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Westland board accepts GC library offer

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Pending further negotiation and discussion with their mutual city attorneys, the Westland Library Board has accepted a library contract funding proposal by Garden City.

"We accepted the proposal on its face value and passed a resolution," Neal said.

He said that legal specifics like duration of the contract and what happens if the contract is broken still have to be worked out.

The vote was unanimous

among the five library board members, Neal said.

The Westland Library Board took up the matter at a rare meeting Saturday so that all members could be present.

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker considers proposal a backup plan for

continued library services should the Nov. 8 dedicated library millage fail. Voters are being asked to approve 1 mill for 10 years that would generate \$600,000. It would cost the average homeowner \$50 a year.

Neal said the timing of the proposal wasn't as

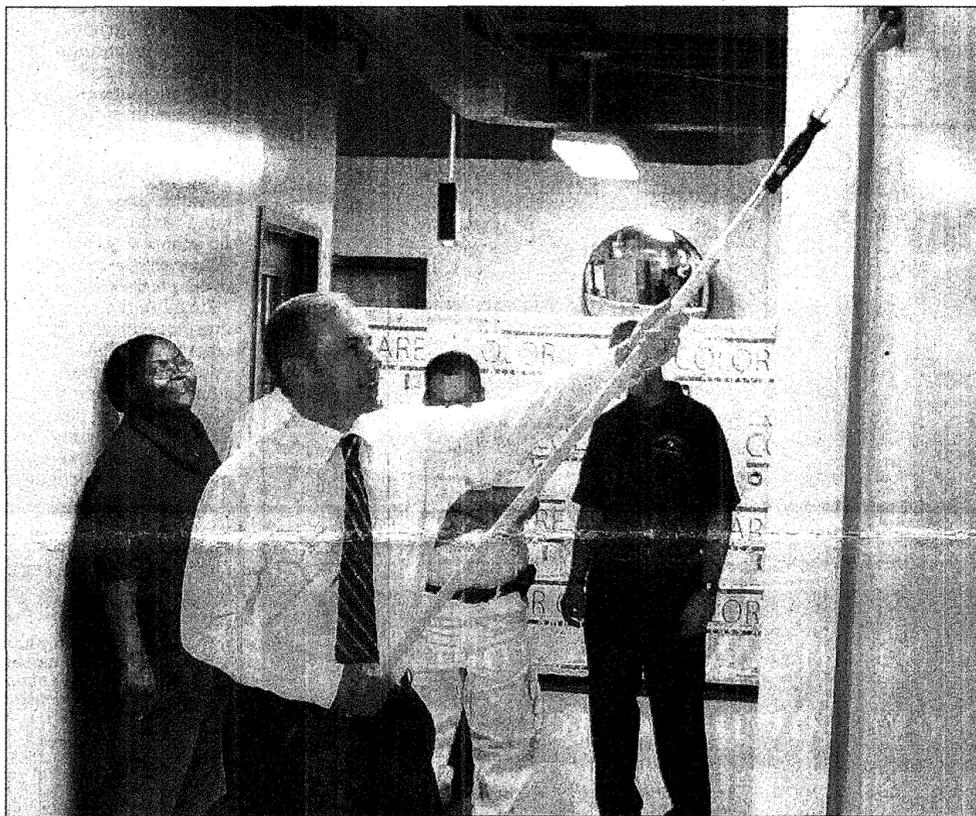
much of an issue as the fact that Garden City had also made an offer to the city of Wayne. He added that one library staff member did question how it would impact the millage in Garden City.

"Personally, my pref-

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Makeover brightens Family Center

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer



As other guests watch, Westland Mayor William Wild poses with a paint roller at the Wayne County Family Shelter. He hadn't expected to do any painting — he removed his suit coat but was still wearing a white shirt.

The Wayne County Family Shelter has been spruced up thanks to the Color Across American campaign.

The facility is among 51 chosen by the United States Conference of Mayors to undergo the chromatic transformation that several crews of volunteer painting contractors from around the state tackled.

Benjamin Moore spearheaded the nationwide initiative together with the USCM and the Painting & Decorating Contractors of America. The goal was to give the color makeovers to a shelter in each state plus one in Washington, D.C., all within a 50-day period.

"They painted the hallways. It's great, it really looks wonderful," said Brenda Johnson, shelter program director.

Westland Mayor William Wild was among those on hand to launch the program locally. Located in Westland, the Wayne

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McDonnell: Financial stability is issue

In Eileen McDonnell's view, the three major issues facing the Livonia Public Schools are financial stability, academic improvement and public relations.

"Deficit budgeting has exhausted the general fund, we must bring the budget in line with revenues and not at the expense of the education and safety of our students," said McDonnell, one of four candidates in the November school election.

According to McDonnell, administrative overhead should be carefully examined for savings, and now is the time to initiate cost-effective operations and more innovative revenue enhancement. Once the fiscal crisis is eliminated, program restoration and improvement can become the priority, she said.

"Parents, teachers and community members are an untapped resource to help resolve these problems," she said. "The board of education should

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EILEEN MCDONNELL

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McDonnell



ELECTION 2011

LIVONIA SCHOOL BOARD

Four candidates are vying for two, four-year seats on the Livonia school board Nov. 8 — incumbent President Lynda Scheel and challengers Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell and Lee Yesh.

Board members are entitled to \$50 per meeting for all regular board meetings, all special board meetings, all committee (not subcommittee) meetings if scheduled on a night other than the night of a regular or special board meeting, any recognized school-affiliated group when the corporate board as a whole is invited to participate, study sessions of the board and joint meetings with other governmental agencies when the board functions as a committee of the whole.

The board typically meets two to three times a month.

Laura: Maintain quality programs

Budget constraints are the biggest issues facing the district, according to former school board member Dianne Laura.

"The need to continue to maintain quality programs while dealing with budget limitations is critical, and outside resources - grants, partnerships and outsourcing - must be considered," she said.

Also issues facing the district are a positive, working relationship must be strengthened between the district and the community. Open lines of communication must be improved to promote trust and respect, she said.

Likewise, educating students to meet academic achievement by implementing programs which measure success is another issue.

"A common vision must be enforced to help all students reach their academic goals," she said. "Programs can be implemented that provide success and are equally cost-

DIANNE LAURA

Age: 65
Years of residency in Livonia: More than 35
Education: Bachelor and master degrees from Eastern Michigan University, Education Leadership Certificate from Madonna University
Employment: Retired June 30 after 43-plus years as a teacher and principal

Community/volunteer involvement: Served 4 1/2 years on LPS school board, served as secretary, vice president and president, student tutoring, religious service
Facebook: Dianne Laura for Livonia School Board www.facebook.com/pages/Dianne-Laura-for-Livonia-School-Board/1699794230843?sk=info

effective."

Observer: In what ways can the district save money?

The district can save money by exploring and considering outside resources, such as state and federal grants, community partnerships and

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Laura

LIBRARY

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erence is that the millage passes in Garden City so that they can continue to have their own library and we won't have to deal with all of this," Neal said. The idea of contracting for library services came up during discussions about the district court consolidation study, according to Westland Mayor William Wild. Once a proposal was received, Wild forwarded it to the Westland Library Board. Wild said last week that he thought that it was important to let Garden City know they were interested. "We would need to work out the details. Even if

there is some disparity between Garden City and Westland (in terms of funding), this could be the first step toward a district library, that would spread the costs evenly and give the library a more sustainable revenue stream for the future," he said. A letter from Garden City Manager Darwin McClary proposes Garden City pay Westland .3-mill, which would equal \$171,050 in 2011. That funding level maintains Garden City's eligibility for state library aid, which along with the library's penal fines, would total \$32,677 during the current fiscal year and also be paid to Westland. Under the agreement, Garden City would also pay an estimated additional revenue of \$26,500 gen-

erated annually from miscellaneous fees and charges generated from library services. The Westland library currently has a fund balance but this is the first year the dedicated millage won't cover operational costs, Wild said, due to decreasing property values and higher operating costs. Like the city, Wild said the library needs to look at ways to add revenue. "The library would like to do improvements. Our residents pay (library) millage already and looks like it won't cover the costs," said Wild. "The library could ask for more millage or find revenue in other areas. That's how I'm looking at it."

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MCDONNELL

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provide a forum and welcoming atmosphere for suggestions, concerns and questions to be heard and seriously considered." **Observer: In what ways can the district save money?** LPS needs to reduce excessive consultant and legal fees. The district needs to bid for contract services more frequently and aggressively. We should develop a purchasing partnership with other schools and cities to gain savings and buying power. The district needs to carefully examine administrative overhead for savings. (I am the only candidate who spoke out against the superintendent's \$50,000 raise.) **Observer: What ideas do you**

have on how the district can raise revenue? We can save and raise revenues by creating consortiums with other districts for services and purchasing; providing unique programs to out-of-district students, thereby earning additional per pupil state aid; aggressively marketing rentals of vacant facilities; fees for off-hour public use of gymnasiums, athletic fields, libraries, computer labs, etc. Diligent pursuit of grant money is another untapped revenue source. **Observer: What strengths do you bring to the school board?** I have a strong background in finance, am familiar with public fund contract and bidding laws. As a parent, I know the strengths and weakness of our schools and how

they impact students. As a regular attendee of board meetings, I have an understanding and appreciation for the service of our teachers and other employees. I am very aware of the challenges facing our school district. **Observer: Why should residents vote for you?** I have attended board meetings for the past five years. I understand the district's budgeting and auditing procedures and am familiar with the board's ongoing business. I have listened to the concerns of parents, staff and community members and am committed to including them in resolving the district's challenges. I will bring a fresh approach to the board and will actively work to improve our children's educational opportunities.

SHELTER

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County Family Center opened in 1994 and can accommodate 24 families comprised of no more than 103 individuals. "It is an honor for the City of Westland to be chosen as the city in Michigan for this wonderful project," said Wild. "Times are tough in Westland and in Michigan as they are throughout the

country. People are utilizing shelters who just a few years ago had a pretty good life. The efforts of all involved, specifically Benjamin Moore and the local painters, are to be commended as they attempt to make the lives a little brighter for those utilizing the Wayne County Family Shelter." The Color Care Across America kicked off on Sept. 21. It will wrap up just before Thanksgiving in Washington, D.C. Benjamin Moore direc-

tor Carl Minchew said the Color Care program was inspired in part by President Barack Obama's call to service and also by the growing ranks of homeless. "It reflects the importance of forging partnerships between private enterprise and public service to find solutions for the kinds of issues that government no longer can afford to cope with alone," he said.

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LAURA

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outsourcing. It is necessary, however, to evaluate each source to determine if the needs of our students are being met and programs are cost-effective.

Administrative jobs should also be reviewed to determine if they can be reconstructed to obtain greater efficiency. **Observer: What ideas do you have on how the district can raise revenue?** Looking into outside resources, such as state and federal grants, developing community partnerships and exploring outsourcing. Some community partnerships are already in existence. Some city vehicles, for example, are presently being maintained by the school district. **Observer: What strengths do you bring to the school board?** Through the course of my career and the experience I have gained as a former school board member, I have developed positive people and listening skills. I will be able to influence my colleagues to work collaboratively

and during the 1996 election, the Livonia Observer stated, "... Nay is bright with strong communication skills that can make her a consensus builder and facilitator." (June 6, 1996) **Observer: Why should residents vote for you?** I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to the board because of the background and expertise I have which is necessary for this position. The experience that I have gained from my 40-plus years in education has afforded me various opportunities to increase my knowledge and understanding of a school district. Also, my tenure on the LPS school board has provided me with insight and experience of the inner workings and policy decisions of our large metropolitan district.



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GC museum members mourn the loss of David Presnell

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum are mourning the passing of David Presnell, a strong supporter of the organization and a major benefactor of the museum.

Mr. Presnell died Sept. 25 in Asheville, N.C., after a long struggle with heart disease. He was 79.

"They were an outstanding family, they did all kinds of things for the community," said Carol Bird, a Friends member who grew up with the Presnells. "Dave will be sorely missed. He was a major contributor to the farm house. He has been a Friends member since we started. He always encouraged us and never quit helping us."

According to Bird, the Presnell family came to Garden City in 1929-1930 and were "extremely civic minded." Mr. Presnell's father, Manasia (Mike), served on the school board. Mr. Presnell and his brother Mike were trumpeters who performed *Taps*, when needed, at city events.

The family was one of the first members of the First Baptist Church and Mr. Presnell's brother, Jim, was the pianist and later organist at the First Baptist Church. Jim Presnell as well as sister Loree both taught in the Dearborn Public Schools, and brother Tom is a former Wayne County commissioner.

The family lived on Hennepin and Beechwood before finally settling in a brick house



Posing for a picture in the Grand Parlour of the Straight Farm House are Loree Goodwin (from left), brother, the late David Presnell, his wife Maryann and s brother Tom Presnell.

built on the last sand hill in Garden City. According to Bird, the home on Cherry Hill west of Meriman was referred to as the sand hill house.

Mr. Presnell graduated from the University of Michigan School of Business in 1954. Shortly after, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served for two years at Far East Headquarters in Camp Zama, Japan.

A custom home builder in The Woodlands, Texas, he and wife Maryann worked together in the business. They were both active in the Greater Houston Home Builder's Association and the National Association of Home Builders. He

was named Builder of the Year in 1993 by the Greater Houston association and was its president in 1995.

The Presnells also had the honor of building the New American Home in The Woodlands for the NAHB Convention in 1997.

They retired to North Carolina in 2002.

While Mr. Presnell made a name for himself as a builder, he did not forget his roots. He and his wife were major benefactors of the Straight Farm House financially and contributed many items to the Garden City Historical Museum's archives.

"He had a relative in the auction business and

got us a candlestick telephone we really wanted for the museum and a dial phone," said Bird. "He also donated his personal trumpet and green glass to the museum."

The Presnells, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this year, also loved to travel. They went to Europe many times and several years ago visited the North Pole, Bird added.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Presnell is survived by his sister, Loree Goodwin of Asheville, and his brother, Tom of Westland. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hettie Standifer Presnell and Manasia Presnell and brothers Mike and Jim.

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Library throws itself a 15th birthday party

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland's William P. Faust Library is having a birthday and throwing a party to celebrate.

A celebration of the library's 15th anniversary with activities and tours is scheduled for noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the library located on Central City Parkway north of Ford.

"There is a committee working on it (the celebration). We're trying to find a Faust family member who could be here," said Library Director Sheila Collins.

The library is named for the late state senator William P. Faust, who was instrumental in obtaining state funding that allowed the library to be established and constructed. Known as an avid reader himself, Faust was a former Nankin Township supervisor. He served in the Michigan Senate from 1967-1994 and died in 1995.

Before the Faust Library was constructed on Central City Parkway, Westland had shared expenses for a library with the City of Wayne. The agreement dated back to 1926 when Wayne was a village and Westland was Nankin Township. The joint library, the Wayne-Nankin Library, was established in 1926.

After Westland incorporated as a city, the library became the Wayne-Westland Library. Having moved from rented facilities in several different locations, the library moved to a permanent home on Sims in Wayne in 1957.

The shared library continued operating until May 1996 when a new Wayne Library opened. In November 1996, the Faust Library opened.

Along with refreshments

and music, the library party will start with a trivia game, crafts and comments from local dignitaries. Present and past library board members have been invited to attend along with Friends of the Library members, library volunteers, city officials, Wayne-Westland Schools officials and staff, various community groups and the general public.

"We will have library tours for people who want a more in-depth idea of what we have here," said Collins.

The library will also be unveiling a new program — the often requested e-books program that will allow library patrons to download electronic versions of books to electronic reading devices such as Kindles. The books would be checked out for specific periods of time similar to traditional print books. The e-books will be available to the public beginning Nov. 30.

Guests at the library birthday party may also get the first look at an addition proposed to the 24,400-square foot library building, which was modeled after the Carnegie libraries of the early 1900s.

"There are various ideas for the addition. They haven't been firmed up yet. It would be a computer server room — more like a computer lab," said Collins. "There would be more space for public access computers and a conference room."

There is a great demand for public access computers at libraries, Collins said, especially with the current economy and high unemployment.

In fact, the library offers ongoing job seekers assistance programs.

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Larceny

Three stock wheels and tires were reported stolen from a 2008 Chevrolet Impala while it was parked overnight Oct. 20 at the Colonial Village Apartments on North Wayne Road.

The vehicle was found sitting on blocks and missing the wheels and tires on the passenger side and on the front driver side.

Break-in

A wedding dress, several laptop computers and \$3,000 in gold jewelry were reported sto-

len in the break-in of a home in the 34000 Block of Dayton Court Oct. 22.

The resident told police that someone broke into the home between 9 p.m. Oct. 22 and noon Oct. 23. She believes the culprit pushed in a window air conditioner to gain entrance. She found her belongings scattered around the house. The window also was closed and the air conditioner missing.

Larceny

Four rims and tires were stolen from a vehicle while it was parked in the 37000 block of Fountain Park Circle Oct. 18. The owner

found his car sitting on bricks. He valued the tires and rims at \$800.

Break-in

A resident in the 2200 block of Gilchrist suspects her 20-year-old son may have broken into her home while she was at work on Oct. 17. The son, who doesn't live with her, has stolen from her in the past, she said.

The woman told police a pair of earrings she had left on the microwave oven were missing. She found pry marks on the entry door inside an enclosed porch and utility gloves and a screwdriver, possibly taken

from the garage, in the home. There also was a wooden pole with a small flag in the home and furniture had been moved.

The woman said her son had just been released from jail and she had picked him up and dropped him off in Wayne. She said she had brought him home to do work in exchange for picking him up. The work had not been completed when she left for work, but when she came home, it was finished.

The woman the culprit apparently also ate some cheese slices, leaving the wrappers in the refrigerator.

GC man to stand trial for sexual assaults

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A Garden City man will be in Wayne County Circuit Court Monday, Oct. 31, for arraignment on charges stemming from the sexual assault of two young females.

Westland District Court Judge Mark McConnell ordered

Alejandro Tovar-Mendez, 25, bound over for trial following two preliminary



Tovar-Mendez

hearings on cases involving the sexually assault of a 22-year-old woman in the Hunter-Central City Parkway area of Westland in September 2010 and of a 14-year-old girl outside Edison Elementary School on Hunter at Wildwood on Sept. 23.

Held in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond, Tovar-Mendez has been charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct, 15-year felonies, and one count of assault with the intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, a 10-year felony, in the September 2010 incident.

He also has been charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct second degree, one count of assault with the intent to commit criminal sexual conduct and armed robbery in the Sept. 23 attack. The robbery charge, a felony punishable by up to life in prison, involves the theft of the victim's cell phone.

Tovar-Mendez had been

identified as a suspect in the 2010 incident but there had not been sufficient evidence to charge him. Based on a description supplied by the teenager, he was again identified as the suspect in the Sept. 23 assault, said Westland Police Sgt. Brian Miller.

The 14-year-old girl told police she was on the school grounds about 8:20 p.m. when she was approached by a man who initially made small talk with her. He then asked the girl if she wanted to kiss him, but she turned him down and began to walk away.

"He tackled her, sprayed her in the face with Mace, ripped her shirt open and groped her," Miller had said. "She tried to use her cell phone. He grabbed the phone and fled."

"She (the victim) did an excellent job. She gave us a detailed description that helped in getting him identified," he added.

The similarity of the two attacks have police wondering if there may be other victims. A photograph of Tovar-Mendez was released following the hearings in hopes that people who had contact with the defendant will call police.

"Because both crimes were relatively similar in appearance and in the same area, there may be other people out there who didn't report an attack to the police," said Miller.

People with information can call Westland police at (734) 722-9600.

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Jewelry found missing in home break-in

Break-in

A homeowner in the 30000 block of Bock reported more than \$3,000 in jewelry had

GARDEN CITY been taken from the home between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Oct. 25. There were no signs of forced entry, according to police.

Suspicious vehicle

Garden City police were called about 2 a.m. Oct. 25 to a church at Venoy and Marquette by neighbors who reported a suspicious vehicle in the lot.

"Investigating officers found the vehicle occupied by four people," said Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery.

A computer check

revealed one of the occupants was wanted on a felony warrant for larceny out of Detroit. The 22-year-old Detroit man also had warrants for retail fraud and assaulting an officer. He was arrested and held for Detroit police.

Home invasion

A homeowner in the 31000 block of Birchlawn called police after he discovered the front door of the home had been forced open. The resident reported the break-in occurred between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 25. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the home.

Stolen car

A resident in the 33000 block of John Hauk reported Oct. 21 that his

2008 Ford van had been stolen overnight.

The man told police the vehicle, which contained work tools, had been parked outside at 9 p.m. the previous night and when he returned at 8 a.m. the next morning the vehicle was gone.

Welfare check

Officers responded to check the welfare of a 28-year-old Westland man Oct. 22 in the lot of GJ's Diner at 33003 Ford after callers reported the man was slumped over the wheel of a car.

Officers were able to awaken the man who seemed dazed and confused. While talking to officers, the man repeatedly ignored warnings to stop reaching into his pockets.

Out of concern for their safety, the officers searched the man and discovered a quantity of marijuana. The man was arrested and cited.

Attempted break-in

A resident walking his dog at 2 a.m. Oct. 22 heard banging coming from the car wash at 28016 Ford Road. Upon closer inspection, the man observed that two men appeared to be attempting to break the lock off of the coin box on a vacuum cleaner.

The witness called police but the men fled prior to their arrival.

Entry was not gained into the coin box, but officers did recover a hammer that has been submitted for forensic examination.

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Paddling down the Rouge wasn't easy but definitely encouraging

Well, we did it. It took us pretty much most of the daylight hours over a three-day period, but we were able to canoe the Rouge River from Canton all the way to Dearborn — a journey of about 22 river miles. Of course, along the way we had to duck under, climb over, or trudge around well over a hundred logjams of varying size. But we did it.



Kurt Kuban

And I'm happy to report that nobody in our group of about a dozen foolhardy souls died or was seriously injured during our exploratory venture.

The group — which included myself, members of Friends of the Rouge, and some officials from Wayne County, Canton Township and the city of Wayne — shoved off on the morning of Friday, Oct. 7 at Beck Road in the western portion of Canton. On Sunday evening, just as the sun was setting in the west, we pulled up near Fairlane, Henry Ford's historic estate in Dearborn.

Ford's estate, located on the campus of U-of-M Dearborn, sits majestically on the main branch of the Rouge River, near its confluence with the Lower Rouge River, which is the branch we floated on. Our trip took us through most of Canton, Wayne, a portion of Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and finally Dearborn.

Day one was perhaps the most grueling. The river is smaller in western Canton, and it winds quite a bit. As a result, it is just littered with fallen timber that has creat-



Sally Petrella, Bill Craig and Kurt Kuban got out of the canoes to check out the man-made wetlands in Inkster, which is home to more frog and toad species than anywhere in the Rouge River watershed, according to Petrella.

ed dozens and dozens of logjams. That meant us finding any means necessary to get past each one — many had to be portaged around. We quickly became experts at figuring out either to duck under, pull over or just get out and walk around the logjams. By the end of the day, we had only made it to Lilly Road, which was far short of reaching our goal of getting half way through Wayne. We were also very sore.

Day two began at Lilly and we made our way east, traveling under I-275 and towards Hannan Road and into the city of Wayne. There weren't as many logjams as the previous day. By the end of the day, we had reached Wayne Road, where we pulled out at Goudy Park — the site of a dam, which was appropriate because this dam (under Wayne Road) was the reason for our trip in the first place. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources long ago declared the dam a nuisance, because it impairs the ability of fish to move up and down the river to spawn. More significantly it is the only dam on

the Lower Branch of the Rouge.

After years of efforts to find the money for the project, it was recently announced that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Great Lake Restoration Initiative would provide grant money to remove the dam, most likely in 2012.

Friends of the Rouge, a group with a long history of trying to save the Rouge, saw the dam removal project as a way to also promote the recreational opportunities of the river, especially fishing and canoeing. That's when the idea for our trip was hatched.

So at the end of day two, a couple of us decided to shoot over the dam, which is only about six feet high. Fortunately we survived. While it now seems foolish, it was pretty exhilarating at the time.

Day three was by far the most rewarding. Because of the work volunteers have been doing over the last decade or so, most of the river is open through the city of Wayne, east of Wayne Road. We actually got to paddle continuously for



Sue Thompson and Bill Craig canoe in Canton Township.

very long stretches, making it to Inkster Road by lunch. We paddled on into Dearborn Heights. At Telegraph Road, we had a debate. It was about 4:30 p.m. The plan had been to take out there, and finish the trip on a fourth day. Some of us wanted to complete the journey that day though — Fairlane was only a couple miles away. We took a vote, and we decided to finish the trip that day. It was a great decision, because as we pulled up at Henry Ford's elegant home next to a large waterfall he built on the river, there was a perfect sunset. It was an appropriate end of our journey.

I have to say, I have been on a few adventures in my day, including some backpacking trips out West and back country camping trips in Canada, and this three day paddling excursion on the Rouge ranks right up

there. It was tough, but in the end it was a memorable accomplishment.

This was all about letting the public know of the potential of the Rouge River — and its recreational possibilities. I can say without any hesitation, this long forgotten and ill-treated river is on its way back. It could be a great resource and add to the quality of life of our area, especially in the communities it passes through. It also goes through a really nice forested corridor, which in many places is reminiscent of northern Michigan. Over the course of our three day adventure, we saw plenty of wildlife. There were plenty of fish in Canton, including some big pike. We saw deer and raccoons, mink and plenty of species of birds, including some egrets and blue herons that squawked at us for disturbing them when

we got out of the canoes and visited a really nice man-made wetlands area in Inkster.

The Rouge River is never going to be the AuSable or the Manistee, two of the most beautiful and popular rivers in the state. Or even the Huron for that matter. The Rouge River watershed is home to more than a million people. And that many people cause lots of problems for a river like the Rouge — storm water runoff, garbage, and even dumping of raw sewage (which we found a couple cases of in Dearborn Heights). But the Lower Rouge could be a real nice canoe route, especially from Canton to Inkster Road. It is something that Canton, Wayne, Westland and Inkster should really try to promote, not to mention Wayne County, which owns most of the land along the river.

With a little more attention, it could be a nice draw to our area. It is in our backyard. If we were able to make it a viable canoe route, which I really believe is a possibility, it would be a heck of a legacy to leave to future generations.

For those of you who might be interested in checking out part of the route, Friends of the Rouge is leading a group canoe float from Wayne Road to Inkster Road on Saturday, Oct. 29. People should have some moderate experience in a canoe. Anyone interested in canoeing with the group Saturday should call Sally Petrella at (313) 792-9621.

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Wayne High goes all out for Homecoming



Showing his spirit was the Zebra, the Wayne High mascot.

There were cheers and tears as Wayne Memorial High School students celebrated Homecoming last week.

The cheers were for Erika Culey who was crowned as Homecoming queen during half-time festivities Friday evening. Members of the court also included Cassidy Burns, Jessica Fischer, Diamond Knight and Emily Luke.

Students prepared for the annual gridiron classic with a pep assembly on Thursday in which they tested their skills in events like the tug-of-war in which was won by the high school staff, and showed their creativity in float making to the theme of Blast from the Past. The drama department walked away with first place with its 1920s themed float, while the juniors and seniors tied for second place.

The excitement, however, wasn't enough to help their beloved Zebras win in a contest against Redford Thurston which came back after being down 12-3 in the first half to win 44-20.

Capping off the week-long celebration was the homecoming dance in



The Homecoming court included Cassidy Burns (front row, from left), Homecoming queen Erika Culey, Jessica Fischer, Diamond Knight and Emily Luke. Their escorts for the pep assembly were Dylan Dottor (standing, from left), Cody Allen, Dean Caldwell, Khallid Wooten and Zach Williamson.

which more than 1,000 students attending.

"Our kids were amazing, they were just wonderful," said Assistant Principal Jessica Schultz.



Cheerleaders Chelsey Roe, Jennifer Troost and Kayia Perdue show encouragement for their fellow seniors during the friendly competition.



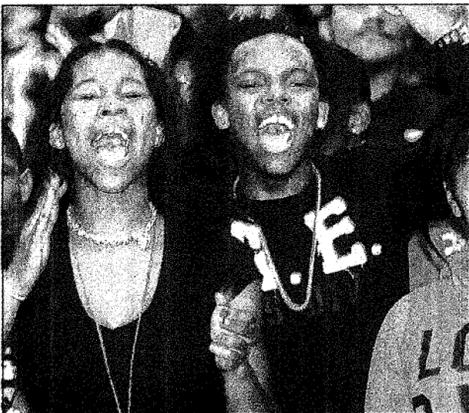
The Wayne Memorial High School marching band helps get students revved up for the pep assembly's class competition.



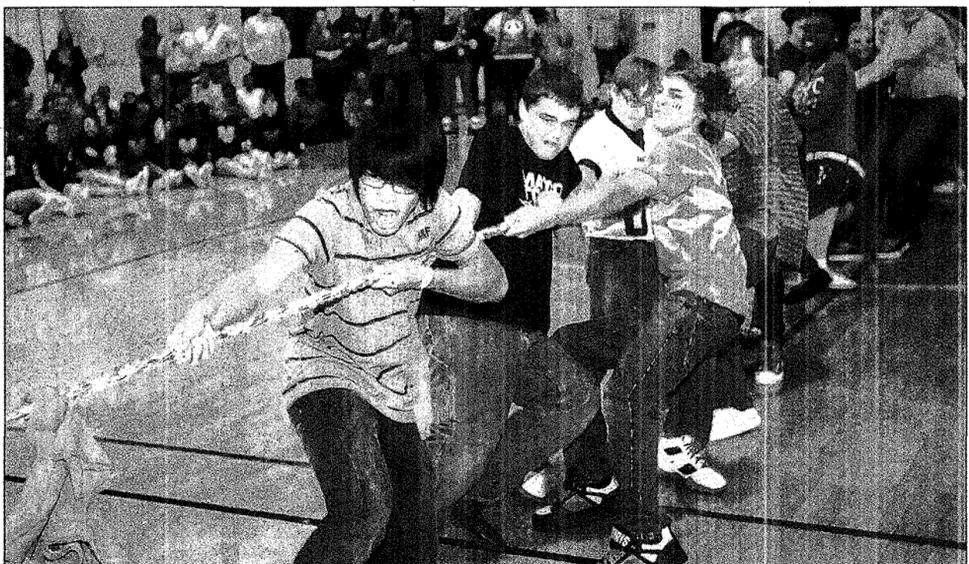
Freshman Freeman Ogburn shows off his fancy footwork during a performance by the step team.



Juniors showed they had the cheer power during the class competition.



Seniors Shaniell Heminway and Ronald Rhan cheer for their classmates during the pep assembly.



Sophomores Joseph Gatton, Tim Nicholson and Kevin Marc were on the winning end of the rope in the Tug-O-War.



Senior Amber Smith lets everyone know she's a member of the Class of 2012.

October is National Book Group Month

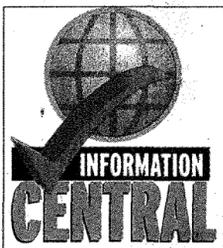
There are several book discussion groups currently established at the Westland Public Library for all ages.

The Adult Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The book club is reading *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss for November. The Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. and is reading Alastair Reynolds' *Revelation Space* for November. The discussion groups are open to anyone who is interested - just read the book and join the discussion!

There are also library book clubs for teens and children. The Teen Book Club is for anyone in grades 7 and up, and meets on the last Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Children's book clubs include a Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Club, Third and Fourth Grade Book Club, First and Second Grade Book Club and a Family Book Club. Please visit the children's website/inquire about the children's book clubs in the children's department at the library.

Information on the books each discussion group and book selections can be found on the event calendar.

The library offers Book Club in a Bag kits sponsored by the Friends of the Westland Public Library. The kits provide everything you need to host your own book club. Kits include at least five copies of a title, an author biography, a reading guide and other information about the book. Kits can be checked out for eight weeks at a time. Ask for Book Club in a Bag kits at the Refer-



ence Desk. A full list of titles can be found on the library website at <http://www.westlandlibrary.org/read/bag>

A number of books also are available at the Westland library about planning for book groups including *The Reading Group Handbook: Everything You Need to Know to Start Your Own Book Club* by Rachel Jacobson, *A Year of Reading: A Month-by-Month Guide to Classics and Crowd-Pleasers for You and Your Book Group* by Elisabeth Ellington and Jane Freimiller and *Recipe for a Book Club: A Monthly Guide for Hosting Your Own Reading Group: Menus & Recipes, Featured Authors, Suggested Readings, and Topical Questions* by Mary O'Hare and Rose Storey.

There are also a number of Bibliographies/Bookmarks available for lists of reading on different subjects and genres. Please inquire at the Reference Desk.

If you don't have time to join a book club, you might like Dear Reader, an online book club that sends a five-minute portion of a book to your e-mail every day. Read at home, at work, or at school. Pick the types of books you like and start reading with us every morning. Each week starts with a new book. This service is free, no

library card required! Follow the Dear Reader link on the Book Discussion Group page of the library's website to access the site.

For more information about book clubs or interested in joining one, stop by or call the library for more information at (734) 326-6123. The library is open seven days a week. And you can always visit us 24/7 at westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class: 9:30 a.m. Oct. 28, Adults
Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes

run through Nov. 4. Students with children are welcome!

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. Oct. 28, Adults

This week's movies is *Win Win* about a struggling lawyer and volunteer wrestling coach's chicanery that comes back to haunt him when the teenage grandson of the client he's double-crossed comes into his life. This movie is rated R. Snacks and refreshments are available. Trivia and prizes before the movie.

Halloween Babytime Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Oct. 29, Babies (birth to 24 months), caregivers and older siblings
We invite you to wear your costumes to this Halloween Babytime Storytime! Enjoy 15 minutes

of spooky (but not too spooky) stories, rhymes and songs. Then... we invite you to trick-or-treat at several stations throughout the library. Open to all babies and their families; no registration required.

Halloween Creative Craft: 1 p.m. Oct. 30, Children ages 4-12

Join us for an afternoon of Halloween crafts! Everything you need is ready and waiting for you. There will be a harder craft for the older children and an easier one for the younger ones. No registration is needed. Come any time between 1 and 4 p.m.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.
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puter classes are offered all year long as well as one-on-one classes. Contact the library to find out more. Call (734) 326-6123

The library's 15th anniversary celebration is Nov. 5.

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

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Golden Gala kicks off Schoolcraft's 50th anniversary celebrations

Throughout the 2011-12 academic year Schoolcraft College will host a variety of events and sponsor a number of activities in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the college's founding on Oct. 24, 1961.

On Saturday, the celebration began in earnest with more than 900 people attending The Golden Gala: Ever Upward event on the college's main campus in Livonia.

The evening started with the opportunity for attendees to take a tour of the campus to experience how much has changed in the past 50 years. "What started out as a cornfield now is a bustling campus with 36,000 students, 10 buildings, all filled with state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, and the technology needed to support learning in the 21st century," said Gregory Stempfen, chair of the board of trustees.

Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, said it is important for the school to reflect on its 50-year history and success. "Because of the commitment of faculty, staff, administration and, most importantly, the community, we have provided edu-



Brenda Cronin, nursing instructor, demonstrates the realism of Baby Hal during the campus tour prior to the start of the Golden Gala. Baby Hal is a simulation mannequin used in the Health Professions Simulation Lab for training nursing and EMT/paramedic students on the treatment of infants.



Students in the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts program engage with guests, describing their culinary creations, during the Strolling Dinner through the college's state-of-the-art kitchens and the American Harvest Restaurant.

cation and training for tens of thousands of people across Michigan and throughout the world, including many of the leading professionals working in our community today.

"As we look forward to our next 50 years, we continue to find innovative ways to educate and inspire students to achieve more than they thought possible."

A welcome reception featuring hors d'oeuvres sponsored by the college's renowned culinary arts program was followed by opening ceremonies. In addition to several proclamations from local, state and federal institutions,

Schoolcraft College's Choral Union performed the college's hymn, *Look Ever Upward*, under the direction of Jonathan Drake. The 25th Anniversary Time Capsule was opened and the 50th Anniversary Time Capsule was sealed. Items in the time capsule from 25 years ago included an IBM PC operating manual and a newspaper from Oct. 24, 1986, with a headline reporting record profits for Ford Motor Co. A specially commissioned piece of artwork, commissioned by Sarah Olsen, professor of art at Schoolcraft, was unveiled.

Following a strolling dinner and interna-

tional coffee bar presented by the college's Culinary Arts program and Food Services, the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Riccardo Selva, and local favorite, Fifty Amp Fuse, provided entertainment and the opportunity for dancing until midnight.

A highlight of the evening occurred at 10 p.m. with the lighting and ceremonial ringing of the college's famous Bell Tower. A musical lightshow featuring Aaron Copeland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, performed by the Schoolcraft College Synthesizer, under the direction of Barton Polot, capped off the

official activities for the night at the base of the tower at 10 p.m.

Throughout the evening guests visited the special 50th Anniversary Historical Exhibit Hall, sponsored by alumna Dr. Gary Gable and his wife, Lisa. Featured were 10 special displays highlighting the evolution of the college's Athletics, Business Development Center, Children's Center and Child and Family Services Department, Continuing Education and Professional Development, Culinary Arts, Mathematics Department, Nursing, Public Safety (Criminal Justice, Fire Technology, EMT/Paramedic and Homeland Security), Sciences, and Transition Center, in addition to the early years of the college and the college in general through the past 50 years.

Gable, the college's Distinguished Alumni honoree in 2010, said of the celebration, "It is really impossible to say what the best part of the celebration is. I think that overall the collective impact this wonderful institution has had on so many former students who came here not knowing what their future held and the direction they received is the best part."

"We have 12 people in our group tonight, five of whom have direct ties to the college as students themselves or their children are graduates," said Gable. "We are all so proud and excited by this opportunity to show off this wonderful institution to our friends and family this evening."

The Golden Gala event marks the beginning of a year-long celebration of the college's contribution to the community. A complete listing of all the events and activities celebrating Schoolcraft College's 50th anniversary throughout the entire 2011-12 academic year can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/50.

Westland, St. Mary Mercy partner for MJR benefit

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the City of Westland are partnering on a fundraiser called, "Lights, Camera and Take Action!" - a pre-grand-opening event at the new state-of-the-art MJR Westland Grand Digital Cinema. The fundrais-

er will support St. Mary Mercy Hospital's health programs offered in the Westland community.

The exclusive event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the new MJR Cinema at 6800 N. Wayne Road. The public is welcome.

Guests of all ages will enjoy the star treatment as the red carpet rolled out for a movie-magic evening including a sneak peek at the new theatre, a chance to see the season's latest films, taste sensations from area restaurants, kids' activities

like face painting, magic and more. Each guest will also receive free pop, popcorn and a "swag bag" of goodies. The evening promises fun for the whole family, offering a hint of Hollywood in a casual setting.

"It is with much enthu-

siasm that I announce a recent collaboration between the City of Westland, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, local businesses and residents to launch Westland's healthy city campaign," said Mayor William Wild. "The Passport to a Healthy City promotes healthy, active lifestyles through education, diet and fitness resulting in being one of the healthiest cities in America."

"It is a stellar example of how strong partnerships help to improve the health of our communities and ensure that everyone has access to the health care they need," added David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

In 2010, St. Mary Mercy Livonia partnered with dedicated local organizations to provide nearly \$11 million in low-cost and free health programs

and services. Approximately 98,000 individuals residing in the Wayne County area benefited from services, such as mammograms and prostate cancer screening, fitness programs, diabetes prevention classes, heart health education programs, and transportation to and from treatments and procedures with the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Transportation Program.

Tickets for "For the Lights, Camera and Take Action!" are \$40 each, or a Family Fun Pak for up to four guests is \$100. Corporate sponsorships also are available. For tickets or more information, call the St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Development Office at (734) 655-2980. Tickets also are available on the second floor of the Westland City Hall on Ford west of Wayne Road.

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Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

180: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 10/3/11.

- Appr. Salvation Army to "Ring the Bell" on various dates Wayne & Warren Rds.

- Appr. of 4 60 month leases for 4 multi-function color copier/scanner/fax/printers; 3 @ \$110.75/month & 1 @ \$164.38/month.

- Appr. 1 yr. contract exts. for road gravel, sand, slag etc. bids.

- Intro. Ord. 254-B, to amend Ch. 34, Art. II of City Code by amending Sec. 34-32, 34-35, & 34-36 to address payments in lieu of taxes by Federally Assisted Housing Developments.

- Adopted Resolution to declare 22nd of each month as "Day of Peace & Healing."

- Adopted Proclamation to proclaim Nov. 2011 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month".

- Appr. new mechanical amusement license for MJR Theater, 6800 N. Wayne Rd.

181: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. addition to Avita Carpet, 36111 Ford Rd. w/contingencies.

182: App't'd B. Johnson to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr. term to exp. 10/20/14.

184: App't. T. Scott as Republican member on Bd. of Canvassers.

185 Appr. checklist: \$423,115.73 & Prepaid: \$4,050,867.91.

Mtg. adj. at 8:30 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President
Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Tips for parents of teen drivers

The years have flown by. They knew the day would come but, in a new State Farm survey, more than half of parents say they did not feel prepared when it came time to teach their teens to drive.

Parents have the greatest influence on safe teen driving behavior, but only a third of teens rate their parents as "very good" driving instructors and 60 percent of parents admit to being nervous about teaching their teen to drive.

In response to that, State Farm has launched unprecedented educational tools for all parents and teens to learn safer driving. These free tools are available to everyone - whether they are a State Farm customer or not - at teendriving.statefarm.com.

"These online tools are the latest in State Farm's \$20 million commitment to reducing teen driving related crashes and deaths," said Laurette Stiles, vice president of strategic resources at State Farm. "It's our privilege to make them accessible to everyone, at no charge, as part of our efforts to help teens drive more safely."

The new tools include:

- **Road Trips™:** This first-of-its-kind, interactive, web-based tool helps parents build practice drives, log progress and increase communication with their teen. Through the Road Trips tool, parents receive tip sheets on critical driving skills in addition to three-minute tutorials on how to teach these skills. Parents also can track and log required parent-supervised driving hours, skills learned, and rate the driving performance of their teens.

- **Road Aware™:** According to research from McKnight and McKnight, approximately 43 percent of crashes caused by teen drivers are due to the teen's inability to anticipate and adjust to potential hazards. Road Aware provides teens with a safe platform to develop and hone their hazard perception skills as drivers, without exposing them to crashes.

Road Aware encourages deep processing by asking teens to visualize where hidden risks are located, rather than simply showing them the risk. This engagement increases the likelihood that these lessons will be transferred to long-term memory and practiced on the road.

State Farm is offering an incentive for parents who are among the first to explore Road Trips - a chance to win a 2012 Ford Focus SE.

For more information, or to check out additional resources available for parents and teens to become safer drivers and enter for a chance to win a new family car, visit teendriving.statefarm.com/. Join the conversation and connect with State Farm on Facebook and Twitter.

What moms want

Ask U.S. moms with children under six what motherhood moment they most want to relive, and almost seven in 10 (68 percent) say it was the instant they first held their child.

That's according to a recent survey of more than 1,000 moms conducted on behalf of ComfortsForBaby.com, a website for Kroger's line of baby products designed as a resource and community for moms.

And while moms would

love to go back in time to hold their newborns again, that's not to say that every moment of parenting is perfect. Some other key findings:

- Give moms an extra hour in their day and almost half said they would either catch up on their reading (23 percent) or sleep (22 percent). Just 7 percent said they'd opt for a little romance.

- When polled about the worst place to have to change a baby's diaper, nearly half (47 percent) agreed that a public restroom with no changing table is difficult, while one in four (27 percent) pointed to the occasions in public when no restroom or car were available. Airplane bathrooms were cited by 18 percent.

- Diaper leaks were a source of embarrassment for mothers, noted by 14 percent of those surveyed. For the majority of moms (52 percent), however, the moments when they were most mortified in public were over unrelenting crying or tantrums. Twelve percent pointed to the time when their child asked an embarrassing question about a stranger.

- And while most moms try to keep their children on a schedule, one in two (50 percent) said outside activities and social commitments are what wreak havoc on family schedules. And even among employed mothers, outside activities are still the biggest barrier to keeping a schedule (46 percent), while one in four (27 percent) pointed to work as the biggest hurdle.

For more parenting information concerning babies and toddlers and to engage with a community of moms, visit ComfortsForBaby.com.



The winner of the cupcake competition gets to present Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson with the winning design prior to the show.

Cupcake Station up for circus honor

Barnum 200SM invites metro Detroiters with a penchant for all things sweet and circus-themed to attend the Barnum 200SM Birthday Cupcake Bash from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Nov. 9, inside the Wintergarden at Detroit's GM Renaissance Center.

The event puts the icing on top of Barnum 200SM, the biggest birthday bash in circus history, coming Nov. 9-13, to the Palace of Auburn Hills. Barnum 200SM celebrates P.T. Barnum's 200th birthday. Those attending the Birthday Cupcake Bash, prior to the show's opening night, will have a chance to enjoy sweet treats, receive free show vouchers and more.

Highlighting metro area cupcake bakeries, including Plymouth's Cupcake Station, Detroit's

Birthday Cupcake Bash contestants will compete cupcake-to-cupcake to design a creative and innovative Barnum 200SM themed birthday monument using only 200 pre-baked cupcakes.

Their creations will be judged by local media and celebrities, based on original design, attention to detail, taste and connectivity to the circus.

The creations are limited only by participants' imaginations.

The winner will serve as the guest announcer welcoming audiences on opening night, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, for Barnum 200SM. Additionally, the winning pastry chef will have the opportunity to present Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson with the winning design prior to the show. Participating judges

for the BARNUM 200SM Birthday Cupcake Bash include Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson of Barnum 200SM; Ashlee Baracy, Local 4 Traffic, WDIV; Joe Hakim, co-founder, TheHungryDudes.com; Annette Janik, Detroit community manager, Yelp.com; Chef Tom Keshishian, host of Dining in the D (PBS).

Barnum 200SM takes place Nov. 9-13. Tickets start at \$13 with a limited number of VIP floor seats also available starting at \$35. All seats are reserved and available at www.Ringling.com, Ticketmaster or the Palace of Auburn Hills box office.

For more information or to connect with participating cupcake bakeries or judges, contact Stephanie Casola at (313) 567-5048 or casola@franco.com.

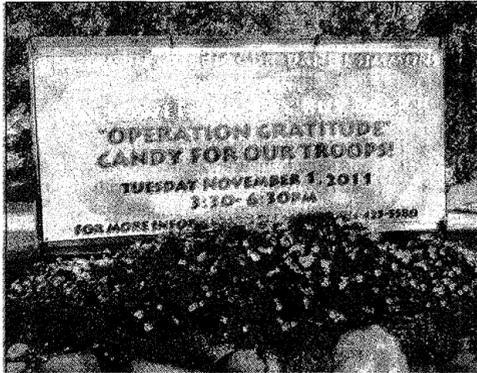
Dentists buy back Halloween candy

Westland dentists Dr. Shawn Morris and Dr. Daniel Simmons are hoping children and their parents can help them put a smile on the faces of U.S. troops who are serving overseas.

The dentists know the damaging effect of too much candy on children's teeth, so this Halloween they're hoping a cash incentive will get kids to pick out their favorite snacks and turn the rest of the candy at their office.

In addition, the children will receive a new Firefly glow in the dark toothbrush and a goody bag of donated gifts - there's a limit one per child while supplies last. They will also get a chance to win one of two Nano iPods in a raffle they're holding. Participants need not be present to win.

It's easy to participate. On the first Tuesday after Halloween - Nov. 1 - bring your child or children and the unopened candy they want to donate to the office of Morris, Simmons and Associates at 32363 Ann



The sign says it all as dentists Dr. Shawn Morris and Dr. Daniel Simmons get ready to buy back Halloween candy at their office at 32363 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Arbor Trail, Westland between the hours of 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The staff will weigh the candy and pay each child \$1 per pound of candy - there's a five pound per child maximum. The dentists will provide the \$1 per pound for the first 1,000 pounds of candy received.

The dentists also are encouraging adult participation by donating leftover candy as well. All of the candy collected will

be shipped to U.S. troops overseas via Operation Gratitude.w

This is the third year the dentists had offered the Halloween Candy Buyback Program. Last year's event brought in almost 200 pounds of candy for the troops and the hope is to double that amount this year.

For more information, call the office at (734) 425-5580 or send an e-mail to morris-simmons@sbcglobal.net.

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OUR VIEWS

Voter ID

Showing identification is a reasonable safeguard

The power of the individual's vote is sacrosanct in our democracy. So it stands to reason that there should be unfettered access to the voting booth and that all votes should be legitimate and accurately counted.

Since the Florida presidential recount 11 years ago, accurate votes have come into question, particularly in recounts of high-profile races across the country, such as the long ordeal that preceded a U.S. Senate seat finally awarded to Al Franken, previously best known as a comedian on *Saturday Night Live*.

But the legitimacy of the votes themselves comes under fire from both Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats generally push for more access to polls, through such initiatives as no-excuse absentee ballots and extended voting periods that allow people to cast ballots several days before election day. When Republicans oppose these changes, they are sometimes accused of trying to restrict voting access for likely Democratic voters.

For their part, Republicans think the liberalized voting agenda is really a nationwide plan to co-opt the election process by peppering voting lists with ineligible, nonexistent or easily manipulated voters. Republicans prefer rules, such as photo identification, that substantiate that the prospective voter is, indeed, who he says he is. Democrats suggest that such actions are ways to not only discourage but also to intimidate likely Democrats, such as the urban poor, from voting.

These are broad generalizations, to be sure. In Michigan, for instance, some Republican county clerks and secretaries of state favor more liberalized rules for registering voters and absentee voting. Nonetheless, the party positives are usually staked out as we've described them.

What's significant, though, is that for all the fear of voter shenanigans, there is scant evidence of actual voter fraud. Yes, there are stories of multiple people registered at a single, perhaps vacant, building. And, yes, there were some stories of inappropriate names gathered on voter registration lists.

But a wrongly gathered name isn't the same as an illegal vote. Without better evidence of voter fraud, Republicans look like they are merely trying to use scare tactics as a political weapon.

For all the Democratic arguments about the barriers to voting, the facts don't bear them out. Yes, voting can be terribly light in some elections. But in others — in the same communities — the turnout is significantly higher. If people can find a way to vote in November, particularly in bad weather after waiting in long lines, then the reason they don't vote in August is because they aren't interested — not because they are held back.

For that reason, we've never bought into the Democratic objections to the relatively new Michigan law that requires voters to provide photo identification. We just don't see how that is an unjustifiable obstacle to voting. Rather, it increases the likelihood that the right person is voting in the correct precinct.

Such laws can go too far, such as the case in another state where a number of nuns were not allowed to vote because they didn't have a driver's license or other pictured ID.

But Michigan law has provisions to prevent such an occurrence. If the voter doesn't have a driver's license, he or she can obtain a state-issued identification card. Failing that, the voter merely needs to sign an affidavit at the polls that verifies his or her identification.

In a society that demands photo ID to cash a check or board a plane, Michigan's law is a reasonable step toward ensuring that only legitimate ballots are cast.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think would improve the economy and create jobs in America?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



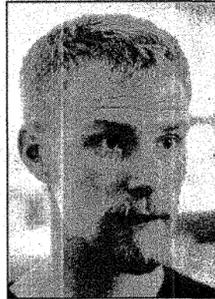
"Don't raise taxes. If you raise taxes on businesses, they won't hire people."
Evangeline Kabacin
Detroit



"I think we should change governors, that's what I think we should do. I think maybe our mayor (William Wild) should run for governor."
Mary Pardo
Westland



"I think they should bring back our jobs from overseas."
Conrad Gomez
San Antonio, Texas



"Help out the small businesses, I would imagine."
Dennis Diekman
Wayne

LETTERS

Not enforcing laws

When I read the papers and blogs each day and see that the Obama administration is again not enforcing the immigration laws of our country, I wonder if Barack Obama told the American people that is fine to go to Iran, enter that country illegally and protest their customs. To practice our own religious beliefs and demand that the Iranian government adopt our language to make it easier for us to tap into their resources, such as free health care, free housing, free food and cash from their government. Just how do you think that would fly with the Iranian government? You can apply this to Mexico as well.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Report the truth

I am writing to you about your article in the *Observer* on elections. I have to say if you are a reporter then you should report the truth that is true and not the truth as you see it, like ACORN.

ACORN may have had some issues that weren't on the up and up but for the most part they tried and did to do good. The good was going into poorer and less fortunate areas to aide people with transporta-

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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tion. Many poor people don't have transportation to get to registration places or may be to elderly to drive. And, there were those that had never been registered to vote that were helped. ... Certain politicians didn't care for the ACORN group because the felt the poor would vote mostly for the opposition so they tried for years to rid themselves of the ACORN problem and were finally successful. If you did you research as you should before writing such an article on a subject you would know that ACORN was a good organization and not what it was portrayed to be. You may have been right on the other matter you mention the

fake Tea Party, I really don't know much about that matter only what I've heard so I wouldn't judge on that issue.

If you truly want to talk about election fraud, you need to look at our voting machines in this country that have no paper trail and can be hacked by anyone with just a minimal knowledge of computers and dollars. There is much proof out there but you have to be willing to look as a reporter should do. As for election fraud, by any other means is just another ploy to make people think it's a real problem when you and I know it is NOT. It's just scare tactics by those afraid of losing to the opposite party.

So, Ms. Mason, can we see an article on voting machines and the actual fraud involved that is truly and REALLY a fraud issue in this country? Then I will think you can actually report and that you are not of a certain political party as a reporter should be. You are a reporter and should report the facts regardless of party.

Tommie Beck
Garden City

P.S. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson should be worried about the same voting machine fraud issues, but I don't feel that will happen because of her party affiliation.

GUEST COLUMN

Don't cut, gut no fault laws

By **Terry Cochran**
Guest Columnist

Michigan has a highly-functional No Fault Law that serves as a legislative model for other states. Yet our lawmakers, in a heedless and needless rush to cut costs, are proposing changes that will harm those most in need of assistance. Shouldn't we have to say this but if it's not broke, please, please don't fix it.



Terry Cochran

Michigan's No Fault Law provides for a privately funded system to provide lifetime Personal Injury Protection (PIP) by providing full injury and rehabilitation benefits to restore to them as much as possible the quality of life they enjoyed before the injury.

Because of Michigan's No Fault Law, vehicle accident victims are entitled to benefits such as payment of medical expenses, lost wages and attendant care and other benefits, unless they were driving a car they own without insurance. Under Michigan No Fault Law, victims may seek recovery of damages by filing a first party claim, a third party claim, or a mini tort claim.

Under current No Fault Law, Michigan offers limitless medical coverage for an auto accident victim which allows payment of medical bills for all injuries, including catastrophic injuries. The Michigan Legislature has introduced two bills which seek to dilute coverage in a misguided attempt at cutting costs.

The legislature is seeking to eliminate Michigan's unprecedented sys-

tem of granting unlimited medical coverage for auto accident victims who have suffered traumatic injuries that require long-term or lifetime care.

Pending legislation in the Michigan Senate would set minimum catastrophic coverage at \$50,000. Motorists would choose and pay premiums for catastrophic coverage that would provide a medical care ceiling of \$250,000, \$500,000, \$1 million or \$5 million.

The proposed Senate Bill 292 would pull the rug from under Michigan's most susceptible, vulnerable and sensitive citizens who have inadequate insurance coverage and are unable to financially cope with a catastrophic injury without assistance from Michigan's No Fault Law, as presently written.

Medical bills for a catastrophic injury will add up to \$50,000 in just three days of care. And the proposed House bill is an undisguised attempt to shift the costs from the state to individual motorists, which is grossly unfair and dismisses the state from its obligation to care for those citizens unable to care for themselves.

Reducing Michigan's lifetime PIP benefit will eliminate Michigan jobs, increase costs to the taxpayers, and dismantle the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA).

If the proposed legislation is approved, catastrophic injured victims will be forced into bankruptcy and the state Medicaid system would be forced to pay for their care.

Even the House bill which provides for citizens to pay for their own medical coverage will add to the Medicaid burden because most consumers, when given the

choice initially, will choose the lower \$250,000 coverage because it carries a lower premium. And \$250,000 will not protect a catastrophically injured person for very long.

Last year the MCCA reimbursed auto insurers for more than \$800 million, which was spent on health care. With most drivers opting for minimum coverage with the lowest premium, far fewer victims will have the ability to pay for post-acute and long-term injury rehabilitation which will put thousands of Michigan jobs at risk.

A 2011 study by the Anderson Economic Group of East Lansing estimates the proposed legislative changes could result in thousands of lost jobs and millions in lost earnings, and leave about 700 people a year with severe injuries without proper treatment. The study shows the proposed No Fault changes would cost Michigan more than \$209 million in economic output, result in a loss of between \$71 million and \$166 million in earnings, and result in a loss of between 2,556 and 5,191 jobs.

The study confirms what common sense tells us — that 75 to 90 percent of drivers would choose to purchase PIP coverage that would not cover lifetime catastrophic expenses.

There are reasonable changes that can be made to save money without harming those most susceptible to harm.

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Dave Durham of Garden City, who plays the ghost of the famous John Barrymore, dances with Rachel Rork of Canton, who appears as Lillian Troy, an elderly theatrical agent for Andrew, who once had a fling with Barrymore, in "I Hate Hamlet."

Shakespeare meets Players in 'I Hate Hamlet'

It's a love story, a ghost story and a comedy. And if you've never experienced theater up close and intimate, you won't want to miss *I Hate Hamlet*, presented by Spotlight Players Nov. 11-13 and 18-20, in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The story revolves around Andrew, a successful young television actor, who is offered the role of Hamlet for Shakespeare in the Park. Set up in a temporary apartment once used by the great Shakespearean actor John Barrymore, he finds himself visited by Barrymore's ghost and becomes a reluctant student of the great master as the ghost begins training him for the part.

Soon his virginal girlfriend Deirdre, his agent, Lillian, Felicia, the real estate agent, and his entrepreneurial friend Gary are drawn into the mess. Mayhem and romance ensue.

The show is performed with the audience on three sides and the content is not recommended for children.

"The show is a celebration of actors and acting," said director Mike Cuba. "It is a comedy that pokes fun of Shakespearean actors while at the same time showing us why they are so wonderful at what they do, and why they work so hard to do it."

"It is a comedy that manages to work four romances into a show with only six characters! And where else can you see John Barrymore, the greatest Hamlet of them all, live on stage," he added.

I Hate Hamlet is a loving look at live theater, and the crazy talent-

ed people who make it their home. It's also a celebration of the greatest work of the greatest author in the English language, William Shakespeare.

Dave Durham of Garden City is John Barrymore, suave debonair ladies' man and a ghost. Rebecca Winder of Canton is Deirdre McDavey, the swooning, emotionally supersaturated girlfriend. David Fedewa of Canton is Andrew Rally, successful young TV doctor, and doubt-ridden potential Hamlet for Shakespeare in the Park.

Also appearing in the production are Lindsay Frischmuth of Plymouth is Felicia Dantine, New York City real estate agent and sometime psychic, Pat McKane of Canton, the self-centered Hollywood entrepreneur Gary Peter Lefkowitz and Raychel Rork of Canton is Lillian Troy, elderly theatrical agent for Andrew, who once had a fling with Barrymore.

Shows will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 and 18, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 and 20, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. The 2 p.m. performance on Saturday, Nov. 19, will feature two sign language interpreters for the hearing impaired community.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for senior citizens and students under age 19. They're available at the theater box office by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460, online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to showtime.

Best mutual funds have strong track record to research

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I was approached by an investor who wanted my opinion about a new mutual fund. Apparently a friend told him the fund that was employing a variety of strategies and trading techniques and that the goal of the fund was to protect the portfolio in both bullish and bearish times. I told him I had never heard of the fund or the fund company. That being said, my advice to him was to avoid the investment. I told him that if he wanted to take a flier on the fund that was one thing, but I don't consider that an investment. A flier is something that is similar to gambling. The reason that I said that this mutual fund was a flier was because it was brand new and did not have a track record.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

I've always believed that investors must follow a set of rules when it comes to selecting investments. One rule that I follow is don't invest in any investment that doesn't have a solid, long-term track record. I like investments that have been around for a period of time so I can look at how they have done and compare them to other types of investments. For instance, I prefer investments that have been around for a 10-year period so I can get a good picture on how they've performed over a period of time. Yes, I will make some exceptions, but those are few and far between. The exception may be if an investment has been a very good performing fund that has been around for maybe seven years, I would consider investing in it. How-

ever, I would not invest in a fund that is brand new.

There is a difference between investing and taking a flier on an investment or, in effect, speculating. If you do speculate on a new investment that doesn't mean that you don't do any research. Many investors assume that since an investment is brand new there is very little that can be researched. Although it would be impossible to research the fund's performance since it is brand new, there are other things that you can research. One of the keys to the success of any investment is who is managing that investment. Therefore, at a minimum, if you are speculating on an investment, you should do your research as to the people that are running the investment. Do they have experience with other investments and how have they performed? Of course, just because someone was a successful fund manager at one fund doesn't mean that they will be successful at another fund. Even when a successful manager moves to another fund within the same company it doesn't assure them of success. In fact, I recently wrote about that when it came to Fidelity Magellan. The fund manager who was relieved of his duties had been an excellent manager at another Fidelity fund; however, his success did not transfer over to Fidelity Magellan.

The bottom line is that there are so many variables that change when a manager moves from one fund to another that you can't assume that a successful manager at one fund will be successful at another. That being said, if I was investing in a brand new fund I would at least want to give myself the best opportunity for success that I could. If the new fund was run by a manager who had been successful with another fund, I may look at it differently

than I would if it was run by a brand new manager.

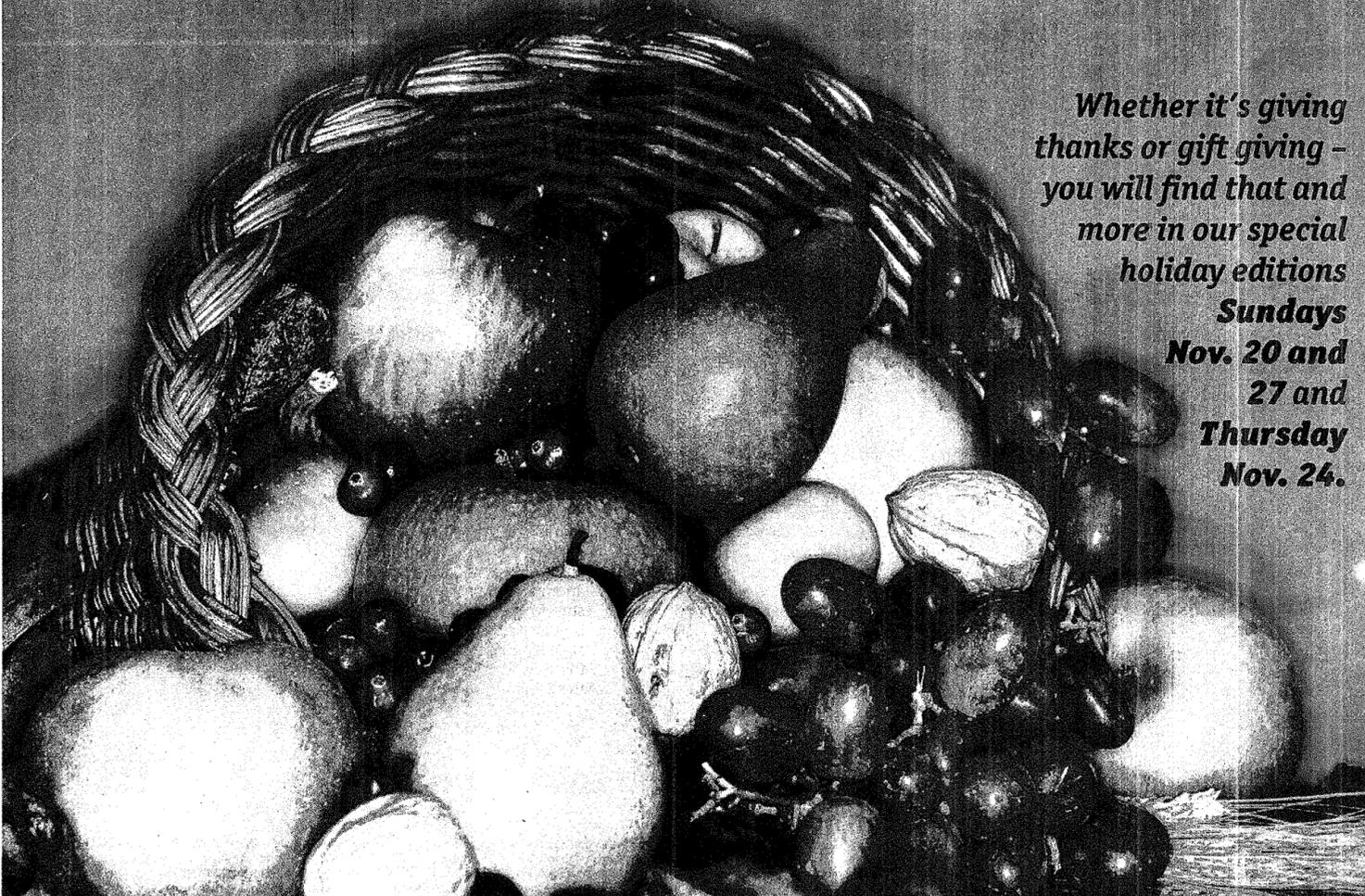
In today's uncertain economy, many new investments have been introduced that appeal to investors' uneasiness. Within the last few years these funds have followed a variety of different strategies that they hope will smooth out the roller coaster ride in the markets. Obviously, this is something that all investors would want. After all, who wants the craziness of the roller coaster ride? However, the bottom line is whether these funds will be successful at what they claim they can do. The problem is when a fund is brand new and it doesn't have a track record, there is no way to know if they are successful or not. That is the problem that I have. Fund companies and investment advisors can make all sorts of assertions, but the bottom line is the bottom line. I've always been a believer that the only reason you invest money is to make money and performance is one of the most important considerations before you invest any money. Therefore, if a fund doesn't have any sort of track record, there is very little information for you to take into consideration before you invest.

For the great majority of investors, when a new fund comes on the market they should avoid it. I recognize that there will be some opportunities missed. However, let's keep in mind that most investors would rather give up something on the high end so as not to get hit on the low end. Therefore, avoiding funds that are brand new is the appropriate strategy. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money_matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Warriors eye AB&T in 1st playoff game

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland earned its sixth victory and first playoff berth in school history last Friday with a 48-6 win at Dearborn Heights Star International Academy.

Now it's onto the playoffs in a Division 8-Region 4-District 1 matchup against Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology (5-4) beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran Westland.

The Warriors' defense, led by linemen Dawson Davenport and Ed Abramovich, will have to contend with AB&T's speedy and elusive 5-foot-5 junior quarterback Darryl Notay Hines, who torched Livonia Clarenceville for 247 all-purpose yards two weeks ago in a 32-16 victory.

"Their quarterback is Denard Robinson's little brother," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said of the Michigan quarter. "His moves are slippery and you can't find him behind the offensive line. We'll try and do like everybody else and try and contain him."

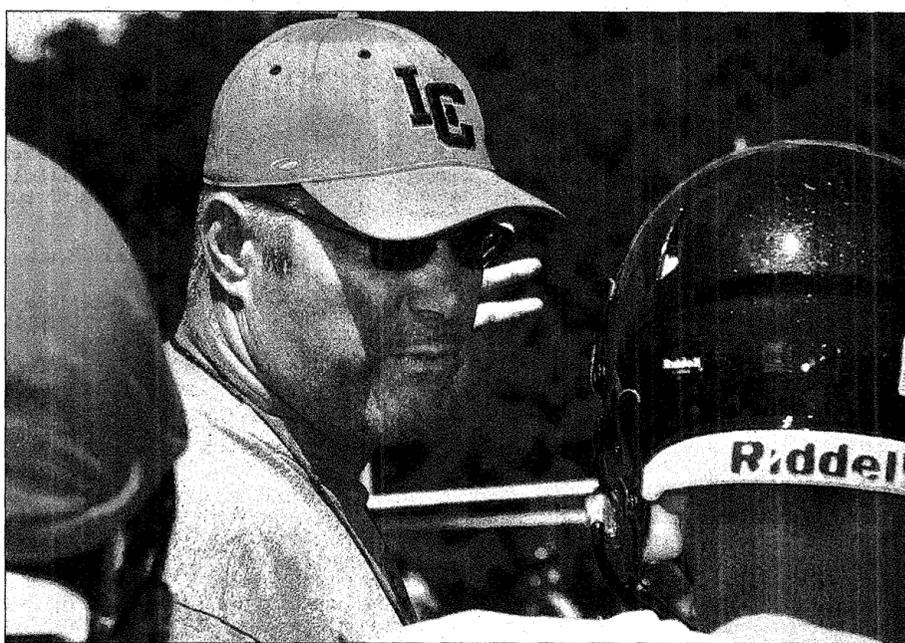
The Warriors will also have to contend with running back Jadel Douglas and slotback Kevin Darden.

"They're quicker than everybody I've seen," Gusé said. "No. 44 (Douglas) is a good running back, too, and No. 3 (Darden) is a slotback who'll use as a wide receiver. We know we've got our work cut out for us."

Run attack

The Warriors (6-3), who rely on the power run game, earned a spot in the playoffs

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Livonia Churchill football coach John Filiatraut will lead his team into a first-round playoff matchup 7 p.m. Friday at home against Detroit Cass Tech.

Trench warfare

Chargers' O-Line ready for battle

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's ever improving offensive line will face a litmus test in Friday's opening round of the Division 1 state football playoffs.

The Chargers will be making their fourth playoff appearance in school history when they host Detroit Cass Tech in a battle of 6-3 teams in Region 4-District 1. (Game time is 7 p.m. at Churchill.)

The Technicians' defense has been stingy over the past eight weeks, allowing a total of 57 points since a season-opening 43-7 loss to Farmington Hills Harrison, the state's top-ranked team in all divisions.

Tackle Darryl Goldsmith, clas-

sified as a 2-star college recruit, anchors the Cass Tech four-front defensive line at 6 feet-1, 320 pounds.

Linebacker Royce Jenkins-Stone and cornerback Terry Richardson are 4-star recruits who are headed to Michigan, although both missed last week's 6-0 win over Detroit Renaissance due to injuries.

"I swear they're twice as big as we are," said Churchill coach John Filiatraut after watching the Technicians on film. "They're also very athletic and fast. They're a good team with a lot of good players."

After a 2-2 start and a 41-0 loss to state-ranked Plymouth in Week 4, the Chargers' offensive line has rebounded. Churchill has averaged 32.8 points per

game including an upset 27-26 win in Week 6 over state-ranked Canton followed by a convincing 56-13 win in the regular season finale while clinching a playoff berth over rival Livonia Stevenson.

"They turned the corner after the Plymouth game," said Filiatraut, who is in his 15th season as varsity coach. "We had three starters out that game with pneumonia. Everybody seemed to be sick and we only dressed 32 out of 50 that night. We jelled after the Wayne game (a 49-7 win). We played well together and it was a big turning point."

Ironically, Churchill had no returning starters on the offensive line from a year ago, but

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Westland bass angler catches on

Westland's Tommy Robinson captured the Walmart Bass Fishing League Regional Saturday on the Barren River Saturday with a three-day total of 15 bass weighing 40 pounds, 12 ounces.

For his victory, Robinson won a 198VX Ranger boat with a 200-horsepower Evinrude or Mercury outboard motor plus a Chevy 1500 Silverado and a berth in the BFL All-American Championship tournament.

The regional tournament featured the top 40 boaters and 40 co-anglers from the Great Lakes, Hoosier, Illini and Michigan divisions of the Walmart FLW BFL circuit.

"I was fishing as far back in Peter's Creek as you could get," Robinson said. "I was bumpin' stumps in 3-to-5 feet of water for the entire tour-

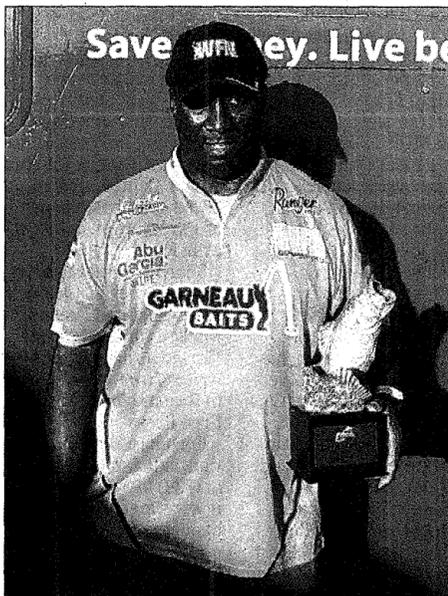
nament. I started flipping with an EmGem by Garneau and then changed to Strike King 1.5 crankbaits, which is what I caught most of my big fish on.

"There were a lot of guys fishing in the creek, but they were mostly using jigs and flipping soft plastics. I was the only one throwing a crankbait."

John Wright of Shelbyville, Ill., was runner-up with 15 bass and 39 pounds to earn \$1,500. Eric Snow of Clarksville, Ind., took third with 13 bass for a total weight of 33 pounds, 14 ounces and \$1,100 in earnings.

"I literally paddled my way to the championship," Robinson said. "On the last day I lost my trolling motor so had to use a wooden paddle to

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Westland's Tommy Robinson captured the Walmart Bass Fishing League regional Saturday on the Barren River in Scottsville, Ky.

HVL spikers sweep quad, tournament

It was quite a four-day stretch for the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls volleyball team.

On the heels of winning Saturday's Washtenaw Christian Tournament held in Saline, the Hawks came home Tuesday and swept all three matches in a quad meet to improve to 23-9-4 overall.

Huron Valley downed Sterling Heights Parkway (25-20, 25-15), Livonia Clarenceville (25-14, 25-20) and neighbor Lutheran High Westland (25-23, 25-23) in the quad.

Lexus Medina and Madison Dest were the Hawks' top attackers with 28 and 20 total kills, respectively. Dayna Schroeder added 12 kills, while setter Paige Schmidt finished with 33 assist-to-kills.

Allie Dest had 15 digs to spark the defense. Huron Valley defeated Newport Lutheran South, 25-17, 25-18, to capture the title at Washtenaw Christian.

The Hawks also eliminated Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner (25-15, 25-23) and Light & Life (25-19, 25-16).

In pool play, the Hawks downed Hudsonville Freedom Baptist (21-11, 21-12) and split with Rudolf Steiner (23-21, 19-21) and Washtenaw Christian (21-18, 17-21).

Medina and Madison Dest led the way with 27 and 25 total kills, respectively, while Schmidt

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Stevenson clips Hawks for district crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team is back in the winner's circle after two-year hiatus after capturing its first Division 1 district crown since 2008 with a 5-0 win Saturday at Farmington Hills Harrison.

"It's been a couple of years without the district trophy so we're certainly happy about this one," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose

team improved to 14-6-1 overall.

Harrison (11-6-2) kept it close for a half and trailed only 1-0 as John D'Agostino scored from 10 yards out off an assist by JV call-up Billy Werthman with 28:48 left to put the Spartans ahead, 1-0.

"I feel like the first half wasn't quite what we were hoping for," Richters said. "To get a goal was nice, but I don't think we were quite at our best. I felt the decision making in the attacking end wasn't where it's been recent-

ly. So, I thought we left goals on the field as they say. But fortunately I thought the second half people got back to playing a little bit simpler and finding the open player. And as a result, as it often happens when you work hard and share the ball, a lot of times you make good scoring chances happen. That was the case and we were fortunate enough put some of them away."

The Spartans got a pair of goals from junior Zack Atwood during the first 5:55 of the first half to make it 3-0.

Christian Gajor assisted on the first, while Atwood knocked home a rebound after Zach Zukowski's laser shot was initially saved by Hawks goalkeeper Trevor Kubitskey.

"Really, 1-0 is really not a lead and 2-0 is a suspect lead because you can concede a goal," Richters said. "But getting those two goals early in the second half took away some of the pressure, and probably cause them to open up more than the wanted to."

Please see **SOCCER, B3**

MU spikers split in BLT

The Madonna University women's volleyball team ended the BLT Sportswear Crusader Classic by splitting a pair of matches Saturday at home.

Savannah School of Art & Design (Ga.) had four players notch double figures in kills in a 20-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-18, 15-13 win over MU.

Pammy Craigle paced SCAD (14-6) with 16 kills, while Jen Drouin contributed 15. Lauran Eschenroeder and Olympia Haney added 13 and 10, respectively.

Chelsey Corgan paced Savannah's defense with 21 digs, while setters Bryann Robinson and Craigle teamed up for 53 assist-to-kills.

Megan Fricke led Madonna (25-7) with 18 kills, while Nastija Baranovska and Taylor Dziejewit added 13 and 10, respectively.

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 43 assists while Amanda Obyrcki had 15 digs. Fricke and Miranda Sechler each added 12 digs, while Cassie Castro chipped in with 10.

Earlier in the day, MU rolled past Rochester College, 25-12, 25-16, 25-13 as Fricke and Baranovska led the way with 12 and 11 kills, respectively. Prieditis added 37 assists.

The loss dropped Rochester to 28-17 overall.

Lady Ocelots boot Cincy St.

The 14th-ranked Schoolcraft College women's soccer team improved to 14-1-1 overall and 10-0 in NJCAA Region XII on Saturday by routing visiting Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, 6-0.

The loss drops Cincinnati State to 2-12 overall and 2-8 in Region XII.

The Lady Ocelots travel this Saturday to Delta College to face Owens (Ohio) CC in a Region XII semifinal match. (Game time is at noon.)

The winner faces either Jackson CC or Delta for the Region XII crown beginning at noon Sunday at Delta.

Madonna falls on Senior Day

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leader Aquinas College spoiled Madonna University's Senior Day with a 3-1 women's soccer victory Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School.

All three goals for the Saints (14-3, 5-0) were unassisted with one each coming from Elisabeth Vaughan (15th minute), Madeline Rammal (60th minute) and Chelsea Dennis (86th minute).

Kaitlyn Krysiak's goal from Liliana Serratos in the 78th minute cut the deficit to 2-1.

Prior to the match, the Crusaders honored their six-member senior class including Trisha Bender (Walled Lake Northern), Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin), Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville), Andrea Mareel (Warren Regina), Nicole Rodriguez (Woodhaven) and Chelsea Shrewsbury (Milford).

Gregg made three saves in the loss as MU slipped to 6-7-1 and 1-3-1.

STAFF GRID PICKS

Predistrict Round Friday, Oct. 28	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Canton (7-2) at Plymouth (8-1), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Plymouth	Canton
Detroit Cass Tech (6-3) at Livonia Churchill (6-3), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Cass Tech	Cass Tech
Birm. Seaholm (6-3) at Harrison (9-0), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Brother Rice (5-4) at North Farmington (7-2), 7 p.m.	Brother Rice	North Farmington	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
B.H. Lahser (6-3) at Redford Thurston (8-1), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Lahser	Thurston	Thurston
Garden City (6-3) at Allen Park (7-2), 7:30 p.m.	Garden City	Allen Park	Allen Park	Allen Park
Saturday, Oct. 29				
Farmington (5-4) at Detroit Henry Ford (7-2), 1 p.m.	Henry Ford	Henry Ford	Henry Ford	Henry Ford
Melvindale ABT (5-4) at Luth. Westland (6-3), 1 p.m.	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	ABT	ABT
Last week	9-3	9-3	9-3	12-0
Overall	86-32	80-38	94-24	101-17

Novi rules KLAAs Gold tournament

Novi reigns supreme after Saturday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball in the Gold bracket tournament.

The Wildcats defeated host White Lake Lakeland in the finals after

elimination round victories over Livonia Stevenson (25-15, 25-18) and Northville.

Stevenson (34-13-2) reached the semifinals with a 25-20, 25-23 win over Livonia Churchill, which reached the quarterfinals with a first-round win over Grand Blanc.

Stevenson's pool play victories came against Walled Lake Central (25-18, 25-18), Brighton (25-13, 25-20) and Plymouth (25-18, 25-17).

Katie Tomic and Kelly Vellucci were Stevenson's top attackers on the day with 41 and 40 kills, respectively.

Tomic also had 13 blocks and 24 digs, while Vellucci contributed 29 assists.

Allie Koesterling collected 28 assists, while Jordan York paced the Spartans' defense with 34 digs to go along with six aces.

In pool play, Churchill went 1-0-1 losing to Mil-

ford (20-25, 11-25), tying Lakeland (25-16, 17-25) and beating Canton (25-23, 25-17).

In the quarterfinals, Churchill ousted Grand Blanc, 25-22, 25-18, before losing to Stevenson.

Junior Emily Norscia had 44 kills on the day for the Chargers, while senior Erin Menard added 27 kills and five blocks. Krystyn Niescier finished with 48 digs.

Churchill is 26-17-2 overall.

Pats go 0-3-1

Livonia Franklin went 0-3-1 in Saturday's KLAAs Silver Tournament held at White Lakeland.

Kelly O'Brien had 45 kills on the day as the Patriots (12-27-5) split with Hartland (25-21, 24-26) and lost to South Lyon (16-25, 17-25), Howell (22-25, 23-25) and Walled Lake Western (23-25, 23-25).

Other leaders for Franklin included Mackenzie Lukas, 24 kills; Andrea Thompson and Maggie Leins, 12 kills each; Rachael Kapchus, 69 assists and 24 digs; libero Nicole Williamson, 66 digs and four aces; Afton DeWise, 20 digs; and Sarah Bo, 20 digs and six aces.

Warrior harriers sweep MIAC meet

It was a clean sweep Friday for the Lutheran High Westland girls and boys cross country teams at the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference meet hosted by Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

The Warriors captured the girls title with 40 points followed by Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (57), Oakland Christian (65), Birmingham Roeper (95), Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (118) and Taylor Baptist Park (126).

Plymouth Christian Academy, Sterling Heights Parkway Chris-

tian, Ann Arbor Greenhills and Southfield Christian had incomplete team scores.

PCA's Terra Crown, a sophomore, was the individual winner in 21 minutes, 04.3 seconds on the 5,000-meter course.

Lutheran Westland placed three in the top 10 to repeat as team champion led by senior Erin Lyle, second (21:19.67); senior Jess Rice, fourth (21:47.56); and junior Erin Hardin, sixth (21:51.21).

Junior Angela Morrison placed 17th in 23:35.46, while junior Jessica Drift took 23rd (24:46.54).

The Warriors' non-scoring

ers included freshman Michelle Greening and senior Kelsey Kruger in 26th and 27th, respectively, with times of 25:03.06 and 25:06.77.

On the boys side, Lutheran Westland beat PCA for the team title, 61-76.

Rounding out the field was Oakland Christian (80), Birmingham Roeper (91), University-Liggett (117), Newport Lutheran South (123), Greenhills (134) and Lutheran Northwest (160).

Defending boys champion Southfield Christian, led by individual winner Evan Carter (17:15.69),

did not figure in the team scoring along with Novi Franklin Road Christian and Baptist Park.

Senior Jake Fairbairn led the Warriors with a third-place showing in 18:15.03.

Other Lutheran Westland scorers included junior Eric Smith, ninth (19:01.8); junior Daniel Bunge, 11th (19:10.6); senior Caleb Kempf, 23rd (20:11.88); and junior Peter Sillanpaa, 24th (20:13.05).

Other non-scoring finishers for the Warriors included Ian O'Banion (41st) and senior Philip Welte (55th).

2 new schools set to join WHAC

Madonna University will have some new company as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) is expanding to 12 teams in July.

Two schools located in the heart of Michigan, Lawrence Technological University and Marygrove College, have been approved for membership.

Both athletic programs will play a full conference schedule for 2012-13 season.

The WHAC and its teams compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

The WHAC recently expanded from eight institutions to 10 after the addition of the University of Northwestern Ohio in 2010 and Lourdes University (Ohio) in 2011.

Madonna, Aquinas College, Concordia University, Cornerstone University, Davenport University, Indiana Institute of Technology, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Siena Heights University have been members since 2005.

"This is an exciting time to be part of the WHAC and the NAIA," WHAC commissioner Rob Miller said. "Lawrence Tech and Marygrove fit nicely with the conference's commitment to provide members a high-quality student-athlete experience."

A private university located in Southfield, Lawrence Tech is committed to preparing students to not just compete in their field of study, but to lead it. The university offers more than 60 programs in four colleges - architecture and design, arts and sciences, engineering, and management - and has an enrollment of nearly 5,000 students.

"The level of competition in the WHAC will be good for Lawrence Tech's students as they prepare to be innovative leaders," Lawrence Tech president Lewis N. Walker said. "Lawrence Tech has a long legacy of athletics and we are happy to return competition that provides an enriched experience."

Lawrence Tech will

compete in basketball, cross country, and soccer for both the men and women, and women's volleyball.

Non-conference sports include men's bowling and men's hockey. The school joined the NAIA this fall and is competing as an independent for the 2011-12 athletic season.

"Everyone in the WHAC has been very helpful throughout the process," noted Scott Trudeau, Lawrence Tech athletics director. "We look forward to competing in a strong conference as we continue to build our programs."

Marygrove is an independent Catholic liberal arts college sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with an enrollment of 950. The college prides itself on fostering Christian values, educating students from diverse backgrounds, and serving the people of metropolitan Detroit and beyond.

"This is an important milestone for Marygrove's growing athletics program," said Dr. David J. Fike, Marygrove president. "It is a testament to the dedication, determination, and impact of embracing the Champions of Character tenants of our student-athletes and coaches."

Marygrove's athletic program fosters the benefits of physical and spiritual wellness, academic commitment, and leadership development and instills the theory that participating in athletics is a privilege. The Mustangs will compete in 13 varsity sports - five for the men and six for the women. Both genders will field teams in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, and track & field while the women will also compete in volleyball.

"The entire Marygrove athletics department is excited to be a part of the WHAC," said Dave Sichterman, director of athletics, wellness & recreation. "Membership in the WHAC will provide new opportunities for our student-athletes and is an additional source of pride for the entire Marygrove community."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU spiker lauded

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced late Monday night that Madonna University junior Nastija Baranovska has been named the league's Volleyball Player of the Week for the period ending Oct. 22.

The award is the first for the Riga, Latvia native during her career and the selection marks the first Crusader to earn the award this season.

Baranovska was named to the BLT Sportswear & Apparel Crusader Classic all-tournament team and helped MU to a 4-1 mark on the week.

She posted 49 kills during the week against just nine errors for a .374 attack percentage, while adding 17 total blocks and four service aces.

In MU's upset win over No. 21 Bellevue (Neb.), Baranovska recorded nine kills and eight blocks as part of MU's season-high 15 total blocks in the match.

Carver saluted

Madonna University junior Joe Carver has been selected as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week for the period ending Oct. 23.

Carver's selection marks the first of his career and he is the first MU player to be honored by the league this season.

The Royston, England midfielder scored three of MU's four goals last week as the Crusaders fell 4-3 to Marygrove before battling WHAC rival Aquinas to a 1-1 double overtime tie.

Against Marygrove on Oct. 19, the Schoolcraft College transfer scored the first two goals of the match to put MU on top 2-0 early.

Then against Aquinas on Saturday (Oct. 22), Carver pulled the Crusaders even midway through the second half and helped his side earn a point in the race to host a home playoff match on Nov. 5.

Carver currently leads Madonna with five goals and six assists and ranks second in the WHAC with six assists.

WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic

Association girls volleyball will be from 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays and from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays through November (or until teams fill) at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Registration will be for the following age groups: 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17. Games and practices will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center.

For more information, call Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251; or (734) 516-9269. You can also call the WYAA Compound at (734) 421-0640.

Outdoors speaker

Detroit Free Press outdoor writer Eric Sharp will be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting at beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile Roads.

Sharp started his newspaper career in 1968 with the Associated Press and worked for the Miami Herald as an outdoors writer from 1980-1990 before moving on to the Free Press.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790; or visit www.metroweststeelheaders.org.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls varsity track and field for the spring 2012 season, along with a girls cross country coach for the fall 2012 season.

Those interested should fax a resume to (734) 591-2386.

Men's basketball

The Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a managers meeting for its 2012 men's basketball league for new teams at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The registration deadline for returning teams is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28.

The fee is \$400 per team (plus non-resident fees), not including a \$28 officials fee per game.

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

Ocelots finish off 20-0 year

The No. 1-ranked junior college men's soccer team in the nation, Schoolcraft College, completed a 20-0 regular season last weekend with a pair of victories at home.

On Sunday, Tom Nevill notched the game-winning goal, his 15th of the season in the 73rd minute off an assist from Ryan Lemaster in a 2-1 triumph over Owens (Ohio) Technical College.

Owens (13-7, 10-6 Region XII) broke a scoreless tie in the 67th minute on Matthew Spence's first goal of the year from Adabacar Ndoeye.

But less than a minute later, Lemaster tallied his 10th of the year on an unassisted effort.

Tom Duquette went the first 72 minutes in goal for Schoolcraft making five-of-six saves before giving way to Scott Shewfelt as the Ocelots finished 16-0 in Region XII.

On Saturday, Gino Pasquali's fourth goal of the year from Lemaster proved to be the dif-

ference as Schoolcraft edged Cincinnati State & Technical CC, 1-0.

Shewfelt went all the way in goal, making just one save.

Cincinnati State (14-4, 11-4) got four saves from keeper Ben Steinacker. The Ocelots now move into the Region XII semifinals beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at Owens to face the quarterfinal winner between Owens and Jackson CC. The finals are 1 p.m. Sunday at Owens.

MADONNA 1, AQUINAS 1 (2 OTs): In a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School, host Madonna University (5-8-2, 1-2-2) battled to a draw against Aquinas College (12-3-1, 2-1-1).

Heather Somers got the Saints on the board in the 25th minute off an assist from Michael Gagnon, while Joe Carver countered with his fifth goal of the season for the Crusaders off an assist from George Sami.

MU goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) played all 110 minutes, making four saves.

Jesse Guevar-Lehker had four saves for the Saints. Prior to the match, the Crusaders paused to honor their lone senior, Andrew Kidder (Rochester/Macomb Lutheran North).

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL DISTRICT PLAYOFFS DIVISION 1-REGION 4** Friday, Oct. 28
- Cass Tech at Churchill, 7 p.m.
- DIVISION 8-REGION 4** Saturday, Oct. 29
- Melvindale AB&T at Lutheran Westland, 1 p.m.
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** Thursday, Oct. 27
- Cville at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29
- Bedford Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (MHSAA Regionals)** Friday, Oct. 28
- D-1 at Huron Meadows, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29
- D-4 at Willow Metro, 10 a.m.
- D-3 at Lake Erie Metro, 10 a.m.
- D-1 at Willow Metro, 10:45 a.m.
- GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING** Friday, Oct. 28
- (KLAAs Division Meets)
- Central at S.L. East, 4:30 p.m.
- South at Glenn, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29
- (KLAAs Division Meets)
- South finals at Glenn, noon.
- Central finals at S.L. East, noon.
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY (state semifinals)** Thursday, Oct. 27
- Ladywood vs. Pioneer-Saline winner at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.

- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL** Friday, Oct. 28
- Madonna at Davenport, 7 p.m.
- Schoolcraft at MCAA Tourney at Kalamazoo Valley CC, TBA.
- Saturday, Oct. 29
- Schoolcraft at MCAA Tourney at Kalamazoo Valley CC, TBA.
- (Aquinas/Cornerstone Classic)
- Madonna vs. St. Francis, 1 p.m.
- MU vs. Spring Arbor, 3 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER** Saturday, Oct. 29
- Schoolcraft at NJCAA Region 12 at Owens (Ohio), 2 p.m.
- Madonna at Siena Hts., 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 30
- NJCAA Region XII final at Owens (Ohio), 1 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER** Saturday, Oct. 29
- Schoolcraft at NJCAA Region 12 Semifinals at Delta, noon.
- MU at Siena Hts., 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 20
- NJCAA Region 12 final at Delta College, noon.
- MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS** Saturday, Oct. 29
- Madonna at U-D, 7 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS** Saturday, Oct. 29
- Madonna at U-D, 4:30 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Saturday, Oct. 29
- Kingston vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuvs Arena, 7 p.m.
- TBA - time to be announced.

Blazers reach state field hockey semifinal

Penalty strokes determined Livonia Ladywood's fate in a quarterfinal state tournament girls field hockey matchup.

And the Blazers emerged the victor Tuesday with a dramatic 2-1 win over Birmingham Marian in a game hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Ladywood improved to 15-2-3 overall with the victory and advanced to Thursday's semifinal at Dearborn Edsel Ford where the Blazers will face the Pioneer-Saline quarterfinal winner at 4 p.m.

Anna Arenhart's rebound goal in the second

half staked the Mustangs to a 1-0 advantage, but Ladywood senior Kylie Birney dribbled into the circle and scored with only two minutes left in regulation to send it into overtime after 60 minutes.

The two teams were still deadlocked after playing a 10-minute seven-on-seven sudden victory period forcing penalty strokes.

Marian went first with goals by Elle Flynn and Antonia Violante, but Ladywood responded with penalty stroke scores from junior Jackie Snyder, senior Claire McCarthy and senior

Molly McLennan to clinch the win.

Ladywood goalie Mackenzie Holme made three saves, while Marian's Grace Lennon had five stops.

"It was a great game and both teams played well," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said.

LADYWOOD 1, CRANBROOK 0: Senior Erin Cronyn's shot off a corner in the first half Saturday was all host Livonia Ladywood (14-2-3) needed to beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in the opening round of the state tournament.

Ladywood goalie Mackenzie Holm made one save, while the Cranes' Colleen Jacob stopped 11 shots.



Drag race champ

Cody Heidt, 20, of Livonia recently captured the 2011 Heads Up Open Comp at Milan Dragway where he has beaten some of the best of the best racers. Heidt got his first exposure to the track as an infant when his dad Steve was driving his car and Dan Masta's blue Plymouth Arrow. "Everything I've learned about racing and cars comes from my dad," Cody said. "He used to drive the race car until I turned 16 and then he gave me the 1985 Chevy Monte Carlo under certain circumstances - get good grades, graduate from high school and not get in any trouble. He then became my crew chief." Heidt thanked Masta for his education in transmissions and parts, along with his team of supporters including his mother and girlfriend Jessy.

SOCCER

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Harrison coach Tim Russell then had to change his tactics a bit after Stevenson opened up a three-goal advantage.

"They're a good team," Russell said of the Spartans. "They started moving the ball well. When we were playing better as a team defensively, we were keeping it together. Once they got two (goals), we had to open it up a little bit. If you're going to lose, it doesn't matter if it's 2-0 or 5-0. You've got to open it up a little bit and we started shifting people around and that gave them more space to work with."

With 24:25 left in the match, Atwood was taken down in the box and teammate Jeff Thomas converted a penalty kick to make it 4-0.

Howie Krupsky's goal with 12:27 remaining off an assist from another JV call-up, Ryan Schifano, completed the Stevenson

scoring.

Kubitskey, a senior, was under siege a majority of the game facing a total of 19 shots, while Stevenson keeper John Boudreau saw little action.

"Trevor has been amazing," Russell said. "He was the reason we were in this final. He was saving balls in the upper 90 against Royal Oak (district semifinal). He had at least two saves that kept us in that game so that we could win it. Trevor has had an outstanding season. Ironically, he volunteered to be the goalie this year. He would have much preferred playing the field."

The Spartans advanced to the regional semifinals Wednesday at Sterling Heights Stevenson to face Troy Athens, which won an earlier season meeting between the two teams, 3-1, on Sept. 24.

"It's so cliché, but it's really been one game at a time," Richters said. "There have been some Stevenson teams in the past that came in with huge expectations. We've taken the approach that

we just want to enjoy each other and try and win every game that's been put before us to see if we can extend the season another day. We know that the job is only going to get more difficult as we head into this next game. We're excited and glad we can practice on Monday and Tuesday, and put on the uniforms again Wednesday. We'll give it our best on that night."

Harrison, meanwhile, reached a district final.

"It's a great season for us," Russell said. "We've had some seasons where we haven't won a lot of games and the guys' leadership this year has been outstanding."

"I was just telling my captains that they've done a great job. Madala Mathurin and Ryan Haefner were both instrumental in a lot of what we were doing. Brandon Buckner is the other captain ... the leadership has been great and the seniors have left a nice legacy."

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ANGLER

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keep me in my key area. No one fished the creek on the final day with me and I knew I had a pretty good chance of winning when on my second cast I caught a three-pounder. I knew then that the

area had replenished and I had a good shot at winning."

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WARRIORS

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by racking up 376 total yards, including 270 on the ground in the lopsided win over Star International.

Lutheran Westland led 27-6 at halftime thanks to touchdown runs of 1 and 8 yards by Bobby Miller, along with a six-yard TD run by Martin Kemp and a 15-yard TD run by Jacob Richter.

Star International (0-9) tallied its lone score in the second period on an 82-yard kickoff return to cut the deficit to 20-6.

In the third period, Sylvester hit Miller on an 87-yard TD pass and Miller added his third score of the night on an eight-yard run.

Mitchell Boehm picked off a fourth-quarter Star International pass and the Warriors scored their final TD when Cole Niemi pounced on a fumble in the end zone.

Leading rushers for the Warriors included Kemp (16-for-97), Miller (11-for-85) and Richter (10-for-61).

Sylvester was 2-of-6 passing for 106 yards with Miller making both catches.

The Warriors' defense, meanwhile, limited Star

International to 103 total yards.

The Falcons had a total of six turnovers to Lutheran Westland's one.

Richter had a pair of interceptions and a fumble recovery. Cleveland Tarp and Boehm also picked off passes, while Davenport added a fumble recovery.

Sour ending

The playoff-clinching victory by the Warriors was overshadowed by fracas following the game as the Warriors' P.J. Gusé was taken to the hospital with a Grade 3 concussion and contusions.

On the game's final play, game officials threw a penalty flag for unsportsmanlike conduct while the backup quarterback was taking a knee after a Star linebacker bulled over the Warriors' center.

Game tape footage provided to the *Observer* on Tuesday by Star International administrators revealed the backup quarterback was knocked to the ground once by a Star player and hit again while after trying to get off the ground. The quarterback then ran off the field.

Footage also revealed a Lutheran Westland assistant coach knocking a

Star player to the turf and reportedly taking a punch to the eye before order was restored.

The tape revealed that no players came off the bench from either team.

Star administrators reported the incident to the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"We will be no means excuse our players' action," said Star International Assistant Principal and athletic coordinator David Milner. "Each player involved in the fight is being dealt with seriously in terms of sportsmanship expectations here at the school, and are being suspended pending further investigation."

Star Principal Ahlam Moughania also said she had planned to meet with the parents of two other players on Wednesday.

"It's not acceptable and we don't condone that behavior," Moughania said.

Lutheran Westland athletic director Mike Unger said he planned to meet with Star administrators this week to review the game footage along with his principal, Steve Schwecke.

Meanwhile, Paul Gusé declined further comment on the situation.

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CHARGERS

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the inexperienced blocking unit has more than held its own in 2011.

While quarterback Seth Suida, running back Romello Brown and wide receiver Jaylin Freeman have grabbed all the headlines, the unheralded blocking unit has quietly proven to be effective.

Left guard Riley Moynihan, a 6-foot, 229-pound senior, has been Churchill's anchor along with senior tackles Mike Hogan (6-0, 196) and

Nick Engels (5-11, 193).

"Riley's been our most consistent, he's been very good," Filiatraut said. "Nick (Engels) is one of our captains, very vocal and a nice athlete."

"Mike (Hogan) has shown a lot of leadership. He works very hard, a guy you could say kind of plays on the edge. We challenged our offensive and defensive lines in the Canton game and we told Mike he had to play like a caveman, and it hit a chord with him."

Junior Zach Trussler (5-10, 187) took over at center midway through the year after senior starter Mike Harper Jr.

(5-10, 268) went down with pneumonia.

Meanwhile, the other guard spot belongs to senior Ryan Baker (5-8, 186), while sophomore Charlie Yost (6-4, 201) has proven to be a capable tight end. Sophomore Alex Promo (6-0, 205) also rotates into the offensive line.

"We've got some guys fighting to regain their spots," Filiatraut said. "They're not always clean with their assignments, but their effort this year has been great."

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SPIKERS

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added 37 assists.

Allie Dest added 25 digs and led in serving and serve receiver along with Schroeder.

Warriors 3-3

Amanda Terranella finished with a total of 31 kills and 11 solo blocks on the day as Lutheran Westland went 3-3 in the

University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament.

Dearborn Edsel Ford eliminated the Warriors (15-16-4) in the Silver bracket semifinals, 25-12, 25-23.

In pool play, the Warriors downed Southfield Christian twice (25-12, 25-17 and 25-13, 25-15) while losing two times to Trenton (20-25, 12-25 and 19-25, 16-25).

In the Silver quarterfinals, Lutheran Westland defeated St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 21-25, 25-19,

15-12.

Other kills leaders for the Warriors included Aldreanna Fikes (12), Alissa Flury (11) and Marisa Hahn (10).

Terranella and Flury collected 10 and eight block-assists, respectively.

Digs leaders included Taylor Wiemer (51), Hahn (34) and Chandler Davenport (32).

Setters Erica Killian and Shannon Abbott finished with 37 and 18 assists, respectively.

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October 24, 2011

Loving son of the late James and Mary Elizabeth Armstrong, born in Detroit on June 6, 1955. Dear brother of Maureen Wakenell, Jim Armstrong and Karen Mayo. Special uncle of many nieces and nephews. A true gentle soul with a heart of gold who enriched the lives of his family, friends and caregivers. Visitation 12-9pm, Sunday, October 30 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia and Monday from 9:00am until Funeral Mass at 9:30 at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Memorial tributes are requested to ARC, STEP, Community Spirit Homes and Alzheimer's Association. Please share a memory at: www.rgharris.com



CROWLEY, MAUREEN A.

October 20, 2011, age 79. Loving wife of Daniel. Dearest mother of Patricia and Jimmy. Dear sister of Lawrence (Mike) Tierney, and Jack (Judy) Tierney and the late Eileen Poirier. Also survived by her cat Dynamo. Resting at L. J. Griffin Funeral Home 7707 Middlebelt Road, (at Ann Arbor Trail) Friday 2-9 p.m. Rosary 7 p.m. Instate Saturday 10 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard (at Plymouth /W. of Merriman) until time of Mass at 10:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com



KILEY, Charles F.
7-28-1929 - 10-25-2011

Charles F. Kiley, formerly of Livonia, Michigan, died October 25, 2011 at Nazareth House in San Diego where he had lived the last two years. Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie in 1993. He is survived by his daughter, Karen and son-in-law Steve Toohill and three beloved grandchildren, Kathleen, Connor and Casey. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly. Charles Francis Kiley was born in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania on July 28, 1929 to Charles Sr. and Sara. He was the eldest of three children including Richard (deceased) and Joan (Nealon). Charles attended LaSalle University ('51) and served in the United States Coast Guard for four years. Later he moved to Michigan where he married Marjorie Thompson in 1959. They had one child, Karen Kiley Toohill. Charlie and Marge lived in Livonia for thirty years where they were active parishioners of St. Aidan's and Charlie enjoyed participating in the Livonia Parks and Recreation annual Spree. Thereafter, Charlie and Marge moved to Laguna Niquel, California. For over forty years, Charlie worked in the cash register industry. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, October 29 at 9:30 a.m. at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Road, San Diego, CA 92108. Private Interment Ascension Cemetery in Lake Forest, CA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Charles's memory to Nazareth House.



ROWLAND-BARNER SARAH J. "SALLY"

Age 77 of Fenton (formerly Plymouth) passed away October 24, 2011. Beloved wife of Robert Barnar, and the late Robert Rowland. Loving mother of Christine (David) Cope, Debra (James) Tiller, Gail (Christopher) Rink, and Rob (Connie) Rowland. Proud grandmother of eight. Also leaves two sisters, and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brother. Visitation Thursday 4-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until the 11 AM funeral service at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial (west of Sheldon) Plymouth. Interment Lake City Cemetery. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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Halloween program kicks off concert series

Resounding Art in a Sacred Space concert series will mesh spooky and silly sounds during "Pipes Spooktacular," 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth.

Pipes Spooktacular, an annual Halloween-themed event at the church, is the first concert of the series' 2011-2012 season.

The concert will feature Julie Ford, the church's minister of music, and special guests Johnny Kash on organ, vocalist Jackie King, and the church's Youth Choir.

The family-friendly event will last approximately 45 minutes, and will conclude with special treats.

Concert-goers may attend in costume. Suggested donation for admission is \$5 per person and \$15 for families.

For more information about the pro-



Julie Ford, minister of music, is dressed in costume for the annual Halloween concert at St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth.

gram, the concert series, or the parish, call (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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Oct. 27-Nov. 2

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Oct. 28
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Call the Red Cross to make an appointment
Contact: (800) 733-2767

COAT EXCHANGE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Oct. 29
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia
Details: The coat exchange will take place during the Fall Fun Festival. Participants who need a coat can take one. Coat donations will be accepted in the church office during business hours
Contact: (734) 422-1470

FALL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m., Oct. 29
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Family-oriented event with games, face painting, henna tattoos, bouncies, bake sale, and free cider and doughnuts. Participants may wear their costumes. Rain or

shine
Contact: Pastor R. Wright at (313) 682-7491

FUN FEST, BARBECUE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: Fall Fun Festival for children through 6th grade. There will be games, treats, fall activities and more. Church members will be in the parking lot to pass out treats as the children "Trunk or Treat" from car to car. The church encourages youngsters wear costumes for the event. Parents or guardians must accompany all children.

Also happening: A barbecue from 4-7 p.m. on Oct. 29 will include North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes. Proceeds will go to the church's "Feed the Hungry" ministries. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children while supplies last.

Contact: (734) 422-1470

HALLELUJAH FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: 10th annual festival

includes fun, food, games and fellowship

Contact: (734) 404-2480; www.cantoncf.org

HARVEST SUPPER

Time/Date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. dinner, 5-7 p.m. bake sale, Thursday, Nov. 3

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

Details: Adult admission is \$8. Grade school children pay \$3.50, pre-schoolers pay \$1.50. Tickets may be ordered in advance or purchased at the door. Carry outs must be ordered by Nov. 2

Contact: (313) 421-8036 or (313) 581-2525

PASTIES

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Monday, Oct. 31

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Order pasties at \$4 each. Telephone orders placed Monday, Oct. 31; pick-up days are 1-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5

Contact: (734) 422-0149

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 5:15-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30

Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Celtic, not spooky

Farmington Hills-based Finvarra's Wren will present an evening of lively jigs, reels, songs and stories around the theme of "Samhain," 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Village Theatre, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

Samhain is the Irish name for Halloween.

"Halloween originated in Ireland, so it seems appropriate to sculpt an Irish music show around the theme," said singer Jim Perkins, who formed the group with his wife, Sherry Burns. "It's a family holiday, and we are a family band, so it makes sense." Other members of Finvarra's Wren include Perkins' son, Asher Perkins, on accordion and concertina, and daughter, Alison Perkins, on fiddle and tinwhistle. Perkins plays guitar, and his wife adds dulcimer, vocals and bodhran, an Irish goat skin drum.

"We intend to have a rollicking good time," Perkins said.

General admission is \$15 with a discount for children and seniors. Advanced tickets are available by calling (734) 394-5460 or by visiting <http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater>.

Haunted Opera House

The Detroit Opera House will hold its third annual Halloween party

and fundraiser, Haunted in the House, from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday, Oct. 28. The event last year drew a crowd of more than 900 and raised \$40,000 for Michigan Opera Theatre's opera and dance programming, as well as educational outreach.

The historic former movie palace's grand lobby and lounges will be transformed into floors of eerie fun, including dancing to beats from DJ Tom T, specialty drinks, and a performance by the Detroit Circus. Costumed attire is encouraged, with cash prizes awarded at midnight for best individual, couple, and group costumes. Shutterbooth will provide spooky souvenir photos, and Tubby's Southgate and Sander's Fine Chocolatiers will bring midnight treats for all.

A VIP lounge will feature a private DJ and an open bar and hors d'oeuvres from Lakeland Catering until 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 the day of the event. VIP tickets are \$75 and \$80 the day of the event. VIP tickets include an event preview, VIP lounge, and valet parking. Guests must be 21 or older. Tickets and more information are available at www.HauntedInTheHouse.com, by phone at (313) 237-SING or in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, 1526 Broadway in Detroit.

Artist takes foot and brush to canvas

Shaqe Kalaj will talk about creating art — with her foot — during an opening reception to an exhibit of her works, 5:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio, 15095 Northville Road, in Plymouth.

"Downtown Foot Art," an exhibit of her paintings, runs Oct. 27-Dec. 24.

Kalaj, the artist in residence at Art & Ideas, focused on local historic buildings such as the Wilcox House, when she painted and sketched in the outdoors over the summer. She used only her feet to manipulate her pens and brushes and discovered effects that wouldn't result from using her hands.

"If I just used my hand, the paintings would look too 'perfect' and not

nearly as interesting," she said.

Kalaj said working outdoors in Plymouth and Northville with her feet "was kind of a performance" and sparked "a lot of great conversations with local people."

Using an alternative limb also demonstrated the potential that handicapped persons have for making art.

"Someone with a disability who lacks the use of one part of their body can certainly create interesting art using another part, and shouldn't hesitate to try."

See Downtown Foot Art from 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, or by appointment.

For more information, visit www.artandideas-gallery.com or call (734) 420-0775.

Actors bring 'Dracula' to life at Schoolcraft

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

James Hartman read three versions of *Dracula* last summer before choosing a script for his 59th theater production at Schoolcraft College — and his third show in 24 years about the blood-sucking vampire.

He picked the work by Deane and Balderston, which debuted on Broadway in 1927 with Bela Lugosi in the title role. It was revived on Broadway 50 years later, winning a Tony and a Tony nomination for Frank Langella, who played Dracula.

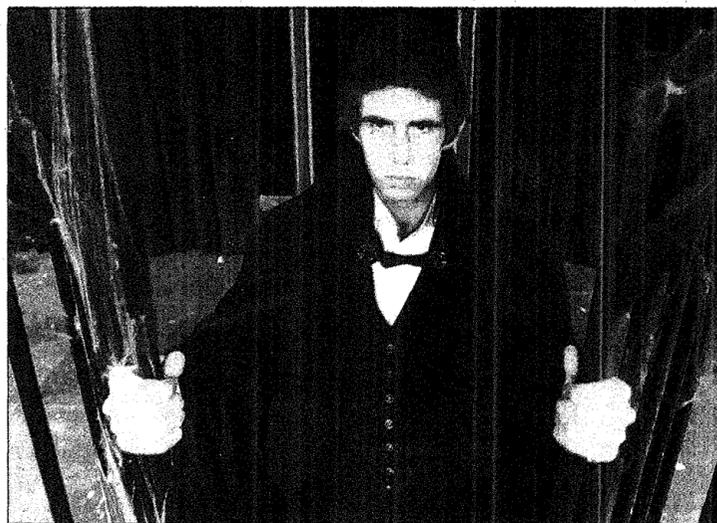
"What really appealed to me was the fact that it's better written. It's a story line that you can follow," said Hartman, professor of theater and drama at the college. "The others to me seemed kind of hokey, kind of goofy. This actually is a fairly well-written play with developed characters."

The play, which opens Friday, Oct. 28, on the Schoolcraft College stage for a three-weekend run, focuses more on the characters around Dracula than it does on the title role.

"In this, Dracula is not the central figure. Van Helsing is the lead. Dracula is the third smallest part," Hartman said. "We get more of a story line between Lucy and her fiancé, and how their relationship is affected by Dracula's appearance. We get more understanding of Dr. Seward, his running a sanatorium and taking in patients with mental problems."

Classic story

The play is based on the Bram Stoker novel about the vampire count who relocates from Transylvania to England and encounters opposition from a group led by Van Helsing. Before he



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Scott Dreaver is Count Dracula. When he's not in Transylvania he lives in Canton.

"DRACULA"

What: Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston's version of the play about the vampire Count Dracula

When: 6:30 p.m. dinner with 8 p.m. show Friday-Saturday, Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5; 8 p.m. show only, Nov. 11-12

Where: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Tickets are \$24 for the dinner theater the first two weekends; \$12 for the show only the last weekend. Tickets available through the Schoolcraft College bookstore

Contact: (734) 462-4596

1987, the same year that he began building a degree program in theater at the school. He doesn't recall how he staged that production and another that followed several years after.

"I don't want to copy anything I've done before," Hartman said. Any repeated shows are created from scratch with new sets, costumes and direction.

"I like repeating a show, usually with a period of ten years in between. The interesting thing about repeating a show is I discover new things about the characters. With *Dracula* that happened. I discovered a lot of nuances in the roles that hopefully will be brought out through the actors."

Variety of plays

The cast is a mix of students and non-students. Auditions are open to the public.

The *Dracula* cast includes several students who will make their stage debut Friday, as well as a dentist who has performed in five previous shows with Hartman.

"We do comedy, mystery, tragedy. We do Shakespeare. I've always felt that part of my responsibility as a collegiate director is to help educate the audience, not only train actors." His next production is *Romeo and Juliet*, in March 2012.

Dracula cast members from Livonia are Jake Edward Beitzel, who plays Jonathan Harker; Nathan Shaw, as Dr. Seward; and Michelle Dana, as Miss Wells, the maid.

Scott Dreaver plays Count Dracula and Kristen Campbell is understudying the role of Miss Wells, the maid. Both are from Canton.

Rebecca Himm of Northville plays Lucy Seward; Kevin Meloche of Westland is understudying the role of Jonathan Harker; Dalibor Atanaskoski of Dearborn Heights plays Abraham Van Helsing; Thomas Peck of Garden City is understudying the role of R.M. Renfield; Aaron Ruettinger of Fenton plays R. M. Renfield; and Benjamin J. Gresko of Howell plays Butterworth.

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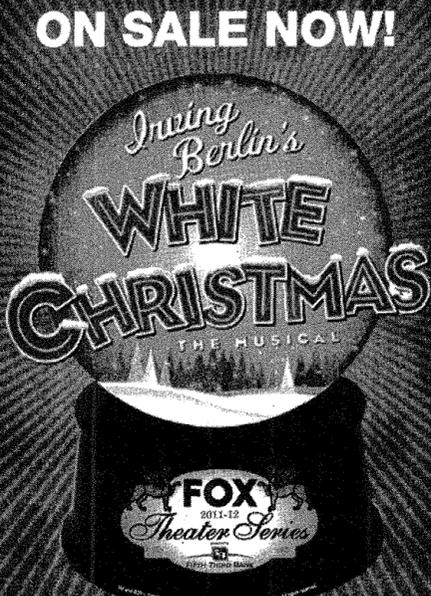


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Art

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**Time/Date:** Nov. 4-Dec. 10**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

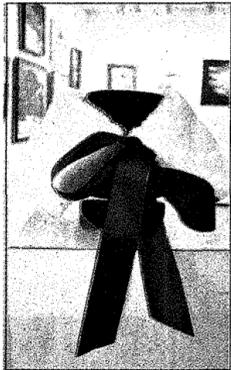
Details: The seventh annual Northville Holiday Art Market opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and will include refreshments and hand-crafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media for sale by well-known local artists. A used book sale is set for the lower level gallery during the reception. Hours for the market are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. On "First Fridays" only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m.

Coming up: An Antiques and Fine Arts Appraisal clinic with Robert DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of 3 items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event if time allows. Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Register in person, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday or call Northville Art House

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in November

Location: 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth**Details:** Drawings by Marilyn Meredith of Three Cities Art Club

Ornament class: Help instructor Lisa Howard make ornaments for the PCAC's pine in the Downtown Plymouth Holiday Walk of Trees, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. The class is aimed at ages 6 and up. Suggested



A reconstructed vintage faux fur neck scarf by Lisa Mancos and other unique items priced for holiday gift giving will be sold at the seventh annual Holiday Art Market, Nov. 4-Dec. 10 at Northville Art House.

donation is \$5. All materials will be provided. Call the PCAC office to register

Contact: (734) 416-4278

Comedy

Go Comedy!**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomey.net**JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY****Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA****Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m.

Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays,

Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30

p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Tom Simmons, Nov. 2-5; Tim Kidd, Nov. 9-12; Chris Barnes, Nov. 16-19; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 23, 25-26

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE****Time/Date:** Tim Gaither, Oct. 27-29; Michael Loftus, Nov. 3-5; Robb Little, Nov. 10-12; Kathleen Madigan, Nov. 17-19; Dave Landau, Nov. 25-26; Alex Ortiz, Nov. 30-Dec. 3**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

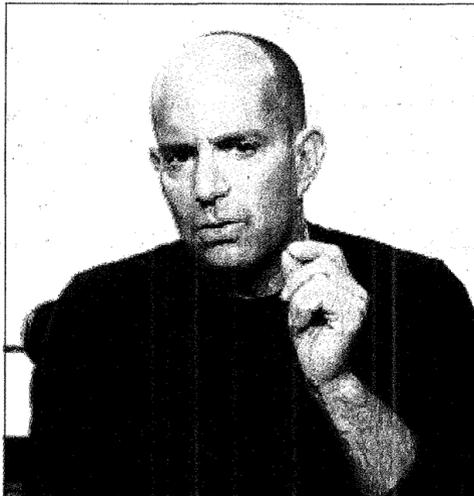
Dance

MOON DUSTERS**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday;

dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia**Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197**SUCCESSFULLY SINGLE****Time/Date:** 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 29**Location:** Burton Manor Ballroom #8, 27777 Schoolcraft, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Dancing to the "Monster Mash" and Top 40 Hits by DJ Pam Hornbeck. Lots of devilish tricks, delightful treats, fiendish finger foods, door prizes, raffle and more. Prizes given for best costumes. \$12 at the door for members; \$15 for non-members.

Contact: Janet Blair at (248) 289-6406

Brad Zimmerman performs his one-man show through Oct. 30 at Andiamo in Novi.

Family

BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboard-lounge.com**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS****Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org**DETROIT ZOO****Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily through October; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in November**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

Film

PENN THEATRE**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 29-30**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth**Details:** "Mr. Popper's Penguins," \$3**Coming up:** "The Help," 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 3-4 and 10; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 5-6**Shock-tober:** "Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer," Oct. 27. All shows start at 7 p.m. and cost \$3**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com**REDFORD THEATRE****Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Oct. 29**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit**Details:** "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with Lon Chaney and Patsy Ruth Miller; \$12 for adults; \$8 for children under 12. Dave Calendine plays organ for this silent movie**Contact:** (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5

p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit**Details:** Heidelberg 25 through Nov. 27; Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31 Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free**Contact:** (313) 494-5800**CRANBROOK****Time/Date:** 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday**Location:** 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills**Details:** Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.**Contact:** (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu**KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY****Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 18**Location:** In the heart of the University of Michigan campus, 434 S. State, Ann Arbor**Details:** "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" will explore the story of a site excavation initiated by U of M in the 1920s and 1930s. It will illuminate the historical records of a single village community, located 80 kilometers southwest of Cairo in the Egyptian countryside, during Egypt's Greco-Roman period**Contact:** (734) 764-9304

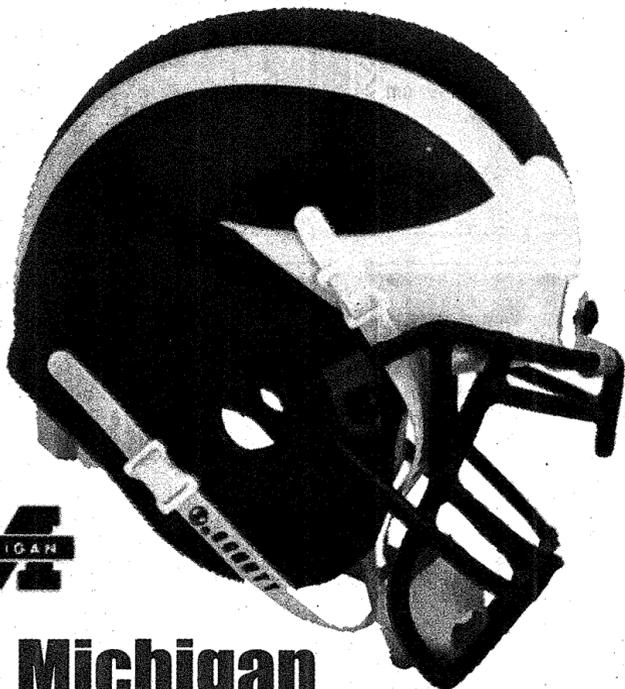
Music

THE ARK**Time/Date:** The Verve Pipe, Oct. 28; Ollabelle, Oct. 29; Hayes Carl, Oct. 30 Gregory Alan Isakov, Nov. 1; Open Stage, Nov. 2; Tom Chapin, Nov. 3; The RFD Boys, Nov. 4**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

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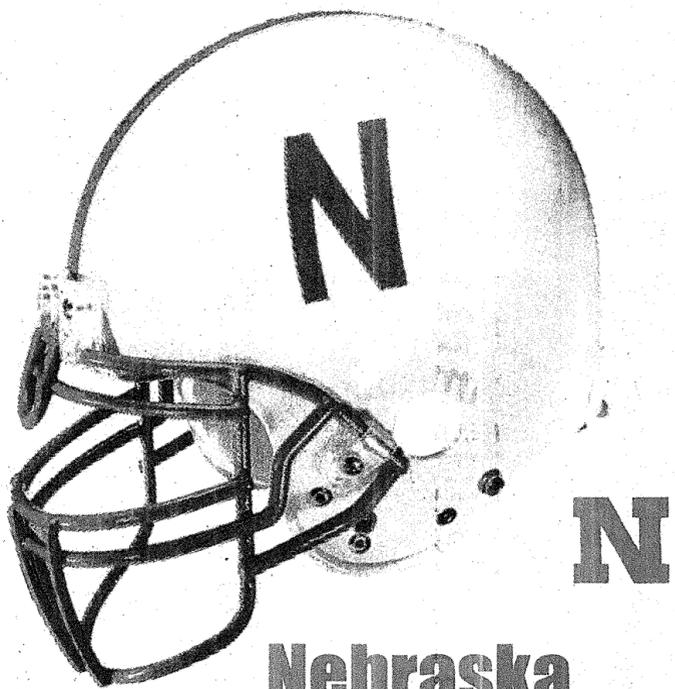
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Werewolves won't bite, but you will

To raise a few hairs at your Halloween bash, add a collection of werewolf treats that are sure to satisfy your hungry pack. Party guests will be digging their fangs into Wickedly Wonderful Werewolf Pops and Werewolf Furry Finger Cookies. So, bring your appetite because the Wilton Test Kitchen has baked up a cauldron of confections for this spooky season ... take a bite.

Wickedly Wonderful Werewolf Pops

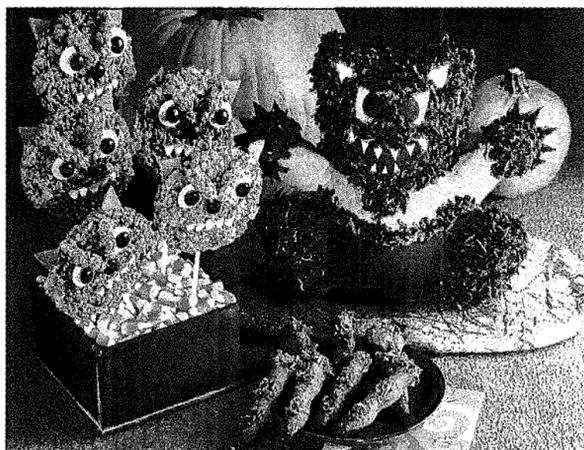
Makes about 8 pops

Round Cookie Pop Pan
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
2 cups miniature marshmallows
3 cups crisp chocolate-coated rice cereal

8 8-inch Cookie Sticks
Dark Cocoa Candy Melts
Yellow Candy Melts
Brown candy-coated chocolates
Candy corn

Spray Round Cookie Pop Pan and spatula or wooden spoon with vegetable pan spray.
In large microwave-safe bowl, melt margarine and marshmallows together; stir to combine. Add cereal; stir until well coated. Press into prepared pan, leaving top edge uneven. Insert Cookie Sticks. Let cool; remove from pan. Repeat with remaining cereal mixture, reheating mixture in microwave if needed to make it easier to work with. Reserve any leftover cereal.

With knife, cut dark cocoa Candy Melts into fourths; with melted candy, attach 2 to the top of each pop, pointed side up, for ears. Cut 1/4 off yellow Candy Melts; attach 2 larger pieces with melted candy for eyes. Attach candy-coated chocolate pupils and nose. Cut pointed end from candy corn; attach for teeth with melted candy. Add additional small pieces of cereal mixture for eyebrows. Arrange pops in seasonal container.



Clockwise from upper left: Wickedly Wonderful Werewolf Pops, Frightfully Fun Werewolf Cake and Werewolf Furry Finger Cookies

Frightfully Fun Werewolf Cake

Makes about 16 servings

Pound Cake (see below)
3-D Cuddly Bear Set
White Rolled Fondant
2 dowel rods
Chocolate Buttercream Icing (see below)

Rotary Cutter
2 each Bright Green and Purple Sugar Sheets!
Edible Decorating Paper
Piping gel (optional)
1 each Bright Yellow, Light Pink, White and Black Sugar Sheets! Edible Decorating Paper
Flaked coconut
Brown and black Icing Color

Bake and cool pound cake recipe in 3-D Cuddly Bear baking pan following pan instructions. Cool completely. Roll two 3-inch by 1-1/4-inch fondant logs; insert dowel rods, leaving 2 inches of dowel rod exposed. Insert into cake for arms.

Spatula ice cake and arms with chocolate buttercream icing, building up ears to a point at top of head. With Rotary Cutter, cut two purple shirt shapes and two green pants shapes from Sugar Sheets! Attach to front and back of bear, wrapping around to meet, using piping gel, if desired. Cut out pink triangles for ears, yellow eyes, black circle pupils and nose, black mouth and white triangle fangs; attach.

Tint coconut with brown and black icing color; press into icing for fur. Tint small amount of chocolate icing black; add tip 22 pull-out star claws on ends of arms.

Pound Cake

1 package (18 ounces) favorite cake mix
1 package (4-serving size) instant pudding and pie filling mix
4 eggs
1 cup water
1/2 cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray one 13-inch by 9-inch by 2-inch pan or two 8-inch by 2-inch round pans or two 9-inch by 2-inch round pans with vegetable pan spray. In large bowl, combine cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, water and oil; beat at medium speed with electric mixer for 2 minutes. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 30-35 minutes for round pans; 35-40 minutes sheet pan. Cool in pans 10 minutes; remove from pans to cooling grid and cool completely.

Chocolate Butter Cream Icing

Makes 3 cups of icing

1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup cocoa or three 1 ounce unsweetened chocolate squares, melted
1 teaspoon clear vanilla extract Easy-Add clear vanilla extract
4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar (approximately 1 pound)
3-4 tablespoons milk

In large bowl, cream shortening and butter with electric mixer. Add cocoa and vanilla. Gradually add sugar, one cup at a time, beating well on medium speed. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl often. When all sugar has been mixed in, icing will appear dry. Add milk and beat at medium speed until light and fluffy. Keep

bowl covered with a damp cloth until ready to use. For best results, keep icing bowl in refrigerator when not in use. Refrigerated in an airtight container, this icing can be stored 2 weeks. Re-whip before using.

Werewolf Furry Finger Cookies

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

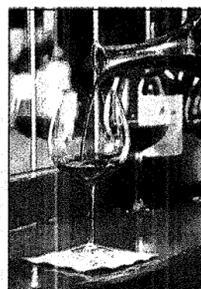
Finger Cookie Pan
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons cocoa powder
Flaked coconut
Brown icing color
Black spice drops
Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray Finger Cookie Pan cavities with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer at medium speed until well blended. Beat in egg and extracts; mix well. Combine flour, salt and cocoa powder; add to butter mixture. Beat until well blended. Press dough into prepared pan cavities, filling 3/4 full.

Bake 9 to 10 minutes or until light brown around edges. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn pan over; lightly tap pan to remove cookies. Cool completely on cooling grid.

In resealable plastic bag, place coconut with icing color; knead until color is evenly blended. Dry on parchment or waxed paper. Attach in small clumps on cooled cookies with melted candy. Roll out spice drops on surface sprinkled with granulated sugar; cut into fingernail shapes. Attach to cookies with melted candy.

— Courtesy of Family Features



Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar presents wine and paired food selections on Friday, Oct. 28.

CITY BITES

Time for pie

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is selling \$15 certificates good for one full-sized 9-inch pie from Grand Traverse Pie Company in Plymouth. Five dollars from each certificate goes to the PCAC and its Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater Program. Order certificates now through Nov. 3 at the PCAC, 774 Sheldon and pick them up after Nov. 11. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Wine with dinner

LIVONIA — Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia, will present a dinner and wine pairings with 90-point wines from Schramsberg Vineyards, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Tickets are \$85. The menu will include appetizers, Roasted Pumpkin Bisque, Butter-Poached Filet Mignon, and Pomegranate Creme Brulee. Make reservations at (734) 542-9463.

Heavenly pasties

LIVONIA — Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, will take telephone orders for pasties from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday, Oct. 31. Pasties cost \$4 each and can be picked up from 1-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5. Call (734) 422-0149

Food Circus

ANN ARBOR — See a segment taping of the JTV food series, Food Circus with Adrien Sharp, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Ave. Tickets are \$60 and including seating in the kitchen during filming, a meet and greet with a photo opportunity after the filming, a gift bag from Whole Foods, and a ticket to the 2012 Michigan Shakespeare Festival Season. Buy tickets at www.MichiganShakespeareFestival.com.



Anniversary pale ale

Friends of the Rouge supporters show off the hops they harvested locally for use in brewing a new beer that honors the organization's 25th anniversary. Liberty Street Brewing Company in Plymouth will release the new beer Nov. 6 during Friends' third annual Rouge Brew, a beer tasting led by Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide. Cost to attend the event is \$35. It includes beer tasting, a souvenir pint glass and snacks provided by Papa Romano's in Plymouth. All proceeds will support Friends of the Rouge, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River. Register online at www.therouge.org. Contact Sally Petrella at (313) 792-9621 or monitoring@therouge.org with any questions.

Correct weight guess will win a dressed turkey

It's all about pumpkins this week at Roperti's Turkey Farm in Livonia.

Tom Roperti, with the help of his mom, Christine Roperti and his step-dad, Wesley, grew seven huge pumpkins at their family-owned turkey farm this year. It took three men to roll each pumpkin onto a pallet, and a tractor to pull the pallet to the farm entrance, where the pumpkins were moved into place.

That was the easy part of the farm's annual "Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin Contest."

The trickier task now is up to you.

If you can guess the weight

— or closest to the weight— of the biggest pumpkin without going over, you'll win a fresh dressed turkey for Thanksgiving.

No purchase is necessary to win, but all entries must be received by Monday, Oct. 31. The winner will be announced on Nov. 1.

Here's a hint to get you started: Tom Roperti grew his first giant pumpkin in 2009. It weighed more than 500 pounds.

Roperti's, known for organically-raised, free range, corn-fed turkeys, is located at 34700 Five Mile.

For more information, call (734) 464-6546.

New restaurant adds dinner items to menu

Maple House Restaurant, a new diner in Farmington Hills, will expand its menu and hours when it begins dinner service on Friday, Oct. 28.

Owners Tiffany and Aaron Barsaleau will feature five dinner items that will change periodically, along with the restaurant's regular breakfast and lunch menu. New hours will be 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, and 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday.

The Barsaleaus, who have culinary degrees from Schoolcraft College, met several years ago while working at Andiamo's of Bloomfield Town-

ship. Aaron was the banquet chef at Andiamo's for three years and has worked at Small Plates in Detroit and Steve & Rocky's. Tiffany worked at several Andiamo's locations before meeting Aaron. After marrying, Aaron made the move to Ciao Amici's in Brighton, where he became an executive chef.

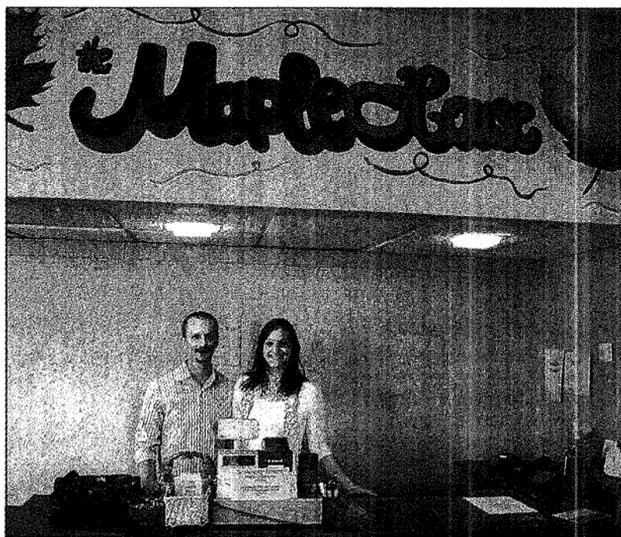
They opened Maple House Restaurant this month at 25938 Middlebelt, in the Kroger Plaza at 11 Mile.

Their breakfast fare is available any time during business hours and includes such specialties as fresh biscuits and homemade sausage gravy with two eggs and a

choice of meat for \$5.99; stuffed pancakes with a layer of sweet pastry cream and a choice of fruit, granola or chocolate chips for \$4.99; pecan-encrusted French toast for \$4.49 or peanut butter banana French toast with piped nutty peanut butter and topped with slices of fresh banana, also \$4.49. For a different kind of omelet, try the BLT for \$6.99.

The lunch menu includes a variety of burgers, sandwiches, salads and lunch plates, along with a kid's menu.

For more information call (248) 579-6431 or visit www.maplehouserestaurant.com.



Tiffany and Aaron Barsaleau are ready to serve an expanded menu at their new restaurant in Farmington Hills.

Get home ready for winter's blasts

FEMA, a federal government agency, has tips for preparing a home and car for winter weather.

Add the following supplies to your disaster supplies kit:

- Rock salt to melt ice on walkways
- Sand to improve traction
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.

Prepare your home and family

• Prepare for possible isolation in your home by having sufficient heating fuel; regular fuel sources may be cut off. For example, store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

• Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.

• Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock or equipment. Clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm.

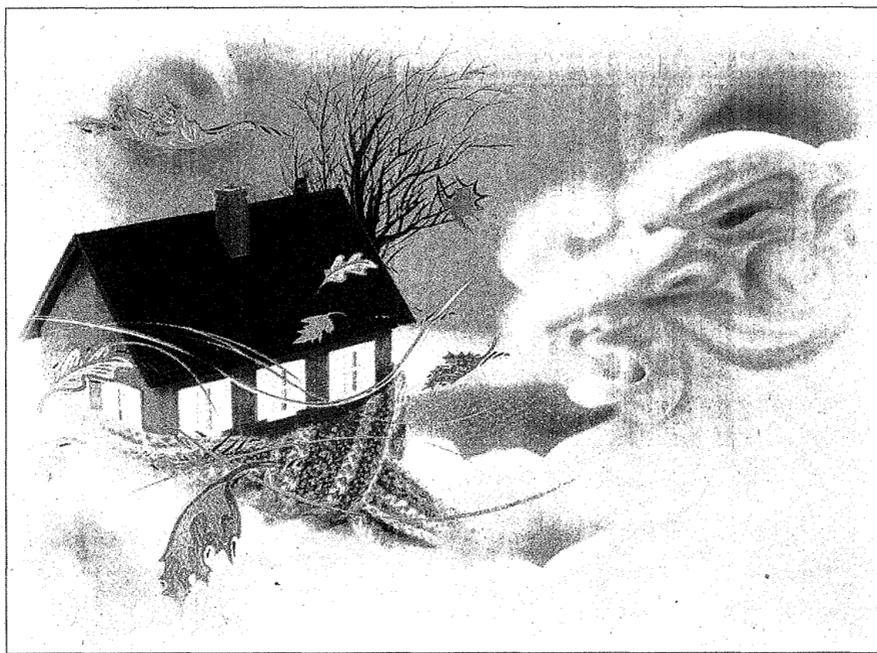
• Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.

• Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk, as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.

• Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).

• Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.

• Hire a contractor to check the structural ability of the



roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow — or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.

Prepare your car

• Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- Antifreeze levels — ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.

- Battery and ignition system — should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.

- Brakes — check for wear and fluid levels.

- Exhaust system — check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.

- Fuel and air filters — replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas.

- Heater and defroster — ensure they work properly.

- Lights and flashing hazard lights — check for serviceability.

- Oil — check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.

- Thermostat — ensure it works properly.

- Windshield wiper equipment — repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.

• Install good winter tires. Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.

• Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season.

• Place a winter emergency kit in each car that includes:

- a shovel

- windshield scraper and small

broom

- flashlight

- battery powered radio

- extra batteries

- water

- snack food

- matches

- extra hats, socks and mittens

- First aid kit with pocket knife

- Necessary medications

- blanket(s)

- tow chain or rope

- road salt and sand

- booster cables

- emergency flares

- fluorescent distress flag

Dress for the Weather

• Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.

• Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves.

• Wear a hat.

• Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

Check law on transfer fees

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I understand that the Legislature in Michigan has passed a statute to prohibit certain covenants and fees upon transfer of real property. Do you have any information?

A: There are two new acts that effectively nullify and prohibit any transfer fee covenants which are also known as capital recovery fees or private transfer fees from attaching to title to real property involving transfer of commercial or residential properties



Robert Meisner

and they void any lien purporting to secure payment of any transfer fee. The acts also allow a person

aggrieved by the imposition of a transfer fee to bring an action to clear title to the real property, void the transfer fee and recover the costs and attorney fees incurred in bringing the action and seeking other equitable relief. While transfer fees have not been frequently seen here in Michigan, and particularly in residential property, they have been very popular around the country.

Q: I understand that an organization called HomeSteps which is a real estate sales agent of Freddie Mac is now offering "Condo Cash." Do you have any information about it?

A: In a special limited time offer that will provide eligible condo buyers with \$1,500.00 for standard condominium association dues, HomeSteps, the real estate sales unit of Freddie Mac announced that this would be limited to buyers who submit offers between Aug. 15, 2011 and Nov. 15, 2011, and close escrows on or before Dec. 30, 2011. The cash condo offer is valid only on HomeSteps' homes that have been on the market for at least 120 days and are sold to owner-occupant buyers.

A two-year Home Protect® limited home warranty that covers electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, heating, and other major systems and appliances is offered on some eligible HomeSteps homes. Home Protect® also provides discounts of up to 30 percent on the purchase of appliances. However, HomeSteps' Condo Cash is not available on HomeSteps' condominiums purchased through auctions, sealed bids, bulk sales or in areas where such offers are prohibited by law.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 18-22, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

2412 Arcadia Dr	\$69,000
5915 Beaufort Dr	\$148,000
789 Buchanan St	\$360,000
8070 Chatham Ct	\$450,000
6252 Guilford Dr	\$137,000
2024 Hawks Nest Ct	\$120,000
4695 Hunters Cir W	\$76,000
49467 Jackson Ln	\$383,000

2040 Lone Wolf Ln	\$100,000
262 Morgan Dr	\$100,000
3902 Norwich Dr	\$78,000
48756 Stonebriar Dr	\$160,000
GARDEN CITY	
28545 Balmoral St	\$52,000
2037 Lathers St	\$86,000
LIVONIA	
11800 Alois St	\$106,000
36010 Ann Arbor Trl	\$63,000
8906 Crown St	\$122,000
9351 Eastwind Dr	\$127,000
14434 Houghton St	\$120,000
38679 Meeting House Ln	\$162,000
15450 Oporto St	\$104,000
35111 Parkdale St	\$85,000
17343 Pershing St	\$124,000
36522 Rayburn St	\$170,000
14005 Riverside Ct	\$155,000

14680 Santa Anita Ave	\$170,000
18547 Southampton St	\$200,000
14326 Sunbury St	\$103,000
9396 Westwind Dr	\$135,000
14831 Yale St	\$140,000
NORTHVILLE	
44860 Broadmoor Cir S	\$315,000
16718 Carriage Way	\$214,000
17023 Courville Dr	\$335,000
19489 Eddington Pl	\$125,000
39492 Edgewater Dr	\$198,000
19477 Fry Rd	\$105,000
39532 Rockcrest Ln	\$105,000
49136 Running Trout Ln	\$395,000
39430 Springwater Dr	\$105,000
46901 W Main St	\$461,000
PLYMOUTH	
41430 Crabtree Ln	\$218,000
712 Fairground St	\$215,000

41695 Greenbriar Ln	\$144,000
40310 Newport Dr	\$47,000
51228 Plymouth Lake Dr	\$485,000
11216 Russell Ave	\$165,000
9390 Saddlebrook Ct	\$303,000
REDFORD	
15897 Centralia	\$18,000
24737 Donald	\$81,000
9040 Tecumseh	\$30,000
18645 Wakenden	\$40,000
WESTLAND	
34220 Birchwood St	\$59,000
36028 Central City Pkwy	\$59,000
35750 Glen St	\$13,000
30210 Hanover Blvd	\$16,000
38330 Palmer Rd	\$119,000
32630 Sandra Ln	\$80,000
31005 Somerset St	\$40,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 11-15, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

31761 Waltham Ct	\$263,000
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BIRMINGHAM

175 Abbey St	\$540,000
504 Graten St	\$250,000
255 Linden Rd	\$550,000
1845 Norfolk St	\$296,000
1061 Northlawn Blvd	\$290,000
347 S Glenhurst Dr	\$325,000
963 Warwick St	\$318,000
1618 Webster St	\$416,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1177 Banbury Cir	\$555,000
997 Stratford Pl	\$208,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

7285 Bingham Rd	\$225,000
1384 Bramblebush Run	\$178,000
1500 Forest Ln	\$249,000
3398 Indian Summer Dr	\$647,000

2130 Lancaster Rd	\$102,000
5745 Raven Rd	\$315,000
1195 Rolling Hills Dr	\$80,000
3649 Wabeek Rd	\$210,000
4852 Walnut Lake Rd	\$662,000
6596 Woodbank Dr	\$169,000
6940 Woodbank Dr	\$228,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3138 Belle Terre	\$150,000
8041 Commerce Rd	\$40,000
2121 Golfcrest Dr	\$205,000
630 Muskoka	\$80,000
2630 Red Arrow Dr	\$131,000
731 Remington Ct	\$240,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
35122 Drake Heights Dr	\$235,000
35631 Heritage Ln	\$135,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
25273 Bridlepath Ln	\$234,000
22204 Cape Cod Way	\$43,000
37721 Carson St	\$88,000
34336 Commons Ct	\$210,000
27722 E Echo Vly Unit 123	\$20,000
27672 E Echo Vly Unit 129	\$44,000
37261 Fox Gln	\$127,000
28725 Green Castle Rd	\$98,000
31870 Kingswood Ln Unit 47	\$54,000
22860 Lisa Ct	\$215,000

24005 Noble Dr	\$150,000
29940 Pipers Ln	\$160,000
30207 Pipers Ln	\$193,000
FRANKLIN	
30333 La Brea Ct	\$460,000
MILLFORD	
941 Abbey Ln	\$175,000
515 E Dawson Rd	\$165,000
644 Hazy Vw	\$308,000
906 Prince St	\$81,000
401 W Commerce St	\$245,000
NOVI	
43298 Ashbury Dr	\$339,000
43322 Ashbury Dr	\$345,000
45248 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
45249 Bartlett Dr	\$89,000
47919 Beckenham Blvd	\$490,000
28479 Carlton Way Dr	\$130,000
23600 Cranbrooke Dr	\$165,000
39936 Crosswinds	\$65,000
40326 Guilford	\$151,000
24723 Highlands Dr	\$180,000
40532 Lenox Park Dr	\$230,000
22454 Norfolk Ct	\$400,000
24702 Olde Orchard St	\$40,000
22835 Ponton Rise Ct	\$225,000
25062 Portsmouth Ave	\$268,000
29432 Weston Dr	\$168,000

29439 Weston Dr	\$170,000
28278 Wolcott Dr	\$89,000
SOUTH LYON	
54350 Birchwood Dr	\$40,000
25910 Carriage Ln	\$205,000
1003 Fountain View Cir	\$70,000
24580 King Post Ct	\$61,000
23400 Spy Glass HI N	\$345,000
815 Westbrooke Dr	\$193,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29180 Fairfax St	\$25,000
29561 Fairfax St	\$55,000
26492 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$30,000
25408 Grand Concourse St	\$90,000
17567 Lincoln Dr	\$69,000
30581 Longcrest St	\$77,000
21542 Mahon Dr	\$35,000
20830 Rutland Dr	\$125,000
27369 Sutherland St	\$84,000
WHITE LAKE	
9015 Cooley Lake Rd	\$67,000
40 Grandview Cir	\$88,000
284 Lakeside Dr	\$150,000
421 Serra Dr	\$63,000
9613 Shelby Dr	\$160,000
9613 Shelby Dr	\$179,000
8440 Tara Ln	\$170,000
11092 Windhurst St	\$230,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

On the job

RE/MAX Classic announced Linda Leporowski has joined the Canton office as a premier sales associate. Leporowski brings her expertise in residential property sales in Canton, Dearborn Heights, Dearborn and the surrounding areas in Wayne County. With the roots of her growing business in Dearborn Heights and Dearborn, Leporowski con-

tinues to maintain strong ties to her past clientele and referrals. "We are absolutely thrilled to have Linda join our team," said broker/owner Carol Boji. "She is very educated in her chosen



Leporowski

profession of real estate. Linda's energy, enthusiasm and her commitment and dedication to her clients are a welcome addition to our Canton office. We are very proud to have her as one of our associates. With over 11 years of experience in the real estate industry, she brings a wide knowledge of the current market to our organization. She is sharp, skilled and a top agent in our industry."

Leporowski focuses on

residential home sales in every aspect — resale, luxury homes, distressed properties and relocation assistance. "As a professional Realtor servicing southeast Michigan, I am focused on and driven to provide my clients with the best service possible," she said.

Investors

Learn from the "Knights of the Round Table" sessions covering a variety of topics such as: 1) finding

money, 2) appealing property taxes, 3) new investors, 4) short sales, 5) insurance, 6) foreclosures and three other interesting and profitable topics. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Nov. 10, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north-of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. www.REIAofOAKLAND.com, (800) 747-6742

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ACROSS

- 1 Cashboxes
- 6 Wedding outfits
- 11 Tuna relative
- 12 Vegetable sponge
- 14 Switch positions
- 15 Horse marking
- 17 Casual greeting
- 18 Roswell crasher
- 19 No matter which
- 20 Outlaw
- 21 "Pretty Woman" lead
- 23 Swing voter (abbr.)
- 24 Unable to play
- 25 Socrates' drink
- 27 Prayer-wheel turners
- 28 TGIF part
- 29 Koan discipline
- 30 Video companion
- 33 Royal headware

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- 40 Big Bird's network
- 41 The Mustangs
- 42 Derrier —
- 43 Id est, briefly
- 44 Like tweedor shantung
- 46 Diamond or Armstrong
- 47 Wine server
- 49 Circus locales
- 51 Neither hot nor cold
- 52 Forded a stream

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SUDOKU

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Word Search — A Haunting Time

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- bats
- ghosts
- graveyard
- mummy
- treat
- black
- ghouls
- halloween
- scary
- trick
- candy
- goblin
- haunting
- soul
- vampire

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Sudoku

6	7	8	7	9	8	9	1	2
5	1	8	8	7	2	7	6	9
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4	8	4	9	2	6	9	1	7
8	8	5	2	6	1	9	8	7
7	8	9	1	8	5	6	8	4
1	2	1	6	8	7	9	8	3

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Word Search

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