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Westland Mayor William Wild during his State of the City speech. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WILD: STATE OF CITY STRONGER THAN EVER

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Recounting successes of recent years and looking ahead to new projects, such as a new City Hall and the Farmers Market Pavilion, Westland Mayor William Wild ended his State of the City speech Tuesday sounding like a candidate.

"The state of the city is stronger than ever. What we've done in the city can be done at all levels of government," Wild said. "You elected us to do the best for the city. People don't want to open the newspaper and read about debacles and missed opportunities."

People wanted elected officials to have integrity and to hire staff with that same quality, said Wild, who announced earlier this year that he was exploring a run for Wayne County executive in 2014.

"But you can't take your hands off the wheel. All of the country can work better," said Wild. "We will continue to do better. We will not rest until we have fulfilled the promise of our great city for all of our residents."

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A capacity crowd listened to the State Of the City at the Westland MJR Theater.

Yes, you can: Fight holiday weight gain and win a prize

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Before the holiday food and beverage temptations get into full swing next week, the Wayne Community Center is offering help with holiday weight management.

Now through Wednesday, Nov. 27, holiday weigh-in and body composition measurements will be offered with follow-ups Jan. 2-8.

The cost is \$10 for Wayne and Westland residents, \$20 for nonresidents but the participants in the Holiday

Weight Maintenance Challenge can earn at a minimum their money back and possibly a grand prize.

Participants who exercise three times per week and maintain their weight and body composition through the holidays within one pound and 1 percent, respectively, get their money back and possibly more. The participant for each gender who loses the most weight and body composition throughout the holidays will win the grand prize.

"We've done this program

for many years. We've not done it in a year or two due to lack of staffing," Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams said. "We have a couple of personal trainers now so we could offer it."

In past years, Adams said at least 50 people participated in the Holiday Weight Maintenance Challenge.

"I've never analyzed the success rate but I'd guess roughly half are successful," Adams said. "The successful people get the money. Those who aren't successful don't

show up (for the weigh-ins)."

Register at the Wayne Community Center and get weigh-ins 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

The Holiday Weight Maintenance Challenge is open to anyone 18 years and older.

Call the Wayne-Westland Parks & Recreation at 734-721-7400, Ext. 1300, for more information.

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Accident on shoulder of I-96 leaves one dead, one critically injured

By David Veselenak
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Livonia police are investigating a fatal accident that took place early Monday morning on the I-96 expressway.

Lt. Tom Goraliski of the Livonia Police Department said a disabled Chevrolet Cavalier was parked along the shoulder of eastbound I-96 near Middlebelt at about 3 a.m. Monday. The two men in the car, a 22-year-old Wayne resident and a 22-year-old Westland resident, got out of the vehicle.

While they were out, a Buick Century driven by a 23-year-old Redford man veered off the freeway toward the men, striking them.

Livonia police responded to the scene. The Wayne man, Daniel Davis, was declared dead at the scene, and the Westland man was taken to a nearby hospital. The Redford man stayed at the scene and was identified by police.

Goraliski said alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor in the accident. He could not say if the high winds in the area were a factor.

Sgt. Joe Boitos said the Westland man remained in critical condition as of Wednesday afternoon. There was no word of any charges being filed as of Wednesday.

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Mom gets prison time in baby's death

Westland woman receives sentence

A Westland woman has been sentenced to serve one to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of her infant daughter.

Kassie Laretz, 29, had been charged in an unsafe sleep case stemming from the April 21, 2012, death of her youngest child Kaylee, age four months.

The autopsy showed the baby died of asphyxia. Kaylee had been left unattended in her parents' bed and was reported to have suffocated on the bedding.

Court testimony was

that Laretz had left the baby sleeping face down unattended while she visited a neighbor next door to their Genesee Court duplex, and her sister, who lived nearby.

Blood tests also showed that Laretz had seven different prescription medications in her system at the time Kaylee died.

Laretz, who has two older children, had also been facing a charge of second-degree child abuse which was dismissed as part of her guilty plea. She was sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Christmas Reception

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

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

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

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

WYAA meeting

Westland Youth Athletic Association will hold its annual meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Lange

Compound Building at 6050 Farmington Road, north of Ford Road, Westland.

The purpose of the meeting will be the election of the general board of directors and a review of the year's activities.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact club President Nan Melke at 734-674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

WCGH reunion

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

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

CITY

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Mayor since 2007, Wild was re-elected earlier this month after running unopposed for a four-year term. During that time, Wild cited seven consecutive balanced budgets, a move to multi-year budgeting, increasing the fund balance to \$5.5 million or a 213 percent increase since 2012, staff reductions and employee contributions to health care and pensions.

Cost effectiveness

Along with those steps to get the city's finances on track, Wild also mentioned innovations aimed at cost effectiveness and improving services, such as the Wayne-Westland merged fire department, the four-city joint dispatching center and on-line proactive ordinance enforcement.

The city's financial picture stabilized from investments including the \$16 million MJR Westland Grand Theater and subsequent new restaurants. The nearby Westland Shopping Center has been investing in new entrances and a digital sign as Dynamic Diagnostics moved into the long vacant Sam's Club building filling 106,000 square feet of space.

With the new City Hall and fire station inside the Westland's Shop and Dine District, the city is making more than \$13 million in public investment, without a millage increase, Wild said.

"It's been shown time and again that private investment will follow smart public investment," Wild said.

Noting more than \$2 million in federal funds



Westland Mayor William Wild's daughter Payton smells a rose from her mom's bouquet while watching her dad present his State of the City speech. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

used to acquire, rehabilitate, demolish and construct homes in Norwayne, Wild announced the city plans to refurbish the closed Jefferson Barns Elementary School in 2014. It would replace the 50-year-old and much smaller Dorsey Center, allowing the city to partner with several area nonprofit service providers to the Norwayne community.

Faux previews

Held at the MJR Westland Grand Theater, the State of the City took full advantage of the movie

screen showing faux movie previews courtesy of WLND, including a take on *The Natural* featuring Councilman Adam Hammons and a *Rocky* take-off featuring Wild in training for the Senior Olympics - he won't be old enough to participate for nearly five years.

The Star Wars opening about a galaxy far, far away focused on Westland's successful weathering of the worst recession since the Great Depression. It noted Wild wasn't a Jedi but added he is a former Westland

John Glenn Rocket which is almost the same thing.

Introducing his father, Bill, stepmother Pam and brother Jeff in the capacity crowd, Wild made the evening a complete family affair with children Luke, Lily and Payton leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Wife Sherri introduced Wild recounting his decision to get involved in city government after they'd been married about a year.

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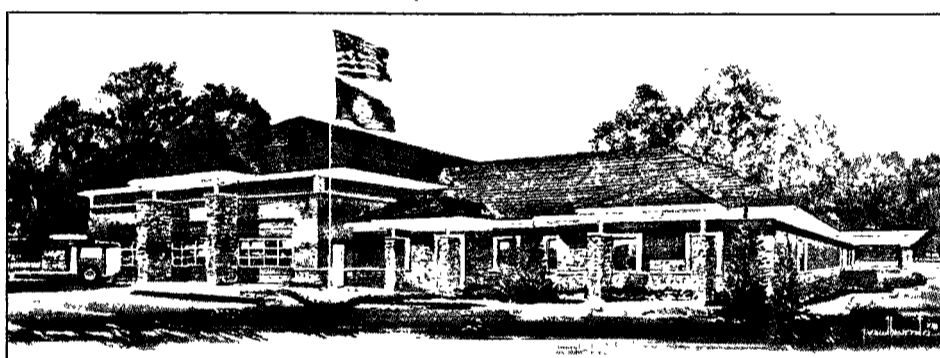
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dy) and his team keeping us on that," said Wills, who reviewed the floor plan with the council.

Funded by the Tax Increment Financing Authority, the new fire station will go through a bidding process in January and is expected to be occupied by September 2014.

"We anticipate favorable bids in January. It's currently a parking lot. I'm confident we'll quickly attack this in the spring," said Wills. "We'll scrap the parking lot once the frost is out of the ground."



This is a color rendering of a new Westland fire station soon to be constructed on Central City Parkway near Nankin Boulevard.

The new building doesn't include any type of community meeting room, Reddy said, due to the close proximity of the new City Hall just south on Warren Road. The retrofitted former Circuit City store will re-

open as City Hall next year.

"This will definitely be a state-of-the-art facility. It will accommodate our equipment," said Reddy. "I met with the (firefighters) union and considered their input."

Regarding the new City Hall project, Wills said the demolition on the building interior was just about completed after four weeks work.

"It won't look like much is being done - all the work will be internal," said Deputy Mayor Jade Smith.

The new 64,000-

square-foot City Hall will replace a building constructed in 1966 on Ford. The new energy-efficient building will provide space to bring scattered city offices into one building along with a larger council chambers and community meeting rooms.

Also funded by the TIFA, the new City Hall has a just-under \$10 million price tag - an estimated \$5 million less than new construction.

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Seven will compete for Distinguished Young Woman

Seven high school senior women living in Wayne and Westland will in the 2014 Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne/Westland scholarship program.

The young women will take to the stage at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of in Wayne Road, in Westland at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

Formerly known as Wayne/Westland Junior Miss, Distinguished Young Women of Wayne/Westland promotes excellence in young women demonstrated by scholarship, leadership and talent.

Competing in the 2014 program are Elise Penhollow and Olivia Junk, both from John Glenn High School, Hailey Dotter, Ashley Baker, Alyssa Jarvis and Eillie Sambrone from High School and Jordyn Boitos from Livonia Franklin High School.

Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne/Westland is an official local preliminary of Distinguished Young Women, a national scholarship program that promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership and talent in young women. Local winners compete in the state program where

they will vie for the chance to represent Michigan at the 57th Annual Distinguished Young Women National Finals June 26-28 in Mobile, Ala.

Participants are judged on scholastics, an interview with judges, talent, fitness and self-expression. More information about the Distinguished Young Woman scholarship program is available from high school counselors. Young women also can register at distinguishedyw.org.

Tickets for the program are \$10 each and are available at the door.



The Rev. Gerry Bechard and Hank Johnson (center) gather with other members of the Norwayne community under the B-24 bomber model, also known as the Liberator, made by Bechard. PHOTOS BY KATHY HANSEN

Norwayne recognizes founders, history

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Norwayne residents gathered to celebrate their community's history and progress at the Norwayne Founders Recognition Dinner.

Certificates of appreciation and beautification awards were presented at the dinner, held at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, which hosted the event along with the Norwayne Community Citizens Council.

A model B-24 Bomber, nicknamed the Liberator, built by the Rev. Gerry Bechard, Ss. Simon and Jude's pastor, was put up with the Norwayne Community Citizens Council sign. Norwayne was established in 1943 as a community to house workers who built the World War II plane.

"We have spent a lot of time, efforts and care on the people worked on it (the B-24) and founded Wayne so they know they really were part of the greatest generation," Norwayne Community Citizens Council Chairman Henry Johnson said.

Recapping achievements from the past year, Johnson singled out the designation of Norwayne as an historic district which coincided with its 70th anniversary.

Norwayne has a community garden with plans to add a second garden. A Community Watch program has been initiated.

"It was all due to the wonderful support from the community. We are dedicated to making Norwayne a community of choice again," Johnson said. "We want to make it as vibrant as it was in the '50s and '60s."

The most blighted and damaged homes in Norwayne are being removed but Johnson noted there was a commitment to restoring those homes that could be rehabilitated. In particular, Johnson noted the Wayne-Westland Schools building trades students were renovating a home at Saginaw and Dorsey.



Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church ushers Walter Malkowski (left) and Norm Swope serve dinner at the Norwayne Founders Recognition dinner.



Betty Krachie was one member of the Norwayne community recognized for her community involvement and long-term homeownership.



Norwayne Community Citizens Council Chairman Henry Johnson shows photographs of houses that won the 2013 Norwayne Community Beautification Awards.

"Before, the schools didn't want to participate on renovations in Norwayne," he said. "Now we have a viable partnership with Wayne-Westland Schools."

Another development under discussion is pos-

sible use of the closed Jefferson-Barns School as a new home to the Dorsey Community Center.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Assault

Police were called to a home in the 2200 block of Ackley on Nov. 10 after a report of home invasion and assault. Two men who live at the house told police three males had knocked at the door and rushed in when it was opened.

The first male entering the house reportedly struck one of the residents in the face with a tire iron, and then demanded money. When the two residents said they had no money, the resident reportedly was repeatedly struck in the face with the tire iron. The second resident said he was struck in the hand with the tire iron as the suspects searched for cash.

After getting no money, the three suspects reportedly took a PlayStation 3 gaming system and fled, one resident said. The resident who had been struck in the face was transported to the hospital by Fire Rescue.

Vandalism

A resident in the 33000 block of Casco Court told police Nov. 17 that someone

had broken a bedroom window overnight. She said she hadn't noticed the damage until the following day.

The officer noted glass on the ground and on the floor under the window but no entry appeared to have been made.

Break-in

On Nov. 8, a resident in the 34000 block of Caspian Court told police that someone pushed the air conditioning unit out of a window and entered the home. Reported missing was a 65-inch flat screen television valued at \$3,500. He said the television was a rental.

Larceny

A resident in the 34000 block of Decatur Court told police Nov. 13 that she is in the process of moving and returned to find someone had tried to steal the water heater. She said the unit was laying on its side and gas was leaking.

The resident told police she had last been at the home Nov. 9.

By LeAnne Rogers



A tree fell on a house in the 29900 block of Balmoral in Garden City during the Sunday's severe weather. GARDEN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

GC firefighters handle damage

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The severe weather that swept through Garden City Sunday had Garden City firefighters responding across town to reports of wires down, arcing wires and transformers exploding.

"Some of the reports of downed wires were actually cable or phone wires," said Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman. "Wires that posed a danger to the community were reported to Edison and the area was secured."

Harman said that Monday there were about 20 homes without power on Hennepin east of Garden due to a tree

uprooting and landing on the wires.

"Part of the cross bar is in a resident's pool," Harman said. "An Edison worker who responded to the location reported the repair may take time due to the extent of the storm damage across the Midwest. A team will be required to make the repair."

The tree took out primary and secondary lines in addition to phone and cable lines. The tree was across the communication lines and a few poles required repair or replacement, Harman said.

A large tree was uprooted and landed on a house in the 29900 block of Balmoral.

WAYNE COP CALLS

Vandalism

On Nov. 16, a resident of the 34000 block of Harroun reported he found his vehicle with a broken rear window. A neighbor told to the victim he saw some teenagers throwing rocks and run away but was unable to determine who actually broke the vehicle window.

» The Vandenberg School head custodian reported four windows at the school were broken by BB pellets Nov. 15. The windows were double pane and the outer pane of each window was shattered. There were no suspects and no witnesses.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 4000 block of Carnegie reported he parked his vehicle in the driveway overnight Nov. 17. When he returned to his vehicle the next afternoon, he said he found his glove box opened and items removed. Reported missing were a GPS valued at \$250, a Craftsman socket set and a Makita drill valued at \$250.

Break-in

On Nov. 18, a business owner of the 32000 block of Michigan Avenue reported his store had been broken into during the night. The owner told police that he returned to the store in the morning and found the locked office door kicked in.

A bank deposit bag containing approximately \$6,500 and approximately 90 cartons of Newport cigarettes valued at \$5,400 were reported stolen taken.

Because the power was out at the location at the time of this incident, the surveillance cameras were not functioning.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Vandalism

The management at the Speedway gas station at 28451 Ford reported vandalism inside of the men's bathroom on Nov. 12.

The corner of a poster in the bathroom was burned and on the bathroom floor along with the frame. Soot also was on the toilet seat.

Break-in

The police were summoned to an alarm at the Inside Out Church at 1075 Venoy about midnight Nov. 18. An entry door was open a few inches which led into a classroom.

The police found that the door frame was damaged and a desk was knocked over. The pastor didn't find any items missing.

It's believed that the unknown subject only gained entry into one room.

» A 19-year-old Garden City man who was checking on his parents' home in the 900 block of Middlebelt Nov. 16 said that he found a south side door damaged, allowing someone to gain entry.

Upon checking, he said that he found that someone stole a 42-inch TV valued at \$250 and headphones valued at almost \$300.

Home invasion

When residents returned to their home in the 32000 block of Alvin about 7 p.m. Nov. 16, they thought that the back door which they left unlocked had blown open. Instead they found that someone had stolen a laptop computer. The residents

questioned their neighbors who said that they had not seen or heard anything unusual.

Vehicle theft

Residents in the 29000 block of Kathryn believe that an unknown suspect used the spare key to their Ford Escape which they kept in their Ford Edge to steal the Escape. They found the Escape gone about 8:45 a.m. Nov. 17. They also noticed that someone had rummaged through the Edge and stolen the spare key from the glove box.

Theft

A resident in the 2000 block of Bridge reported Nov. 18 that someone stole Oxycodone tablets from inside coat pocket that he left in his office. The pills were apparently taken

when the man left to buy a sandwich.

» About \$4,000 worth of copper plumbing was reported stolen Nov. 7 from a vacant home in the 29000 block of Alvin. It's believed that entry was made through a south kitchen window which was smashed out. The window was already repaired when the police arrived to investigate. A canvass of neighbors revealed that no one saw or heard anything.

Attempted theft

The owner of a 2002 Chevy Silverado reported that someone attempted to break into the vehicle Nov. 12 while it was parked in the 800 block of Radcliff.

By Sue Buck

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50 years later, people still remember JFK's death

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Tomorrow, Nov. 22, will mark the 50th anniversary of the day America lost its innocence. Shots rang out in Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas, and in a matter of seconds, President John F. Kennedy had been fatally shot and Texas Gov. John Connally seriously wounded.

It was about 12:30 p.m. when three shots were fired from a sixth-floor window of the Texas School Book Depository. One bullet missed, but two struck the President, mortally wounding him. One of those bullets passed through his body and struck Connally.

The President was rushed to Parkland Hospital, where at 1 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

Veteran newsmen Walter Cronkite was heard on the television saying that three shots had been fired at President Kennedy's motorcade in downtown Dallas. "The first reports say the President Kennedy has been seriously wounded by this shooting." Just after 1:30 p.m., he let the nation know the president had died.

It is an event that people remember where they were when they heard the news. Life changed dramatically.

Life-changing event

The events that day also transformed how news was presented. For the first time, the news was reported live, the coverage was around the clock. The effort was not repeated in that magnitude until Sept. 11, 2001.

The nation watched live as the casket caring the dead president arrived at Andrews Air Force Base. They watched as two-year-old John Kennedy Jr. saluted his father and in horror as Jack Ruby stepped forward and fatally shot suspected assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

Bud Somerville was 7 years old and living in LaMirada, Calif., when JFK was assassinated. He remembers being at the supermarket with his father.

"They announced it over the loud speaker, everyone was crying," said the Westland resident. It was one of the only times I saw my father cry. It's something I never forgot and never will. We lost a good one that day."

Sue Bellows of Garden City was a fourth-grader at St. Hubert's Catholic School in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

"I remember Mother Superior coming on the public address system to tell us what happened, all of the teachers were crying," she said. "We all said a rosary and then they closed school for the day. All of our parents were crying when



President and Mrs. Kennedy arrive at Love Field in Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 22, 1963. CECIL STOUGHTON/JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, BOSTON

they came to pick us up."

One of Bellows' neighbors had the only color televisions in the neighborhood. She remembers "all of us crowding into their garage to watch the funeral."

"I was so moved by the riderless horse, Black Jack, with the boots turned backward in the stirrups, and John-John saluting," she said. "There were so many solemn moments, such sadness and trying to understand why someone would do such a thing to another human being."

Margaret Berry Harlow was working at Beitner Jewelry in Plymouth that day. She was eating a lunch that had been ordered from Cloverdale.

"I was eating a tuna sandwich, funny how you remember those details," said Harlow, a Wayne resident. "The news came over the radio. I have never before been so glued to a TV as the four or five days that followed his death. From the shooting of our President to the shooting of Oswald we all watched intently."

Canton resident Carol Middel was in ninth grade at Marshall Junior High School. The ninth-graders had just won the square dancing competition and "all of us were riding high."

"When we got on the bus, the bus driver told us what had happened in Dallas," she said. "We all went from riding high to the depths of despair. That was the quietest bus ride home as we all tried to comprehend what had occurred."

"Horried"

Georgia Becker also was living in California at the time. Her husband worked in a small shop a block from their home.

"When I saw the awful news on TV, I started to cry and ran to the shop to give them the news," she said. "Everyone was horrified. It was a moment in time I will never forget."

Even as at young ages, the assassination had an impact on Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc and retired Westland em-

ployee Margaret Martin.

"At 5 years old, I was with my Mom in our house and she answered the phone. Then after a few words, she began to cry," LeBlanc said. "I was scared and asked my Mom why she was crying. When she turned the TV on, we watched with the world as it changed forever."

"I was 6. I remember seeing the funeral on TV," Martin said. "The adults were all very quiet about the event, speechless."

Patricia Squires was in eighth grade at Cray Elementary School in Detroit. For her, the the saddest day was the funeral with John-John saluting and Jackie kissing the casket.

"It is a time in my life I will never forget," she said.

Squires recalls her homeroom teacher was called from class and when she returned, she gave us the sad news.

"She was crying and I can remember feeling a hurt inside like I had never felt before," said the Garden City resident. "I had been fortunate in my short life to not lose anyone to death before so this was a new feeling for me."

Students were dismissed early from school and they went home, turned the TV on.

"It stayed on for what seemed like days — it probably was — as we watched many speak about JFK and the great things he had done and was doing prior to his death," she said.

Lori Crouson O'Brady had just turned 4 and remembers watching everything on TV and how sad the procession was.

"The riderless horse made an impression on me even that young," she said. "I thought Jackie looked hauntingly sad in her veil. The Battle Hymn of the Republic will always remind me of JFK's funeral."

Like Martin, Fred Weaver was only 6. He recalls the commentators talking about Black Jack, the riderless horse and the fact that the "boots were put into the stirrups backwards as the sign of a fallen leader."

Fifty years later, there are still questions about the assassination. Conspiracy theories abound — everything from there being a second shooter on the grassy knoll to the president being shot by a Secret Service agent who had a grabbed a rifle to return fire when it accidentally discharged.

Weaver said the conspiracy theorists have run the gambit on possibilities and come up empty most of the time.

"Still there is the slightest chance in my mind that it was a conspiracy," he said. "Oswald's shooting record with a rifle was suspect to say the least. The Warren Commission said the mission was filled with people who would go to any length to secure the government's involvement. The magic bullet remains as the sole reason for conspiracy. Somebody planted it."

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Seniors: Deadline nears for prescription drug plan

When it comes to health care, the focus has been on the disastrous rollout associated with Obamacare. There is, however, another healthcare issue that has not been talked about and that is the decision that seniors have to make with regard to their healthcare.

The deadline for seniors to make decisions regarding Medicare D Prescription Drug Plan and Medicare Advantage is Dec. 7.

Whether you use a Medicare Advantage program or a separate prescription drug program, it is important to recognize that you should not automatically renew what you had last year. Coverage and costs could have changed. In addition, your health situation may have changed and new coverage may be warranted.

Particularly, if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan you may find that your network of doctors has changed.

Medicare Advantage is an alternative to traditional Medicare. Medicare Advantage allows you to obtain insurance through private healthcare companies. These plans are traditionally either HMOs or PPOs. The plans must be certified by the government and contain the same benefits as traditional Medicare.

In addition, most Medicare Advantage Plans include the Prescription D Drug Plan. The benefit of advantage plans is they typically reduce out-of-pocket cost and offer expanded benefit packages, including dental, hearing and vision.

The problem with Medicare Advantage



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Plans is if you use an HMO you cannot use certain specialists or out-of-network providers without prior authorization. This problem also exists in PPOs, but to a lesser extent.

To begin your search, whether for a Medicare Advantage Plan or Prescription D Plan, the best place is www.medicare.gov.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that the roll-out of Obamacare had no effect on Medicare Advantage Plans, but that is not the case. Because of Obamacare the government has reduced its funding of Medicare Advantage and thus, many people are finding that their network of doctors has changed; also, some plans that had no premiums now have premiums.

In addition, some Medicare Advantage Plans have been canceled due to changes brought on by Obamacare. It is important that you do not delay and begin your research regarding Medicare Advantage as soon as possible.

Should you enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan versus traditional Medicare (which includes Parts A and B) and then purchase a Medigap policy?

I wish I could tell you there was one right answer, but there's not. It all depends upon your individual medical situation.

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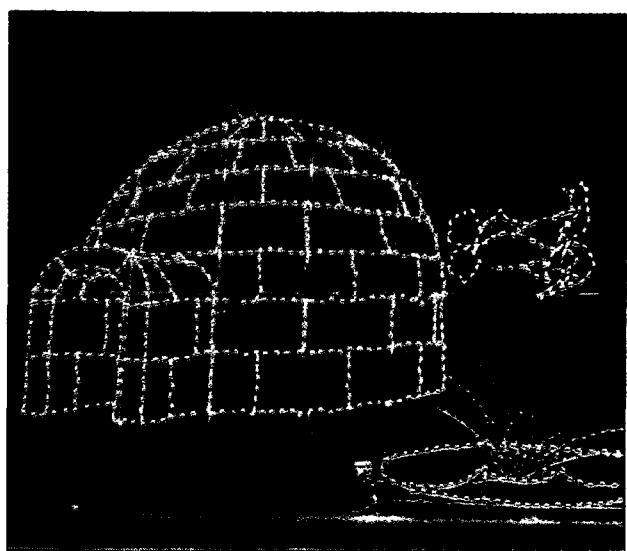
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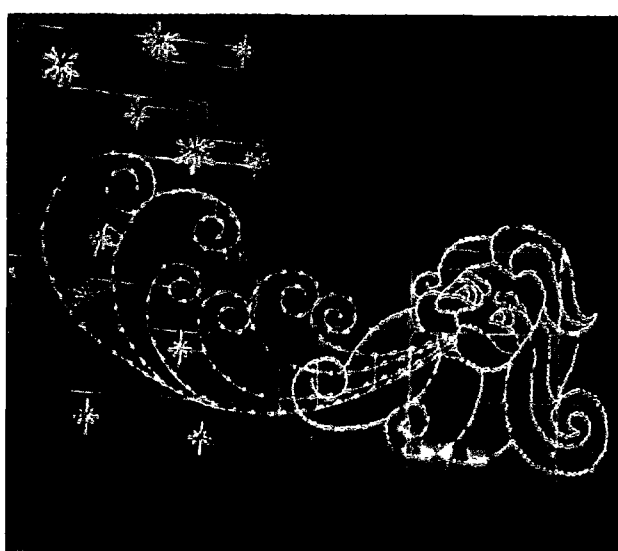
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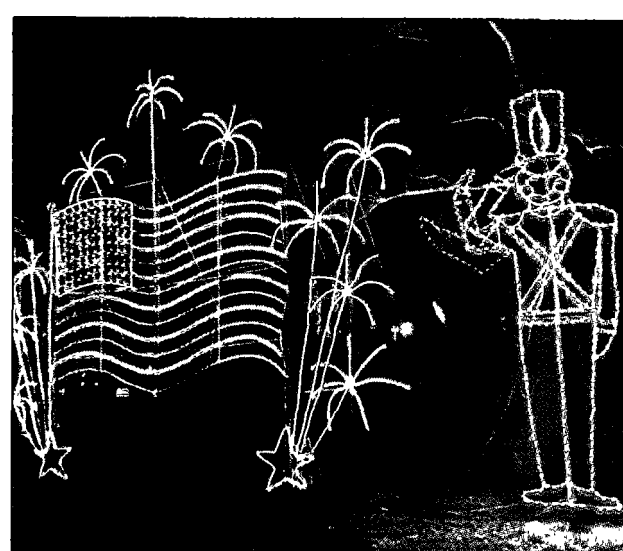
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The penguin takes a plunge into the icy waters from his igloo during the Lightfest.



Old Man Winter reminds visitors of the weather yet to come this winter.



The toy soldiers salute those who attend the Wayne County Lightfest in Hines Park

Hines Parks is aglow, thanks to 20th annual Lightfest



Crowds enjoyed a perfect late fall evening at the Hines Park for the 20th anniversary of the Lightfest. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

It's the largest and longest drive-through holiday light show in the Midwest and it's going on in Hines Park now through Dec. 31, except for Christmas Day.

This is the 20th year Wayne County Parks has put on the 4½-mile long light show that stretched from Merriman Hollow at Warren Road in Westland to the Warrendale area at Telegraph in Dearborn Heights.

Hundreds of parents and children crowded Hines Park for the opening last week that featured music by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir, Santa Claus, fireworks and, of course, a trip through the Lightfest.

Lightfest features more than 47 giant animated holiday-themed displays, including two new additions. The displays also have been converted to less expensive to operate and environmentally beneficial LED lights.

Lightfest is open 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday. Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and at 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday for the show.

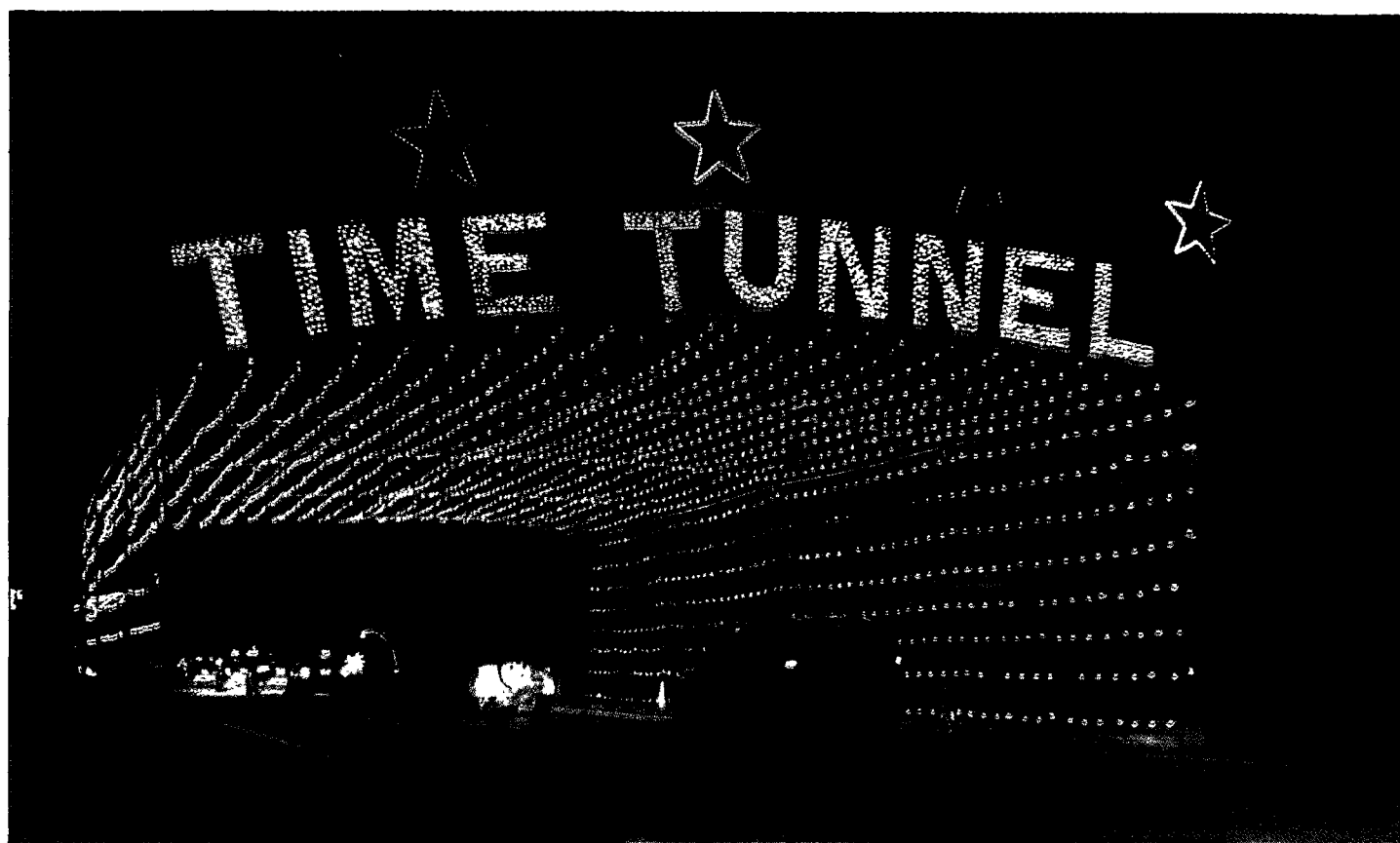
Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle.

Dates to remember are Dec. 3, 10 and 17 which are Toy Nights. On those three nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the \$5 vehicle fee. Toys will be donated to the Wayne County Family Center.

And families can stop by Santa's Workshop at Warrendale Park at the end of the Lightfest drive. Santa will be there starting Friday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Dec. 23, during Lightfest hours. There also is a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa.

Wayne County Lightfest sponsors include Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, McDonald Modular, Play Environments, Motor City Mountain Biking Association, Observer & Eccentric Media, Entertainment Express Limousines and Beathetrain.com.

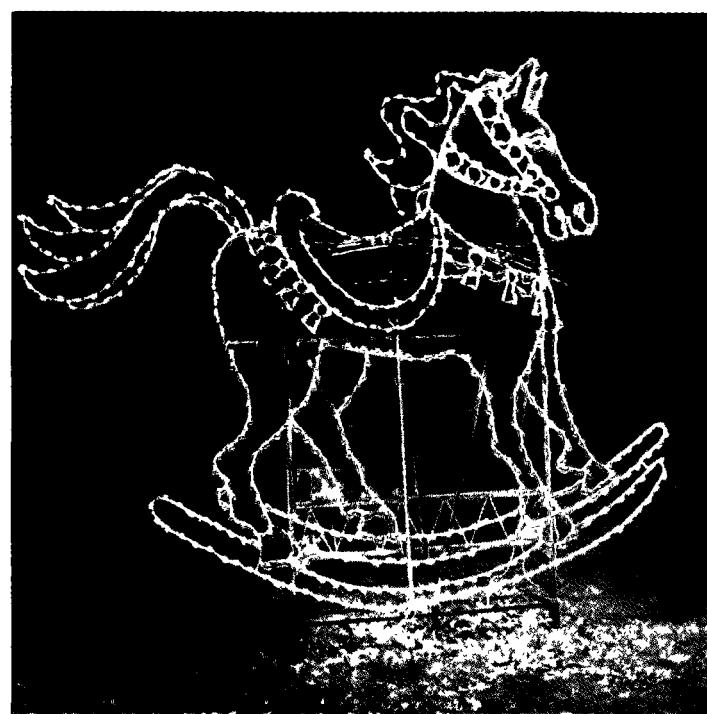
For more information on Lightfest or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.



One of the two new displays in this year's Lightfest is the "Time Tunnel."



Scott Staley of Garden City with sisters Allison and Kirstin keep their eyes on the sky as the fireworks display that ushered in the 2013 installment of the Wayne County Lightfest.



Among the popular displays is the rocking horse that really rocks.



The staff of Community Dental Associates in Westland had a surprise for Dr. Bruce Smoler when he got back from the Ironman Florida competition.

Westland dentist meets the challenge of Ironman Florida

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Bruce Smoler gets a laugh out of watching a YouTube cartoon, "Ironman Is NOT a Cult." The six-minute clip talks about the time and financial commitment it takes to compete in a race that includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile marathon, all done in one day.

He laughs because he understands what the runner is telling her colleague. He spends 12-16 hours a week training. He's up at 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday to train for two hours before going to work and puts in five to eight hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

It's a grueling schedule, but for Smoler, who competed in his first Ironman Triathlon in Florida earlier this month, the race is the reward for months of training.

"It's hard for most people to understand; it almost becomes lifestyle," said Smoler, a West Bloomfield resident. "You do train 14 hours a week six to 10 months a year for one event. It's an incredible feeling to be there and to go through it."

The Westland dentist finished the Ironman Florida competition in 13 hours, 7 minutes, 31 seconds, not quite the 12 hours he had hoped for, but a respectable showing nonetheless for his first full triathlon. He's competed in three Half Ironmans, done sprints and Olympics.

A swim in the Gulf

This Ironman was different than other competitions for Smoler. The swimming was done in the Gulf of Mexico and he ended up ingesting a lot of salt water during the one-hour, 26-minute swim.

"I got nauseated, I tried not to throw up," he said. "And I got seasick going up and down in the waves. When I did the bike ride, I had cramps in my stomach for 90 miles because of the salt water. I had a teammate who threw up in the water last year. She threw up in the water 17 times."

He described the athletes racing into the water as a "human washing machine" and once they started swimming "it looked like seagulls. All you could see is arms." He didn't realize until later that he had been bitten by a jellyfish during the swim.

The salt water gave him such stomach cramps that he made good use of the rest areas every 10-15 miles along the bike route. He didn't start feeling better until the ride was almost over. He started out doing 18-19 mph and slowed down to 13 mph when the distress was "really bad." Once it had cleared up, he was peddling at 22 mph by the end of the ride. But the stomach problems kept him from meeting his goal of five hours. He finished the ride in 5:57.

Smoler had never run a full marathon and, to do it, he broke it down to one step at a time. With each step he said a name, that of his wife Gail, daughter Sarah and son Zach.

"That's what got me through it, saying the names of my wife, my daughter and my son," he said. "I must have said them thousands of times. I also did it on the bike when I was pedaling."

Smoler also had a goal of five hours for the marathon. He finished with a time of 5:23. He admits that when he sat down at the halfway point to change his socks, "I didn't think I would get back up."

"I just thought I have to do this, I



The clock reads the finish time for Bruce Smoler in the Ironman Florida competition. On his Facebook page, he said, "my feet did not fail me then ... It felt like I was FLYING home on the energy of the crowd. Totally amazing feeling to be floating in at the end of my first marathon."

didn't come this far not to do it," he said. "I saw some teammates and got a boost of energy. I was sprinting in the end. I started hearing the crowd. I was doing 13 mph at 24 miles and went to 11 mph at the end."

"I couldn't feel my feet or legs, I just kept thinking, 'Don't fall.' It was the most exhilarating feeling," he added.

Smoler did experience leg cramps during the run. He used his experience as a dentist to treat it, coating his legs with Biofreeze. It numbed his legs and stopped the cramping.

"I just thought of it and put it in my pack," he said. "I use it for my patients who have TMJ, I use it for their sore muscles."

Part of a team

Smoler started running about age 23 and did it for a few years before taking 26 years off. Now he's part of a team of 14 triathletes who train at Life Time Fitness in Commerce and Novi. The team is broken up into beginner, intermediate and advanced or elite. He's been an elite member for several years. He got interested in the competition a few years ago, when his friends did a sprint. He asked when the next one was.

"When I asked, they said in a week and I said I'd give it a try," he said. "Ever since then, one of my goals is to travel, do Half Ironmans and combine it with a vacation with my wife and family."

So far he's competed in Caseville and Hastings, Milwaukee, Wis., Muncie, Ind., and at Island Lake. He's now thinking about his next competition. It might be in Canada or out west in Texas in June. He'll start training later next month.

"Christmas Day, I'll be out there doing something," he said. "I've run in the cold. It's hard to train year-round in Michigan."

As for his first Ironman: "I worked hard to achieve something and it didn't turn out like I wanted, but it was a boost. Now my honey-do list at home is bigger because I'm an Ironman."

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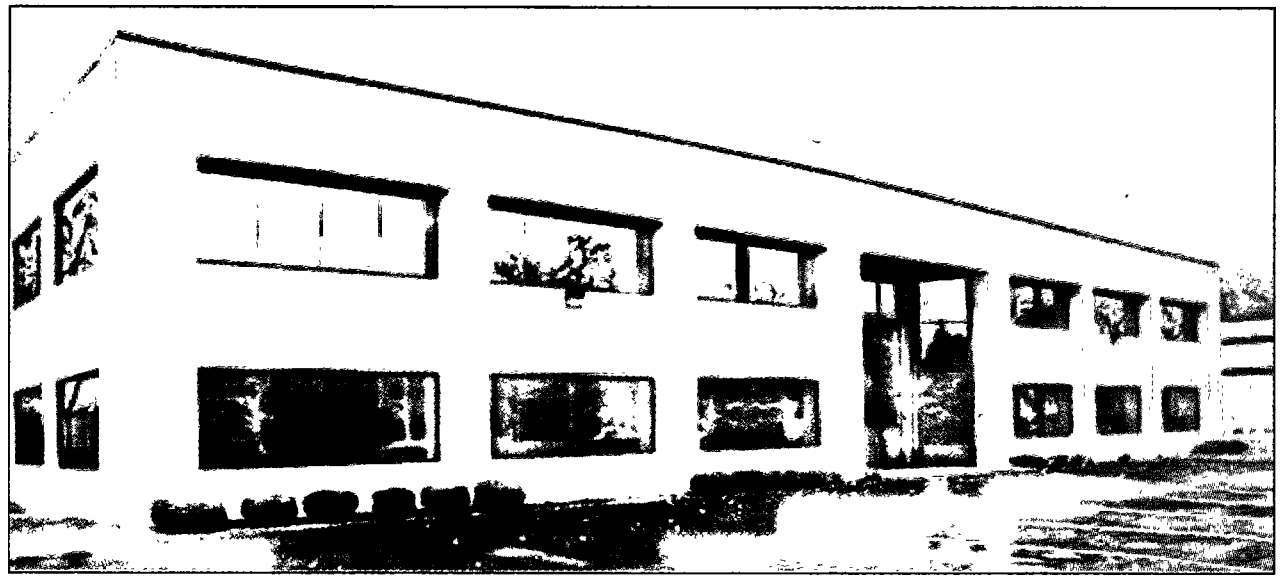
Online Tech to open data center in Westland

Online Tech is building on its leadership position in Michigan with a new, world class data center facility in Westland. The new data center for secure, compliant enterprise-class hosting will bring Online Tech's data center footprint to 100,000 square feet.

According to 451 Research, Online Tech is the market leader in the area with the top market share in multi-tenant data center space in Michigan. Online Tech's fourth data center will add 34,000 square feet of data center space to its

footprint. The company currently operates two data centers in Ann Arbor and another in Flint, Michigan.

Online Tech is renovating and building out a mission critical network switching facility formerly occupied by Sprint-Nextel on Hix. The 34,000-square foot center will feature 18,000 square feet of raised floor space. The carrier-neutral facility will feature fiber connectivity to eight different telecommunications providers, and will support 1.2 MW of IT load.



Online Tech's fourth data center on Hix in Westland will add 34,000 square feet of data center space to its footprint.

"Our data centers deliver secure colocation and cloud hosting services to clients whose IT operations must comply with regulations like HIPAA, PCI and Sarbanes-Oxley," said Mike Klein, Co-CEO of Online Tech. "In the past, it has been a huge challenge for companies to find data centers with a core

culture of security and regulatory compliance."

Klein added that Detroit is a perfect location for expansion with a healthy enterprise market of Fortune 500 companies and a fast-growing community of startups in the health care, financial and retail industries.

"Our investment of \$10 million in infrastructure and 15 new jobs in this data center will pro-

vide the critical IT infrastructure and services that growing Michigan companies need to sustain growth and credibility in the next few years," he said.

Carlson, a leading national data center design and construction firm, has been contracted to manage the build out of Online Tech's new Metro Detroit data center. Construction will include a complete up-

grade of the building's power, cooling systems and front office space. Online Tech will also maintain its commitment to secure and compliant hosting with independent compliance attestations and audits. The new data center is expected to be complete and ready for occupancy in the second quarter of 2014.

New Asian market opens



Elise Holmes went shopping with her parents, Rachel and Joel Holmes of Garden City, at the new Park to Shop Supermarket at 8641 N. Telegraph, in Dearborn Heights. The newly upgraded market is the largest Asian market in Michigan and is owned by Gary Chen, of Cleveland. Badriah Marhaba, Jerry Li and Hannah Han showed them some of the many hundreds of new items that have been added to the expanded store merchandise. DAVID L. MALHALAB MNS PHOTO / M NEWS SERVICE

Plan your work: Do hardest task on your To Do list first

What's on today's To Do list? Chances are there's something on the list that keeps getting put off because it's difficult, distasteful or we just don't know where to start. It happens to me, too. The solution? Do the difficult task first.

I had the opportunity to hear internationally acclaimed speaker Desi Williamson encourage us to challenge our fears. "Whatever it is that you fear most, do it first!" Desi said. "The best remedy for fear is massive action."

To help us overcome our fears, Desi suggests asking ourselves six little questions about the goal we desire to



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achieve. Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? "Whenever you're faced with a challenge or opportunity, the answers to these questions will provide you with the blueprint for action, results and the adjustments you need to make to move forward."

Let's tackle that daunting task — and have a sunny day!

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P.S. "Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit

home and think about it. Go out and get busy."

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New physicians

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing with the addition of eight new physicians. GCH has more than 350 physicians in 47 specialties to serve the community and has become a leader in providing quality healthcare and service to patients, visitors and staff.

Joining the hospital staff are:

» Dr. Hend Abdul-Jauwad, Infectious Diseases — Dr. Abdul-Jauwad is board certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases. Her clinical interests include bone and soft tissue infections, communicable diseases, tropical diseases, infectious diseases, respiratory infections and skin infections. She has an office at 4510 Northline Road, Southgate, 734-282-2800.

» Dr. Michael A. Abdul-Malek, Cardiology — Dr. Abdul-Malek specializes in cardiology. He completed medical school at Michigan State University and received his residency and fellowship training at Botsford General Hospital. He has an office at 28080 Grand River, Suite 300, W. Farmington, 248-615-7300.

» Dr. Mazen Awais, Cardiology — Dr. Awais, a board-certified cardiologist, has been involved in numerous clinical research projects and has been published in peer-reviewed medical journals. His clinical interests include coronary artery disease, aortic stenosis and aortic aneurysm. He has an office at 37799 Professional Center Drive, Suite 105, Livonia, 734-464-3251.

» Dr. Lindsey Feld-



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man, Internal Medicine — Dr. Feldman is a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Specializing in internal medicine, she recently joined Millenium Medical Group at 6149 N. Wayne Road, Westland, 734-728-1320.

» Dr. Erin M. Frankowicz, Neurology — After graduating from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Frankowicz completed her four-year post-doctoral clinical training at Garden City Hospital's neurology residency program, where she was named an Intern Physician of the Year. Dr. Frankowicz is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Michigan Osteopathic

Association, the American Academy of Neurology, and the Movement Disorder Society. She has an office at 28595 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 200, Farmington, 248-553-0010.

» Dr. Mark J. Juska, Pain Management — Dr. Juska is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and board eligible in pain management. He specializes in interventional pain, acute and chronic pain management, occupational injuries and non-surgical orthopedic evaluations. He also has expertise in nerve and muscle injury, comprehensive minimally invasive interventional pain procedures, back injury and complex regional pain syndrome. He has an office at 1819 E. Big Beaver Road, Suite 210, Troy, 248-680-9000.

» Dr. Alula K. Kenfe, Radiology — Dr. Kenfe is a board certified radiologist. He completed medical school at Addis Ababa University, and received his fellowship program at the University of Michigan Health System. He is based at Garden City Hospital.

» Dr. Amanda Nies, Neurology — Dr. Nies received her medical education from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her internship and residency training at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital. She has an office at 28595 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 200, Farmington, 248-553-0010.

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Sew-in helps make winter scarves for homeless

Kelly Taylor has a mission this holiday season — to make 500 fleece scarves for the homeless. But she can't do it without help.

That's why she has put out the call for people to bring fleece and their sewing machines to Designer Duds 'n Infant Treasures at 815 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Saturday, Nov. 23, to help make the scarves. The sewing will be going on from 2-4 p.m. and will be repeated Saturday, Dec. 14.

Scarf making for the homeless is a tradition that was restarted this year with the Grosse Ile Girl Scout Troops. Each troop donated fleece and their time to make a couple hundred scarves last Sunday.



Bella and Jennifer Ganzberger show off the scarves they want to make for the homeless as part of Bella's Hope.

The tradition stems from Girl Scout troops on Grosse Ile. Taylor, a Brownie Troop leader and the owner of Designer Duds, was inspired to take the tradition beyond the Downriver communi-

ty after her daughter Bella asked what would happen to the homeless who didn't get a scarf. Taylor is Brownie leader for a troop in Grosse Ile and her two daughters, Bella and Jennifer Ganz-

berger, are in Girl Scouts.

Bella's wish is to make 500 more scarves.

"Right then and there we decided to make as many scarves as we can before Christmas for the homeless," Taylor said. "Bella is 9 years old. She understands that if you are able to give someone something that is less fortunate than you, you should help them. This is why we are starting Bella's Hope Project."

To get the project up and running, Taylor is in need of donations of fleece material. Three small scarves (child size) can be made from one yard of fleece or three large (adult size) out of two yards of fleece. Taylor estimates that she will need a couple hundred

yards of fleece.

Donations can be picked up. They can also be dropped off at Designer Duds 'n Infant Treasures Children's Boutique in Westland or in the Pro Shop of the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club, 9339 Bellevue, Grosse Ile.

For people who don't want to deal with the stores with the holiday season coming up, Bella's Hope Project also is accepting monetary donations to buy fleece. Donations can be made by using PayPal at jenshep11@yahoo.com.

Monetary donations will be used to purchase additional supplies to make the scarves and to distribute to the shelters around Metro Detroit. One hundred percent of

all donations will help the homeless, Taylor said.

She also is collecting homemade holiday cards to go with each scarf so "that way everyone feels a little special during this holiday season." All items can also be mailed to 18175 Meridian, Grosse Ile, MI 48138.

All local Girl Scout troops and Boy Scout troops are invited to participate help Bella's Hope reach its goal of 500 scarves by Christmas.

People coming to the two workshops can bring a sewing machine, scissors and any homemade cards. For more information, call Jennifer Ganzberger at 865-389-6939 or Kelly Taylor at 734-331-2519.

Franklin Players present 'Where the Lilies Bloom'

Never underestimate these clever young siblings. In the wake of their father's passing, they know they must out-wit their small mountain town in order to stay together as a family, by tricking everyone into believing he is still alive.

Don't miss this as the Franklin High School Players present *Where the Lilies Bloom*, a play by Celeste Raspanti, based on the book by Vera and Bill Cleaver.

Mary Call, played by Brianna Facione, promises to keep her brother, Romey, played by Jacob Zeipekis, and sisters Devola, played by Jayna Muir and Ima Dean, played by Hannah Johns,



Mary Call, played by Brianna Facione, tries to console her sister, Ima Dean, played by Hannah Johns, in "Where the Lilies Bloom."

together on their mountain property — and to never take help from strangers. At first, she's sure they can manage by picking and selling herbs grown on their property. But, when winter comes, she realizes the land where the lilies bloom can be an unforgiving place.

Also in the play are: Anthony Billingsley, as Kiser Pease; Jaclyn Billingsley, as Hannah Jo; Austin Calsada, as Gaither Graybeal; Elizabeth Cadotte, as Lacey Ardwell; Bryan Gerathy, as Mr. Connell; Catherine Jahns, as Mrs. Connell;

Alex Meyer, as Chester/preacher; Darren Prater, as Sammy Lee; Lily Trombley, as Alma Graybeal; Robyn Wilson, as Goldie Pease; Samantha Whitaker, as Shelby/preacher's wife; and Reilly McNamara and Lily Ramirez as students.

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21; 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the door, or pre-sale on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30-3 p.m. in the Franklin theater.

Concert gives troubled kids voice

On Saturday Nov. 23, in the Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community College, some of Michigan's most respected musical performers will be on stage to raise the money needed to fund their work helping incarcerated and at-risk youth in Michigan.

Folk music legend Josh White Jr., Celtic-inspired singer/songwriter Kitty Donohoe, blues master Rev. Robert Jones, harmonica virtuoso Peter Madcat Ruth, soulful folk duo Annie and Rod Capps, and brilliant songwriter Jen Cass will join award-winning humorist and singer/songwriter Mike Ball on stage in the Concert for Lost Voices. (<http://lostvoices.org>)

Lost Voices is a Michigan nonprofit that conducts music writing and performing workshops with incarcerated and at-risk youth.

"Growing up is about

choices, and sometimes young people make bad ones," said Ball, who founded Lost Voices. "We work with kids who are in trouble, most of them locked up, because of bad choices they have made. We help them learn how to express their feelings in ways other than the destructive patterns that have been their way of life."

Lost Voices was born in 2006 when Ball, an author, syndicated humor columnist and folk musician, started a creative writing class for the young men at the W. J. Maxey Boys Training School in Whitmore Lake. With initial funding from the Michigan Humanities Council, Ball's work quickly evolved into a music writing program in which the kids write the lyrics, and Ball, working in tandem with folk and blues musicians like White, Donohoe and Jones, collaborates with

them to transform their thoughts into music. At the end of the workshop, the kids go on stage, backed by the professional musicians, to perform their work for their peers, teachers, counselors and parents.

The Concert kicks off at 6 p.m. in the Towsley Auditorium in the Morris Lawrence Building on the WCC Campus with an opening act of some incredibly talented students from the Washtenaw Community College Performing Arts programs.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, with student tickets available for \$15 and Gold Circle Reserved Seating for \$50. Purchase tickets at lostvoices11-23-13.brownpapertickets.com. Learn more about Lost Voices and the Concert at lostvoices.org.

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OUR VIEWS

Something to shout about in town

Good things are happening in Wayne, Westland and Garden City, thanks to the work being done by the Westland Veterans Association, the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, the Garden City Downtown Development Authority and the Wayne Ripple Effect.

Those three groups are working diligently to improve their cities and bring people into their communities, people who might not know about the good things happening there.

It's especially evident in Norwayne where citizens have come together to improve the image of the subdivision. By using federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds, the City of Westland has been able to improve neighborhoods, tearing down blighted structures, rehabilitating others and working with developers and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools construction technology program to build new homes.

The citizens committee is expanding on the effort to return Norwayne to a status of "community of choice." Residents like Hank Johnson and Brenda Hubbard have spearheaded the effort in creating the citizens council and get-

ting people involved in beautification efforts and improving neighborhoods through a community watch program.

The proof of what they have accomplished can be seen in the acquisition of a National Register of Historic Places designation for Norwayne and the number of residents who have turned out for activities sponsored by the council. On Halloween, 240 children participated in the Norwayne Trunk or Treat.

Community pride is important and it is taking root in Norwayne. We look forward to the day is a community of choice.

The shining moment for the Westland Veterans Association came on Veterans Day when the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland was dedicated. For six years, the association has shown a "Can Do" spirit, fundraising hundreds of thousands of dollars to build the memorial behind the William P. Faust Public Library.

From the moment the proposed memorial was unveiled in November 2008 to the groundbreaking in November 2012 and the dedication last Monday, it has been a labor of love. A dedicated group of individuals, led by Kenneth

Mehl, has sold mugs, hats, calendars and dine to donates, to name a few, to raise the money for the memorial. And thanks to the city setting aside the land behind the library, Westland now has the perfect spot for ceremonies like those held on Veterans Day and MIA/POW Day.

Honoring and remembering our veterans is an important fabric of our nation, and thanks to the Westland Veterans Association, Westland now has a memorial worthy of honoring those who are serving and have served or having given their lives in defense of the their country.

In Garden City, the DDA has become an impetus in showing off the community to residents and outsiders alike. The DDA has used its resources to help promote events that have become a mainstay of the community. The artwork throughout the downtown, including Willy the Pig, its evening of art in July and the chili cook-off in October have been growing each year.

It has also become the title sponsor of the annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade, an event that has a 53-year tradition. It helps pay

for police overtime during the parade and provides the Santaland afterglow for youngsters to get a chance to meet Santa.

The DDA also stepped in to keep the city's Christmas tree lighting alive, moving it from the lawn of city hall to the Commons at Ford and Middlebelt several years ago. And its pièce de résistance last year had to be the lights that decorated the trees in the downtown during the 2012 holiday season.

Appearance is everything when you're trying to entice people to come to your community. The DDA has a clear vision of what that should be for Garden City and the payoff will be new families and businesses locating in the community.

One of the communities that has taken notice of those Garden City lights is Wayne where The Wayne Ripple Effect (WRE) is going full speed ahead in getting a Michigan Main Street designation. The WRE wants to unleash the Main Street power to revitalize the downtown area.

It's a citizen action group that is harnessing the power of volunteers to beautify the downtown. From the flower

planters during the summer to the scarecrows that lined Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue last month, the organization is creating a vibrant image for the community.

The difficulty for Wayne is having a major divided highway cut through the heart of the city. Its shopping district straddles the westbound lanes of Michigan Avenue, and development decisions made decades ago, have left it with a vast amount of parking lots in that area. But it has its bright spots, and the WRE's mission is to build on them to create a "more vibrant, inviting and visually appealing downtown."

Change won't come overnight, but by getting more and more residents involved, WRE is turning a ripple into a wave. A city can provide the basic services, but it is the volunteerism that The Wayne Ripple Effect is fostering that will help lead to a rebirth in the downtown.

Through community pride, volunteerism and a having a purpose, these three groups are making a difference. What they are doing now will pay big dividends in the future. And for that, they each deserve a big shout-out.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Some stores have decided to open on Thanksgiving. Has the Black Friday frenzy gone too far?

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



"I think people should be with their families. I definitely don't like that. There's enough other shopping days throughout the year."

Diane Soine
Livonia



"I don't like it, it's not the way to go. Traditional is the best way."

Narayanan Kannan
Westland



"No, I don't think it's a good idea."

Pamela Martin
Taylor



"It think it's a pretty terrible thing. I think it's bad for the people who will have to work."

Matthew Nunley
Wayne

Thanks for donations

The Norwayne Community Watch would like to thank all that donated to the Trunk or Treat held Halloween Night at the Dorsey Community Center. Even with the rain, there was a great turn out of trick or treaters.

Thanks to Mayor William Wild, Rep. Bob Kosowski, council members Bill Johnson, Meriem Kadi, Christine Cicirelli Bryant and Mike Kehrer, Safe Step, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, Westland Rotary, Westland Community Development, Westland Foods, Joe's Coney Island, Vic and Laura Barra, Joan Carr, Kevin Coleman, Gloria Hall, Hank Johnson, Laura Johnson, Annette Kuntnick, Carol and Tom Sharpe, Rick Tenorio and the Norwayne residents.

This was the first year and hopefully there will be many more.

Norwayne Community Watch

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Alfred Brock
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OUR VIEWS

Enact FOIA cleanup without delays

State lawmakers are considering legislation to clean up the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. A key point in the proposed law, House Bill 4001, would standardize the rate that can be charged by governments when citizens request information ... at the price of 10 cents per page.

It would also prohibit the government from charging citizens for simply reading those documents in city or township halls.

But most importantly, a second bill, House Bill 4314, would create a nine-member Open Government Commission that would review and investigate citizen complaints about the way a government or agency responds to their FOIA requests. The commission would issue a binding opinion regarding fees authorized; the validity or extent of any exemption to an FOIA request claimed by the government; and what documents the act requires a public body to make available upon request.

The commission can refer complaints to the attorney general for further action, or recommend that local governments change their policies.

It's good legislation and should be put into law quickly.

Simply put, citizens already pay taxes to support their local governments, and that includes the compilation and processing of information inside town halls. Charging them anything more than a reasonable copying fee — 10 cents a page is fair — is to double-dip when they want to access information they have already paid for once.

Now, there are a few items in the bills that likely need adjustment. Local officials note that it's one thing to charge 10 cents for an 8½-by-11-inch sheet of paper. It's another if the requester wants a huge blueprint. Yes, the fee should be adjusted to a reasonable sum.

Critics said the bills could make it easier for citizens to abuse the FOIA by requesting large amounts of documents on a frequent basis.

It's a valid concern. There are some who make overly large requests for information in a fashion that appears more intended to harass officials than to learn about government operations. It probably happens less than officials claim. Remember, requesters still have to pay a fee, even if it's going to be smaller.

This is where the commission comes in. If leaders make reasonable efforts to follow the law and operate a transparent local government, they can make their case to the commission that the requests were just too big or just too frequent or are asking for documents that are exempt. And the commission can serve as a referee in such fights.

But generally speaking, it is not harassment for citizens to want to know what is going on in their town hall, how the local government is operating or where it is spending the public's money.

So the commission serves as a place citizens can go to get a ruling if the local government turns down a request for information the citizen believes should be available.

Right now, if a government official decides against an FOIA request, the citizen's only recourse is to file suit. That's an expensive way to obtain meeting minutes or a report. So, most citizens don't pursue it.

The Open Government Commission essentially gives them an appeals process, without having to hire an attorney and start running up legal fees.

The proposal is sound. Tweaks may be in order, but the bills take a major step forward for openness and transparency in local government.

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Despite economy, customers still gobble up local turkeys

Customers willing to pay for fresh, local Thanksgiving fare

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's the same this year as it has been at many area places selling turkey for Thanksgiving: customers are willing to shell out the money for fresh, local birds.

"People are always thanking me for being here. They say, 'I don't care if it's \$5 a pound. You can't beat your turkeys,'" said Christine Roperti, owner of Roperti's Turkey Farm, 34700 Five Mile, in Livonia. "I love doing it."

Several area sellers of the Thanksgiving fare say they've seen some impact with the economy taking a nosedive in recent years, but many continue to see customers come back, looking to splurge for the holidays on a fresh turkey for their family's dinner table Nov. 28.

Tom Toth, manager of Huron Turkey Farms, 18910 Merriman, in Huron Township in southern Wayne County, said the farm sees a wide array of customers from the Metro Detroit area, including cities such as Livonia, Garden City and Westland, as well as Downriver, looking for a fresh turkey. And for this holiday, he said many say the cost is worth it to have a local, fresh bird for Thanksgiving dinner.

"People don't mind spending \$70 for a turkey because it's once a year," he said. "Ours are dressed out the day before the person picks it up. You can't get it fresher than that."

Both Roperti and Toth said while individual customer numbers haven't changed in recent years, the number of companies purchasing turkeys for dinner or for their employees has definitely decreased in recent years.

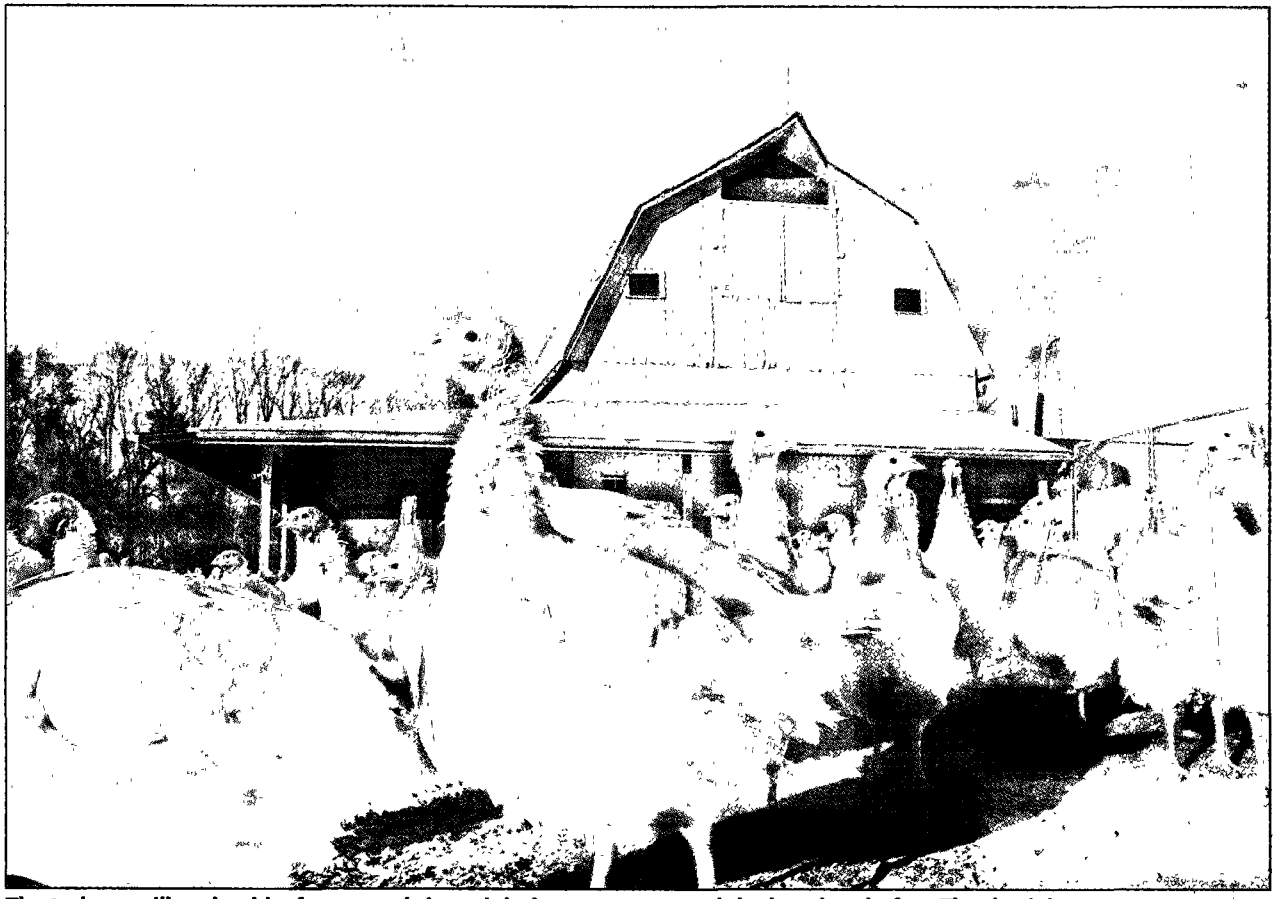
For that, Toth blames the economy and the fact that some companies see the turkey purchases as "extras" not crucial to their company, if they are still open.

"We lost a lot of those people because the companies don't want to spend that kind of money," he said. "Some businesses went out of business."

Economics has also played a factor in raising turkeys. Both farms said they've seen an increase in costs for feed for the turkeys.

A combination of corn, soybean and other natural ingredients that give the turkeys their flavor has increased over the years, although it was stable in 2013, Roperti said.

"Last year, it went way up," she said. "This year, it's about the



The turkeys will each add a few pounds in weight between now and the last days before Thanksgiving. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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same."

Toth, who said he gets his feed from a farm in Ida, said a better crop this year has helped with feed costs. He believes last year's crop was way down for several reasons, including ethanol production.

"The feed prices have been extremely ridiculous the last couple years. They made corn \$7 a bushel," he said. "This year it's \$4 a bushel."

Demand for local increases

Despite costs, many local turkey sellers this year are seeing a bigger push toward locally-

raised poultry, as well as fewer antibiotics and other substances used to enhance the birds.

Mike Liabenow, manager of meat and seafood at Joe's Produce, 33152 W. Seven Mile, in Livonia, said his department began carrying organic turkeys raised in Michigan this year for the first time.

While the price for those birds is more than other turkeys at the store, Liabenow said he's had customers request them in previous years for Thanksgiving.

"It's something that's been on the rise a couple years in the business," he said. "Everyone wants to keep everything in Michigan."

Roperti said many of her customers have expressed an interest in her birds for that very reason.

She said she'll see many customer drive up from Ann Arbor and Toledo for a bird, knowing it won't have any issues with bacteria such

as salmonella, something that's talked about a lot in poultry from stores in the news.

"This has been going on for four or five years," she said. "There's a lot of people from Ann Arbor that come here and get turkeys. So that's been going on a while."

Chef Steve Allen of Steve and Rocky's Restaurant, 43150 Grand River, in Novi, said his business is offering three options this Thanksgiving for people to enjoy turkey, which Allen himself raises. Those looking to dine in can eat at the restaurant Thanksgiving afternoon, those not wanting to cook can order a prepared meal and take it home and those wanting to cook themselves can purchase a fresh turkey and use whatever recipe they like.

Allen has also seen a push for more locally-raised turkeys for the holiday from customers. He said a key to a tasty turkey is allowing the

bird more freedom while it's at a farm.

"The more confinement, the more stressed they are," he said. "They can get sunshine if they want; they can get raindrops if they want."

Each of the three restaurants associated with Allen, Steve and Rocky's, Rocky's Rotisserie in Livonia and Rocky's of Northville, will serve dinners on Thanksgiving.

Liabenow said he's seen customers still line up for the Thanksgiving fare with little regard to price. Business has been steady, but as the turkey farms begin to wind down at the end of the month, he and his co-workers will ramp up when that other holiday in December creeps up on them.

"Thanksgiving is easy, it's just turkeys," he said. "Christmas is everything."

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County turkey drive helps families prepare for tasty Thanksgiving

Hundreds of deserving families in Wayne County will be able to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner, thanks to donations from Wayne County employees.

The Wayne County Employee Turkey Drive, which started in mid-September and concluded in mid-November, raised close to \$3,000 which is being used to provide turkeys and food baskets to nearly 300 families throughout Wayne County.

"Even with the financial challenges of the county and its effect on our own pay, our employees were able to help less fortunate citizens enjoy Thanksgiving," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "We hope our turkey and food basket donations will enhance Thanksgiving for some of our residents."



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano presents a turkey and food basket to a family at the Kay Beard Building in Westland Tuesday as part of the Wayne County Employee Turkey Drive.

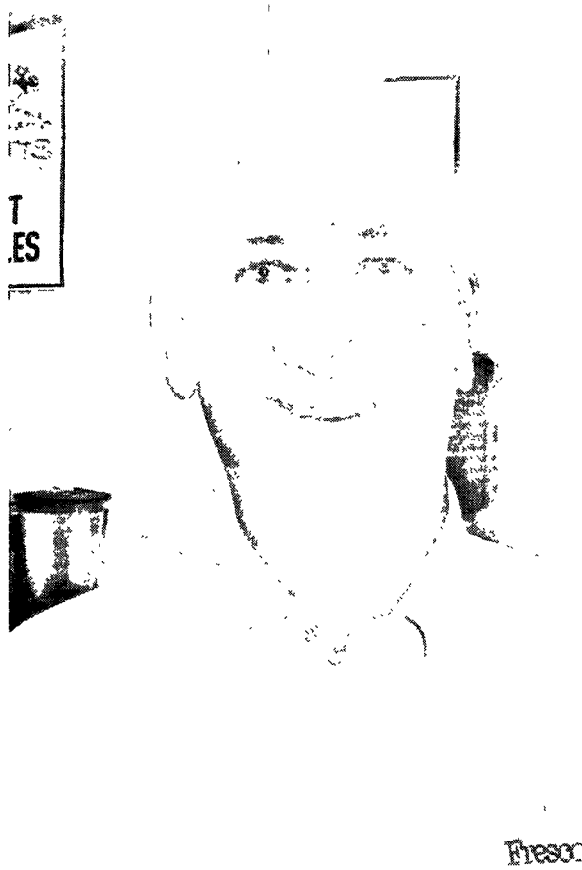
Ficano was on hand when the first wave of the turkeys and food baskets were distributed Tuesday to more than 20 people at the Wayne County Senior Services

office in the Kay Beard Building in Westland.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

'Miracle' Trojans feel 'loose'

Set to face West Catholic Saturday in Battle Creek

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

By Monday, the euphoria had somewhat worn off from Livonia Clarenceville's biggest football victory since the 2001 season.

Friday night's miracle come-from-behind 21-20 Region 4 win over Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central certainly will resonate for years to come.

But the 12-0 Trojans were back to business as usual preparing for their next round, the

Division 5 state semifinals Saturday against Grand Rapids West Catholic. (Game time is 1 p.m. at Battle Creek Harper Creek.)

Clarenceville last-second 60-yard hook-and-ladder play from quarterback Jake Kubiak, to wide receiver Carlon Davis and eventually tailback Jalen Bryant puts Clarenceville just one win away from their ultimate destination — Detroit's Ford Field.

"We watched film yesterday (Sunday) of the St. Mary game

and they didn't say much," Clarenceville fourth-year coach Ken Fry said. "Today we watched film on Grand Rapids and they were quiet, but in good spirits, too. They know and they're just having fun. I think they realize they're in a spot that they never would have been before. They're just going to enjoy it. They're loose. They're just playing."

Grand Rapids West Catholic (8-4), which qualified as an at-large at 5-4, comes into the



Clarenceville's Jalen Bryant was emotional after scoring the game-winning TD vs. Monroe CC. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Martin TD for Texans

Second-year wide receiver Keshawn Martin (Westland John Glenn) returned a punt 87 yards for a touchdown in the host Houston Texans' 28-23 NFL setback to the Oakland Raiders at Reliant Stadium.

Martin, who played four seasons at Michigan State and was a fourth-round pick of Houston in 2012, finished the day with two kick returns for 62 yards; seven punt returns for 125 yards (17.9 per attempt) and two pass catches for 32 yards.

The 5-foot-11, 194-pound Martin has a total of 10 receptions this season for 136 yards for the 2-8 Texans.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL QUARTERFINALS

Spartans can't get by Mules

Bedford slides past Stevenson in 5 sets

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson showed a lot of fight in Tuesday's Class A girls quarterfinal match against perennial state power Temperance Bedford, but the Spartans were unable to deliver the knockout punch.

The two teams went toe-to-toe for five sets before a raucous crowd at Gibraltar Carlson with Bedford earning a 23-25, 25-19, 25-14, 24-26, 16-14 decision.

The victory puts the Mules, last year's state runner-up and now 65-9-2 overall, into Thursday night's state semifinal at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena against Birmingham Marian.

The loss ends Stevenson's season at 41-14-2 overall. The Spartans lost three of four meetings this season against the Mules.

"It always feels great, that's what we go for every year," Bedford coach Jodi Manore, whose team ousted Stevenson in the 2011 state quarterfinal. "They all feel sweet."

It was two contrasting styles with Stevenson, boasting four players 6 feet or taller, going against a smaller Bedford squad that relied on defense and passing.

Stevenson captured the first set in dramatic fashion, 25-23, behind seven kills from senior Katie Tomasic, but Bedford was able to rebound and roll in the second and third sets to



Stevenson's Amanda Hawkins (12) and Maura Wasserman (4) put the block on Bedford's Isabelle Marciniak during Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal match at Gibraltar Carlson. TOM HAWLEY

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Moccia inks tennis letter

Livonia Stevenson High senior Aimee Moccia, a first-team All-Oakland girls tennis selection in singles, recently signed an NCAA Division II letter-of-intent with Grand Valley State University.

Moccia, the Spartans' No. 1 singles player, has compiled a 65-12 career record, including a 23-2 mark as a junior while earning her second straight trip to the MHSAA Division 1 finals.

Glenn grad lifts Cougars

The Concordia University (Chicago, Ill.) headed into the offseason with one of their top performances of the 2013 season, behind 556 total yards of offense, including a 219-yard rushing total on just 14 carries by C.J. Woodford (Detroit/Westland John Glenn) as the Cougars defeated Maranatha Baptist Bible College, 48-22, on Saturday.

Woodford, who scored two TDs in the win, was the team's leading rusher this season with 797 yards (6.3 yards per carry) as the Cougars finished 2-8 overall.

Food drive by Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers will host the Guelph Storm for a 7 p.m. Ontario Hockey League game Saturday at Compuware Arena. But it will be much more than hockey taking place.

Fans will be asked to bring canned food items to the game, to be dispatched to needy families through Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

Whalers sponsor Livonia Dermatology will also present actress Peyton List, who plays Emma Ross on the hit Disney Channel comedy series *Jessie*, to meet young fans and families. She will sign autographs beginning at 6 p.m.

For a donation of five cans to the game (or a donation of \$5), fans receive five chances to win \$1,000 worth of prizes from Meijer to be given away to help stop hunger during the holiday season.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusader spikers cap perfect regular season

Beat Lourdes in WHAC tourney final, go 38-0

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Madonna University women's volleyball team has run the table during the regular season.

The Crusaders continued their incredible journey Saturday night at home by sweeping bracket buster Lourdes University (Ohio), 25-17, 26-24, 25-16, for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship.

MU, only one of five undefeated teams in all divisions of college volleyball, will enter the NAIA National Tournament,



The fourth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team won the WHAC Tournament Saturday night to improve to 38-0. PATRICK MOORE

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put the Spartans on the ropes.

Bedford, in fact, served for the match leading 24-23, but misfired on a serve and the Spartans responded with a mini 3-0 run capped by senior Abigail Whitehead's kill to force a dramatic fifth and deciding set.

"The fourth one, all we had to do was put our serve in, then we got to hit the ball hard," Manore said. "And so we served it out and tipped twice. We haven't tipped well all year and when we start doing that we're not doing so well."

Senior Amanda Hawkins helped orchestrate Stevenson's fourth-set rally with six of her 14 kills to go along with two blocks.

Stevenson coach Kelly Graham also shuffled her front row alignment slightly entering the fourth set.

"It worked with Abi switching and Katie switching, we started to get the blocks," Graham said. "We were trying to catch them off-guard and we pretty much did, but in the end we made too many mistakes where we had good sets and didn't follow through with the attacks."

The Kicking Mules led a majority of the fifth set, but by no more than three points before Stevenson pulled even at 14-all after another untimely Bedford missed serve.

But Bedford was able to close it out thanks to a match-winning kill by 5-11 junior outside hitter Kayla Gwodz, who finished with a team-high 21.

"Blocking, blocking, blocking," Graham said. "We couldn't shut down their strong side and then finally we tried to mix it up and change the taller hitters, and that seemed to work a little bit better. But it was the same thing they did to us at the Northville tournament where they set outside and we didn't block."

Sophomore Isabelle Marciniak and junior Nicole Rightnowar chipped in with 15 and 12 kills, respectively, for the Mules.

"We went with our same eight players," Manore said. "They're the ones that got us here. There the ones that came in and got us through. We didn't change anything."

Tomasic, bound for Miami of Ohio, paced the Spartans' hitting attack with 22 kills to go along with 14 digs.

"She's an awesome, she's a great player," Manore said. "We kept serving at her and going at her when we probably should have gone to somebody else, but we didn't."

Hawkins and Whitehead added 14 and 10 kills, respectively, while setters Carmen Disler and Sarah Soave contributed 25 and 14 assist-to-kills.

Junior Arryn Dochenetz recorded a



Taylor McLaud (top) is consoled by her Stevenson teammates after losing a heartbreaking Class A quarterfinal match in five sets Tuesday against Temperance Bedford. TOM HAWLEY

team-best 27 digs, while senior middle Taylor McLaud finished with four blocks.

With the win, the Mules will be gunning for their eighth state finals appearance under Manore, who has three Class A titles and four state runner-up finishes under her belt.

"It's kind of been our trademark," the Bedford coach said. "They had a goal. They knew if they gave up they wouldn't get their goal or weren't going to get there."

"They believed. Whoever they were playing for, it worked."

Despite the heartbreaking setback, it was a stellar season for the Spartans.

"Every year it's so different," Graham said. "They equaled a lot of the historical parts I've had in my 20 years. Forty-one wins is the highest I've ever had. Regional champs twice and district champs three years in a row. They're a part of a team that's made history that they can look back and know they accomplished some things for sure."

One player Graham will definitely miss next is Tomasic, who proved to be an all-around talent.

"She's an unbelievable athlete," the Stevenson coach said. "From the first time I saw her walk into the gym as a seventh-grader coming to camp, I knew she was going to be good and she's lived up to every expectation."

"Just a true competitor and I've been blessed to have her for four years."

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Dec. 3-7, in Sioux City, Iowa, with a 38-0 record.

"The chemistry is awesome," said MU 27th-year coach Jerry Abraham, who for the 11th time swept both the WHAC regular season and tournament titles. "We have 14 quality players, but we knew that. That's not a surprise. We have four experienced, talented, dedicated seniors that are really our strength. And we were fortunate to have a good recruiting class, so we have solid returners and solid leaders and just group of 14 kids that work their tails off."

Emilie Freeman, a 6-foot-3 senior middle hitter from Livonia (Lutheran High Westland), paced a balanced hitting attack with 12 kills, while Kayla Vogel chipped in with eight.

Senior Stacey Catalano added a team-high 11 digs, while Payton Maxheimer had nine.

The upstart Gray Wolves (21-12), who also earned an NAIA postseason bid by finishing runner-up in the conference tournament, got 14 kills from Puerto Rican native Angie Pagan-Perez. Setter Allegra Recknagel collected 31 assist-to-kills.

Lourdes, the seventh seed, pulled off upset wins Friday and Saturday over a pair of top-25 teams including Davenport, the second seed, and Cornerstone, the third seed.

"That team was on fire," Abraham said of the Gray Wolves. "You've got to give credit to Lourdes. They beat two top-25 teams in two nights. We knew they were scrappy and they had nothing to lose. We're used to playing a little bigger teams, but you know they gave us some problems. But what we've done all year is stuck in there and adjusted to the tempo of the game. I think we were just a little too big and too strong for us for them tonight."

MU advanced to the WHAC championship with a 25-12, 25-19, 25-15 triumph over Aquinas College (25-10) as Freeman had 15 kills, while Catalano and Samantha Geile chipped in with 11 and nine, respectively.

Catalano also had a match-best 18 digs, while Geile and Amanda Obrycki contributed 11 and 10, respectively.

"It has to be our team chemistry,"

"We have 14 quality players, but we knew that.... We have four experienced, talented, dedicated seniors that are really our strength."

JERRY ABRAHAM, Madonna coach

said Evia Frieditis, a fifth-year senior who finished with 33 assist-to-kills in the final and 42 against Aquinas. "All of us get along so well. We all talk and trust each other on the court. If one person has the ball, we can certainly expect the other to have it without questioning ourselves or even questioning to hesitate and go."

The Crusaders enter the NAIA Nationals on a roll much like the 2005 team that captured all 40 of its regular season matches.

And expectations remain high for the Crusaders, who have not lost a set since Oct. 12.

"Our ranking is a little higher than normally," Frieditis said. "It doesn't change anything for us. We're still going to come in fighting. It doesn't matter who we're playing. We've just got to keep doing what we've been doing so far and keep working hard."

"We just needed to stand on our toes and be ready for anything coming at us. We can't expect the other team to make the mistakes. We have to enforce it on them, play our game and focus on our side of the net."

MU will have 17-day layoff until they play again. The Crusaders were off eight days coming into the WHAC tournament, but showed little or no rust whatsoever.

"I thought (assistant) coach (Tim DeBeliso) mixed it up with conditioning and cross training, along with shorter practices," said Abraham, who notched his NAIA leading 1,043rd career victory. "And then we threw in a scrimmage along the way. I don't know, those are just the cards you're dealt with. You just do the best you can and use a little recovery time. And then we'll get right back at it."

And when the Crusaders get back at it, they'll more than likely be one of the tournament's top four seeds.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Nov. 22

Ladywood vs. Port Huron at Glacier Point, 7:15 p.m. (Metro Inv. at Novi Ice Arena)

Churchill vs. Farmington, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Stevenson vs. Hartland at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m. Franklin vs. A.A. Skyline

at U-M's Yost Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Univ.-Liggett at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.

(Metro Inv. at Novi Ice Arena)

Churchill vs. North-Harrison, 3:15 p.m.

MHSAA SWIMMING

GIRLS STATE FINALS

Friday, Nov. 22

Division 1 prelims at OU, noon.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Division 1 finals at OU, noon.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Friday, Nov. 22

Schoolcraft at Mid-Mich., 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Nov. 23

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

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The first Rock the Clock 5-kilometer run-walk will be at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29, at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on December 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., at the Wayne Police Department, 33701 Michigan Avenue East, to consider a request for continued use of a storage trailer at Services to Enhance Potential, 35000 Van Born Road. The property is located in a B-3, Business Extensive District Zone. The applicant is requesting a variance as neither Section 1258.02, Permitted Principal Uses, nor 1258.03, Permitted Accessory Uses, of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, allows trailer storage in this area. The text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday) Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Zoning Board will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Naubert spurs MU men to WHAC triumph

Madonna University's Bobby Naubert showed why he's the reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year on Saturday.

The 5-foot-10 senior point-guard from Livonia Stevenson poured in a game-high 25 points, added seven rebounds and dished out four assists as the Crusaders opened WHAC play with a 60-55 win over host Indiana Tech at the Schaefer Center.

Naubert was the only Crusader to score in double figures, while Travis Schuba and Fred Williams chipped in with eight points apiece, as MU improved to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC.

Plymouth native Matt Jenkins (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard) grabbed team-high eight boards.

Tanner Watkins tallied a game-high 26 points for the Warriors, who slipped to 3-4 and 0-1.

Madonna led 21-20 at halftime and led by as many as seven in the second half.

The Crusaders shot 22-of-51 from the floor (43.1 percent) and 11-of-17 from

the foul stripe (64.7 percent).

Ocelot men downed

Marquez Carpenter-Ma came off the bench to pour in 24 points Saturday as host Sinclair Community College (2-1) pulled away down the stretch to beat Schoolcraft College (2-2) in a nonconference encounter, 76-56.

Carpenter-Ma was one of four Sinclair players to score in double figures as C.J. Reed and Trace Cureton added 12 points apiece, while Ramar Hairston contributed 11 for the Pride.

The Ocelots got 22 points and 11 rebounds from Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston), while Andrew Mapley and Terrell Sewell (Canton) added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Sewell and Mapley also combined for 17 rebounds with nine and eight, respectively.

Schoolcraft, which trailed 44-37 at the half, shot only 34.7 percent from the floor (25-of-72) and committed 23 turnovers. The Ocelots also struggled at the foul line going 13-of-22 (59.1 percent).

Sinclair made 20-of-29 free throws

(69 percent) and was 24-of-62 from the floor (38.7 percent).

MU women routed

Things didn't go as well Saturday for the Madonna University women's basketball team, which fell to Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne, 98-85.

It was the WHAC opener for both teams.

The Warriors (4-2, 1-1) jumped out to a commanding 52-22 halftime lead and had four players score in double figures led by Rayana Villalpando's game-high 28 points.

Chelsea Carradine (Redford Thurston), who was a perfect 7-of-7 from the floor, along with Ulyssia Richmond, each added 15 points, while Sabina Filippovica contributed 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Junior guard Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin) scored a career-high 22 points for the Crusaders (1-4, 0-1), who shot 18.8 percent in the first half (6-of-32).

Tori Duffey came off the bench to add career-best 18 points.

MU was only 3-of-21 (14.3) from

three-point range and was outrebounded 45-34.

Lady Ocelots fall

Despite double-doubles from Tabitha Mann and Chelsea Wesley, the Schoolcraft College (1-3) Lady Ocelots fell Saturday to host Sinclair Community College of Ohio (3-3) in a nonconference women's basketball game.

Mann finished with 20 points and 18 rebounds, while Wesley contributed 18 points and 10 boards as the Lady Ocelots couldn't overcome a 43-29 halftime deficit.

Schoolcraft also got 10 points from center Teniece Roberts.

Jenae Curtis and O'Sha Owens paced the victorious Pride with 24 and 22 points, respectively. Ashley Morrow and Breanna Ball chipped in with 16 and 14, respectively.

The Lady Ocelots committed 29 turnovers and shot 33.8 percent from the floor (24-of-71).

The Pride made 28-of-66 field goal attempts (42.4 percent) along with 19-of-27 free throws (70.4 percent) while committing only 14 turnovers.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Canton boys track coach Richardson retires

Ex-Glenn coach Shough takes reins

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There's always been that "kid in the candy store" look on Bob Richardson's face the day of another big high school track meet.

But with the 65-year-old Richardson's recent retirement from coaching Canton's varsity boys track and field team, he won't wear that facial expression quite as often.

"I've had a very rewarding coaching career and probably the thing I'll miss the most is the day you have the track meets," Richardson said. "You get all that excitement, and a kid has just a great time or a great distance. Those are all the memories that high school sports are supposed to be about."

He opted to step down in order to spend time with his growing family, including two grandchildren who are expected sometime in 2014.

"It's been a fun ride, but the time is right," said Richardson last week. "My three sons, they're all now married and one of them lives in Arizona, I'll be heading out that way in December. And that's why I thought this is the time."

Taking over the team will be former Westland John Glenn coaching fixture Jess Shough, who spent 26 years as the Rockets boys coach and assisted Richardson during the 2013 season.

"I've had a couple meetings with him," Richardson said. "I've turned over my coaching keys to Mr. Jess Shough. He's great, knowledgeable, a great communicator and that's what it's all about. You have to be able to communicate with the kids."

He'll be around

Richardson, who by the way emphasizes that he's "a young 65," still plans on being around the team he coached since 1989 and the high school he taught math in from 1979 until his retirement in 2010.

He'll also be spotted working at the scorer's table during girls and boys basketball games this winter — provided they fit around his vacation plans.



Even though Bob Richardson is retiring from coaching duties with the Canton boys track and field team, his smiling face is sure to still be around the Park. NAUSHEEN CHISTI

"I'll always be a Chief," the Howell resident noted. "That's never going to change."

For the record, after the Central Michigan University grad came to Canton from his first job (Paw Paw), he first was coach of the Chiefs' girls track and field program for six seasons.

"It (retirement) was all my initiation," Richardson said. "This is my 25th year with the Canton men's program. When I first came to Canton in '79 I was the women's head coach, for six years."

"And then I got the guy's job in '89 and I was there ever since. Twenty five years with the boys, six years with the girls. We had a few accomplishments."

One that he is most proud of is having athletes from each of his 25 boys teams (1989 through 2013) qualify for the state meet.

The Chiefs also won four conference titles, the regional championship in 2004, finished second in the team finals twice and posted undefeated records in 2003 and 2004.

Leading the way to that regional crown was Devin Thomas, who ultimately played in the National Football League (he was a member of the New York Giants Super Bowl winner in 2012).

Epitome of class

Of course, what made being a high school track coach so much fun for Richardson was making an impact on the lives of all of the athletes, such as 2013 grad Evan Paputa.

"Coach Richardson is a great coach, but he really helped mold me as a man," said Paputa, a co-captain last season.

"He holds himself to a high level of class which he taught me throughout his four years of coaching me."

"He had a positive attitude all the time whether it was practice or a meet. He did everything he could do to make every team member better as an athlete and a man. I wish him the best in his years to come."

Richardson isn't about to take all the credit for that kind of lofty testimonial, however.

He tipped his cap to his assistant coaches throughout his lengthy tenure and expects the same kind of coaching philosophy to emerge under Shough's watch.

"Obviously I'm going to miss my coaching staff tremendously," Richardson stressed. "And that's one of the reasons that we've had such great teams is we've had a very consistent coaching staff, one of the best each year."

"We always have some of the best coaches around, we all have a lot of the same philosophies on how to work with kids. ... You know that they can be really good but they don't always know."

Great experience

So the trick, he continued, is making believers out of young people who might not be confident in their abilities. "And, then you get them to do stuff that they couldn't even imagine, (like) 'Coach, I ran that fast? I jumped how high? I never thought I could do that.'"

Richardson expects putting high priority on those kinds of "victories," the ones that don't always show up in the standings, will continue to be a staple under Jess Shough's watch.

"That's what we've always believed," Richardson added. "We want kids to have a great experience, we want them to work hard, and there are times where you have to be a little blunt with them — but in a respectful way — and try to get them to do even better."

"But it was a lot of fun. I'll miss the days of the meets. The next regime will take over and they won't miss a beat."

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Portage Central's Mustangs gallop through Harrison, 42-21

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

If an honorary game ball were to be awarded, the Portage Central football team undoubtedly would give it to senior running back Jerrod Davis.

He sparked a potent ground game as he rushed for 230 yards and three touchdowns Saturday afternoon in Central's 42-21 playoff victory over visiting Farmington Harrison.

If it was up to Davis, he would give a game ball to each of the team's offensive linemen who made his performance possible.

The Mustangs (12-0) controlled the line of scrimmage and dominated time of possession in the Division 2 regional championship game.

"I love my 'O' line; they opened it up and they got the job done," the 5-foot-11, 190-pound Davis said. "I give all the credit to the 'O' line."

Davis, who carried the ball 28 times, scored the winning touchdown on a 71-yard run that resulted from a surprising play call early in the third quarter. He also had scoring runs of 7 and 2 yards.

On fourth-and-one at the Central 29-yard line and the

score tied, 21-21, the Harrison defense loaded up the box in anticipation of an inside run.

Instead, the Mustangs pitched the ball to Davis, who turned the corner and was gone. Nobody touched him as he blew past one defensive back and sprinted to the end zone.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to go for it or kick it," Central coach Mick Enders said. "In this strong wind, we weren't getting much out of our kicking game anyway."

"So we just said, 'What do you guys think?' We asked the quarterback. He said, 'Well, I think we can get outside.' That's how it came about."

"That was a very good call by their coach," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "He took a chance and he hit it. That was a gutsy call."

Following the long run by Davis, the Mustangs recovered an onside kick at the Harrison 44. Davis scored his third TD six plays later to increase the Central lead to 35-21.

The Mustangs, who will play Muskegon in a semifinal game Saturday, owned the second half, adding another TD with 1:33 left in the game by senior Mickey Losey on a 3-yard run.

Central possessed the ball

for approximately 30 of the 48 minutes and ran 67 offensive plays to Harrison's 36.

The Mustangs, who out-gained the Hawks, 467-246, did most of that with their rushing attack, picking up consistent yardage and sustaining drives.

"No. 3 and No. 8 over there are dynamic players," Enders said of Harrison senior Lorenzo Collins and junior Jevon Shaw. "You saw at times today we had a hard time with them."

"We wanted to keep the ball in our hands. We thought that was to our advantage, obviously."

Central ran the ball 58 times for 328 yards, but it also passed effectively at key times, completing 4-of-9 attempts for 139 yards. Three passes were instrumental in scoring drives.

The Mustangs did most of that without senior quarterback Ryan Mergener, who started the game despite an injured right ankle. Losey took over late in the first half and ran the offense well in Mergener's place.

"Jerrod Davis was absolutely phenomenal today, not to mention Mickey Losey and Paul Lewis, the guys who stepped up in the absence of Ryan and (back) Jacob (Allan, who also was injured)," Enders

said.

"That's the way this group has been all year. It's been a tremendous senior class and they just battle and compete."

Harrison (10-2) had a good start as Collins ran 68 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the game, but the Mustangs scored the next three touchdowns to take the momentum and a 21-7 lead.

After 10 straight running plays on its initial offensive series, Central's first touchdown was a 25-yard pass from Losey to Matt Capasso.

The Hawks punted from their 15 and their own end zone at the end of their next two possessions, giving Central good field position at its 40 and 46. The Mustangs scored each time on runs of 7 and 10 yards by Davis and Allan (11 carries, 47 yards).

Harrison rallied to tie the score at halftime, 21-21, with Shaw's 8-yard run at the end of the team's only sustained drive of the game and his 75-yard punt return.

"We've come back all year and I knew we would," Herrington said. "It was a matter of if we could stop them. We didn't get enough stops on them."

"Their offensive line was pretty dominating. We couldn't

stop the rush and they controlled the ball. When we got the ball, we didn't get in real good sync after the opening run."

"You have to give them credit because their quarterback and running back both went out. They were playing with two second-stringers and still got the job done. So they deserve all the credit."

Trailing 35-21 and trying to make something happen late, the Hawks moved the ball by passing, but they were thwarted by penalties twice.

Shaw completed three straight fourth-down passes during one series. The first two would have put Harrison on the Central 10- and 4-yard lines, but they were nullified by penalties for an illegal receiver and holding.

Pushed back to the Central 49, the third was good for a 25-yard gain to Jair Alexander, but was short of the first down.

Minus the TD run by Collins and the 89 yards passing on their last two possessions, the Hawks gained just 89 yards between those points.

Collins finished with 96 yards on nine carries; Shaw completed 10-of-18 passes for 149 yards. Jared Char, Ventura Ingram, Collins and Alexander caught two passes each.

Marlins swim to 23rd straight Catholic crown

Ladywood winds up in 4th place

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy coach Shannon Dunworth doesn't mind the Catholic League swimming and diving championships taking place a week before the girls state meet.

In fact, contrary to the old way of thinking on the issue, he prefers it that way.

The one-week separation between major meets has never been an impediment to the Marlins doing well.

They won their 23rd consecutive championship and 47th in the last 48 years Saturday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

"The old school of thought was that swimmers are a lot more fragile than they are," Dunworth said. "If you want to be a gunner in this sport, you have to swim fast when the time calls for it, regardless of when that is."

The old way of thinking has been slowly trickling away over the past two decades, he added.

"I like having it a week out; I think it's just great," Dunworth said. "Most leagues meets are two weeks before the state meet. Ours is only one week, which means we get to work hard one more week."

"When the season is 12 weeks long, one week is a big deal. I prefer to have it as late as possible, so we don't have to pull the hard work quite so early."

The Marlins won all three relays and seven of the nine individual events Saturday while

amassing 674 team points and winning decisively over rival Birmingham Marian.

The Mustangs finished with 524 points and were followed by Notre Dame Prep (268), Ladywood (193), Regina (153) and Bishop Foley (121).

"There were a lot of close races," Dunworth said. "I love to win those close races and, when they were close, we won them."

"Other teams certainly do a commendable job. Marian has a terrific team and I'm sure they'll do well at their state championship. I couldn't be happier. Our kids performed exceptionally well."

Senior Elliot Schinella won the backstroke again, shattering the record (56.67) she set last year when she finished the race in 56.02.

Schinella was a double winner again, taking first place in the butterfly this year instead of the 50 freestyle.

Junior Maddy Loniewski also won two events, repeating as league champion in the 200 IM and the breaststroke.

Mercy's other winners were junior Roxanne Griffore in the 50 free, senior Erica Allor in diving and junior Kathleen McGee, who won the 500 free for the second year in a row. Marian's Mollie Pulte won the 200 and 100 free races.

The Marlins had runner-up performances from McGee, sophomore Ellyse Conn, senior Christine Peterson, freshman Alaina Skellett (two) and senior Hannah Knoop.

"I'm happy to talk

SWIMMING & DIVING

CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET
Nov. 16 at Livonia Rec Center
Team standings: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 674 points; 2. Birmingham Marian, 524; 3. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 268; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 193; 5. Warren Regina, 153; 6. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 121.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Mercy (Alaina Skellett, Hannah Knoop, Ellyse Conn, Roxanne Griffore), 1:46.26; 2. Marian, 1:47.46; 3. Notre Dame Prep, 1:57.30; 4. Ladywood, 2:04.41; 5. Bishop Foley, 2:18.50; 6. Regina, 2:20.53.

200 freestyle: 1. Mollie Pulte (BM), 1:50.40; 2. Kathleen McGee (FHM), 1:53.88; 3. Clare Nienstedt (BM), 1:56.93; 4. Mary Kate Nodland (BM), 1:59.68; 5. Morgan Jones (LL), 1:59.71; 6. Jackie Baldus (FHM), 2:00.18; 7. Emma Michaluk (FHM), 2:00.78; 8. Madison Clement (BM), 2:00.89. Consolation: 9. Erin Judd (FHM), 2:02.25; 14. Renee Cole (LL), 2:28.63.

200 individual medley: 1. Maddy Loniewski (FHM), 2:06.44; 2. Ellyse Conn (FHM), 2:09.14; 3. Jordan Ewald (FHM), 2:13.37; 4. Hannah Knoop (FHM), 2:13.50; 5. Taylor Miller (BM), 2:17.79; 6. Hannah Richard (BM), 2:18.51; 7. Allison Kavanagh (NDP), 2:19.18; 8. Rebekah Irwin (BM), 2:19.88. Consolation: 9. Amanda Coletti (BM), 2:21.26; 11. Monica Rzepka (LL), 2:35.93.

50 freestyle: 1. Roxanne Griffore (FHM), 23.66; 2. Sophia Schott (BM), 24.47; 3. Maren Taylor (BM), 24.72; 4. Kaitlyn Swanket (BM), 25.18; 5. Christine Edwards (FHM), 25.64; 6. Katy Kouvaris (FHM), 25.74; 7. Hannah Schmidt (FHM), 25.94; 8. Christina Schott (BM), DQ. Consolation: 9. Alanna Tarnacki (LL), 26.44.

Diving: 1. Erica Allor (FHM), 426.10 points; 2. Christine Peterson (FHM), 366.40; 3. Emily Ridge (NDP), 297.20; 4. Skylar Tisko (FHM), 276.10; 5. Nicole Taormina (WR), 275.85; 6. Molly Griffin (LL), 257.90; 7. Page Bimberg (FHM), 241.75; 8. Julie Fudala (WR), 226.05.

100 butterfly: 1. Elliot Schinella (FHM), 57.21; 2. Alaina Skellett (FHM), 57.39; 3. Ellyse Conn (FHM), 57.48; 4. Michaela Bargardi (FHM), 58.78; 5. Hannah Richard (BM), 1:00.75; 6. Allison Murphy (BM), 1:02.19; 7. Maddie Torres

(BM), 1:02.63; 8. Andrea Cavatolo (WR), 1:05.22. Consolation: 9. Lauren Hix (BM), 1:05.48; 10. Abby Pelon (LL), 1:06.32; 12. Tiffany Pijor (LL), 1:07.41; 14. Katie Franczak (LL), 1:12.96; 16. Renee Cole (LL), 1:19.63.

100 freestyle: 1. Mollie Pulte (BM), 50.65; 2. Sophia Schott (BM), 53.94; 3. Maren Taylor (BM), 54.87; 4. Katy Kouvaris (FHM), 55.34; 5. Jessica Kayden (FHM), 55.40; 6. Christina Schott (BM), 55.59; 7. Erin Judd (FHM), 56.57; 8. Christine Edwards (FHM), 56.74. Consolation: 16. Morgaine Rendell (LL), 1:11.13.

500 freestyle: 1. Kathleen McGee (FHM), 5:06.64; 2. Morgan Jones (LL), 5:14.12; 3. Clare Nienstedt (BM), 5:17.01; 4. Emma Michaluk (FHM), 5:18.15; 5. Caroline Reamer (FHM), 5:22.63; 6. Mary Kate Nodland (BM), 5:29.94; 7. Julia Wright (BM), 5:32.74; 8. Madison Clement (BM), 5:35.12. Consolation: 9. Christina Buterakos (FHM), 5:34.59; 11. Tiffany Pijor (LL), 5:54.65.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Mercy (Elliot Schinella, Maddy Loniewski, Kathleen McGee, Roxanne Griffore), 1:35.41; 2. Marian, 1:35.73; 3. Ladywood, 1:49.19; 4. Notre Dame Prep, 1:53.76; 5. Bishop Foley, 2:01.66; 6. Regina, 2:01.83.

100 backstroke: 1. Elliot Schinella (FHM), 56.02; 2. Alaina Skellett (FHM), 56.87; 3. Jordan Ewald (FHM), 59.28; 4. Michaela Bargardi (FHM), 59.46; 5. Amanda Coletti (BM), 1:03.27; 6. Allison Murphy (BM), 1:05.04; 7. Megan Nelheisel (NDP), 1:05.29; 8. Tessa Glod (BM), 1:06.46. Consolation: 9. Lauren Hix (BM), 1:06.24; 13. Katie Franczak (LL), 1:17.20.

100 breaststroke: 1. Maddy Loniewski (FHM), 1:06.61; 2. Hannah Knoop (FHM), 1:10.27; 3. Jensen Pecora (FHM), 1:11.00; 4. Taylor Miller (BM), 1:11.12; 5. Kathleen Lemire (BM), 1:11.44; 6. Kaitlin Bayer (FHM), 1:11.73; 7. Rebekah Irwin (BM), 1:12.12; 8. Julia Wright (BM), 1:14.86. Consolation: 9. Monica Rzepka (LL), 1:14.89.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Mercy (Maddy Loniewski, Roxanne Griffore, Kathleen McGee, Elliot Schinella), 3:29.50; 2. Marian, 3:42.47; 3. Notre Dame Prep, 3:55.01; 4. Ladywood, 4:05.83; 5. Regina, 4:15.83; 6. Bishop Foley, 5:36.57.

about every single individual, from the great job Elli Schinella, Roxie Griffore, Maddy Loniewski and Kathleen McGee did to some kids who didn't win," Dunworth said.

"Alaina Skellett is just having a terrific year. She's a very hard worker, a very focused girl and it's certainly paying off for her."

"Roxie Griffore is having a breakout year. She won four events — three relays and one individual — which is Roxie sacrificing for the good of the team. She and Maddy share that. Maddy had two individuals and two relays."

Mercy also tied its 2010 record in the 200 freestyle relay in which Schinella, Loniewski, McGee and Griffore swam 1:35.41.

The 400 freestyle

relay team of Loniewski, Griffore, McGee and Schinella broke the record (3:32.64) the Marlins set last year by winning that event in 3:29.90.

Skellett, Knoop, Conn and Griffore won the medley relay in 1:46.26.

While he doesn't put an emphasis on Mercy's string of consecutive titles, Dunworth was pleased to see this year's team do well.

"Although we don't talk about it, nor do I care about streaks, we enjoy each team being successful," he said. "Then we can look back and be proud that we maintained a tradition."

"There are a lot of good swimmers there and, if you're going to win or be in the final heat, you're going to have to be pretty darn good. So we're happy to have a lot of kids in those races."

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Bad bounces costly as Plymouth Whalers suffer loss vs. Sarnia

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Saturday was Hockey Night in Plymouth for a while, with an enthusiastic crowd doing the wave and chanting "Let's Go Whalers."

But then Sarnia cashed in on a couple of fortunate bounces to steal a 4-2 victory from the Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers were thrilling a standing room Scout Night crowd of 3,823 through 40 minutes, leading 2-1 and heavily outshooting the Sting.

Plymouth (9-13-0-1) continued that heavy pressure early in the third against Sarnia goalie Brodie Barrick, but could not extend the lead.

That would prove significant as the Sting (8-14-0-1) tied the Ontario Hockey League game at 1:10 on a breakaway marker by winger Davis Brown.

Whalers defenseman Alex Peters tried to knock a Sarnia clearing attempt down at the Sting blueline. But the puck bounced right onto the stick of Brown who skated in on Plymouth netminder Alex Nedeljkovic and blasted a shot over the goalie's blocker.

"I thought the second goal was a bad break at the blue line," Whalers assistant coach Don Elland said. "They rim it hard and it we tried to hold it in with our glove and it kicks off our glove right to them for a breakaway."

What happened 6:45 later was even tougher to swallow.

With Plymouth on the power play, the puck was cleared into the Whalers zone. Sarnia defenseman Anthony DeAngelo, by himself along the goal line to the right of Nedeljkovic, wheeled and slid a shot that hit the goalie's skate. Officials ruled the puck crossed the line, although the subsequent video replay was inconclusive.

One to forget

That was crucial, because the video replay was inconclusive, meaning that the goal counted.

"The third goal you can't give up," Elland said. "You got to make the save there. But Ned's been great for us all year so he gives up a bad goal, that's few and far between."

"We don't have a great angle here. We couldn't tell from the replay, we just watched it and we couldn't tell. But if they rule it a goal, it's got to be clear and conclusive that it's not."

Nedeljkovic said it was a case of overthinking a situation instead of just reacting to what DeAngelo did.

"Yeah, it was just a surprise kind of shot," said Nedeljkovic, who stopped 24 of 27 shots (Sarnia also scored an empty netter). "He was by himself. You got to kind of expect that he's going to do something random with it being by himself."

"But there's just too much thinking going on there, too much thinking of what he might do and not so much reacting to what he actually did do."

Elland said the Whalers did do a lot of good things in the game, despite missing four key scorers to injury or illness (Ryan Hartman, Carter Sandlak, Victor Crus Rydberg and Matt Mistle).

"With the guys we have out of the lineup we're going to struggle to score goals," Elland noted.

Sarnia went up 1-0 with 9:47 to play in the opening frame when winger Nikolay Goldobin drove a shot through the Plymouth goalie's pads. Dropping the puck back to Goldobin was center Nicholas Latta.

Back to back

Plymouth then scored twice within 30 seconds midway through the middle stanza to go up 2-1.

With 9:10 left, Whalers defenseman Mitch Jones (Rochester Hills) blasted a slapper that Barrick (34 saves) stopped but could not control.

The rebound slid to winger Connor Sills, who sent the puck into the cage.

The Whalers then scored again at the 11:20 mark on a wraparound by left wing Zach Lorentz, his ninth goal of the year.

Lorentz stuffed the puck inside the left post following a missed attempt by Barrick to smother a centering pass from Dundas.

The Whalers return to action Friday at Saginaw before taking on the Guelph beginning at 7 p.m. this Saturday at Compuware.

Pom champions

The Livonia middle school pom team (grades 5-8) recently captured first place out of eight teams in the middle school division at the Mid American Pom Pon Hip Hop and High Kick Championship held Nov. 3 at Saginaw Valley State University. Team members include (top row, from left): Janine Shymanski, Shelby Pelc, Caroline Kaniowski; (second row, from left) Holly Cleaver, Erika Mueller, Rylee Binkiewicz, Jenna Roderick, Amelia Glen, Samantha Zawisza; (third row, from left) Isabella Abate, Emily Kelly, Brooke Gietzen, Madison Lee, Hannah Sexton, Kaylee Rincon, Amanda Towler; (fourth row, from left) Claire Partington, Maddie Dawson, Lindsay Shaffer, Analysisia Dunnigan, Julia Hebert, Kelly Jarosz, Meghan Kelly, Renea Olczak, Maddie Ruffing (bottom row, from left) Gabrielle Harter, Lexis Cholette, Jenna Fisher, Rhianna Reamer, Kim Clark and Hope McMullen. (Not pictured are coaches Andrea Shook, Allison Estes and Becca Yaremyn. NANCY FISHER



Clarenceville players (from left) Ali Ibn, Jawan Nelson and Drake Taylor hoist the Region 4 trophy following last Friday's dramatic 21-20 Region 4 win over Monroe CC. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

TROJANS

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matchup with three straight playoff wins, including 35-14 Region 3 victory last Saturday over Olivet.

The Falcons, ironically, started their season 0-3 falling to Division 4 semifinalists Comstock Park (39-20) and Grand Rapids South Christian (34-17), along with Muskegon Oakridge (31-25), which plays Menominee in the other Division 5 semifinal.

"We figured if we could get to 5-4 we have a pretty good chance based on our schedule," seventh-year West Catholic coach Dan Rohn said. "Going down the road we played some pretty tough teams and we're looking forward to this challenge because they (Clarenceville) are a very good football team. We watched the teams that they've played and the scores have been going up. Their kids can make a lot of plays quickly. We know our defense will have to be very disciplined this weekend and be able to contain that."

The Falcons' defense is paced by senior inside linebacker Max Boorsma, an All-Stater and third-year starter who has over 450 tackles, along with defensive end Mitchell Stanitzek, who has committed



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to Eastern Michigan University.

In the victory over Olivet, junior quarterback Travis Russell was 8-of-12 passing for 115 yards. He also rushed for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

"We aim to be balanced," Rohn said. "Our goal is trying to be as close as we can be 50-50. We've kind of been able to do that throughout the playoffs and part of the season. We started out with a pretty tough schedule, but we've been able to battle back a little bit. Our defense is playing really well right now."

The Falcons' backfield is led by Andy Corey, who ran for 112 yards on 20 carries and three

TDs against Olivet, along with Lasavian Majewski, who added 107 yards on 15 attempts.

"They run a multiple of things," Fry said. "They been in 'trips,' they've been in double formations. He (Russell) is always in the gun, he's never under center. One back, a little bit of option. They run little bit of option with some power. Big kids, well-disciplined."

"The big challenge on defense is being able to control their running game. They've got some really strong runners and a really good quarterback, who can run and throw. It's a matter of just being able to match up with them and try to contain them, I think."

The sheer numbers are once again against Clarenceville, which played the regular season with just 19 varsity players (now up to 34 for the playoffs with JV call-ups).

Meanwhile, West Catholic boasts a squad of over 70-plus.

"When they looked at their roster and they saw the size of these (West Catholic) kids, I think it scared them a little bit," Fry said. "We're talking to them and it's like, 'Come on, man, you've done great all year. You weren't supposed to win and you've been the underdog.'"

"They're a real good program, so this is what it's all about. Welcome to the big leagues."

Under Rohn, the Falcons reached the 2012 Division 5 state final (losing to Portland 12-9) and captured the 2010 crown against Olivet (42-26).

The West Catholic coach has concerns, particularly against Clarenceville's cadre of speedy skill players led by Bryant, James Hill, Kimani Dooley, Jawan Nelson and Davis.

And the opportunity to play Saturday on artificial turf could also be a plus for Clarenceville, which has played its last six games, including three home dates in the playoffs, on grass.

"They're the fastest team we've seen this year on film," Rohn said. "The league we play

in, we play a lot of bigger schools, but nobody with as much speed as them. They've done a lot of good things this year obviously. We're looking forward to the opportunity to play them."

Fry, meanwhile, admitted the hook-and-ladder play wasn't practiced on Monday. But he cautioned there's always something new percolating in offensive coordinator Lloyd Slabaugh's mind.

"He's got something else up his sleeve, I think," Fry said. "He's got a couple of them. The kids are trying to talk him into running something different. He just said, 'We don't have enough time for that.' But he's always dabbling with something in his bag of tricks."

Nobody were more exhausted following Friday's win than Bryant, the 6-foot-1, 185-pound tailback who scored the game-winning TD after being stymied by Monroe's CC's defense.

"He really didn't run the ball a lot," Fry said of his senior two-way standout. "They (Monroe CC) hit him and he was really banged up."

"But I think it was emotionally more than physically is what really he was spent on. I don't think he believed what he did or how it came together."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
CARD PARTY

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

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

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

Contact: 734-722-1343

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Time/Date: Registration, 6-7 p.m., cards at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23

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

Details: Partners will be randomly assigned for each round and must be 18 years or older to play. Cost is \$15 per player. All skill levels are welcome. Food and snacks will be provided. Players may bring their own beverages. Proceeds benefit the eighth-grade class trip next year

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The movie is *Faith like a Potato*, about the life journey of a man who, like his potatoes, grows his faith, unseen until the harvest. A baked potato bar with all the fixings will be available for a free will offering. Admission to the movie is free. RSVP for the meal

Contact: 248-553-3380

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

Time/Date: 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30

Location: Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Fourth annual "St. Nicholas Is Santa Claus" children's party will feature St. Nicholas telling his story, a craft project, carol sing-along, refreshments and a gift for each child. Parents will get a chance to take a photograph of their child with a live reindeer from noon to 1 p.m. and with St. Nicholas during the party

Contact: Richard Shebib at 248-345-9346

THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

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

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

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

DECEMBER
ADVENT BY
CANDLELIGHT

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

Location: St. Michael School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: St. Michael the Archangel's Women's Guild invites women to an evening of fellowship, music, and reflection on the Advent season. Tickets are \$5 each and tables of 10 are \$30. The guild asks each guest to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Reservations are required

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; swilliams@livoniastmichael.org

ADVENT SERVICES

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

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The theme for meditations is "Waiting for the Savior."

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

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Time/Date: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1309 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Children, 3-10, can celebrate Christmas, make projects, prepare and eat snacks, play games and sing songs

Contact: 734-453-0460

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

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

Details: "Ring of Carols Through the Night" will feature the church's choirs, including bells. The concert concludes with a sing-along

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

CONCERT

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

Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: "The Glorious Impossible" a free choir concert, will feature contemporary and classical sacred music

Contact: 734-455-2300; www.pbcplymouth.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14

Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Christmas Cantata will include secular and religious music and will include handbells. Free will offering

Contact: 734-464-8844

CONCERT

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

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-425-5950

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Buyers will find various crafters and product vendors, a bake sale and raffle. Admission is \$1 or the donation of one nonperishable food item for the Good Hope Food Pantry. Spaces are still available for sellers. Contact Bobbe Dauer at 313-570-5970 (evenings) or

jbkj11@aol.com. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a "nut-free zone." No nuts or nut products are allowed in the church, including at the craft sale

Contact: 249-442-8822

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT FOR
ADVENT

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

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

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

Contact: 734-455-5910

GUY'S NIGHT OUT FOR
ADVENT

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

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

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

Contact: 734-455-5910

JEWISH NEW
TESTAMENT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10

Location: The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Amy Jill Levine will present "The Jewish Annotated New Testament: Why Jews (and Christians) Should Read this Book." She'll discuss the New Testament and Jewish history, the relationship between Jesus' followers and the Jewish community, and relations between Jews and Christians. Levine is a professor of New Testament and Jewish studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. Book signing and dessert reception follows the presentation. \$10 for JCC members, \$12 for nonmembers. Registration deadline is Dec. 6

Contact: 248-441-1900; theberman.org



Levine

ONGOING
CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

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

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

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

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

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

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

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY
MEAL

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

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shilawasee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

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

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at 248-478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

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

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

Details: Music, singing, prayer

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333

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Humorist tells personal stories through sign language

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Liysa Callsen will let her hands do the talking when she performs stories from her memoir, *Tell 'em*, next week in Livonia.

"Eighty percent of it is signed by me and voiced by an interpreter. Sign language is my first language. It's a beautiful language," said Callsen, in a recent phone interview from her home in Manitowoc, Wis.

The former Livonia resident will stage her stories about life with deaf parents and a deaf husband, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, east of I-275 and just north of Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at lisyacallsen.com. The show will be signed and voiced for hearing and deaf audience members. Andrea Purola will voice the show. John Kerfoot will film it as part of a documentary he's making.

"You'll see it and think it better," said Callsen, explaining why she chose to perform the stories in sign language. "I was humbled (a reviewer) compared me to Charlie Chaplain. It comes naturally to me and involves my improv training and being in the moment. I take you there with me. It's that visual."

Her hope is that at the end of the 90-minute show, viewers not only will have a better understanding of what it's

like to grow up with deaf parents and then marry a deaf man, but will realize the importance of pursuing their own passions and doing what they love.

"I make sure the message is feel good and is full of laughs. Humor is definitely a part of everything I do," she said. "I'd like to inspire others to embrace their own stories, because it took me 38 years to find that out."

Interpreting

Callsen learned to sign before she learned to talk and grew up interpreting for her parents. She loved to sign, whether it was to songs or in conversation and didn't mind the attention it sometimes drew from onlookers.

"Being the center of attention was fun for me. I was almost on my own stage," she recalled.

While at Churchill, she participated in basketball rather than drama, even though she felt drawn to the stage. She knew her parents wouldn't enjoy watching a play without an interpreter.

"I can remember standing in the hallway at Churchill, looking at a rehearsal. I can vividly remember wanting to do that. Now I am doing that. It held with me for 20 years."

After high school, she earned a degree from Madonna University in paralegal and moved to Chicago, Ill. She met her husband at a bar where deaf individuals often socialized and the two "hit it off." They married



Liysa Callsen signs her show, *Tell 'em on Stage*.

a few years later and moved to Manitowoc, where Callsen became a stay-at-home mom when

their children were born. They have daughters, ages 12 and 10.

"I'm more deaf than

he is. He was raised by hearing parents. There was no foot stomping and light flashing to get

someone's attention. With my parents, lights were flickering everywhere."

Finding her purpose

When she was 35, she auditioned for community theater productions and was cast in *The Vagina Monologues* and *Lost in Yonkers*. After taking a workshop in improv techniques from Second City Chicago, she opened a black box theater in Manitowoc and started her own improv troupe. It didn't take long before she realized the theater tied her down week nights and weekends. She quit the troupe and theater about eight months later.

"I was always trying to make other people happy. Finally, when I was 38 I said 'This is enough. I'm going to do what makes me happy.'"

She fashioned a show from stories about her childhood and tested it out two years ago for a group of students learning to become sign language interpreters. The performance led to more appearances and then an e-book of the show that was accepted into the Wisconsin Book Festival. Her current show, *Tell 'em on Stage*, includes both stories about her childhood and her marriage.

She also works as a professional motivational speaker, offering programs on leadership, humor, communication, and team building.

For more about Callsen, visit lisyacallsen.com

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Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Robert H. Miller of Canton shows black and white photographs of veterans from his book, *Portraits of Service*

Contact: 734-394-5300

MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Guild's Holiday Trunk Sale will include wearable pieces and accessories, framed wall pieces, home décor objects, sculpture, and jewelry. Works by the Guild also are on exhibit 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Dec. 6 in the Costick Center's City Gallery

Contact: 248-473-1856

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 14

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Visit two exhibits, Small Works, an all-media juried exhibit, and Through the Lens: A Northville Camera Club Exhibit. The Small Works show is "cash and carry," meaning buyers may take the art home with them immediately after purchase. The Through the Lens exhibit will feature photos of nature, animals, family, culture and architecture. Many of the photos also will be for sale.

Contact: 248-344-0497;

<http://www.northvillearts.org>

UPPER HALL GALLERY

Time/Date: Through Dec. 7; pub hours are 3 p.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, and noon to midnight Sunday

Location: Liberty Street Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth

Details: Amy Lockard exhibits photos of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Contact: 734-207-9600

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: View exhibit 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 1-29; reception, 1-4 p.m. Dec. 7

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth



The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble will perform Nov. 23 at Music Hall in Detroit.

Details: "The Gift of Art" exhibit will include two-dimensional styles from traditional to impressionistic to abstract as well as photography. Most of the work will be for sale

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

Location: 340 N. Main, Plymouth; located behind the Crossings Restaurant

Details: Functional and decorative pottery created by 25 members of the Guild, will be available at this annual holiday sale. Items include mugs, ornaments, tiles, dinnerware, and large platters. Prices ranging from \$4-\$200

Contact: 734-207-8807;

www.villagepottersguild.org

COMEDY JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Lucas Bohn, a favorite on the college circuit, performs. Tickets are \$22 with dinner, \$12 without on Thursday and \$29 with dinner and \$16 without, Friday-Saturday

Coming up: Mike Stanley performs his wry, cunning and crass stand-up comedy, Nov. 27-30

Contact: 734-261-0555;

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23

Location: Corner of Troy and Fourth, east of Main and south of 11 Mile, in Royal Oak

Details: John Shillue performs;

tickets are \$10 Thursday and \$18 Friday-Saturday.

Coming up: John Landau, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30. Tickets are \$15.

Contact: comedycastle.com

DANCE MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble performs; tickets are \$30, \$40, \$50, and \$250. Students pay \$20 with a valid ID.

Contact: www.ticketmaster.com; 313-887-8500

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *Parkland*, admission \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

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

Details: *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore and Carolyn Grimes, with special guest appearances by Grimes at each show; \$6

Coming up: *Home Alone* starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Catherine O'Hara and John Herd, 8 p.m. Dec. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 7; Santa will be on hand for photos, bring a camera; \$5

Contact: 313-537-2560

GET OUT

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MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the third Saturday of the month through May

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The event includes open mic performers and featured musicians. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFPresident@aol.com

BLUES @ THE ELKS

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

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

Details: \$5 at the door

Contact: 734-453-1780; plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth



Dave Sharp's Worlds CD release concert is Saturday, Nov. 30 at Music Hall's Jazz Cafe in Detroit.

Details: Cliff Monear Trio with Susan Tobocman on vocals, with Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass, and Scott Kretzer on drums perform Nov. 26; \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds go toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

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

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 30

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

son, Detroit

Details: Bassist and composer Dave Sharp and his band, Secret 7, celebrate the release of his new CD, *Worlds*; \$5 admission

Contact: 313-887-8501

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Winans Academy of Performing Arts, with special guest Quincy Jones; tickets \$25-\$75

Contact: 313-887-8501

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

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Contact: 734-454-0178

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Nov. 24

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

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Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Dana Nov. 22; Lee Murdock, Nov. 23; Joe Crookston, Dec. 6; Around the House Variety Show, Dec. 7; Empty Chair Christmas Show with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, John Devine, Dave Boutette, Dan Hazlett, Maggie Ferguson, Jim Bizer, Jo Serrapere, and more, Dec. 8; December Songs featuring Doug and Telisha Williams, Amy Speace and Rod Picott, Dec. 12; Drew Nelson, Dec. 13; John Latini and Jamie Sue Seal, Dec. 14. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 22

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Lauren Strahm, a former Canton resident, now living in Nashville, Tenn., who performs under the name

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Contact: 734-394-5300 or 734-384-5460

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Contact: 248-541-5717

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

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

Details: The 29th annual festival displays individually designed 7-foot, 4-foot, 3-foot

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

THEATER FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22; and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 23-24

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: *Tarzan The Stage Musical*, is based on Disney's 1999 animated film, about a human baby orphaned on the shore of Africa, taken in and raised by a tribe of gorillas. Tickets are \$10; children 3 and under, no charge.

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To celebrate these nostalgic sweets, CanolaInfo's "Decades of Decadence" recipe collection serves up a delicious trip down memory lane with modern influence by Ellie Krieger, M.S., R.D., host of the Cook-

ing Channel's *Healthy Appetite*.

"History shaped these desserts and they have stuck around because they are inherently delicious," she says. "They were driven by the availability of ingredients in their day, advertising by food companies in women's magazines and advancements in food technology or appliances."

To boost nutrition and keep saturated fat in check, the recipes are updated with

heart-healthy ingredients, such as low-fat yogurt, whole-grain flour and canola oil, which has the least saturated fat and most omega-3 fat of all common culinary oils.

Try this fresh, healthy update on 1930s Pineapple Upside Down Cake, originally invented to take advantage of canned pineapple, which is kept moist and gooey with canola oil. Take a journey back to the '40s with Chocolate War Cake, a chocolaty indulgence that's a cinch to make. Or dig into Frozen Grasshopper Pie, a '50s favorite once home freezers became common.

For more "Decades of Decadence" recipes, visit www.CanolaInfo.org.

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1940S CHOCOLATE WAR CAKE

Yield: 12 slices
Serving size: 1 slice

¾ cup whole-wheat pastry flour
¾ cup all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated sugar
½ cup natural cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup cold water
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
½ cup canola oil
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
½ teaspoon confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. In 9-inch round baking pan, whisk together whole-wheat pastry flour, all-purpose flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt.

In small bowl or measuring cup, combine water and vinegar.

Make well in center of flour mixture in pan and pour canola oil and vanilla extract into well. Pour water-vinegar mixture over top of flour and then stir well to blend all ingredients. Bake until set and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 30 to 35 minutes. Place cake on rack to cool in pan. Once cool, sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

Note: Whole-wheat, all-purpose flour can be substituted for whole-wheat pastry flour.

Nutritional Analysis (per Serving): Calories 180; Fat 7 g; Saturated Fat 0.5 g; Cholesterol 0 mg; Sodium 200 mg; Carbohydrates 29 g; Fiber 2 g; Protein 2 g

1930S PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

Yield: 8 servings
Serving size: 1 slice

Canola oil cooking spray
½ cup packed dark brown sugar
4 to 5 pineapple rings (about ¼ of whole pineapple) about ½ inch thick
2 tablespoons chopped crystallized ginger
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup whole-wheat pastry flour
¾ cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup low-fat buttermilk
½ cup canola oil
2 large eggs
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Generously spray bottom of 9-inch, nonstick layer cake pan with canola oil cooking spray. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar, then arrange pineapple rings on top in one layer. Sprinkle chopped ginger pieces in spaces around pineapple rings and in their centers.

In medium bowl, whisk together all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, sugar, baking powder and baking soda. In another medium bowl, whisk together buttermilk, canola oil, eggs and vanilla.

Mix wet and dry ingredients until combined. Pour batter over pineapple-brown sugar mixture and bake until top is lightly browned and wooden skewer inserted into center of cake comes out clean, 40 to 50 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes, then run knife around cake edges and, using oven mitts, invert cake onto large serving plate. Note: Whole-wheat, all-purpose flour can be substituted for whole-wheat pastry flour.

Nutritional Analysis (per Serving): Calories 390; Fat 16 g; Saturated Fat 1.5 g; Cholesterol, 55 mg; Sodium 270 mg; Carbohydrates 57 g; Fiber 2 g; Protein, 6 g

1950S FROZEN GRASSHOPPER PIE

Yield: 8 servings
Serving size: 1 slice

Canola oil cooking spray
1 ½ cups finely crushed chocolate wafer cookies or chocolate graham cracker crumbs
3 tablespoons canola oil
4 cups mint chip reduced-fat ice cream or frozen yogurt, softened
½ cup chocolate shavings

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 9-inch pie dish with canola oil cooking spray.

In medium bowl, mix cookie crumbs and canola oil until combined, then press mixture into prepared pie dish. Bake until fragrant, 6 to 8 minutes. Allow to cool completely.

In large bowl, place softened ice cream and mix well until uniform texture forms, similar to soft-serve ice cream. Fill cooled pie crust with ice cream, smoothing out top. Garnish with chocolate shavings, cover with plastic wrap and put back in freezer until solidly frozen, at least 4 hours.

When ready to serve, heat knife under hot water and use it to cut pie into slices.

Note: An ice cream or frozen yogurt without green food coloring is recommended. To make chocolate shavings, use a vegetable peeler to peel strips from a thick block of chocolate. If the chocolate crumbles as you make the shavings, put it in the microwave at 10-second intervals to soften it slightly.

Nutritional Analysis (per Serving): Calories 290; Fat 14 g; Saturated Fat 5 g; Cholesterol 15 mg; Sodium 190 mg; Carbohydrates 36 g; Fiber 1 g; Protein, 5 g

Walkable towns, mixed use appeal to homebuyers

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Traci and Paul Sincoc are big fans of walkable communities like Plymouth and Northville. He's a lifelong resident of Plymouth and its city manager, while Traci, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, has called Plymouth home since 1985.

"A walkable community is a desirable feature to have," she said. "You can walk to your city center. Connectivity is a good thing."

The Sincocs also use their bicycles. She pointed with pride to the nearly completed sidewalk connection along Sheldon Road between Northville and Plymouth, also extending south toward Canton.

"It will be entirely connected," she said of Northville-Plymouth. "A nice infill project that will help people connect to communities. We shouldn't take these assets for granted."

Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said of Plymouth, "I think just about everything you need and want is within a short distance. You can get to restaurants. It's just an easy place to be able to reach out to those activities."

He noted nearby schools, appealing to families, as well as the Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street.

Bruscato, a Canton resident, said some younger people are even moving to the community - and then seeking a job.

"Their first priority is a community they want to live in and then they get the job," he said of such "placemaking. It's got placemaking and I hate to overuse that word."

He was recently at a work-related conference and heard of many younger professionals locating to apartments and condos in walkable downtowns.

"I think that's probably one thing we wish we had more of is downtown living," Bruscato said of Plymouth, noting its downtown UBS and Mayflower condo sites are both full.

Choosing a community is one of the most important factors for consumers as they consider buying a home, and research by the National Association of Realtors has consistently revealed that Americans prefer walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods and shorter commutes. According to NAR's 2013 Community Preference Survey, 60 percent of respondents favor a neighborhood with a mix of houses and stores and other businesses that are easy to walk to, rather than neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation.

The survey findings indicate that while the size of the property does matter to consumers, they are willing to compromise size for a preferred neighborhood and less commuting. For example, although 52 percent of those surveyed prefer a single-family detached house with a large yard, 78 percent responded that the neighborhood is more important to them than the size of the house. Fifty-seven percent would forgo a home with a larger yard if it meant a shorter commute to work, and 55 percent of respondents were willing to forgo a home with larger yard if it meant they could live within walking distance of schools, stores and restaurants as opposed to having larger yard and needing to drive to get to schools, stores and restaurants.

"Realtors build communities and care about improving those communities through smart growth initiatives. Although there is no one-size-fits-all approach, smart growth is typically characterized by mixed-use development, higher densities, and pedestrian friendly streets that accommodate a wide diversi-



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ty of transportation modes," said NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif.

"Growth patterns, economic development and quality-of-life issues are inextricably linked to the success of communities and residents."

When asked to identify their ideal community, the most popular choice was a suburban neighborhood with a mix of houses, shops and businesses. The least popular was a suburban neighborhood with just houses.

As for transportation concerns, 41 percent said improving public transportation would be the best solution, while 29 percent would prefer the development of communities where people do not have to drive long distances to work or shop, and 20 percent would choose building new roads.

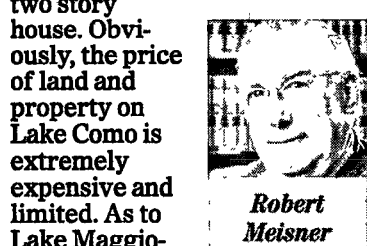
The survey of 1,500 adult Americans was conducted by American Strategies and Meyers Research from Sept. 18-24, 2013.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

Italy's housing often pricey

Q: I love the Italian Lake Districts and would like to find a home there. Do you have any idea about what the real estate market is there?

A: Well, if you want to live in Bellagio on Lake Como, you can expect to pay \$750,000 Euros or more for 250 cubic meters for what appears to be a simple home. In another listing I observed, the price was \$395,000 for 150 cubic meters for a relatively plain looking two story house. Obviously, the price of land and property on Lake Como is extremely expensive and limited. As to Lake Maggiore, and in particular, Stresa, prices for homes are even greater in certain locations. Apartments and townhouses seem to be a little less expensive, but again location is paramount, and if you want a lake view or to be on the lake, you are talking about literally millions of dollars. However, you will, no doubt, find familiar American real estate companies offering to assist you in the purchase of properties which you should, obviously, utilize and try to buy in the winter.



Robert Meisner

Q: Are things getting any cheaper in Milan in connection with buying an apartment as I have some business interests there which will require me to be there at least four months a year.

A: Your best bet is to rent a condominium-type apartment near the center of the city rather than investing in real estate which still remains very high in Milan, notwithstanding the sluggish economy. Don't go there in late August looking for an apartment because, basically Milan and much of Italy, except the tourist areas, close down. Obviously, the further you go out from Milan, in most instances, the more reasonable the price will be for an apartment, but like most European business centers, transportation is good.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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BEVERLY HILLS

16934 Beechwood Ave \$355,000
21925 E Valley Woods Dr \$360,000
32205 Eastlady Dr \$260,000
22527 King Richard Ct \$650,000
20046 Wellesley St \$489,000
30300 Woodhaven Ln \$409,000

BIRMINGHAM

2046 Bradford Rd \$250,000
1582 Cheltenham Rd \$135,000
463 Coolidge Rd \$218,000
1721 E 14 Mile Rd Unit C \$50,000
1719 Graefield Rd \$110,000
1985 Grant St \$392,000
633 N Old Woodward Ave \$301,000
1863 Norfolk St \$380,000
2354 Pembroke Rd \$310,000
1028 Ridgedale Ave \$482,000
768 Rivenoak St \$847,000
708 W Lincoln St \$339,000
340 Wellesley St \$350,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

5039 Van Ness Dr \$300,000
2735 Aldgate Dr \$250,000
1946 Eastways Rd \$333,000
2944 Klingensmith Rd \$79,000
111 Linda Ln \$410,000
4409 Orchard Hill Dr \$260,000
5663 Priory St \$375,000
2749 Turtle Shores Dr \$525,000
4303 Wabek Lake Dr \$225,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

3220 Berkshire Dr \$337,000

164 Bloomfield Blvd \$163,000
644 Hamilton Rd \$860,000
174 Hillboro Dr \$491,000
6200 Indianwood Trl \$450,000
1120 Park Place Ct \$419,000
1301 Romney Rd \$425,000
5654 S Adams Way \$273,000
2618 Sequoia Ct \$760,000
4572 Walden Dr \$450,000
1871 Ward Rd \$233,000
6060 Worlington Rd \$422,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1731 Applebrook Dr \$50,000
3171 Belle Terre \$40,000
3556 Benstein Rd \$140,000
3456 Edgewood Park Dr \$1,300,000
3185 Lacosta Ct \$265,000
4205 S Commerce Rd \$63,000
1474 Wandrei Ct \$460,000

FARMINGTON

33247 Cloverdale Ave \$145,000
36968 Heatherton Dr \$200,000
22849 Maple Ave \$127,000
20964 Meadowlark St \$125,000
33042 Slocum Dr \$152,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

31925 Alameda St \$40,000
29257 Aranel St \$145,000
22093 Atlantic Pointe \$67,000
36081 Congress Ct \$231,000
32445 Dohany Dr \$256,000
32428 Dunford St \$205,000
28671 Green Castle Rd \$183,000
29142 Hemlock Dr \$200,000
34035 Hillside Ct \$143,000
21055 Inkster Rd \$60,000
29777 Kenloch Dr \$330,000
24347 Kensington \$197,000
38741 Lancaster Dr \$170,000
25403 Liberty Ln \$236,000
28519 Marc Dr \$198,000
24533 Martel Dr \$206,000

35113 Meadow Ln \$141,000
21338 Mulberry Ct \$123,000
28340 N Skye Dr \$155,000
32041 Olde Franklin Dr \$243,000
31504 Orchard Crk \$75,000
35077 Pennington Dr \$215,000
28764 Raleigh Rd \$183,000
20909 Rockwell St \$55,000
30351 Southampton Ln \$240,000
35260 Stratton Hill Ct \$413,000
36915 Valley Ridge Dr \$275,000
29830 W 12 Mile Rd \$25,000
25195 Westmoreland Dr \$270,000

FRANKLIN

30900 Franklin Oaks Trl \$155,000
32401 Romsey Rd \$410,000
31151 Sunset Ct \$385,000

MILFORD

440 Heritage Dr \$340,000
1465 Oak Hollow Dr \$640,000
764 Oakland Ave \$100,000
510 S Garner Rd \$270,000
31033 Star Trl \$279,000
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1465 Oak Hollow Dr \$640,000
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NORTHVILLE

21744 Glenwild Dr \$283,000
22180 Heatheridge Ln \$350,000
38530 Northfarm Dr \$264,000
20892 Richmond Dr \$827,000

NOVI

43100 12 Oaks Crescent \$155,000
Dr # \$155,000
24056 Argyle St \$600,000
22308 Brookshire St \$449,000
41860 Brownstone Dr \$190,000
28423 Carlton Way Dr \$135,000
28319 Declaration Rd \$88,000
28325 Declaration Rd \$89,000
24579 Edgewood Dr \$272,000
44621 Ellery Ln \$180,000
45583 Irvine Dr \$495,000
44751 Larkspur \$370,000
28050 Lightfoot Ln \$220,000

25731 Mulberry Ln \$337,000
24811 Olde Orchard St \$65,000
42479 Park Ridge Rd \$126,000
25582 Portico Ln \$172,000
41911 Quince Dr \$152,000
49641 Timber Trl \$395,000
29439 Weston Dr \$195,000
44468 Williams Dr \$355,000
24729 Willowbrook \$290,000
42636 Wimbeldon Way \$298,000
28244 Wolcott Dr \$117,000
44990 Yorkshire Dr \$218,000

SOUTH LYON

59263 Bavariahaus Ct \$83,000
24356 Brompton Way \$411,000
22313 Brookfield Dr \$162,000
24860 Douglas Dr \$219,000
59600 E Eight Mile Rd \$78,000
220 Eagle Way \$220,000
54906 Grenelefe Cir W \$340,000
367 Harvard Ave \$130,000
59397 Pacers Path \$252,000
58862 Peters Barn Dr \$303,000
24727 Purlin Ct \$390,000
54452 Royal Troon Dr \$359,000

SOUTHFIELD

30483 Brentwood St \$32,000
17441 Evans St \$125,000
23422 Grayson Dr \$50,000
25705 Greenfield Rd \$135,000
16262 Harden Cir \$90,000
29295 Heritage Ln \$108,000
29481 Leemoor Dr \$92,000
27355 Marshall St \$85,000
19454 Middlesex Ave \$179,000
24209 Northwestern Hwy \$435,000
26928 W 12 Mile Rd \$70,000
29386 Westbrook Pkwy \$120,000

WHITE LAKE

8174 Carpathian Dr \$278,000
9980 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$54,000
1095 Lake Lane Dr \$225,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 5-9, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

7704 Alton St \$108,000
50525 Amberwood Rd \$77,000
43971 Arlington Rd \$195,000
45438 Augusta Dr \$353,000
50433 Black Horse Ln \$385,000
4138 Brookstone Dr \$232,000
7520 Charrington Dr \$264,000
895 Constitution St \$223,000
4179 Cornerstone Dr \$115,000
44035 Cranberry Dr \$236,000
1420 Delancy Cir \$425,000
2121 Fairway Cir \$137,000
50868 Federal Blvd \$77,000
43462 Fleetwood Ct \$169,000
50210 Grant St \$271,000
50265 Grant St \$265,000
42119 Greenwood Dr \$179,000
44619 Hanford Rd \$165,000
47359 Hanford Rd \$235,000
7533 Hillsboro Dr \$213,000
706 Huntsville Dr \$370,000
50249 Jefferson St \$278,000
42594 Lilley Pointe Dr \$73,000
39829 Lynn St \$130,000
6495 Marshall St \$270,000
1770 Northbrook Ct \$220,000
6539 Norwood Dr \$280,000
7970 Oxford Dr \$467,000
3783 Parklawn Dr \$185,000
2565 River Woods Dr N \$285,000
6430 Runnymede Dr \$218,000
48728 Stonebriar Dr \$240,000
7424 Sussex Dr \$200,000
860 Torrey Hill Dr \$347,000

GARDEN CITY

941 Arcola St \$70,000
31972 Brown St \$73,000
6480 Dillon St \$48,000

LIVONIA

30555 Seven Mile Rd \$54,000
32421 Seven Mile Rd \$220,000
16242 Alpine Dr \$200,000
14957 Arden St \$110,000
28761 Bayberry Park Dr \$140,000
14244 Brentwood St \$120,000
14333 Brentwood St \$141,000
17227 Cross Winds Ct \$325,000
14242 Farmington Rd \$120,000
38427 Five Mile Rd \$165,000
18674 Floral St \$42,000
20209 Floral St \$170,000
18850 Glengarry Dr \$349,000
36089 Grenada St \$203,000
33635 Grove St \$190,000
29019 Hathaway St \$90,000
29660 Hathaway St \$123,000
29848 Hathaway St \$147,000
30789 Hathaway St \$122,000
32225 Hees St \$135,000
20692 Josie Ct \$370,000
27641 Lyndon St \$115,000
36234 Mallory Ct \$185,000
29711 Mark Ln \$170,000
9610 Mayfield St \$119,000
27477 Meadowbrook St \$175,000
35475 Minton St \$134,000
28564 N Clements Cir \$85,000
9134 Newburgh Rd \$166,000
19365 Norwich Rd \$240,000
34361 Parkdale Ct \$169,000
14675 Richfield St \$150,000
17715 Rougeway St \$85,000
38573 Roycroft St \$225,000
9656 Stark Rd \$110,000
18057 University Park Dr \$85,000

WARGO ST

35505 Vargo St \$240,000
31516 W Chicago St \$180,000
15423 Williams St \$136,000
44414 Aspen Ridge Dr \$385,000
423 Beal St \$185,000
45731 Bloomcrest Dr \$185,000
44992 Broadmoor Cir S \$645,000
39474 Champion Ct \$345,000
42455 Corlina Dr \$245,000
15828 Crystal Downs E \$175,000
46562 Crystal Downs W \$655,000
19311 Crystal Lake Dr \$579,000
40275 Hickory Ct \$100,000
49255 Hidden Ridge Dr \$450,000
116 High St \$112,000
17144 Maple Hill Dr \$390,000
15877 Morningside \$398,000
18878 Overlook Trl \$155,000
49199 Parkshore Ct \$1,426,000
18282 Parkshore Dr \$890,000
47105 Red Oak Dr \$480,000
39868 Rockcrest Cir \$155,000
18621 Steep Hollow Ct \$650,000
521 W Main St \$600,000

PLYMOUTH

49656 Ash Ct \$525,000
324 Auburn St \$460,000
48017 Basswood Ct \$335,000
46449 Burning Tree Ln \$362,000
1684 Cassidy Place Dr \$219,000
47483 Edinburgh Dr \$369,000
1395 Elm St \$450,000
1300 Hartsough St \$285,000
566 Maple St \$106,000
8909 N Beck Rd \$280,000
368 N Harvey St \$135,000
1256 Penniman Ave \$340,000
1256 Penniman Ave \$425,000
14596 Shadywood Dr \$185,000
312 Sunset St \$400,000

REDFORD

13993 Breakfast Dr \$171,000
14263 Breakfast Dr \$152,000
18255 Denby \$38,000
15395 Fenton \$28,000
9179 Grayfield \$91,000
20118 Lennane \$81,000
16514 Lexington \$103,000
14230 Marshall Dr \$179,000
14256 Marshall Dr \$151,000
26048 W Chicago \$50,000
19147 Woodworth \$39,000

WAYNE

4344 Second St \$35,000
35421 Forest St \$56,000
3153 Treadwell St \$85,000
32784 Audreys Way \$224,000
31037 Birchwood St \$110,000
35850 Castlewood Ct \$60,000
37459 Colonial Dr \$60,000
35653 Columbia Ave \$40,000
8103 Coventry St \$30,000
7607 Gary Ave \$110,000
39154 Hayward Dr \$185,000
36673 Hazelwood St \$150,000
7760 Lear Ct \$107,000
1714 N Walton St \$75,000
34730 Nancy St \$95,000
7346 Perrinsville Ct \$123,000
7674 Rivergate Dr \$77,000
36511 Rolf St \$125,000
1050 S Dowling St \$85,000
1129 S Merriman Rd \$66,000
620 Superior Pkwy \$86,000
1307 Surrey Hts \$118,000
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7325 W Frum Ct \$92,000
38509 Watson Cir \$160,000
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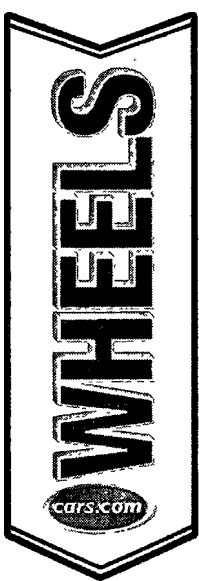
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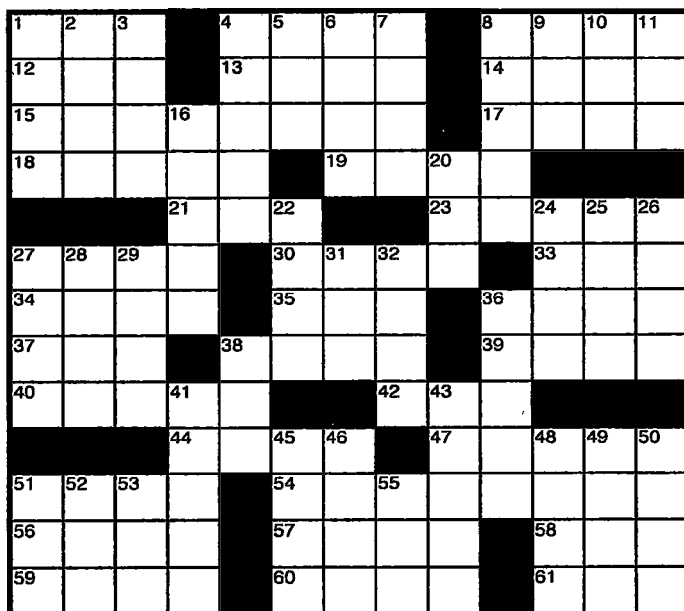
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- 8 King beaters
- 9 Press one's luck
- 8 Marx brother

Answer to Previous Puzzle

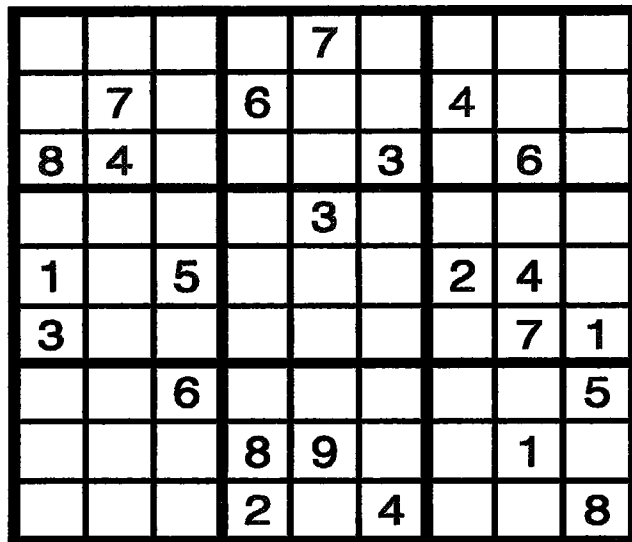
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SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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P G A O Y O L O J K D A R D V E B K P G
O A T C P R L A W B R S O O C I R V U V
R M N M H E P U J N O I L I S E D B N Z
T E E A O C B P T W W P D A S S Y E S U
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