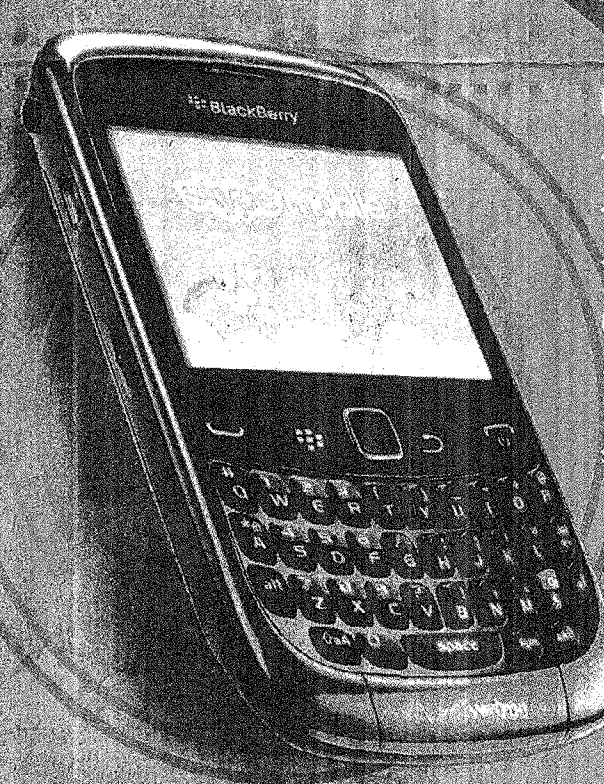
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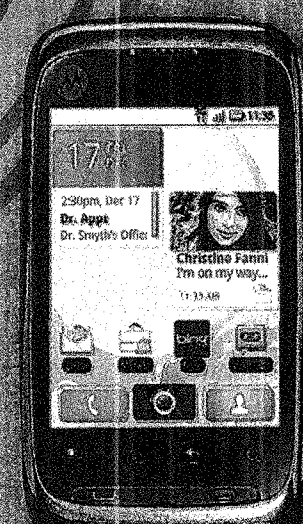


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Last-minute Stevenson goal stuns Churchill, 4-3

Palushaj gets game-winner, hat trick

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The traditional Thanksgiving Eve game between boys hockey rivals Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill proved to have all the stuffings and plenty more.

And it was Andrew Palushaj who provided the dessert as he notched a hat trick, including the dramatic game-winner with only 8.5 seconds remaining Wednesday night to give Stevenson a 4-3 comeback win over the Chargers at Edgar Arena.

Palushaj, a 6-foot, 195-pound senior assistant captain, took a pass from Justin Shureb and scored on a two-on-one breakaway to break the 3-all deadlock after the Spartans won a face-off in their own end with just 18.2 seconds remaining.

"My friend Ryan (Urso) made a great play," Palushaj said. "He chipped it to Justin Shureb and he (Shureb) made a great play back door to me."

Palushaj scored all three of his goals during the final period to help erase Churchill leads of 2-1 and 3-2.

"We had to wake up because the first two periods we thought it was just a hockey game," Palushaj said. "Coach (Gerry Vento) came in and talked to us. We woke up and played in the third."

"We had to wake up and play. We haven't lost to them in a couple of years. We were losing the battles and we had to win them. We were getting outworked."

With the all-important Kensington Conference crossover victory, Stevenson improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 KLAA's Central Division.

Churchill, meanwhile, falls to 2-1

overall and 0-1 in the KLAA's South Division.

"Mental mistakes killed us," Chargers coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We were our own worst enemy. Two five-on-threes — got nothing — and gave up two short-handed (goals)."

"Just too many mental mistakes on our end. It's a shame because we started off pretty good."

It was 0-0 after the first 17-minute period as Stevenson took four penalties in the opening period. But Churchill failed to convert including a two-man advantage on the power play for a minute and 36 seconds.

The Chargers, however, scored twice in the first 3:55 of the second period to take a 2-0 lead.

Michael Gambino's backhand shot past Stevenson goaltender Connor Humitz at the two-minute mark after Matt Sinclair capitalized on a Spartan turnover at mid-ice.

Steven Klisz then scored just 1:55 later on assists from Chris Mireles and Nick Proben.

Churchill got another five-on-three power play chance at the 6:17 mark with a chance to go up 3-0.

That's when Mazzoni called a timeout to go over strategy.

"We thought we saw something by moving the box around a little bit, but we weren't disciplined enough to execute it," the Churchill coach said. "We had the exact same scenario against in the (North) Farmington (Harrison) game and they did it."

Meanwhile, Stevenson first-year coach Gerry Vento also used the timeout to regroup his team.

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TOM HOFFMEYER | PHOTO

Churchill's Matt Sinclair (17) and Stevenson's Nathan Sink (14) contest for the puck during Wednesday's Thanksgiving Eve game at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Girls hoop season tips off Tuesday

Rockets boosted by PSL transfers

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The landscape for area girls basketball is undergoing quite a makeover.

There are new coaches at five of the nine schools.

Players are also transferring, most notably into Westland John Glenn where the Rockets have picked up three high-profile cagers from the Detroit Public School League.



Chelsea Williams

The Rockets, 6-15 a year ago, could be a factor in the KLAA South Division race where Canton, a Class A state semifinalist with a slew of returnees, remains a heavy favorite.

That will definitely put second-year coach Mark Anderson under the microscope.

Anderson hesitates to call the transfer triumvirate "The Big Three," but the Heat could be on.

Glenn's new faces include 6-foot-1 junior forward Erica Covile, who averaged 23 points and 12 rebounds per game at Detroit Cody; 6-foot junior

forward Joslyn Massey, a key reserve last year for state Class A runner-up Detroit Renaissance; and 5-9 sophomore guard Shakeya Graves, who spent the first semester of her freshman year at Detroit King before returning to Westland in January and sitting out the second half of the season due to MHSAA transfer rules.

Massey's transfer has been red-flagged by the MHSAA, according to Anderson.

"Her move is OK, but they're delaying her from playing right away," he said. "She might not be eligible until Jan. 18."

So how are things shaping up for the Rockets?

"We're going attack the defense, play up-tempo," Anderson said. "We'll let the girls play to their abilities. The new players are blending in. They're starting to get an understanding of what I want and what's best for them to display their talents."

Livonia Franklin (18-6), another formidable member of the KLAA South, still has two starters remaining from the 2008-09 Class A state runner-up team led by 5-9 senior

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Kristen Balhorn (41) and Churchill's Erin Menard (34) both averaged in double figures for their respective teams a year ago.

Oh Lourdes: 1-6 Madonna loses, 65-62

Madonna University squandered a 20-point half-time advantage Tuesday as host Lourdes College (Ohio) roared back for a 65-62 men's basketball triumph at the Tam O'Shanter Complex.

The Crusaders shot a blistering 62 percent (16-of-26) in the opening 20 minutes, but made only 26 percent on just seven second-half field goals to fall to 1-6 overall.

Senior Bryant Slaughter (Westland/Cherry Hill Academy) led MU with 13 points, while sophomore red-shirt Kevin Henry added 11.

Joe Davis paced Lourdes (5-5) and all scorers with 23 points, while Brett Young contributed 17 points and nine rebounds.

After trailing 44-24 at the break, Lourdes opened the second half with a 26-6 run and tied the game at 52-all on a jumper by Davis.

A pair of Gray Wolves free throws followed by a three from John Washington (15 points) put the Gray Wolves up 57-52, and ahead to stay. Slaughter connected on

Please see **MADONNA, B2**

SIDELINES

MU teams top 25

Both the Madonna University men's baseball and women's softball teams are ranked in the top 25 in the 2011 NAIA Preseason Coaches' Poll.

Coach Greg Haeger's baseball squad, which returns 22 lettermen from a team that posted 46 wins, debuts at No. 11.

Defending champ Cumberland (Tenn.) returns in the No. 1 spot.

They are led by all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pitcher Jeremy Gooding (Livonia), who tied a single-season high with 10 wins, along with outfielder Matt Kay (Canton), who has 25 career homers.

The Lady Crusaders, 43-12 a year ago and winners of three straight conference regular season and tournament titles, are ranked No. 17. Cal Baptist owns the top spot.

MU returns 12 letter winners from a year ago, led by three-time all-WHAC Pitcher of the Year Jess Irwin.

WHAC Coach of the Year Al White also returns all-conference picks Erica Landess, Hallie Minch (Garden City) and Kelly Lesko.

WYAA meeting

The Westland Youth Athletic Association's annual general membership meeting will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Included on the agenda is election for the board of directors and other business items. Lifetime members are also welcome to attend.

For more information, contact the WYAA during regular business hours from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at (734) 421-0640.

Elks Hoop Shoot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation 2010 Elks Hoop Shoot contest will be Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Free registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with age group competition for 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 year-olds starting at 9 a.m.

Each competitor will shoot 25 free throws with the winners advancing to district competition in January.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

WYAA hoop signup

Registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball program will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound, located at 6050 Ford Road.

The WYAA offers four age divisions including Right Start (7-8), Freshman (9-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-16). Age groups are determined as of Dec. 1, 2010.

Freshman, JV and Varsity games will be played at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland, while Right Start will be at Adams Upper Elementary School.

For more information, e-mail Don Haas at anet326@gmail.com, or call (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours.



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9-0 Owens derails No. 2 Ocelots

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Owens Technical Community College (Ohio) came out blazing Friday night and the No. 2-ranked Schoolcraft College women's basketball team had no answer.

Hailey Galvan scored 20 points and Jasmine Blanton added 13 to pace a balanced scoring attack as the 12th-ranked Express rolled to an 82-69 win over the Lady Ocelots in the Turkey Shootout at Kalamazoo Valley CC.

"We were not ready to play against a team we've beaten the last two years to go to the (NJCAA Division II) nationals," said Schoolcraft coach

COLLEGE HOOPS

Karen Lafata, whose team dropped to 5-2 overall. "They have a veteran team of sophomores and they remembered. They came out smoking."

Hitting five 3-pointers, Owens (9-0) built a 42-31 half-time advantage and led by as many as 25 points (64-39) with 11:07 remaining.

Schoolcraft cut the deficit to 76-64 with 2:51 to play, but couldn't draw any closer.

Schoolcraft's Shawnicka Thomas, a 5-foot-9 freshman forward from Warren Fitzgerald, scored a game-high 33 points. Sophomore center Kimberly Bee contributed 10

points and 12 rebounds.

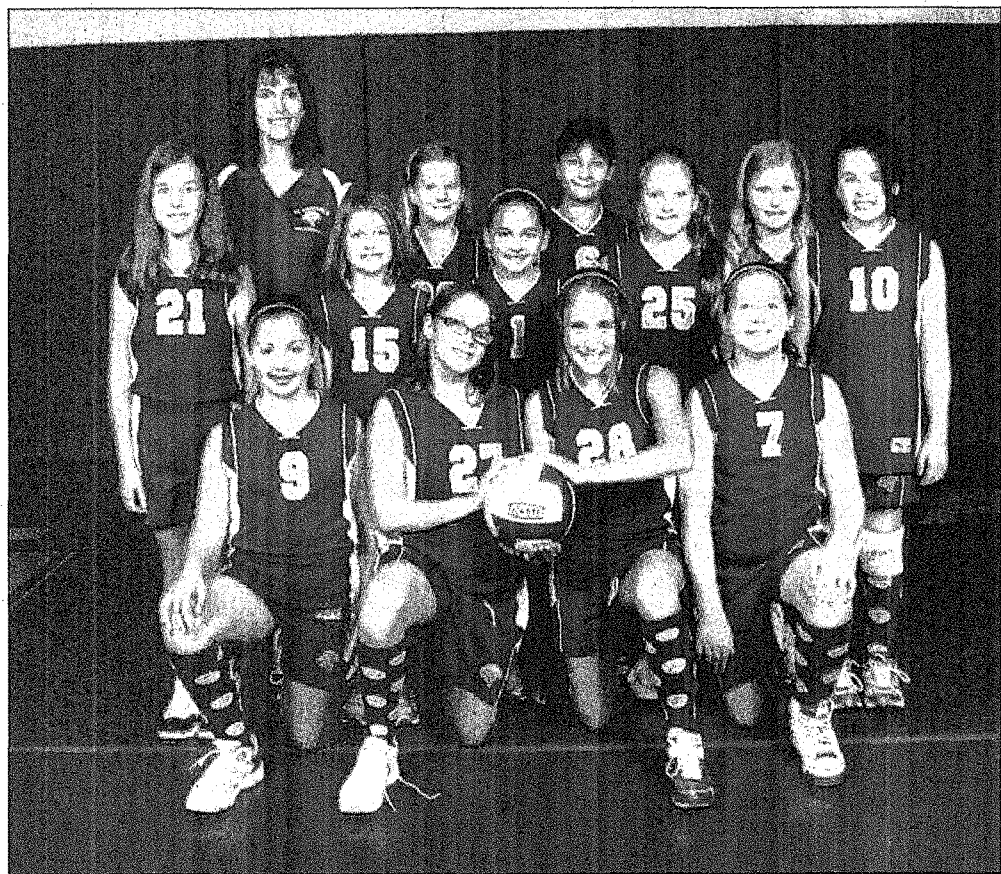
Owens made 30-of-70 shots from the floor (43 percent), including 8-of-17 from three-point range. The Express made 14-of-22 free throws.

Schoolcraft hit 25-of-60 shots from the field (42 percent), including 4-of-12 from beyond the arc. The Lady Ocelots were 15-of-23 from the foul stripe.

Owens had the edge in total rebounds, 45-39, and made only 12 turnovers to Schoolcraft's 18.

Schoolcraft returned to action Saturday in the Turkey Shootout to face Columbus State (Ohio).

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CYO co-champs

The Livonia St. Michael Junior Varsity No. 2 volleyball team (grades 5-6) recently posted a 9-1 to share the Catholic Youth Organization Division Championship with St. Fabian of Farmington Hills. The Gaels, coached by Janice Filiatraut and Megan Schmidt, were recognized during halftime ceremonies, Oct. 23, at the 2010 Prep Bowl at Ford Field. Team members include: Rachel Barczuk, Sarah Cervenian, Tara Dobric, Allie Filiatraut, Katie Lewalk, Elizabeth McCann, Reese Moschetta, Lucy Neville, Sydney Pilut, Addy Solando, Emma Toppi and Monica Weinrauch.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Chad Jenkins, fourth season.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 10-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Darcy DeRoo, Taylor Kerr, Jenna Szuba, Megan Catalano, Taylor Byron.
Leading returnees: Erin Menard, 6-1 Jr. C (third-team All-Area; 12 ppg; 8 rpg); Nicole Salloom, 5-3 Soph. G.
Promising newcomers: Sydney Anderson, 5-6 Soph. G-F; Emily Norscia, 6-1 Soph. F-C; Julia Szuba, 5-4 Soph. G; Audrey Durocher, 5-7 Soph. F; Laura Barrick, 5-6 Jr. F; Lindsey Dusablon, 5-6 Jr. F; Mackenzie VanAmberg, 5-6 Jr. G; Maggie Fowler, 5-10 Jr. F; Kathy Fowler, 5-4 Jr. G.
Jenkins' 2010-11 outlook: "We have a very young team that is excited to learn how to compete and win at the varsity level. Erin Menard will provide leadership and experience in the post and Nicole Salloom will look to build off of a strong freshman season and provide stability at the point. We have several players that are excited to step up and play important roles, both in the starting lineup and off the bench, as the season progresses."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Bob Ostrowski, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 18-6.
Titles won last year: Class A district champs.
Notable losses to graduation: Senneca Scott (second-team all-area); Nicole Emery, Brittany Milican, Mary Gilliland.
Leading returnees: Chelsea Williams, 5-11 Sr. G-F (first-team all-area; 15 ppg; 8 rpg; 5 apg; 4 steals); Amanda Borioe, 5-9 Sr. C-F; Rachel Gonyaw, 6-0 Sr. C-F; Katie Neu, 5-10 Sr. F; Jessica Emery, 5-6 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Katelynn Devers, 5-5 Soph. G.
Ostrowski's 2010-11 outlook: "Several key players were lost last year through graduation. However, this year's team has the ability, leadership and experience to have another good season."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Jen Knoph, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 7-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Nina Bonanno, Emily Hollandsworth, Anastasia Newton, Shelby Wilson.
Leading returnees: Kristen Balhorn, 6-0 Sr. C (fourth-team all-area; 10 ppg, 8.6 rpg); Stephanie Batshon, 5-9 Sr. F; Molly Knoph, 5-2 Jr. PG; Monika Rudis, 5-10 Sr. F-C; Jordan York, 5-7 Jr. G.
Promising newcomers: Sarah Bambach, 5-6 Jr. G; Aubrey Bierkamp, 5-6 Jr. G; Allison Koestering, 5-5 Soph. G; Katelynn Foster, 5-9 Jr. F; Charlesann Roy, 5-10 Jr. F-C; Rachel Wilkinson, 5-8 Jr. G.
Knoph's 2010-11 outlook: "After a short-lived concern over lack of numbers, I am very optimistic about our season. We have a nice balance of experience and young talent. The work ethic and the heart I'm seeing at practice is consistent from top to bottom, regardless of age. The girls have set both individual and team goals and I believe they are committed to reaching them. If we

can stay healthy, we'll be fun to watch this season."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Mark Anderson, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 6-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Vanover (second-team all-area), Onjaleese Warren.
Leading returnees: E'Aisha Guster, 5-5 Sr. PG (7 ppg, 4 apg, 2 steals); Andrea Gordon-McClain, 5-8 Sr. F; Stephany Brown, 5-7 Jr. F; Abbey Wright, 5-3 Jr. G; Aubrie Scott, 5-5 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Joslyn Massey, 6-0 Jr. F (transfer from Detroit Renaissance); Erica Coville, 6-0 Jr. F (transfer from Detroit Cody); Shakeya Graves, 5-9 Soph. G; Cherjon Hickson, 6-0 Jr. C; Kaira Barnes, 5-3 Fr. G.
Anderson's 2010-11 outlook: "I can only coach what comes through the door. They have warranted a lot of attention. It's a work in progress. The girls have been playing AAU and at other high schools, but now they have understand my philosophy, the way I coach and get them to the things I want. I haven't settled on starting lineup, probably Saturday (Nov. 27) after the scrimmage. Then I'll decide who I'll roll with."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Leslie Williams, fourth year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 1-19.
Notable losses to graduation: Allie Coleman, Sarah Carney.
Leading returnees: Holland Boertje, 5-9 Jr. G (assist leader); Jaylyn Hammac, 5-8 Jr. G-F; Jane Thayer, 5-7 Sr. F (rebound leader).
Promising newcomers: Ashley Bland, Fr. G; Sierra Smith, Jr. F.
Williams' 2010-11 outlook: "Team is still young and plays in a very competitive conference with developed and established programs. However, there will be notable improvement from previous seasons. The team has better chemistry and will be more competitive in games and can attribute it to an active off-season attending team camps."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Anthony Coratti, first year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 12-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Molly Gaciach (third-team all-area); Mary Fitzgerald (third-team all-area); Jenny Kelley.
Leading returnees: Teresa Wojnarowski, 5-10 Sr. F; Alyssa Anastos, 5-9 Sr. G; Christina Butkiewicz, 5-9 Sr. F; Briana Combs, 5-7 Jr. G; Morgan Chops, 5-11 Jr. F.
Promising newcomers: Shannon Hogg, 6-1 Sr. G; Katy Rooney, 6-0 Sr. F; Andie Anastos, 5-9 Soph. PG; Shelby Walsh, 5-6 Soph. G; Kiley Gorski, 5-9 Soph. F.
Coratti's 2010-11 outlook: "We have a great group of seniors who really work hard and are extremely competitive. Our starting lineup will most likely consist of both Anastos sisters, Wojnarowski, Butkiewicz and Combs. We may be a little undersized, so we really want to get into people defensively and look to push the tempo on the offensive end. Our coaching staff (Amber Willoughby, Mike Mach and Scott Combs) is very optimistic about what this group of kids can accomplish because we have such a great

group of kids that provide a nice blend of talent. We don't have huge numbers as a team, but we think the 10 or so can all play a large role in each and every game."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Katrina Vanover.
League affiliation: Independent.
Last year's overall record: 8-12.
Notable losses to graduation: Kristen Jolly, Ashley Devon.
Leading returnees: Jenna Burgess, 5-9 Sr. G; Brittany Tallman, 5-9 Sr. G; Angela McAlpine, 5-10 Jr. C.
Promising newcomers: Ashley Murphy, 6-0 Soph. PF; Ayanna Buckley, 6-1 Fr. SF.
Vanover's 2010-11 outlook: "This group of girls is very dedicated and eager to become a winning team. We have a great combination of girls in all positions, which will allow us to be a threat against competitive teams. The returnees and newcomers have developed great team chemistry. They trust one another and understand that it takes a collective effort to accomplish our goals for the season. As the new varsity head coach, my plan is to teach, motivate and lead this team to immeasurable athletic accomplishments."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Sandra Wade, first year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).
Last year's overall record: 6-15.
Titles won last year: Class D district champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Emilie Freeman, Rachel Storck, Nicole Zehel.
Leading returnees: Amanda Terranella, 6-0 Jr. C; Taylor Wiemer, 5-7 Jr. G; Hanna Conley, 5-7 Jr. G.
Promising newcomers: Shannon Abbott, 5-4 Soph. PG; Angela Morrison, 5-8 Soph. G.
Wade's 2010-11 outlook: "Having no seniors makes us very young and that will be a challenge for us early on. The talent and potential are there, and once everyone learns to play together and gains some experience, we will be very competitive as the season progresses."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Karen Stockdale, first year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's overall record: 5-13.
Notable losses to graduation: Claire Wood, Anna Schaffer, Devon Linderman, Olivia Bogenschutz.
Leading returnees: Katie Nell, 5-6 Sr. G (second-team all-MIAC Red); Becca Lovell, 5-11 Jr. C; Paige Schmidt, 5-5 Soph. F.
Promising newcomers: Dayna Schroeder, 5-10 Fr. F; Amy Cornwell, 5-2 Soph. G; Megan Prieskorn, 5-5 Soph. F.
Stockdale's 2010-11 season outlook: "With only seven players we can't afford injuries. We don't have a lot of experience, but we hope to work hard and put forth a good effort. It's bigger squad than what we had last year. Last year we only had a varsity team. It's still going to be a rebuilding year, but we have a lot of freshman on the JV and expect an even bigger class next year."

HOOPS

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guard-forward Chelsea Williams, a first-team All-Observer pick who averaged 15 points, eight rebounds, five assists and four steals per game for the three-time district champions.

New coach Bob Ostrowski, who moves over from Redford Thurston replacing Dave McCall, also inherits 5-9 senior forward Amanda Borioe.

Livonia Churchill (10-11) was hit heavily by graduation losses, but returns a young and tall front line led by 6-1 junior center Erin Menard, who averaged 12 points and eight rebounds a year ago.

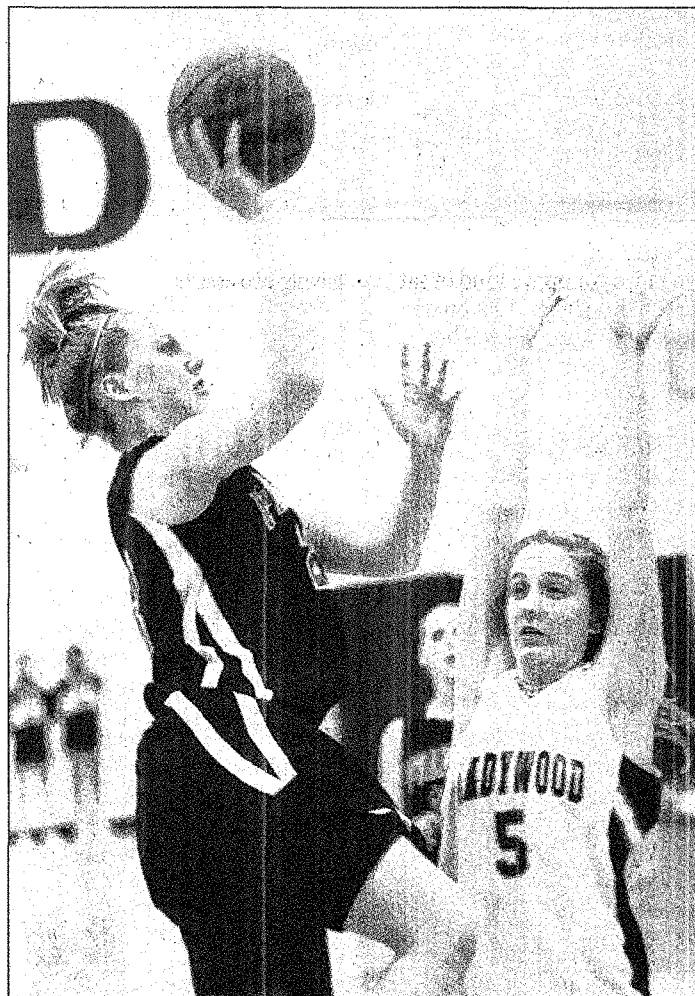
Wayne Memorial (1-19), trying to avoid the basement of the KLAAS South, returns three-year starter Holland Boertje, 5-9 junior guard; Jane Thayer, a 5-7 senior forward; and Jaylyn Hammac, a 5-8 Jr. G.

In the KLAAS's Central Division, Livonia Stevenson (7-15) could be much improved with the return of 6-foot senior center Kristen Balhorn (10 ppg, 8.6 rpg), along with the junior guard tandem of 5-2 Molly Knoph and 5-7 Jordan York.

Meanwhile, Livonia Ladywood (12-11) is also under new management as JV coach Anthony Coratti takes over for Pat Cannon.

Coratti coached a 21-0 JV squad and returns two varsity starters led by 5-10 senior forward Teresa Wojnarowski and 5-9 senior guard Alyssa Anastos.

"Having gotten to know these kids over the last four years and watch them develop, I am extremely excited for this season to begin because I know we will compete and put forth great effort, which is really all you can ask for as a coach,"



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Franklin's Amanda Borioe (left) and Ladywood's Teresa Wojnarowski (5) both return as seniors for their respective teams.

Coratti said.

There will also be two new area coaches in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference as Sandra Wade, who moves up from the JV ranks to take over at Lutheran High Westland (6-15) of the MIAC's Blue Division. Wade coached four seasons as an associate coach at Madonna University and played collegiately at Concordia University.

The Warriors, who won a Class D district crown a year ago, lost 6-3 center Emilie Freeman to graduation, but return 6-0 junior center Amanda Terranella.

Next-door neighbor Westland Huron Valley

Lutheran (5-13), a member of the MIAC Red, also has a new coach as alumnus Karen Stockdale, the Hawks' JV coach the past six year, takes over for Kris Ruth. The Hawks top returnee is 5-6 senior guard Katie Nell.

Another new area coach is Katrina Vanover at Livonia Clarenceville (8-12). She takes over for Julie Patterson and will welcome two promising front line players in 6-foot sophomore power forward Ashley Murphy and 6-1 freshman shooting forward Ayanna Buckley. The Trojans will play this season as an independent after the Metro Conference folded.

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a three-pointer with nine seconds remaining to make it 65-62.

After Young missed a pair of free throws, Slaughter's game-tying three attempt was short and Lourdes earned its first home victory in school history.

The series is now tied at 1-1 between the two teams with the rubber match set for 7 p.m. Monday at the MU Activities Center.

SCHOOLCRAFT 96, UM-FLINT 71: Karl Moore recorded a game-high 28 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Friday as Schoolcraft College (4-4) pulled away in the second half to beat University of Michigan-Flint (2-12) in the opening day of the Kirtland Community College

Firebird Invitational.

Lydell Mason chipped in with 19 points and 13 rebounds, while Daniel Hills (Wayne Memorial) added 14 points, 15 rebounds and six assists for the Ocelots, who led 47-39 at halftime.

Mohamed Elhaj led the Ocelots with 10 assists.

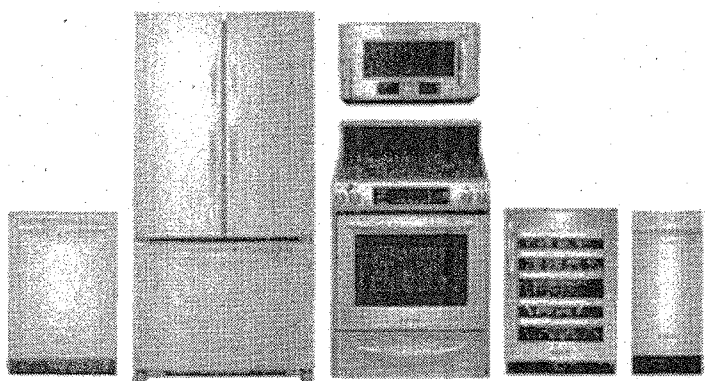
Brian Chols paced UM-Flint with 16 points.

Schoolcraft was 8-of-18 from the foul line, while UM-Flint hit 15-of-29.

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Whalers shut down Saginaw, 3-0

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just like Thanksgiving dinner, a lot of ingredients came together Wednesday night to produce a tasty Plymouth Whalers' victory at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers made it three straight victories with their 3-0 victory on Thanksgiving Eve over first-place Saginaw, featuring the 37-save performance by goalie Scott Wedgewood as the main course.

But don't forget about everything else dished out by Plymouth, now 12-9-1-1 and starting to jell. There were side dishes a plenty — relentless checking, crisp passing, strong transitional play, spiced up by creativity around the Spirit goal.

"We came out with a good attitude, coming off two big wins last weekend," said Wedgewood, who made 17 saves in the third period to complete his second career shutout. "We wanted to keep it rolling. And beating Saginaw, ... it definitely means we can play with anyone in this league."

Wedgewood credited his defense for opening up the lanes so he could track shots.

Blueliners Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) and Beau Schmitz also helped him out by successfully shadowing Saginaw's high-scoring Brandon Saad (whose 10-game scoring streak ended).

But Wedgewood also withstood a barrage of shots as Saginaw (17-5-2-1) tried to chip away at deficits of 2-0 after two periods and 3-0 with 11:37 remaining — the lead padded on a highlight-reel goal by center and Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi.

In one shift, the goalie stoned defenseman and Canton native Joe Underwood on a 2-on-1 rush and then turned aside an in-close bid by winger Josh Shalla.

"He made all the big saves when he needed to," said Whalers' head coach Mike Vellucci. "In the third period, when we got up we kind of sat back a little bit and sat on our heels. We've got to keep being aggressive. But yeah, he played very good."

GETTING BETTER

So did the rest of the team in fighting off the Spirit, second in the entire Ontario Hockey League in points.

"I thought we played well and I think it's starting to come together for us a little bit," Vellucci said. "We had so many new guys this year and it takes a while to get our system in place and then (to) understand it."

"We had a lot of returning guys that already know the system. Our goal is to get better every game and every practice. It looks like we're doing that right now."

After a hard-fought, scoreless first period before the Compuware crowd of 2,435, Plymouth took over in the second (when they outshot Saginaw 18-10).

The Whalers needed just 2:26 to get a puck behind goalie Mavric Parks, who made several spectacular stops among his 34 saves.

Levi fed a pass to winger Garrett Meurs, who centered the puck in front to forward Stefan Noesen for the tap-in.

Plymouth doubled the lead on a 5-on-3 power play just over two minutes later.

Winger Tyler Brown flung a pass from the right corner into the high slot, where Schmitz one-timed it past Parks. Also assisting was winger Rickard Rakell.

The prettiest goal came next, at 8:23 of the final stanza.

Flying down the right wing, Aleardi corralled a puck in the neutral zone, skated around blueliners and ripped a high shot over Parks' glove. He leads Plymouth with 13 goals.

Defenseman Dario Trutmann was credited with the assist, but Vellucci praised the work of left wing RJ Mahalak for making the play possible.

"It was a nice goal by him (Aleardi)," Vellucci said. "But I just told the guys ... if Mahalak doesn't get that puck out or take that hit to make a play then we don't even get the chance to score. That was a great team effort."

All-Observer squad puts best foot forward

FIRST-TEAM
Connor Furgason, Jr. Def., Canton: Whenever the state-ranked Canton soccer team needed a big play on the defensive end of the pitch, more often than not it was Furgason right in the middle of it.

For example, the junior defender made a goal-saving play at the beginning of the Division 1 state semifinal against East Kentwood, clearing the ball from the goal line to keep the contest scoreless.

"Connor was a crucial part to our team this year," coach George Tomasso said. "He performed above what I would ask of a player like him the whole season. And he came up huge through playoffs."

Furgason blocked 25 shots combined in the regional semifinals and finals and scored the game-winning goal in the semis. "He was everywhere," Tomasso said.

Furgason, who chipped in offensively with five goals and seven assists, earned all-KLAA, all-district and all-state (second team) accolades.

"He shows every game that he can play at the next level," Tomasso said. "I'm really fortunate to have him coming back for one more year."

Zack Cooney, Sr., Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior captain, who recorded three goals and three assists, made all-KLAA, all-district, all-region, all-state for the Spartans.

The central defender also plays for the Michigan Wolves Academy, which captured a national club championship title in 2009. He is a two-time all-Observer selection.

"Zack is an outstanding all-around player, and he will be sorely missed by the Stevenson program," coach Lars Richters said. "He offers a blend of ability, intelligence, and 'old-school' work ethic. He was the team's leader by example and often vocally."

"He will play in college, but has not made a commitment yet."

Charlie Swingle, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior made all-KLAA and all-district for the Spartans while chipping in with one goal and three assists.

"Charlie was our hardest tackler, and for two years now, he has been a back line anchor for the team," Richters said. "He is a fierce competitor who never backs down from a challenge and who is often dominant in the air."

"We will miss Charlie a great deal — for his consistency, for his competitiveness, and for his ability to make game-changing plays."

Alex Clisham, Sr. Def., N. Farmington: The senior defender was a leader on the North Farmington defense that allowed only 16 goals in 20 games for an average of 0.8. Clisham also participated in the attack and all set pieces, scoring four goals and having two assists.

"Alex anchored the center of our back line and ran the defense that (performed so well) against quality opposition," coach Mike Horner said. "Alex is extremely strong in the air and won balls all season with his attacking header play."

"He is a 4.0 student and demonstrated his savvy and smarts against all of our opponents. Alex was one of our captains and a member of the all-district and all-division teams. He is also an OAA scholar-athlete and an all-state academic team member."

Eric Weberman, Sr. MF, N. Farmington: A senior and two-year captain, Weberman led the Raiders to the OAA White Division championship — their first of any sort in the 31-year history of the program. The Raiders, who were 10-1-1 in the division, set a school record for single-season victories with a 15-4-1 record, which included a district win over Northville.

Weberman, who anchored the center of the North formation, is adept at scoring as well as setting up teammates to score. He had 14 goals and seven assists this

2010 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SOCCER FIRST TEAM
Connor Furgason, Jr. Def., Canton
Zack Cooney, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
Charlie Swingle, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
Alex Clisham, Sr. Def., N. Farmington
Eric Weberman, Sr. MF, N. Farmington
Bobby Budlong, Soph., MF, Canton
Stephen Foster, Sr. MF, Liv. Churchill
Andrew Yoder, Sr. MF, Plymouth
Dan Martin, Sr. MF, Salem
Zach Schulz, Sr. F, Farmington
Nick Russ, Sr. F, Plymouth
Ardit Dushkaj, Sr. F, Liv. Clarenceville
Francis Mensah, Sr. F, Redford Union
Mitch Posuniak, Jr. F, Canton

SECOND TEAM
Ryan Tikey, Jr. GK, Liv. Franklin
Matt St. John, Sr. G, Huron Valley Lutheran
Ashwin Vaishnav, Sr. MF, N. Farmington
Josh Selinski, Jr. Def., Garden City
Brian Lewandowski, Sr. Def., Liv. Churchill
Brandon Barfuss, Sr. Def., Salem
Jake Finkbinder, Sr. Def., Farmington
Kyle Bequhn, Sr. MF, Westland John Glenn
Mitchell Boehm, Jr. MF, Luth. Westland
Lewis Ellis, Soph. F, Redford Union
Dan Ross, Soph. MF, Ply. Christian
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Daniel Ovesea, Soph. F, Canton
Derek Austin, Sr. F, Plymouth
Phil Baciak, Sr. F, Canton
Patrick Smith, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR
George Tomasso, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Alex Jones, Nathan Motta, Michael Murphy, Joe Manciewicz
Franklin: Jordan McGuire, Dillon DeBeliso, Gabe Edwards, Brad Tatro, Fred Shatara
Stevenson: Joe Flanagan, Scott Brewer, Zack Atwood, John Glenn, R.J. Hurst, Steve Thompson, Jake Stephens, Troy McGuigan
Wayne: Kevin Diehl, Sean Kunde, Ryan Ritondale
Clarenceville: Jimmy Moody, Zac Rosen, Masambou Jatta
Lutheran Westland: Kent Krzyzyske, Jake Andrzejewski, Trevor Sultana, Micah Reum, Nick Natsik, Marc Rosin
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year. Weberman, who earned a full scholarship to Northwestern University, made the Division 1 all-state first team this year and the second team last year.

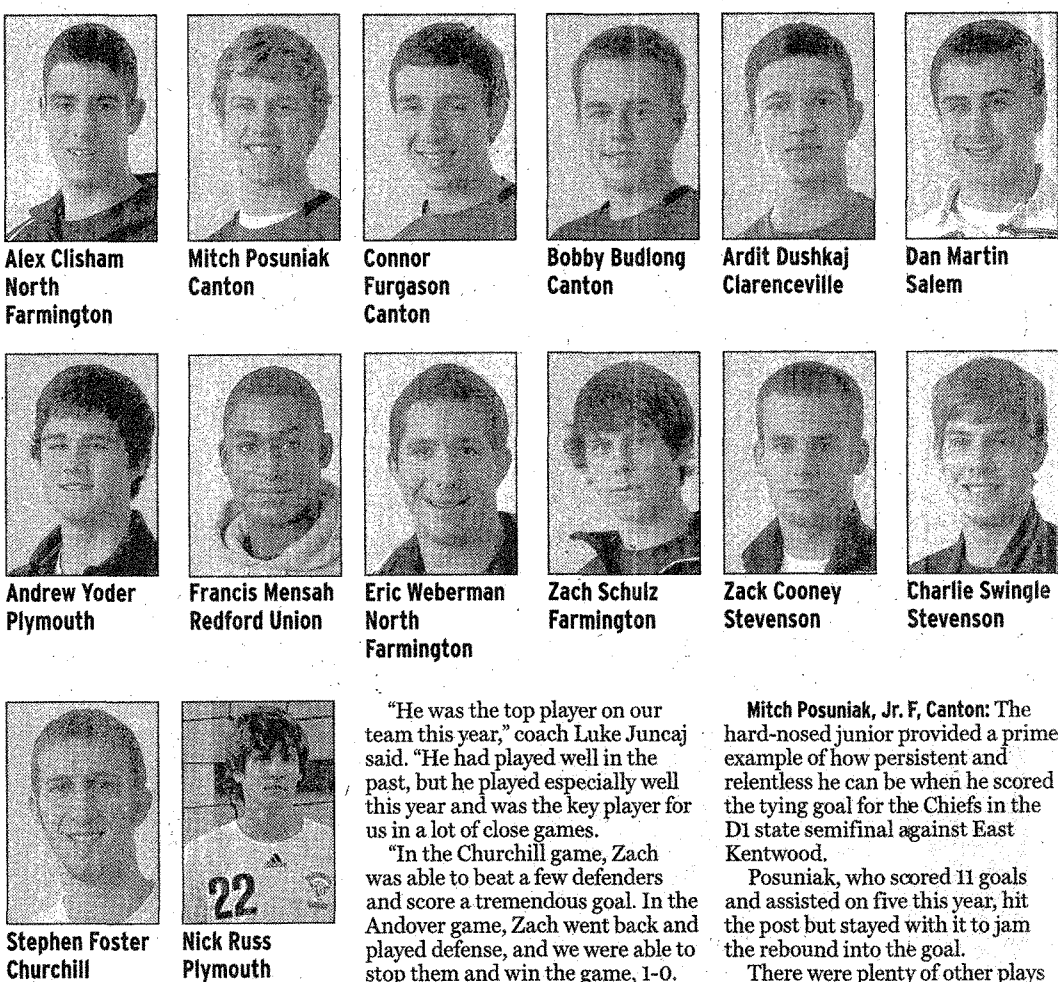
"Eric was our go-to player all season," coach Mike Horner said. "He is a dedicated and humble player who is willing to play anywhere and do anything for the good of the team."

Bobby Budlong, Soph., MF, Canton: The Chiefs as a team could bring it on offense as well as defense. And nobody could bring it better or more often than Budlong, a gifted playmaker and scorer who played with the poise of a senior.

"Bobby is a lethal goal scorer," Tomasso said. "He scored some huge goals over the season and he's a tremendous playmaker. He creates a lot of opportunities for others."

Budlong led the state-ranked Chiefs with 17 goals and 17 assists. He was named to the all-KLAA and all-district teams and was selected to the all-state second team.

He also came through in the clutch for the Chiefs. In the KLAA Kensington Championship game



against Novi, he scored twice and assisted on two others in a 5-1 rout.

An even bigger contribution came in the pre-district against Plymouth, as Budlong's goal held up for a 1-0 victory and enabled the Chiefs to begin a four-win streak in the postseason.

Stephen Foster, Sr. MF, Liv. Churchill: The senior captain finished the year with six goals and nine assists as primarily an outside midfielder.

"Stephen was our best player and leader," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said of the all-KLAA selection. "He only came off the field once the entire season for a total of about 15 minutes — unreal. A machine he was and extremely athletic and hard-working."

Andrew Yoder, Sr. MF, Plymouth: The senior midfielder played well enough to receive all-state honorable mention honors along with making the all-KLAA team, with nine goals and eight assists while leading the Wildcats to a strong 8-2-0 record in the KLAA South.

The co-captain tallied two goals against cross-campus Salem and helped Plymouth defeat division winner Canton by a 3-0 score.

"Andrew's been a four-year varsity player for us and he really had a great senior year," noted coach Jeff Neschich. "He was our most consistent and most dangerous player all season."

Neschich added that Yoder's leadership played a key role in the team's excellent season.

Dan Martin, Sr. MF, Salem: The Rocks had a bit of a down year, but not Martin, who parlayed speed and creativity to score a team-leading 10 goals.

Martin earned third-team all-state and all-KLAA honors for his play this season.

"Dan is one of the fastest players in the state and is a stand-out track star," said coach Ed McCarthy. "He has a great combination of speed and toughness."

Martin wrapped up an outstanding prep soccer career, of which the high point was being "instrumental in our run to the state semifinals in 2009 as a key starter."

Zach Schulz, Sr. F, Farmington: A senior captain and three-year varsity player, Schulz led his team to a 13-7-1 record. He played every position but goalie for the Falcons, who were 7-4-1 in the OAA White Division.

"He was the top player on our team this year," coach Luke Juncaj said. "He had played well in the past, but he played especially well this year and was the key player for us in a lot of close games."

"In the Churchill game, Zach was able to beat a few defenders and score a tremendous goal. In the Andover game, Zach went back and played defense, and we were able to stop them and win the game, 1-0."

"He was one of the most consistent players on the team. He showed up each and every game. Without him, we would not have been the team we were."

Nick Russ, Sr. F, Plymouth: Injuries didn't slow the senior co-captain. He led the Wildcats with 12 goals and six assists and was named to the all-KLAA team.

His contributions were one of the main reasons for what was, according to Neschich, the best season in the history of Plymouth boys soccer.

"Nick's been our top forward for the past two years," Neschich said. "He scored a lot of big goals over the past two seasons. He battled through a lot of injuries this year, he probably would have put up twice as many (goals) as he did."

Neschich noted that Russ, along with Yoder, ended their prep seasons on high notes and "really led the team well."

Ardit Dushkaj, Sr. F, Liv. Clarenceville: The senior led the area in scoring with 33 goals and nine assists in just 15 matches. Six times he notched hat tricks.

In just two seasons at Clarenceville after transferring in his junior year, Dushkaj racked up 59 goals and 15 assists in 59 appearances.

"It is hard to get players like Ardit the accolades they deserve when we have no conference affiliation, but he is an extremely talented player who will play at the next level," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "In fact, I have been told by many opposing coaches that they game-plan primarily around him and that he is the finest all-around player they had seen all year."

Frances Mensah, Sr. F, Redford Union: The Panthers senior forward took a different path toward achieving success this season, spreading the wealth a little more by getting teammates involved in the offense. Always a prolific goalscorer, Mensah followed up his 30-goal, 19-assist junior campaign with 25 goals and 20 assists this season for the 8-7-4 Panthers.

"In the past he was our go-to guy, but I wanted him to distribute the ball more this year," RU head coach Jim Gibbs said of his former captain and three-year varsity performer. "He was a little apprehensive at first being the goalscorer all this time, but once he figured out we had other guys who could score goals it worked out pretty well."

Mitch Posuniak, Jr. F, Canton: The hard-nosed junior provided a prime example of how persistent and relentless he can be when he scored the tying goal for the Chiefs in the D1 state semifinal against East Kentwood.

Posuniak, who scored 11 goals and assisted on five this year, hit the post but stayed with it to jam the rebound into the goal.

There were plenty of other plays just like that during the 2010 season as Posuniak captured all-KLAA and all-district honors (and all-state honorable mention) for his excellent all-around performance.

"Mitch overcame adversity this year," Tomasso said. "He got injured, sat out a few games, and still managed to score 11 goals on the season."

"He's just a blue-collar athlete and he has very good skills. He runs hard, he runs fast and he's very solid on the ball. He never quits."

COACH OF THE YEAR
George Tomasso, Canton: Under the guidance of the veteran coach, who was goalkeeper for Canton's 1994 state championship team, this year's Chiefs were one overtime goal away from reaching the D1 finals.

Tomasso piloted the squad to a big season, including a 20-4-2 record, featuring titles in the KLAA South Division and Kensington Conference.

But in the playoffs, the Chiefs really made some noise. They took care of districts and regionals before falling 1-0 to eventual state champ East Kentwood in the semifinals.

"I have to give a lot of credit to my coaching staff and the players on the field," said Tomasso about the major team success enjoyed in 2010. "Without them, I wouldn't have been able to receive this honor."

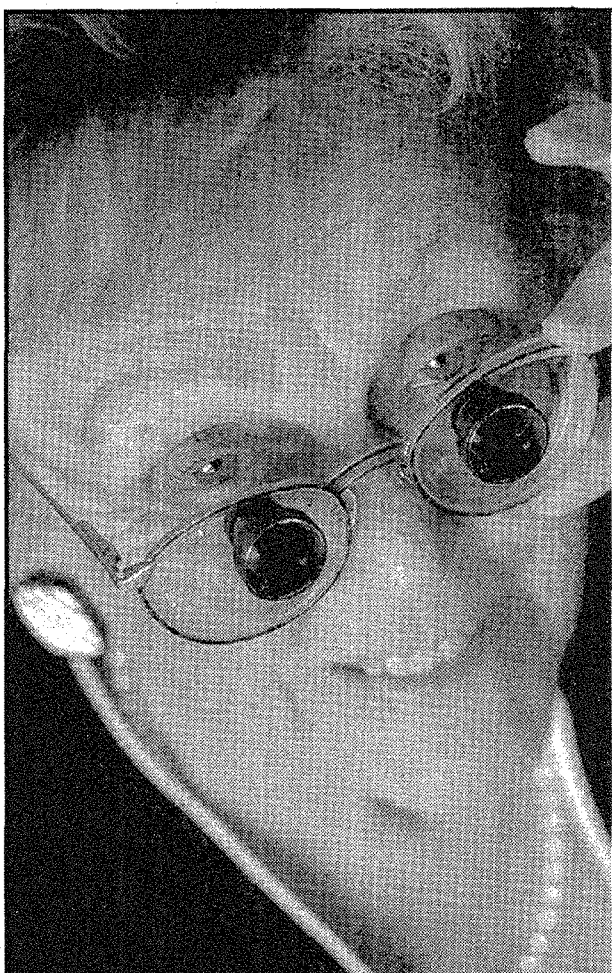
"And I feel an honor like this goes to the whole team, not just one coach."

According to Tomasso, the team's excellent attitude augmented on-field abilities to yield such a memorable season.

"I felt we were in a good place every game and that we stayed positive," he said. "That contributed a lot to our success."

Following the season-ending loss to East Kentwood, Tomasso said the Chiefs "haven't had a run like this since '98. Last year, when they were freshmen, sophomores and juniors they got to the regional final and they got one step further."

"Our seniors had a great run this year, and this is great experience" for those players who will be back in 2011.



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Michael hat trick lifts Patriots by Crestwood

Just two games into the 2010-11 boys hockey season, Livonia Franklin has already matched its win total from the previous two seasons.

The Patriots, getting a hat trick from Adam Michael, improved to 2-0 Wednesday with a 7-2 triumph over host Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Canfield Arena.

Franklin outshot the Chargers 45-18 and led 3-1 after one period and 4-1 after two.

Ryan Gavin opened the scoring for Crestwood (1-2) just 1:40 into the game, but

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Franklin answered with three unanswered goals before the period ended.

Michael scored from Kevin Webb and Tyler Dewhirst at 4:45 followed by Zach Wiacek's goal from Tyler Satkowiak and Mike Diaz at 5:16.

Diaz then scored from Satkowiak and Wiacek at 9:27 of the same period.

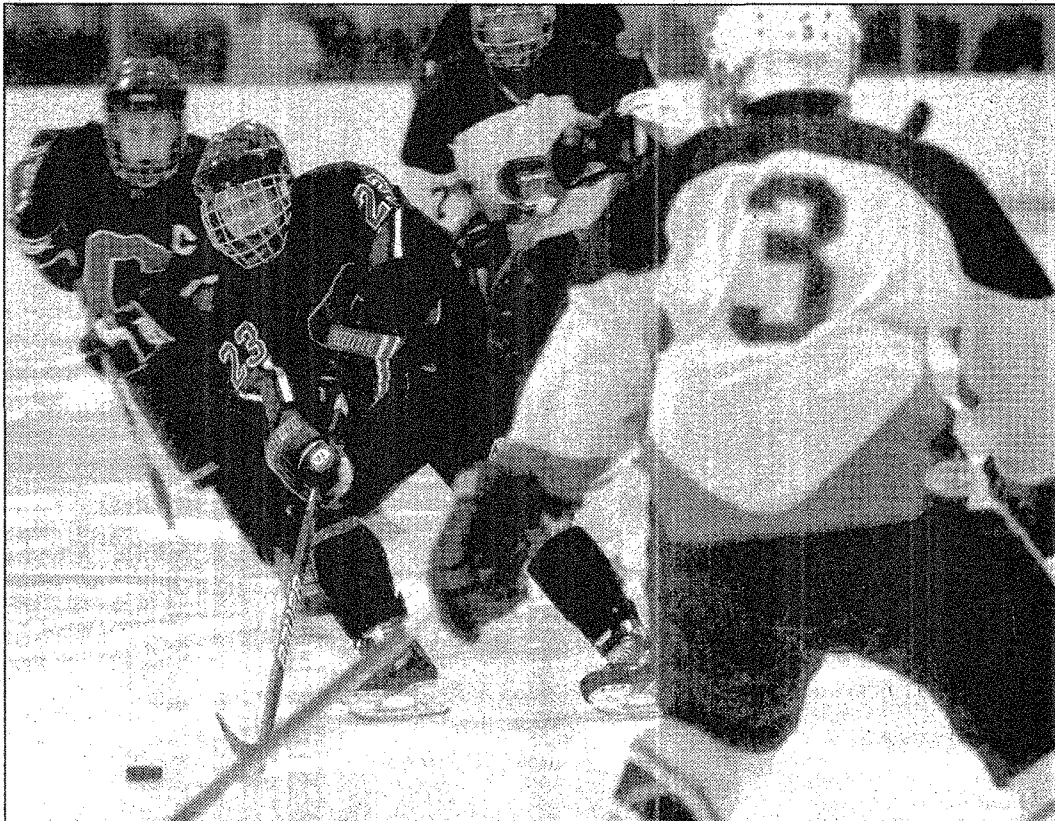
In the second period, Michael scored on a power play from Webb and Dewhirst

at 9:30 to make it 4-1.

Franklin tacked on three more in the final period to build a 7-1 lead - Wiacek from Diaz at 1:20; Michael from Dewhirst and Brian Roulier at 2:18; and Diaz from Wiacek and Dewhirst at 5:08.

Ryan Krolkowski got the final goal unassisted for Crestwood at 11:46.

Franklin goaltender Travis Ferrier made 16 saves in the victory, which equals the Patriots' combined record of 2-47-1 during the 2009-10 and 2008-09 seasons.



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Churchill's Bradley Milks (23) fires a shot in front of Stevenson defenseman Brendan Hay (3) during Wednesday's Kensington Conference crossover at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Nov. 30
Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at S'field Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 3
Garden City at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Belleville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Flint Powers at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at S'field Christian, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Nov. 30
Ladywood vs. Grosse Pte. Univ. Liggett at McCann Arena (Grosse Pte.), 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 1
Stevenson at Novi (Ice Arena), 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. South Lyon at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 3
Ladywood vs. Port Huron

at Glacier Pointe, 6 p.m.
Churchill vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4
Franklin vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 2:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Dec. 1
Avondale Quad, 5 p.m.
John Glenn Quad, 5 p.m.
Wayne Memorial Quad, 5 p.m.
Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 2
Franklin at Woodhaven, 1 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Ann Arbor, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4
Clarenceville Team Tourney, 9 a.m.
Rocket Inv. at John Glenn, 9 a.m.
Grand Blanc Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Berkley Invitational, 10 a.m.
Luth. N'west Invitational, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Nov. 29
Lourdes (Ohio) at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Siena Hts. JV, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 1
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4
Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Sunday, Nov. 28
Madonna at New Jersey City, noon.
Wednesday, Dec. 1
Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 3
(Gillette Classic at Kalamazoo Valley)
Schoolcraft vs. Sinclair (Ohio), 5:30 p.m.
K'zoo Valley vs. Danville (Ill.), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4
Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Gillette Classic at K'zoo Valley, TBA.
TBA - time to be announced.

HOCKEY

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"I just told my guys they dug themselves in this hole with their lack of discipline," he said. "It was up to them to dig themselves out. They created the problem and they had to find the solution."

"We took way too many penalties. We knew it was going to be an emotional game. We talked about that. But we have a lot of guys who are the first time at it and they got a little carried away."

Stevenson finally got on the board with 3:21 remaining in the second period when Josh Pettersson's quick wrist shot from the right point eluded Churchill netminder Alex Estes to cut the deficit to 2-1.

Palushaj's power play goal just 54 seconds into the third period off an assist from Urso knotted the count at 2-2.

But Michael Kutek answered with a breakaway goal at 3:10 off an assist from Jake Ott to put Churchill back on top 3-2.

Palushaj's second of the night at 5:05 off a back-door play from Urso and Dominic Lutz tied the game again at 3-3.

"Those five-on-three kills made a big difference," Vento said of his penalty-killing unit. "They figured out after two periods they played some pretty bad hockey and were only down two goals after giving up all those power plays. They knew they could still win this thing."

Churchill nearly took the lead again with a pair of sterling chances in the final three minutes, but Humitz (23 saves) stood tall.

That set the stage for

Palushaj, who notched his third goal of the game.

"I don't remember — actually last year against (Livonia) Franklin," Palushaj said of his rare hat trick.

Churchill outshot the Spartans 26-22 and Mazzoni called the loss "disappointing."

"I like our team, but right now we're own worst enemy and I guarantee that will change," he said. "I guarantee it."

Vento, meanwhile, also sees plenty of room for improvement.

"Everything needs to be tightened up," he said. "I told the guys that was a game we won on sheer talent, but we did nothing system-wise. Pretty much everything — to the neutral zone, although the way through to our forecheck — has to tighten up."

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To your health: Year-round sun protection safeguards skin

The temperatures have dropped and clouds have hidden the sun, but that doesn't mean it's safe to forego skin protection regimens during the winter. The amount of ultraviolet (UV) solar radiation that reaches earth remains very strong, even during cooler weather.

Although ultraviolet B (UVB) rays, the main cause of sunburn, are the strongest in the summer, ultraviolet A (UVA) rays remain constant throughout the year. UVA rays account for up to 95 percent of the UV radiation reaching the Earth's surface. Although they are less intense than UVB, UVA rays are 30 to 50 times more prevalent, and go through glass, making sun protection

necessary indoors as well as out.

"Our knowledge of the dangers associated with the sun's longer-wave UVA rays has grown significantly over the last few decades," said Dr. Perry Robins, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "We now know that UVA radiation can penetrate windows to reach the skin, accelerating skin aging."

The need for sun protection indoors was reinforced in a recent report published in Clinical Interventions in Aging. Eight women and two men had significantly more wrinkles, brown spots, and sagging skin on one side of the face, even though they worked indoors. The side of the subjects' faces that

was regularly closer to a window exhibited more signs of sun damage ("asymmetrical facial damage"), and UVA rays are believed to be the culprit. While both UVA and UVB rays can harm the skin and lead to skin cancers, UVB is blocked by glass. However, at least 50 percent of UVA radiation can pass through windows. Using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher and one or more of these UVA-protective ingredients — avobenzone, ecamsule, oxybenzone, titanium dioxide, and zinc oxide — along with window film, which can be applied to home, office and car windows, blocks almost all UVA and UVB radiation.

The Skin Cancer Foundation offers

these tips for safeguarding skin during winter:

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 when spending extended time outdoors, and don't forget areas such as underneath the nose and chin. Snow reflects up to 80 percent of the sun's UV light, so the rays hit you twice, further increasing your risk of skin cancer and premature aging.

- Wear protective clothing such as a broad-brimmed hat, gloves and UV-blocking sunglasses with wrap-around or large frames.

- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, and immediately after sweating or significant exposure to wind and snow which can wear away sun-

screen. Activities such as skiing and snowboarding call for just as much sunscreen as you would use at the beach, since UV exposure increases 8 to 10 percent with every 1,000 feet above sea level.

- Remember to be mindful of time spent in the sun, regardless of the season. Sun protection is a part of a healthy lifestyle.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. For more information, visit www.SkinCancer.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss. Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:30-7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to

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Hearing Loss Association

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Incest Survivors

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Cheri at (586) 489-1785.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For

more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia

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Wayne metro caregiver support

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Parkinson Support

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See warm decor, 'Up North' setting at Christmas walk

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The first time Wendy and Ed Crowley's home was on the Livonia Christmas Walk, it not only drew ticket-holders, but homeowners as well.

"Eddy said a lady told him her house was on the walk, but 'everyone is coming in and telling me to go to yours,'" Wendy recalled, adding that the woman had to see what all the fuss was about.

"It's a very different kind of house. A lot of people are surprised there's a house like this in Livonia. You don't even know it's here in the summer."

Designed as a solar structure, set amid woods teaming with wildlife, next to a creek, the 22-year-old house is of post and beam construction and has a tongue and groove fir ceiling. It's the kind of framing found often in a log cabin.

The public will get another chance to see inside the home during this year's walk on Saturday, Dec. 4. It's one of several that will be decorated for Christmas, along with the Hill House at Greenmead's Historic Village. Proceeds go to Friends of Greenmead for the restoration and preservation of the structures on the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile.

Wendy Crowley hopes the walk not only draws ticket-holders but a few prospective buyers, as well.

"I thought it would be good advertising," she said, explaining that she volunteered to participate this year. The couple plans to sell the house and move closer to their daughter and her family in Washington because Ed has Parkinson's disease.



The stockings are hung on the balcony.



Santas decorate the kitchen.

They also have a son and grandchildren in Alaska.

LEAVING THE STATE

"I'm going to miss this area very much," Wendy said, adding that they also will sell property they own in Saugatuck. "I'm going to miss Michigan because I like the seasons and I like Lake Michigan. But it will be better weather and we have three grandchildren out there."

Wendy, who works as a dental hygienist, is originally from Grand Rapids and

Ed is from Jackson. They lived in Detroit after they were married and moved to a small bungalow in Livonia. When they decided to build the house of their dreams it was easy for them to serve as general contractors. Ed is a former construction field supervisor for Skanska who had a part in building the Livonia Recreational Center, the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn and other local buildings.

Wendy identified the layout of the house as an "envelope" design with no major living area on an outside wall. Large windows on the south side of the house, which also includes a sun-room where she stations the family Christmas tree, brings in heat and light, creating a passive solar environment.

The walk-out basement includes a woodburning stove, living area and basement with a bedroom set from Wendy's great-great grandmother.

TWIG FURNITURE

She described the decor

LIVONIA CHRISTMAS WALK

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throughout the house as "country," with build-in shelves and some furniture handcrafted by her husband. He culled some pieces from job sites and renovated them, sometimes adding twigs and branches.

"On the stairwell we have a shelf with a duck collection on it. It's actually a printer's box that used to have type in it. I think it was from one of Ed's jobs," Wendy said.

A pewter nativity scene stands on furniture that was used to hold mail at Wayne State University.

"When Eddy renovated the chemistry building at Wayne State, it was going to be thrown out. I liked it and said why not use it for magazines."

And old kitchen hutch from her family's centennial farm displays a "hodgepodge" collection of Santas. One is made from a screwdriver; another is of green glass.

Visitors will see one of Wendy's handmade stained glass sun catchers hang-



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Wendy and Ed Crowley's home features post and beam construction, not often seen in this area.

ing from a hutch on the sun porch. She crafted the stained glass panels hanging at the south windows, too.

A collection of snowmen decorate tables in the living room and perch along beams near the ceiling. Hand-knitted stockings also decorate a deck on the second floor.

"I hope people look up,"

Wendy said "You have to look up to see them."

Both Wendy and Ed will be at home during the walk. She missed the event in 1994 because she had to work. She's looking forward to it this time.

"I want to be there. And Eddy enjoyed it last time. He loves to talk about the house."



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Shop safely on 'Cyber Monday,' watch for Internet predators

Cyber Monday — the Monday after Thanksgiving — means avoiding the crowds, but it also opens the buyer up to attacks from scammers and hackers.

"The convenience and ease of shopping online has replaced the hassle of going to the store for many people, but online shopping has its own set of risks," said Patrick Bennett, Director of Community Relations with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

"Taking steps to avoid the fraud online will result in a much happier holiday for everyone — except, of course, for scammers and hackers."

Following are the top 10 tips to help holiday shoppers fight unscrupulous online retailers, scammers and hackers:

1. Protect your computer — A computer should always have the most recent updates installed for spam filters, anti-virus and anti-spyware

software and a secure firewall.

2. Shop on trustworthy Web sites — Shoppers should start with Better Business Bureau to check on the seller's reputation and record for customer satisfaction. Always look for the BBB seal and other widely-recognized "Trustmark's" on retailer Web sites and click on the seals to confirm that they are valid.

3. Protect your personal information — The Better Business Bureau recommends taking the time to read the site's privacy policy and understand what personal information is being requested and how it will be used. If there isn't one posted, it should be taken as a red flag that personal information may be sold to others without permission.

4. Beware of deals that sound too good to be true — Offers on Web sites and in unsolicited e-mails can often sound too good to be true, especially extremely low prices on hard-to-get items. Consumers should always go

with their instincts and not be afraid to pass up a "deal" that might cost them dearly in the end.

5. Beware of phishing — Legitimate businesses do not send e-mails claiming problems with an order or an account to lure the "buyer" into revealing financial information. If a consumer receives such an e-mail, BBB recommends picking up the phone and calling the contact number on the Web site where the purchase was made to confirm that there really is a problem with the transaction.

6. Confirm your online purchase is secure — Shoppers should always look in the address box for the "s" in https:// and in the lower-right corner for the "lock" symbol before paying. If there are any doubts about a site, BBB recommends right-clicking anywhere on the page and select "Properties." This will let you see the real URL (Web site address) and the dialog box will reveal if the site is not

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statements for suspicious activity by either calling credit card companies or by checking statements online regularly.

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If joint deformity comes from inflammation, then adding medication to the patient's regimen is in order. If the hand's appearance results from changes caused by weakened ligaments, lost muscle and destroyed cartilage, then no medication will reverse the hand deformities.

No laboratory test can determine if the hands are inflamed or irreversibly deformed. The doctor must examine the hands with the aim of finding which joints are enlarged from swelling and which joints are off their proper position because of changes in alignment. X-rays of the hands may help. Even though x-rays cannot show tendons or ligaments, the way the bones line up on the joints give an indication of the extent to which these supporting structures are functioning properly.

Once the doctor determines that the pain and hand deformities come from the effect of wear and strain, then he needs to explain to the patient that more medication will not help the hands. Further medication only runs the risk of unwanted side effects and the expense of co-pays and deductibles.

Instead of medication, the patient needs moderation, that is, using the hands only for what the hands can bear to do. Also, the patient needs to see an occupational therapist at least once to learn what aids for daily living would give assistance.

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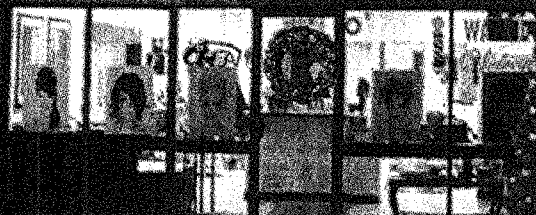
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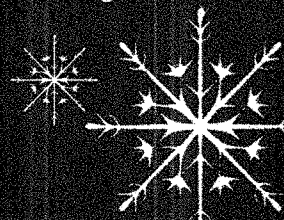
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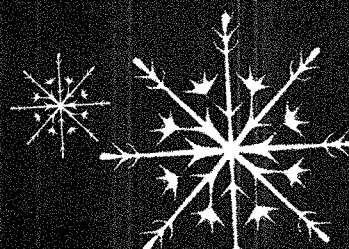
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Loving local hands give warm quilts to Detroit mission

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Women at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton were glad to make quilts for the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries.

"We started in January with the women's Bible study for their mission project," said Charlene Jones of Canton, who headed up the first-time project with fellow church member Cheryl Caldwell.

The women worked sporadically on the colorful quilts, all the same size, and began weekly sessions in June, said Jones, a registered nurse with Primary Pediatrics in Ann Arbor.

"We gained friendship and fellowship," Jones said. "People said it's been healing."

The 40 quilts went to the Genesis portion of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, which serves women and children.

"Winter is here," said Karen Love, vice president of public relations for the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. "You can't be warm enough. We're very grateful for the donation. I think that's a wonderful outreach for that church," the Downriver resident and retired *Michigan Chronicle* staffer added.

Genesis has a program for teen moms, she said, including expectant moms, with a goal of finishing school. There's also Genesis House II and III for women and children.

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries gets year-round donations of clothing, furniture, food and other items, said Love. You can find out more at www.drmm.org or by calling (313) 993-4700. There are opportunities for youth groups and others to volunteer year-round, she added.

The women at Geneva have 20 additional quilt kits to finish. "We'll start those in the new year," Jones said.

MANY HANDS

Some Geneva women sewed at home, others cut fabric at the church on Sheldon. Plymouth YMCA youth volunteers helped, as did Sunday schoolers in elementary grades who helped to tie knots.

The knots are tied three times to represent the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Jones said about 50 people helped "that have had their hands touching the quilts." The core group of women was about 10.

Jones' home church in Toledo, where she grew up, had a woman start a similar project in memory of



Linda Prince (left) and Chris Rennolds, Geneva members, sort through some of the 40 colorful quilts.

her mother who had a lot of fabric to use. The Geneva women remembered their mothers while working on the quilts, made to be washable, durable and warm.

WORKING TOGETHER

Geneva member Angie Stark of Canton was able to help one evening. "It was nice working with the other women, the fellowship," said Stark, a Ford employee in Dearborn and mom to three. "Plus knowing you were making something for someone who was homeless."

Stark helped with pinning, tying of knots and matching colors.

The quilts were displayed in the Geneva sanctuary for Sunday, Nov. 21, worship. "I thought it was great," said the Rev. Bryan Smith of Canton, Geneva pastor. He noted missions don't often get new items.

"It hopefully conveys a sense of people being valued and cared about," Smith said.

The DRMM's Love said they serve 3,500 meals a day, touching over 1,400 people daily. "There is a



Linda Prince (from left), Charlene Jones, Cheryl Caldwell and Marilyn Horen are proud of the quilts they created for Detroit Rescue Mission use. The women of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton enjoyed both the Christian service aspect and the friendship.

great need," she said, not only in Detroit but also in the suburbs. "The people of the Detroit area are very generous even in these economic times."

"It couldn't come at a better time," Love said of the church donation. "The need in the city of Detroit is high."



Marilyn Horen shows one of the quilts donated.



Cheryl Caldwell (left) and Charlene Jones, of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, headed up the quilt project.

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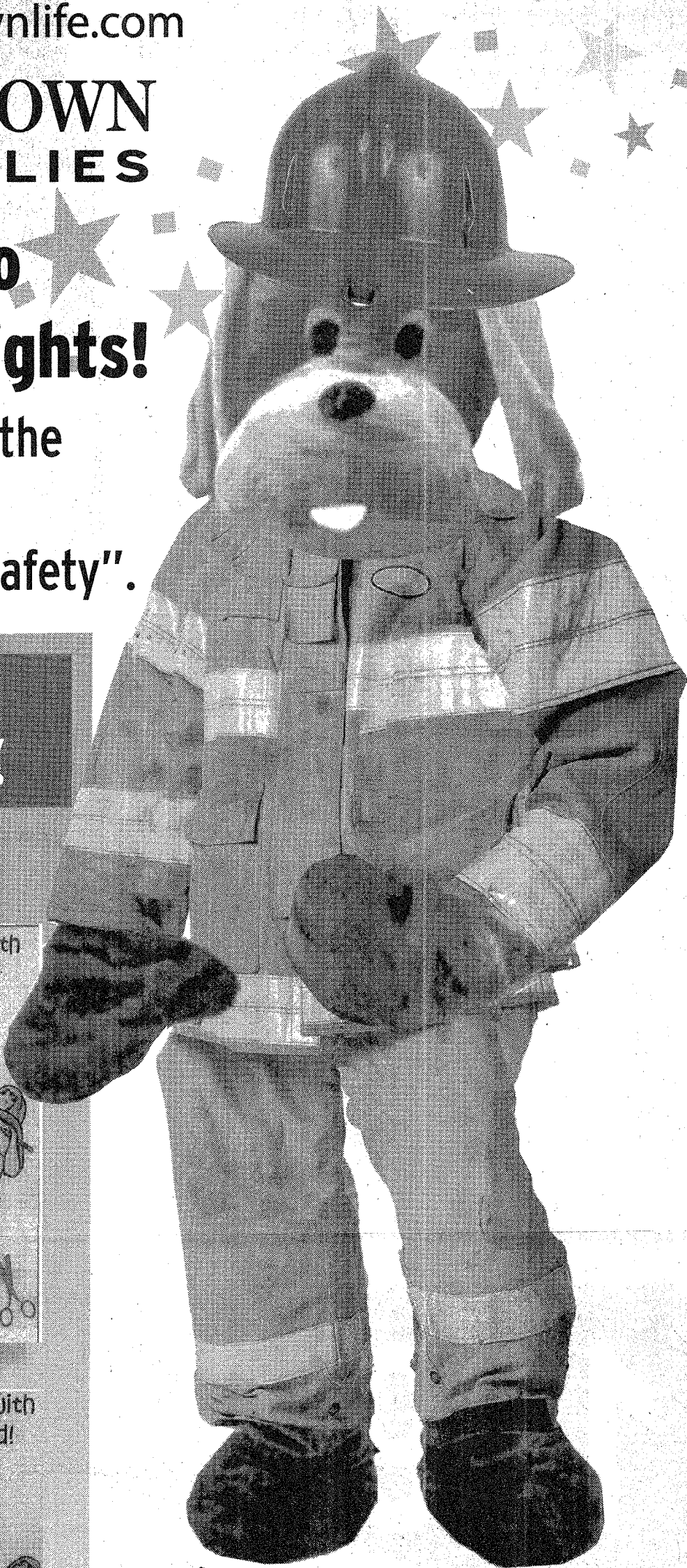
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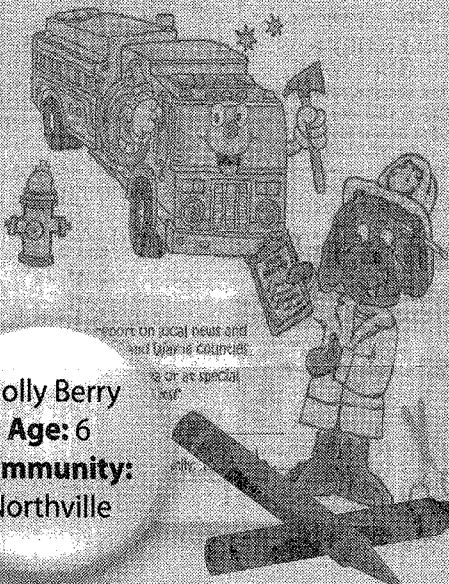
Scoop sure was impressed with all of the
entries from local boys and girls.
We really did learn a lot about "Fire Safety".



Top Winners from last month's contest!

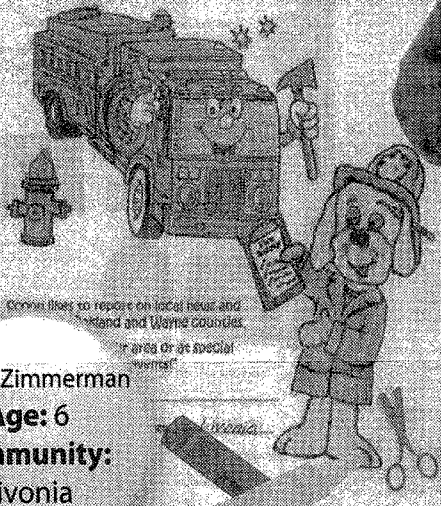
Winners received tickets to the
Emagine Theater in Canton or Novi!

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Molly Berry
Age: 6
Community:
Northville

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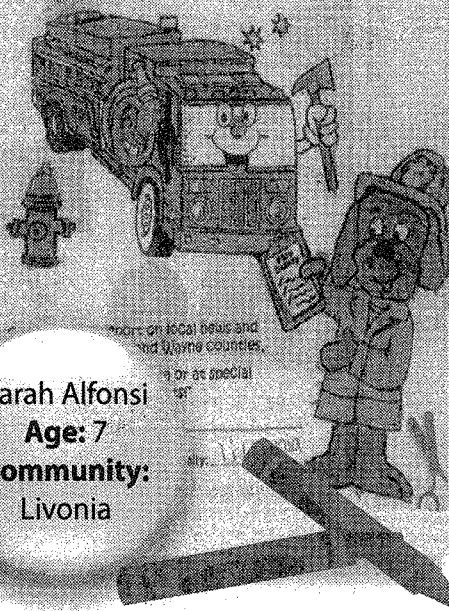
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Age: 6
Community:
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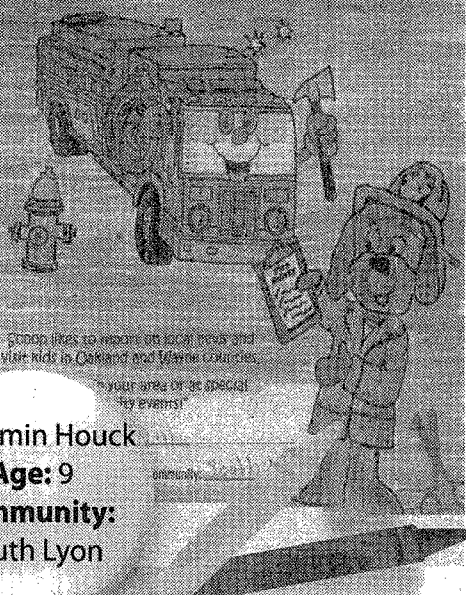
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Community:
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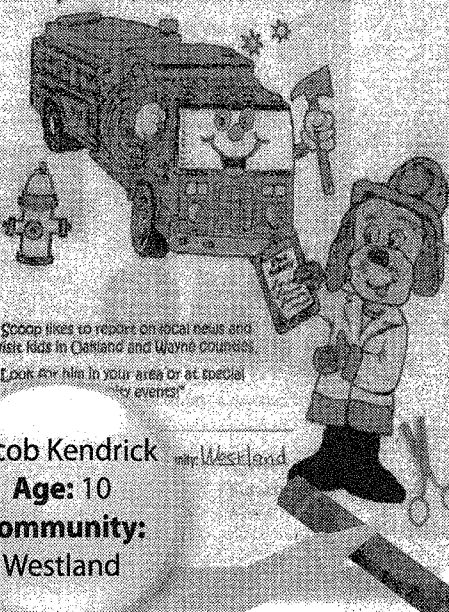
Sarah Alfonsi
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Community:
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Benjamin Houck
Age: 9
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Jacob Kendrick
Age: 10
Community:
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Name	Age	Hometown
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Olivia Valli	7	Farmington Hills
Alyssa Lemmon	6	South Lyon
Madelyn Johnston	5	Madison Heights
Cameran Kopich	5	Madison Heights
Abigale Elliott	5	Redford
Parker Howard	5	Garden City
Gigi Maki	5	Southfield
Mallory Steffes	6	South Lyon
Morgan Seog	6	Milford
Emerson Seog	4	Milford
Ezra Crocker	5	Canton
Claire Letterman	6	Farmington Hills
Robbie Alfonsi	5	Livonia
Samantha Knight	5	Canton
Tessa Rogers	6	Plymouth
Michael Beyrand	5	Livonia
Alexander Hardacre	5	Westland
Emily Earl	5	Milford
Luke Siterlet	5	Milford
Morgan Aittama	8	South Lyon
Lillane Aittama	5	South Lyon
Scott Zurla	8	South Lyon
Shane Siterlet	7	Milford
Melissa Beyrand	10	Livonia
Samantha Vargo	5	Livonia
Hope Smolka	5	Westland
Caroline Loder	8	Livonia
Victoria Jedruszko	7	Livonia
Abby Kuczmarski	8	Livonia
Macy Marie Malecki	5	Northville
Asher Howarth	8	Royal Oak
Tejas Maire	7	Farmington Hills
Scott Bloomfield	5	Farmington Hills

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis.
Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!

Next month: Contest features Holiday Celebrations!

ANDREW H. MADSEN, JR.

Age 84 of San Marino passed away Thursday November 18, 2010 after a lengthy illness. He was born October 7, 1926 in Lansing, Michigan. He graduated from Highland Park High School, and then served in the United States Navy During World War II. He earned a B.A. degree in Economics at DePauw University where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Andrew enjoyed a rewarding 30 year career in commercial real estate with Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan. In 1980, he and his wife moved to California where Andrew joined the Atlantic Richfield Corporation as Director of Corporate Real Estate. Andrew had a remarkable passion for old sport cars, jazz music, fishing and pestering his children and grandchildren. Those closest to him loved "Andy" for his calm demeanor, gentlemanly behavior, quick sense of humor and quiet courage. He was a member of the San Marino Community Church and a past member of the San Marino Men's Club. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Constance, their two children; Julie Madsen Solomon (Steve) and Andrew H. Madsen III (Paula) and four grandchildren, Rebecca Solomon, Matthew Solomon, Grace Madsen, and Andrew H. Madsen IV. A memorial service will be held Friday, December 10 at 2:00 P.M. at the San Marino Community Church, 1750 Virginia Road, San Marino. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may be made to The Convalescent Aid Society, 3255 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107 Cabot & Sons, Pasadena



EVA RODRIGUEZ GARCIA

Age 80, of Westland. November 20, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Ruben. Loving mother of Rebecca Karpiuk and Rachel Garcia. Proud grandmother of Matthew. Dear sister of Frank, Mario (Janette), Rachel and Muzzy. Survived also by many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by siblings Raphael, Esperanza, Raul, Evangeline, Estella, Fernando and Frances. Services were held by The Allen Park Chapel-Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 10915 Allen Rd (corner of Goddard). Visit: www.martenson.com.



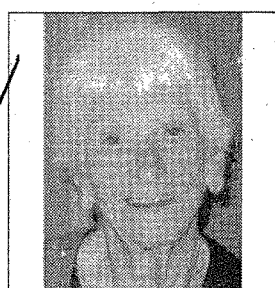
JEAN LOWMASTER (nee. McWilliam)

November 21, 2010 peacefully at home in Beverly Hills, age 85, formerly of Royal Oak. Longtime Michigan Director of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. Beloved wife of the late W. James. Dear mother of Robert P. (Carol), Edward B. (Leslie), John R. (Mary), Wayne A. (Kelly), and the late Rev. W. James, Jr. (Sharon). Grandmother of Christine, Jennifer, William, Kelly, Robert, Christopher, Rebecca, Jessica, Teri, Vicki, Robert and Joshua. Great grandmother of William, Emily, Alana and Avery. Also survived by her caregivers Carol McWilliam and Deb Mohatarem. Services were held Friday at First Congregational Church, Royal Oak. Family suggests memorial tributes to Recording for the Blind, 20 Roszel Rd., Princeton, NJ 08540. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ROBERT (BOB) FRANKLIN HITCHCOCK

Age 74, of Farmington Hills Mi, died November 26, 2010. He was born in Cookeville, Tenn on October 25, 1936 to James Hitchcock and Ola Bullington. Robert graduated from Milan High School in 1955. He was married to Ann Marie (Korican) Hitchcock on August 12, 1955. He is survived by his wife Ann Marie Hitchcock, his brothers and sisters Jim (MaryAnne) Hitchcock, Jeanette (Jim) Jordan, Jerry (Carole) Hitchcock, Joey Gilligan, and Joe Hitchcock. He is also survived by his daughters Beth Marie Johnson and Cheryl Ann (Thomas) Gabourie, grandchildren Jessica (Noel), Tamara (Michele), Anthony (Lindsay), Brittany (John), and Dennis, and great-grandchildren Michael, Timothy, Wyatt, Shawn, Erin, and Ava. Funeral mass will be held at Immaculate Conception in Milan Michigan pending arrangements. In lieu of flowers Robert asked that donations be sent to Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center 14555 Levan Rd Ste 112, Livonia, MI 48154, Mercy Home Care 281 Enterprise Ct. Ste. 200, Bloomfield Hills MI 48302, or any veteran's organization.



ANNIE "NAN" TULIPS November 21, 2010

Age 94. Passed away in Livonia. Loving wife of the late James. Dear mother of Maureen Lynaghan, Clare (and the late Michael) Kora, and Monica (James) Swierpel. Survived by 9 Grandchildren and 4 Great-grandchildren. Memorial visitation 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 27101 W. Chicago (at Inkster) Redford, MI, until time of Memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m. Memorial donations to Hospice Compassus, Southfield, MI or Marycrest Manor, Livonia, MI would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



HAROLD HENRY TAYLER, JR.

(August 17, 1925 - November 20, 2010) Age 85, of Lake Suzy, Florida (formerly of Farmington, Michigan) passed away peacefully Saturday evening, November 20, 2010, in Florida, after a short illness. A member of the "Greatest Generation" and as a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II, Harold was cited in several books and publications chronicling the history of the heroic battle for the Pacific Island of Okinawa. Among his commendations is the Purple Heart. Always a loyal Marine, he attended annual National Marine Corps conventions whenever and wherever they were held. He was very pleased to be honored with a Marine Corps memorial service the day before he passed. A native of Detroit, Harold graduated from Wayne State University School of Pharmacy. He served as Chief Pharmacist at Hutzel Women's Hospital for five years before he established and operated Tayler Prescriptions in Farmington for many years before retiring to Florida. Harold is survived by his second wife Judith, of Lake Suzy and his four children; Jeff (Bobbi), Cynthia (Brad) Zoner, Craig and Roger (Kim); seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a brother Gerald Tayler (Betty) and a sister Shirley Paul, as well as, brothers in law Gordon (Susan) and Wallace (Doris) Brownell. Harold is preceded in death by his loving and devoted first wife Shirley, a sister Mary Ellen Fuhr and a brother Ronald Tayler. A kind and gentle man, Harold will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and especially by his loyal dog, Randy. The Funeral Service with US Marine Corps Honors will take place on Saturday, November 27th at 11:00 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2-8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Tidewell Hospice c/o Philanthropy Dept. 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238. www.thayer-rock.com



JUDITH I. YANCER

73, of Tucson, Arizona left this earth and entered the Kingdom of God on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. She was born on 3/7/1937 in Michigan. She was devoted to her beloved four children and her profession as an Occupation Therapist for the past 50 years. Judi loved her job and worked up until she passed. She is survived by her children: Deborah Yancer, Sheryl Diacon, Scott Yancer and Kathleen Serna, spouses and grandchildren. All her children enjoyed time with her, loved her humor and stories of her life. She was the best mom ever! She will be forever and deeply missed. She was loved by so many and cared deeply for her friends and coworkers. A celebration of Judi's life will be held Saturday December 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Mortuary in Mesa, Arizona.



Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

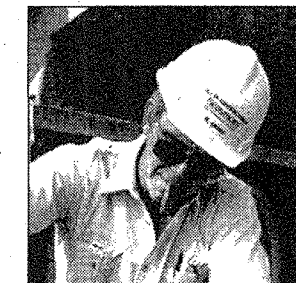


ROY ZURKOWSKI

November 24, 2010 Age 81 of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Owner of Vic Tanny, CEO of Health & Tennis Corporation of America. Beloved former husband of Lucia. Dear brother of Patricia Zurkowski (John Morrell) and Dan Zurk (Romayne). Also a niece and a nephew, and four great nieces and nephews. Roy had many devoted people caring for him, including his secretary Janice Broniak, friend Kris Langlands, caregivers Patricia Long, Betsy Pope, Takisha Rhimes and long time valuable and devoted employee Rick Murphy and also Doug "Duglass" Grech. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave., (btwn 13-14 Mile) Tuesday 3-8pm. Scripture Service 7pm. Funeral Mass Wednesday, 11am at St. Thomas More, 4580 Adams Rd., Troy. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MILDRED M. MCCOLLUM

Age 82 November 20, 2010 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Melvin. Beloved mother of Melvin (Phyllis), Lonnie (Patricia) and Sharon McCollum and the late Mary Pelt. Cherished daughter of the late Fred and Helen Pagel. Dear sister of Pat Estep and Vicky Pagel. Proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Family and friends gathering Saturday 11 am until 12 noon Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. To share a memory, please visit: VermeulenFuneralHome.com.



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RANDALL NANTZ

November 21, 2010. Age 74. Loving husband of Janice. Dear father of Steven (Debra) and Shandra (Michael) Fish. Brother of Barbara Gardner and Malissa (Osborn) Burton. Also survived by 9 Grandchildren and 5 Great-grandchildren. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com The family has entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, Michigan.



DENISE E. BRUMM (NEE EVERETT)

November 20, 2010, Age 80. Wife of the late Kenneth. Survived by daughter Tammy Kilpatrick (Brett) and grandchildren Heather and Kyle. Memorial to take place on December 18, 2010 at 10am, St John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Memorial tributes suggested in lieu of flowers to St John ELCA 23225 Gill Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

DONNA JEAN GOOD

November 21, 2010; Age 72. Of Troy, Sister of Sherry Blair & Billie Good. SimpleFunerals (313) 382-1181 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

MARGARET W. MILLER

Age 89, of Boulder, died on Sat., Nov. 20th at Frasier Meadows Manor Assisted Living. Arrangements are under the direction of M. P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors.

MARY AGNES LAING

Age 94. Beloved wife of the late Harold Laing. Loving mother of Shirley (Lawrence) Applin. Preceded in death by her dear son James. Proud Grandma of 5 and Great-grandma of 6. Memorial Service was held November 20, 2010 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Livonia. In lieu of flowers donations to Woodhaven Nursing Home would be appreciated.

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VIRGINIA CLAIRE OLMSTED CUTLER

Of Tucson, Arizona. Virginia Claire Olmsted Cutler died at her Broadway Proper retirement apartment in Tucson, AZ on November 17, 2010. The daughter of Gertrude Ethel Lewis and William Ray Olmsted, she was born on December 1, 1912, at Saginaw General Hospital in Saginaw, MI. She graduated from Saginaw High School in 1931, from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) in 1936 with degrees in English and physical education, and from the University of Michigan in 1946 with a master's degree in counseling. She taught sixth and tenth grade English and physical education in Michigan for 32 years, 27 years of which were in Plymouth where she also served as high school guidance counselor. She retired in 1968 when she married E. Malcolm Cutler on May 4, 1968. Her husband "Mac" preceded her in death in 1994. She was also predeceased by her parents, her brother Sherman and sister-in-law Bette Olmsted, sister Louise and brother-in-law Lawrence McPhee, sister Helen G. Olmsted, and a stepson, Edward Bayler Cutler. She is survived by a stepson, Malcolm Rupert Cutler of Roanoke, VA, four nephews, two nieces, two great nephews, three great nieces, a step great nephew, a step great niece, four grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Virginia was a perpetual student who earned 30 hours of university credit past her master's degree and was taking a writing course when she died. Virginia and Mac met while on the Detroit Audubon Society board of directors in the early 1950s. After Gladys, his first wife, died in Mexico City where he was working for the Ford Motor Company, he returned to Dearborn where he retired on July 1, 1968. Virginia and Mac moved to Portal, AZ, soon after they were married and lived there for 26 years. Her hobbies included traveling, listening to classical music, reading, oil and watercolor painting, and writing journals and poetry. Virginia and Mac traveled extensively around the world. She was Presbyterian and also an Episcopalian and at the time of her death was a member of the St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church in Tucson. Cremation has taken place. She will be interred at Oakwood Mausoleum in Saginaw. A memorial service will be held at the Oakwood Mausoleum, 5950 Gratiot, Saginaw, MI 48638 at 10 a.m. on December 17. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church, PO Box 65840, Tucson, AZ 85728; Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church, 612 Millard Street, Suite 1, Saginaw, MI 48607, or The Nature Conservancy, AZ, 1510 E. Ft. Lowell, Tucson, AZ 85719.



Helen Livingston of Farmington Hills will celebrate her 100th birthday next month.

Farmington Hills resident celebrates 100 years

Helen Livingston, currently a resident of Baptist Manor in Farmington Hills, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Dec. 27, 2010.

Family and friends will gather with her for a celebration at Family Buggy Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

Helen Kerruish was born in 1910 in Webster Groves, Miss. With her parents and two brothers, she moved to Michigan where she graduated from Northwestern High School in Detroit and attended the University of Michigan.

She met her husband, Norman Livingston, through her good friend and future cousin, Doris Fedus. Helen and Norman were married in 1937 and eventually had five sons: Kenneth (Mary Sue) of Troy; Robert (Peggy) of Houston, Texas; the late James Livingston; John (Christine) of West Bloomfield; and William (Carol) of Farmington Hills.

Sadly, Norman died before their youngest son, William, was born. As a widow, Helen raised the five boys on her own, working as a school secretary in Detroit. Middle son, James, died in the Vietnam War, but the other sons went on to earn graduate college degrees.

Helen is the proud grandmother of David, Megan, Eric, Joel, Ian, Kim, and Jennifer. She also has five great-grandchildren: Chase, Adam, Elijah, Jonah, and Joshua.

With so many athletic males in the family, she always has been an avid sports fan. A "night owl," she also enjoys playing card games, especially in the evenings. After retirement, she had the luxury of time to volunteer and to travel extensively, both domestically and abroad.

She continues to be an avid reader of the *New York Times* and library books, works crossword puzzles daily and enjoys socializing with friends over cards and games.

The secret to her longevity? Helen jokingly says it's dark chocolate and potato chips.

GARDEN EVENTS

LIVONIA GARDEN CLUB

Annual Fresh Greens Workshop runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Farmington Road and Five Mile. Register early; seating is limited. No refunds given after Nov. 1. To register, send a check for \$24 payable to Livonia Garden Club to Diane Bergendahl, 7841 Oak Knoll Drive, Northville, MI 48168. Questions?? Call (248) 486-9676 or e-mail rb@rc.net

GREENS SALE

The Dearborn Heights Garden Club will hold its annual Greens Sale, with handmade wreaths, swags, centerpieces and cemetery wreaths made from fresh-cut greens, along with home-baked goodies and other items, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 2-3 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Canfield Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, just south of Ford Road. The club also will have Amaryllis bulbs available. For more information, call Bob Cairns at (313) 278-2337.

WILLIAM T. GRAY

Age 97, died November 21, 2010. Loving husband of the late Hilda, Dear father of William R. (Carole), Richard H. (Barb) and Jean Knickerbocker (Don), 8 Grandchildren, 8 Great Grandchildren: A memorial service will be Saturday, December 4, 11 AM at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI. Share memories at: temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com

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Creative holiday cooking

FAMILY FEATURES

Coming up with a holiday meal that will satisfy everyone can be a challenge. What will the picky eaters like? What can the vegetarians eat? How can you do something a little different and still please guests who look forward to traditional dishes year after year?

With the right ingredients and some creative cooking, you can overcome any of these entertaining obstacles. Using ingredients you already have on hand in unexpected ways can help create delicious and innovative dishes that can please any crowd. Peanut butter, a long-time staple in dessert recipes, can add rich flavor and variety to both sweet and savory dishes.

These recipes from Jif® show how to incorporate the fresh-roasted taste of peanut butter into your holiday dishes. For more creative ways to cook up a holiday feast, visit www.jif.com.

SLICED HAM WITH PEANUT BUTTER GLAZE

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

1 center cut slice (about 1 pound) fully cooked ham, sliced ½ inch thick

3 tablespoons Smucker's® Sweet Orange Marmalade

2 tablespoons Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter

1 tablespoon water

Fresh dill weed (optional)

Orange slices (optional)

Directions

1. HEAT broiler. Slash edges of ham slice; place on broiler pan.

2. BROIL 3 inches from heat for 5 minutes. Turn ham slice; broil an additional 4 to 5 minutes.

3. COMBINE marmalade, peanut butter and water in small bowl. Spread over ham slice. Broil ½ to 1 minute until lightly browned.

4. GARNISH with fresh dill and orange slices, if desired.

WARM APPLE SALAD WITH APPLE CIDER PEANUT DRESSING

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cooking Time: 20 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

SALAD DRESSING

½ cup Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter

½ cup seasoned rice vinegar

¼ cup Smucker's® Cider Apple Butter

1 teaspoon reduced sodium soy sauce

¾ teaspoon grated ginger root

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh cilantro

¼ cup water

SALAD

Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray

2 Gala apples, cored and halved

15.5-ounce bag Spring mix and baby spinach blend

½ cup crumbled Chevre goat cheese

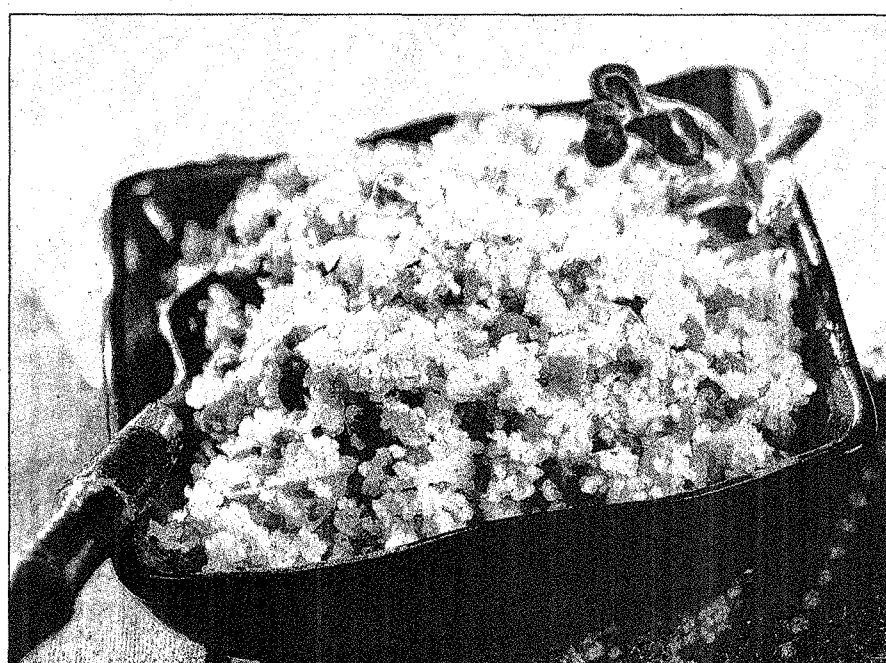
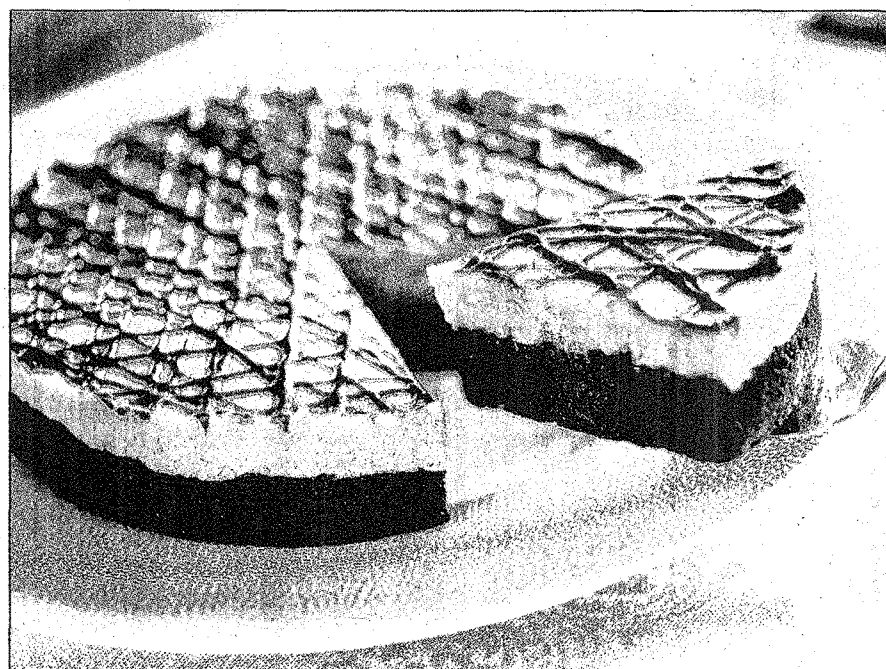
½ cup chopped red onion

½ cup real bacon bits

½ cup prepared candied walnuts

Directions

1. To prepare salad dressing: COMBINE peanut butter, vinegar, apple butter, soy sauce, ginger root and garlic in blender container or food processor. Blend until smooth. Stir in finely chopped cilantro. Place in microwave-safe



pitcher or bowl. Whisk in water.

2. HEAT oven to 425°F. Line baking sheet with foil. Coat with no-stick cooking spray. Slice each apple half into quarters. Place apples, cut side up, on prepared baking sheet. Brush with Apple Cider Peanut Dressing. Roast 15 to 20 minutes or until tender when pierced with fork.

3. DIVIDE lettuce evenly on 4 salad plates. Microwave salad dressing on HIGH for 30 to 45 seconds or until warm. Arrange 4 roasted apple wedges on center of salad. Sprinkle immediately with crumbled cheese, red onion, bacon bits and walnuts. Drizzle with warm dressing. Serve immediately.

DOUBLE CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER SUPREME

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 37 minutes

Chill Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 12 to 14 servings

Ingredients

Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray

115.9-ounce package Pillsbury® Chocolate Extreme Premium Brownie Mix

¼ cup Crisco® Pure Vegetable Oil

3 tablespoons water

1 large egg

1 cup Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup powdered sugar

2 tablespoons Smucker's® Hot Fudge Topping

Directions

1. HEAT oven to 350°F. Coat an 8-inch springform pan with no-stick cooking spray.

2. PREPARE brownie mix according to package directions using packet of chocolate-flavored syrup, oil, water and egg. Spread into prepared pan. Bake 34 to 37 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack.

3. BEAT peanut butter and vanilla in medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar. Beat for 1 minute. Remove outer edge of springform pan. Spread peanut butter mixture over top of cooled brownie. Chill 30 minutes or until firm.

4. PLACE hot fudge topping in small resealable plastic bag. Knead until smooth. Cut small corner off bag. Drizzle topping over peanut butter layer. Cut into wedges.

MOROCCAN PEANUT COUSCOUS WITH PEAS

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cooking Time: 25 minutes

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients

2 tablespoons Crisco® Pure Canola Oil

½ cup chopped onions

½ cup chopped red or green bell pepper

2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced

1½ cups chicken or vegetable broth

½ cup Jif® Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter

½ teaspoon ground cumin

Salt and pepper

110-ounce package frozen peas (tiny deluxe, if possible)

1 cup unprepared couscous

Directions

1. HEAT oil in a 2½ or 3 quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic. Cook just until onion is translucent. Add broth and bring to a boil.

2. WHISK in peanut butter and cumin. Blend well. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add peas and bring to a boil. Stir in couscous and return to a boil, stirring constantly.

3. REMOVE from heat. Cover and let sit about 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with a fork; serve immediately.

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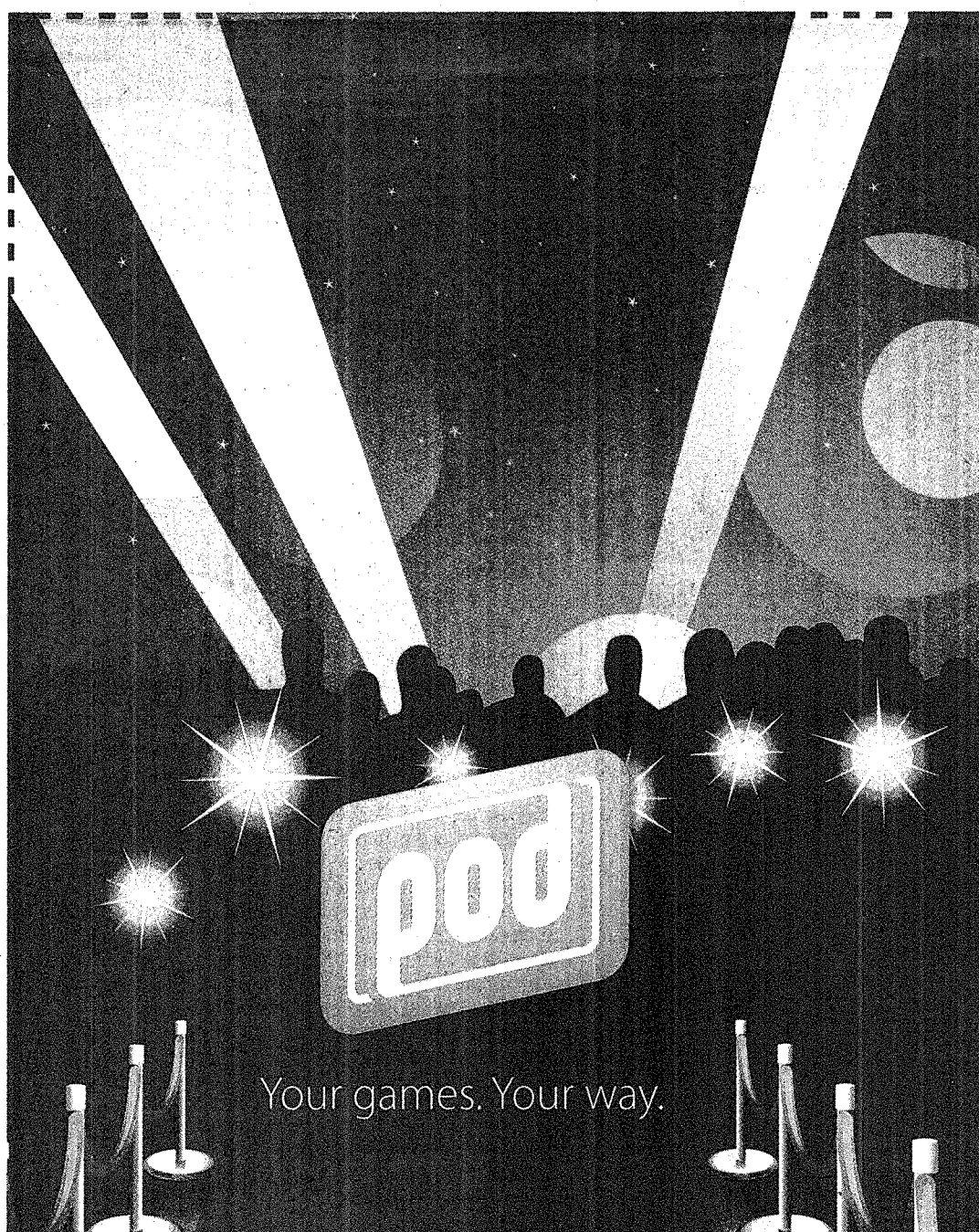
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