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The office of Dr. Shawn Morris and Dr. Daniel Simmons at 32363 Ann Arbor Trail will buy back candy 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1. The dentists will buy back up to 5 pounds per child at \$1 per pound for the first 1,000 pounds of candy received. Kids will receive a toothbrush and a goody bag of donated gifts — limit one per child while supplies last.

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Auditors: W-W finishes 2010-11 with better than expected balance

By Sue Mason
 Observer Staff Writer

A larger than usual check from Wayne County for delinquent property taxes and better than anticipated savings related to right-sizing of the elementary program helped improve Wayne-Westland's bottom line in fiscal 2010-11.

That was the message from the district's auditing firm of Plante Moran, which gave the district an unqualified or clean audit, the highest level of assurance auditors can provide.

"This is the result of some very difficult decisions made by the board," said Nathan Troyer of Plante Moran. "It has some benefit and is important as the dis-

trict goes forward."

"There are a lot of uncertainties, a lot of challenges, and this fund balance will really help the district meet those challenges head-on in a proactive way," added auditor Jeff Higgins.

The district finished the fiscal year 2009-10 with \$7.8 million in the bank, enough money to continue school operations

for 11 days, if there was a catastrophic event and state funding ended. That amount represented 6.61 percent of expenditures. The fund balance for fiscal 2010-11 came in at \$12.4 million or 11.45 percent of expenditures and enough money to keep schools open for 19 days.

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W-W Salvation Army has \$185,000 yule goal

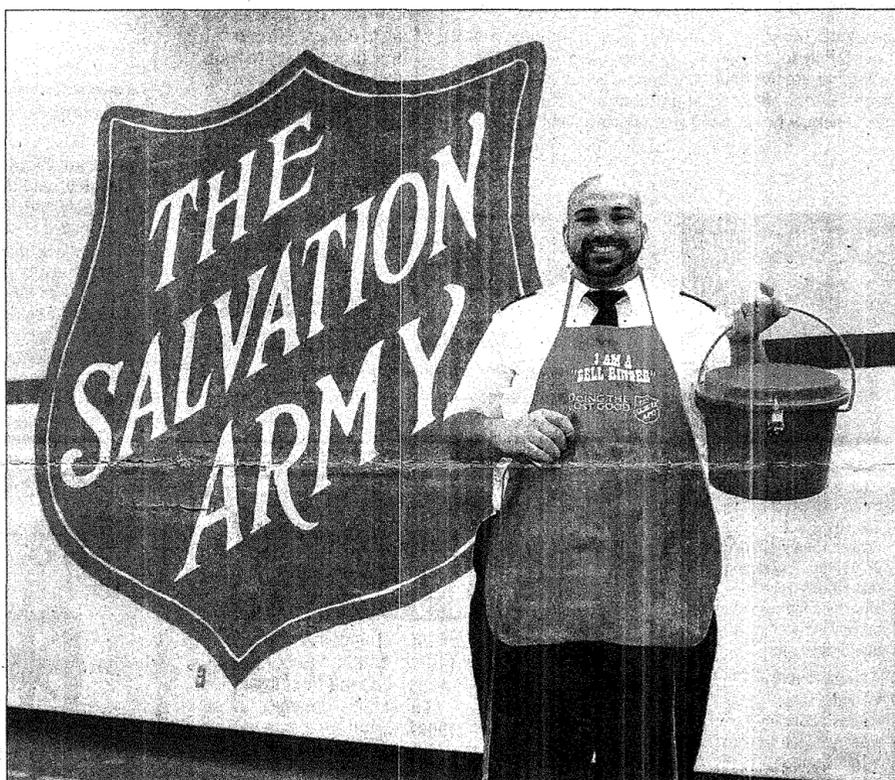
By Julie Brown
 Observer Staff Writer

Your mind may be on Halloween, but over at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, they're gearing up for Christmas and the annual Red Kettle campaign.

The Salvation Army relies heavily on volunteers to serve as bell ringers during the campaign, and "we could use every volunteer hour we could get," said Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Capt. Joanna Rose. The corps on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland has some 30 paid bell ringers ready to hit some 20 sites in the Wayne-Westland area Nov. 11, the first day of the campaign. There will be a bell ringer orientation at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, with bell ringing at community sites through Dec. 24.

The Salvation Army, as a church, does not collect for the Red Kettle drive any Sunday. This year's Wayne-Westland goal is \$165,000 for the kettles and \$20,000 for mail appeals.

Volunteers help to boost the total that comes in that's donated to the Salvation Army. Last year, volunteers accounted for less than 15 percent of total kettle hours for Wayne-Westland.



Salvation Army Capt. Derek Rose has put out the call for people to volunteer to ring the bell during the annual Red Kettle campaign. The Wayne-Westland Corps has a goal of raising \$165,000 this year.

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Yesh: Vested interest in district

After reading an article in the *Observer* indicating that only a couple candidates had filed for this extremely important position, Lee G. Yesh felt compelled to run for the Livonia school board for a couple reasons.

"I thought this would be a good way to get involved in the community, and I know that my education and experience in finance will support the goals of the board and my daughter will be attending Livonia Public Schools next fall, so I have a vested interest in making sure the district is successful," he said.

In response to the *Observer* questions, he qualified his answers by explaining that he has

"never campaigned for an elected office."

"I have no direct experience in local or state politics and I have never been an employee of Livonia or any other school district," he said. "My experience and knowledge are based on my work in the private sector in business management and finance."

That said, his summarized answer to the questions posed is that "I do not have enough details on the current issues and operations of the district to give an accurate assessment of the overall effectiveness of the school board."

"I can tell you that I believe there should be

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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.

Scheel: Fiscal responsibility is vital

Incumbent school board Trustee Lynda Scheel believes and ongoing challenge facing the Livonia Public Schools is increasing student achievement is an ongoing challenge. The district's curriculum changes as the state mandates change.

"We adjust, teach and review to ensure students comprehend," she said. "Promoting targeted interventions will improve student performance."

She also sees fiscal responsibility is vital to every district, every business and every family and said she has "been working creatively to do more with less."

"I have held conversations with our community regarding funding and

legislation that affects our schools. Increasing enrollment through communication and an active partnership between our schools, staff, parents and community is important," Scheel added. "I will continue to build our relationships with our business and real estate community to attract new families to our district."

Observer: In what ways can the district save money?

Our district can save money through continued and/or new collaboration of services with the city and/or surrounding school districts. Every employee and community member's

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There's also Kettle Sponsorship, in which the person or business provides a donation to sponsor a kettle location. Signage is provided for both. Full season sponsorship is \$750 for one week \$250 and one day for \$50.

The Detroit Red Kettle kickoff is 6 p.m. Fri-

day, Nov. 18, in Detroit's Campus Martius, Derek Rose said, adding that all are welcome. Those who wish to volunteer with the Red Kettle drive can visit www.myvolunteerpage.com for general Christmas help, and then www.registertoring.com for bell ringing.

There's also information on the Wayne-Westland corps Facebook page at The Wayne Westland Salvation Army.

The Wayne-Westland corps will again have an Angel Tree at Westland Shopping Center, with angel tags indicating Christmas needs. The corps also runs an Adopt

a Family program each Christmas season, with additional details available at (734) 722-3660 during weekday business hours.

The corps will give out 30-40 food baskets from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 19, for Thanksgiving, an effort that requires several volunteers.

There will be a Christmas Senior Luncheon at noon Friday, Dec. 2, which will require six-seven volunteers from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. that day. The luncheon will feature special music, food, gifts and a program.

Closer to Christmas,

the corps will also distribute toys and food to clients at the corps center on Venoy.

"You get to see all the toys coming in," Derek Rose said of those who volunteer there. Set-up will be from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 15, with eight to 10 volunteers needed.

Additional volunteers are needed for days toys and food are distributed, with some clients coming in Dec. 22-23 for what's left (those who've called after deadline). The corps also needs help Dec. 22-23 tearing down the toy shop, Derek Rose said.

SCHEEL

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input is valued when options are reviewed. Financial and educational priorities have been the product of candid and open dialog with our community. Every suggestion that we receive is reviewed for short- or long-term gain, effectiveness and any possible conflict with terms in place. There can be barriers that take time to overcome. There can be training or initial fund layout required for long-term savings that may take time to implement.

Observer: What ideas do you have on how the district can raise revenue?

Increasing enrollment, as previously mentioned, would be the best way. We could provide, on a limited basis, advertising space on our athletic field or in our buses. This would require additional time from our district to review, and limitations would need to be in place regarding the type of products or name brands we would consider. We should also consider selling some of our properties, those determined to have limited or no use to the district.

Observer: What strengths do you bring to the school board?

I bring leadership, communication, professionalism and trustworthiness to the school board. My fellow trustees have elected me as school board president four separate terms. Prior to that, I was also elected as secretary on the school board. As president of our school board, I have provided opportunities for all stakeholders to be heard through community conversation forums. We also established a district communication team. While it is impossible for there to be 100 percent

LYNDA SCHEEL



Age: 51
Years of residency in Livonia: 38
Education:

Graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School
Employment: Executive assistant to the superintendent for Redford Union School District
Experience in elective office: Livonia Public Schools school board - president July 2009 to December 2011, elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2007, president for two previous terms - July 2006 through June 2008, secretary from spring 2004 through June 2006
Website: LyndaScheel.com

consensus by the board, administration, staff, parents and community on any myriad of issues, it is important to keep the lines of communication open.

Observer: Why should residents vote for you?

From 25 years of volunteerism in PTAs and throughout my tenure on our Livonia Public School board, I have served the residents and the LPS District well over the last eight and one half years in a significantly distressed global economy. Many budgets and decisions our district has made have been difficult and controversial. I have proven that I can make difficult and tough decisions in the best interest of our district. As a former LPS student, parent of three LPS graduates and the grandmother of a current LPS kindergartner, my commitment to the past, present and future of our district is resolute.

YESH

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two main objectives for the board members: To ensure that the board is giving the schools the support they need to provide the best education possible for our children and to be responsible stewards of the taxpayers' money and work within the constraints of our budget," Yesh said. "The questions from the *Observer* as well as all issues that arise on a regular basis should be resolved with these in mind; namely does it benefit the students of the district and is it utilizing taxpayer funding wisely?"

He added that he is "willing to dedicate whatever time is necessary to complete the research and make decisions that support the students and the

LEE G. YESH



Age: 43
Years of residency in Livonia: 1
Education: B.A. in finance from Michigan State University in 1991
Employment: I have spent my entire professional life in the private sector working in finance, accounting and business management.
Experience in elective office: None
Community/volunteer involvement: None

for almost all my life and purchased our first home here where we have lived for the past 13 years.

Education: B.A. in finance from Michigan State University in 1991
Employment: I have spent my entire professional life in the private sector working in finance, accounting and business management.
Experience in elective office: None
Community/volunteer involvement: None

taxpayers of the district."

"The fact that I don't have direct experience with the board is where I feel my strength is - I will not bring any pre-conceived ideas or agendas to the board," he said. "What I will bring is an open mind and fresh thinking that will ensure we are achieving the overall goal of having the best students while being accountable to the taxpayers of the district."



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Four generations

Gerry Yates (right) of Westland brought four generations of her family to the Parade Company's previews party. Joining her are her daughter, Bonnie Schow (left) with her daughter Anna Henning, and grandson Griffith Henning, age 7 weeks, who partied too much and went to sleep.

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Contact: For more information, call (734) 326-2801.

Academy holds first ever silent auction fundraiser

Westland Christian Academy is inviting families to gather for a spaghetti dinner and silent auction Friday, Nov. 4, to benefit, in part, the school's Johnathan Klekamp Memorial Fund.

A preview of auction items will be at 6:30 p.m., with the auction open 7-9 p.m. The spaghetti dinner also will be served 7-9 p.m.

This is the academy's first ever silent auction and spaghetti dinner and is its largest fund-raising event of the year. In addition to the scholarship fund, money will be used to make improvements at the academy. The memorial fund was established in honor of Johnathan Klekamp who graduated from the academy in 2007. He died just before Thanksgiving in 2009 after being hit by a car.

"Johnathan loved his school and flourished here," said director Carol Enersen. "We didn't want him forgotten and we wanted to turn a tragic accident into something positive, so we began a scholarship memorial fund so other students would be able to have similar learning experiences."

She added that some of the money raised will be used to renovate classrooms, purchase needed technical equipment and supplies "that will ensure students every opportunity to reach far beyond what they thought

obtainable."

Auction items have been donated by Meadow Brook Theatre, The Henry Ford, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Wayne Recreation Center, State Wayne Theater, Plymouth Whalers, Soaring Adventures of America hot air balloon rides, Autumn & Co. Hair Salon, Northside Hardware, Toledo Zoo, Wiard's Orchard, Canton Cinema, Texas Roadhouse, Mary Denning Cake Shoppe, Detroit Zoo, Golden Corral, Detroit Institute of Arts and Max & Erma's.

There's also Detroit Red Wings-signed Mike Modano puck, a one-week stay at the Ocean Bay Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Tickets for the dinner cost \$5 per person or \$15 per family - parents and their children age 17 and under. They're available in the academy's office at the Full Gospel Temple 34033 Palmer, east of Wayne Road, Westland.

Opened in 1984, Westland Christian Academy currently offers a K-12 academy, homeschool and virtual school programs. Its academic program is dedicated to meeting the spiritual, scholastic and social, of its members.

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Glenn takes trip to Wonderland with 'Alice'

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Sheri Grove isn't shy about admitting that she doesn't like the play *Alice in Wonderland*. But she's not letting her dislikes get in the way of this week's production at John Glenn High School.

"It's a very dark, very adult fairy tale. We had to revamp it so it was more whimsical and kid-friendly," said Grove, who is directing the play with Belinda Walakonis Semak. "We took a kid-friendly approach. With the costumes, sets and characters, we added a quite bit more work to the production."

The fall play, an ambitious one with a large cast and a lot of scenes, was selected by the students, who thought it would be interesting to do.

"It's been a real challenge to pull off the whole thing together," said senior Shannon Salisbury, who also plays the role of the Red Queen. "We had to pull from the script, use our creativity and



Assistant director Shannon Salisbury also appears in the production as the Red Queen while Maria Idunate plays the role of Alice.

think outside the box."

This is the first time the drama department has done *Alice* and the challenge for Grove's first-time assistant directors — Salisbury and fellow seniors Steve Goldberg (the Mad Hatter) and Jake Ferguson (the

Cheshire Cat).

"Usually the plays have one location. With *Alice* there's a lot of scenes and a lot of props," Goldberg said.

"It's been harder than we thought," Ferguson said. "There's an amazing range of characters."

A large crew has been busy assembling the props and, according to Grove, it's now all about putting the pieces together after going through script changes and developing characters.

"It'll be there for them in the end," she said. "It'll

be enjoyable for the kids and the audience."

The show will be performed for middle schoolers Wednesday, Nov. 2, in advance of its opening night Thursday, Nov. 3.

Goldberg has been performing in plays since his sophomore year and the chance to direct has been something he's wanted to do since he first put his foot on the stage.

"Ever since I was a sophomore, I've been wanting the experience of being a director," he said. "When I get older, I'd rather be in a director's position rather than an actor."

Salisbury has been waiting since her freshman year to snag an assistant director's assignment. In her essay about the position, she pointed out she's a leader and has been a good leader.

"I've learned a lot from the other assistant directors. I bring a lot to the table," she said. "I'm really excited."

Salisbury plans to study music theater in college.

Her strongest point is her singing.

"And then I fell in love with acting and performing in general," she said. "I feel that's where I belong."

Ferguson decided to go after an assistant director's position because it helps further his experience. He "loves theater" and while he's yet to decide on what to study in college, theater will be a part of it.

"My plan, at least, is to minor in theater," he said. "If I had a dream, theater would be my major. It's definitely going to be something I do in college."

As for *Alice*, the trio has their work cut out for them. Grove said this the "first and last time" students will do the play. The directors need to get this production to the point where she and Semak like the show.

"If we get them to say they like it, then we've won," Salisbury said.

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AUDIT

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The dramatic shift is the result of stepped up efforts by Wayne County to collect delinquent property taxes, providing an additional \$1.6 million, as well as \$250,000 in profit in food services. According to the auditors, the district's belt tightening produced savings in salaries, health care, retirement, purchased services and supplies, much of which was related to its 21st Century initiative that included closing six schools to right size the district.

The district had projected revenue at \$111 million and expenditures at \$112.7 million, but in actuality took in \$112.7 million and spent just \$108.8 million. The variance for revenue was less than 1 percent, but was more than 22 percent for expenditures.

In 2003, the district had a fund equity of \$23 million, but that has amount has steadily eroded, mirroring the effect of state funding issues happening to districts around the state. Citing the loss of federal stimulus money and the increase in retirement costs to 24.46 percent of payroll, "there's a significant amount of money that is out of the district's control," Troyer said.

"With an elongated state aid payment plan, there's \$16 million owed to you after the end of your fiscal year and that creates a lot of cash flow issues," Troyer said.

With 91 percent of its revenue coming from the state foundation allowance, the district has "little ability to effectively improve revenue every year," he added.

School board President Carol Middel pointed out that Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, the district's chief financial officer, had promised that she would eventually see the savings from a board decision to close six schools and right-size its educational program.

"Now I do see the savings coming through in this audit," she said.

Martin told the board the savings are built into the budget, but the district has experienced \$2.7 million in additional savings above and beyond what had anticipated because of the school closings.

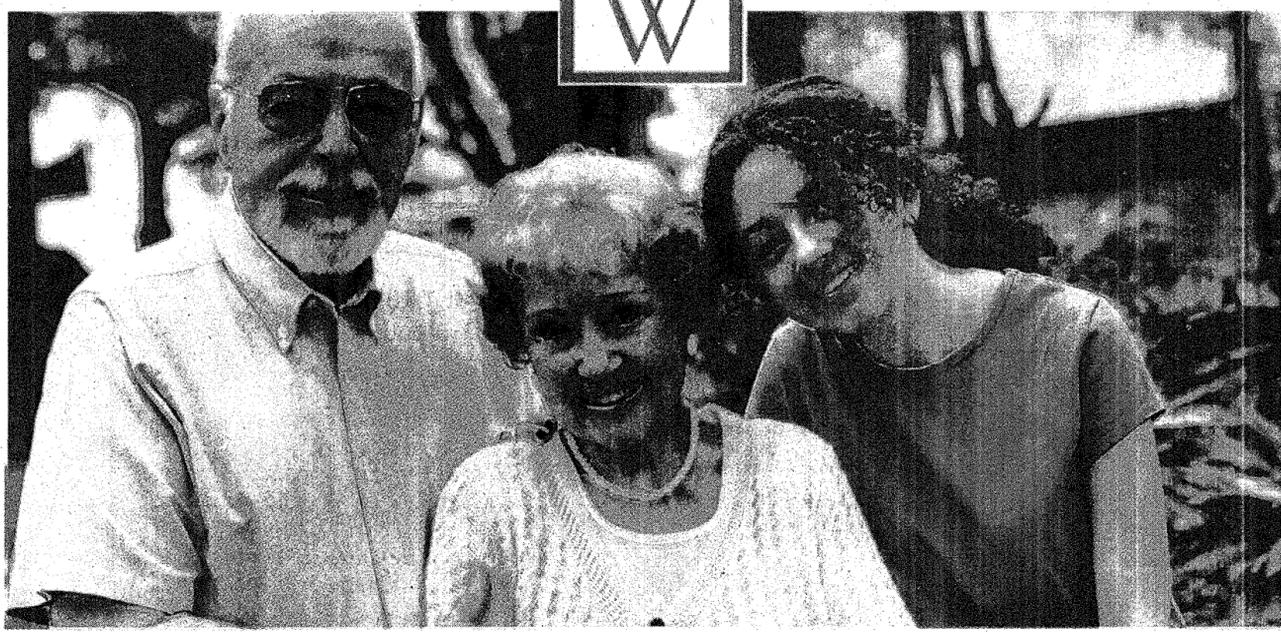
"There were synergies in closing those schools that kept building, they were unanticipated and continued to snowball, he said, pointing to food service. The school closings provided greater savings in labor and when the board voted to offer universal breakfasts as some schools, the district was able to use the existing staff.

"We were able to make it a much bigger and more profitable program," he said.

And while the fiscal picture improved for 2010-2011, this year's picture is murky at best. The district has lost more than \$9 million in revenue from the state, including \$6 million related to its Wayne-Westland language. Coupled with increased retirement costs and increase health care costs, the shortfall balloons to \$13 million.

According to Martin, the "synergies of the 21st Century Initiative" and cost containment will help mitigate some of the losses.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Meet the Candidates

"Meet the Candidates" can be seen on GCTV through Monday, Nov. 7. The program, featuring the eight candidates for four seats on the City Council and the lone mayoral candidates, will air at 10 a.m. and 2, 7 and 11 p.m. on Comcast Channel 12, WOW Channel 18 and at those same times on the Internet at www.gardencitymi.org/gctv.

Residents also can see the results first on GCTV on election night, Nov. 8, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Dan York and Susan McGraw will host "Election Night Live," which will include results and interviews with the candidates after the precincts close. It will air on cable TV and will be streamed live to the Internet, as is all GCTV programming, at www.gardencitymi.org/gctv.

Membership breakfast

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Membership Appreciation Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Garden City Historical Museum, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Detroit Chamber of Commerce. Garden City chamber members can learn about the free benefits they can receive through the partnership/affiliation with Detroit Chamber.

The breakfast also is a way for the chamber's Board of Directors to recognize members at large for their years of investment, their volunteerism and any outstanding contributions.

This breakfast is held in conjunction with the annual meeting where the directors review the accomplishments of the year, introduce incoming board directors and present the goals for the upcoming year.

The cost is free to chamber members and \$5 for guests. For more information, call (734) 422-4448.

Craft-Vendor Show

Garden City High School will be hosting a craft and vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. There will be more than 85 tables of home vendors such as Pampered Chef, Avon and Creative Memories, as well as a great variety of home made arts and crafts.

There also will be door prize raffles, 50/50 drawings, a Bake Sale, and Concessions available throughout the show. Admission is \$1 and includes a free raffle ticket.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt between Ford and Warren. For more information or for table availability, e-mail Sheryll at vendorshow@gmail.com or call 733 367-0898 and leave a message.

Community Chat

Join Kerry Partin every Thursday night at 9 p.m. for GC Community Chat at http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757, a talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding area.

Listeners can call-in live at (724)444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or they can join in a live chat room at http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757 where they can just listen to the show or also type their questions and comments.

Church turns home into meeting place for youth

By Sue Buck, Observer Staff Writer

Morning Star Church in Garden City has dedicated its newly remodeled youth group house on Pardo Street. It was about eight years in the making, according to Monica Duncan, the pastor's wife.

"It is a small house, only 600 square feet, and it was pretty run down," she said.

The house was dedicated to former church member Jack Norman Skiver, who died in May a few days before his 63rd birthday. Named Jack's Place, it honors Skiver, who was a major contributor to the youth group.

A devoted Christian for many years, Skiver joined Morning Star in 2009. He assisted the pastor with church business and also helped change the lives of many teens.

A message was placed on the sign above the door at Jack's Place that reads, "Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed."

Skiver, who always made it a point to get to know anyone who walked into the church, was well received by the teens at the church and was known as a cheerful giver. In his short time at Morning Star,



From left to right, Morning Star Church Pastor Earl and wife, Monica Duncan in Garden City are joined by Lois and John Carlson, their son Keith, and daughter Crissy on steps with Keith's fiancée Courtney Plummer to dedicate "Jack's Place," the newly remodeled youth group house on Pardo Street.

Skiver made many charitable gifts to the youth group, which helped to send teens to Lift Student Ministries, a camp dedicated to changing the hearts of teens to put them on the right path in life and inspire them to know, love and follow Jesus Christ.

The house was purchased by Morning Star years ago, but was seldom used for its youth group because of its run-down condition.

John Carlson, who attends another church in Fenton, heard about Morning Star's need and felt in his heart that God wanted him to help Morning Star.

"You know when God is speaking to you," Carlson said.

He and his whole family donated time and funds and worked together, along with some members of Morning Star, for more than a year to complete the project.

As part of the dedication, Carlson was asked to nail a mezuzah, a small case containing scripture from Deuteronomy, to the inside door frame of the house as a constant reminder of God's presence and everyone's obligation to good deeds.

The renovation is the result of many volunteers, including Mike Butcher of

Cross Renovations in Garden City, Duncan said.

Church membership is not necessary for teens who are in the ninth through 12th grades to participate in the youth group. The group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays for fun activities and for Bible study at 6:45 p.m.

"On Wednesdays the group talks about the challenges they are facing and what they are going through," Duncan said.

Jack's Place is located at 28459 Pardo. It is across the street from Morning Star Church.

sbuck@hometownlife.com (313) 222-2249

Canton Animal Hospital advertisement with services, address, and phone number.

Toy store advertisement for Doll Hospital with toys, dolls, and activities.

The Michou Chronicles book advertisement by Irene Clancy.

MotorCity Casino advertisement with location and contact information.

Home Accents 50% Off sale advertisement listing various home decor items.

Large Hobby Lobby advertisement grid listing various craft and hobby supplies with discounts.

Hobby Lobby Canton store advertisement with address and phone number.

Small text advertisement at the bottom left corner.

Small text advertisement at the bottom right corner.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

QUILT SHOW

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5
Location: Westland Christian Union Church, 1046 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Ladies United Voice will host its seventh annual Quilt Show at the church. The event will include many quilts (old and new) on display, craft and antique vendors, door prizes, \$1 fat quarters, a Make-and-Take project, a bake sale and lunch. A \$3 donation is requested for admission.
Contact: For more information, call chairperson Mary Surbrook at (734) 748-839 and leave a message.

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL
Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30
Location: Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City
Details: Garden City Presbyterian Church is holding its Fall Harvest Festival, featuring Trunk-or-Treat, a chili cook-off, costume contest, kids' tattoos and face

painting, pumpkin carving, kiddie hayride and the Fall Festival Carolers. The event is appropriate for all ages, nothing spooky. There also will be hot dogs, hot apple cider, hot chocolate, chili and more.
Contact: For information, call (734) 421-7620.

Euchre tournament
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5
Location: Fellowship Hall of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland
Details: St. Matthew is having a Euchre Tournament. The cost is \$5 per person, an appetizer or dessert to pass and donation for the church pantry. There are many in the local surrounding communities that benefit from the church pantry).
Contact: To reserve a spot, call (734) 425-0260.

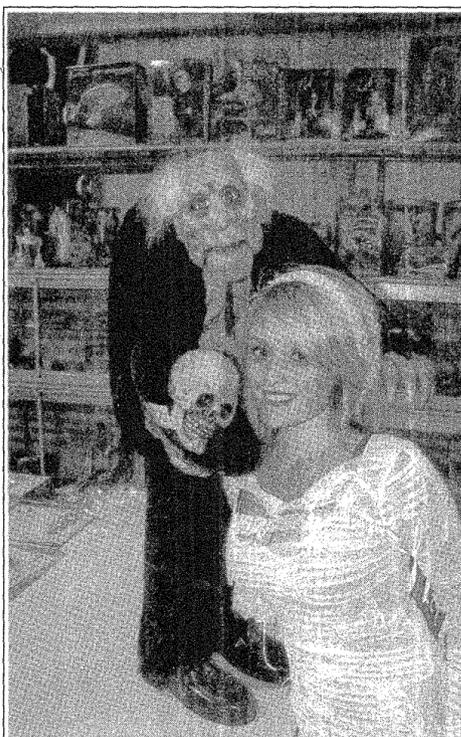
GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19
Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia,
Details: The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will sponsor a seminar as part of its 15th Anniversary celebration. The guest speaker is a native of Ireland, Nuala Farrell Griffin. The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. The program will begin at 9:15 a.m. and run until 5 p.m., with a break for lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m. There will also be vendors throughout the day and door prizes.

The cost for the entire day is \$35 before Nov. 12, and \$45 thereafter.
Contact: Information and registration forms are available online at www.rootsweb.com/miigsm.

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12
Location: St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, Farmington
Details: Widowed Friends, a "peer" group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, presents, "Coping with the Holidays." The program will include a guest speaker, social and small group interaction and a memorial/healing service. If your loss recent or distant, you are younger or older, come share this journey of new growth. The cost is \$20 per person, includes a box lunch and refreshments. Registrations must be received by Nov. 6.
Contact: For more information, call Carol (313) 562-3080 or Joan (248) 478-1084 or visit the website at www.widowedfriends.org for the registration form.

TRAIN SHOW
Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 27
Location: Parish Hall of Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, west of Mer-riman, Westland.
Details: Ss. Simon and Jude Church' Ushers Club is holding Railroadiana Train Show. Buy, sell or swap toys and trains. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 1-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, and 1-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6
Location: St. Mel' Church, 7506 N. Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: St. Mel's annual Thanksgiving Festival will feature a Vegas Room, games, Bushels of Baskets, Tin Can Alley, homemade



DAVID L. MALHALAB M NEWS SERVICE/MNS PHOTO

Beauty and the Butler

Katie Altman of Garden City, the mummy bride, was the featured presenter at the Back to the Past Comic Book and Pop Culture Halloween Auction held in Redford Saturday. The event was broadcast live on proxidbid.com/backtothepast. Altman showed auction items to the audience, including the Butler, who went home to a high bidder of \$39. A large crowd bid on Halloween themed comic books, posters and other spooky Halloween related items.

baked goods, ham and turkey wheel, raffle drawing on Nov. 6, a pork chop dinner on Nov. 5 and a Polish platter dinner on Nov. 6
Contact: Call St. Mel's Church for more details at (313) 274-0684.

YOGA CLASSES
Time/Date: 5:15-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 through Dec. 7
Location: Classrooms 1 and 2 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering Therapeutic Yoga classes that blend restorative yoga (supported postures), and gentle yoga, with chair and floor poses. The class is for those who may need something gentle yet effective for bringing the body into balance and reducing stress. Meditation and breathing techniques are included. Therapeutic Yoga offers you tools to help on the journey toward better health and wellness. There is a fee of \$45 for the six-week session. Space is limited, class fills quickly.
Contact: To register, call (734) 655-1162 or register online at stmarymercy.org

GRIEF SUPPORT
Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

CRAFT SHOW
TIME/DATE: SATURDAY, NOV. 12
Location: William Brennan Activity Center of St. Sebastian Church, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights
Details: Crafters and vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic Church-St. Anne Altar Society's Christmas Craft Show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5.
Contact: For more information, call Phyllis at (313) 561-1807.

Abandoned vehicle auction: 11/05/2011 12 Noon Sparks Auto and Towing, 31797 Block Street Garden City MI

1.	1999	Pontiac	1G2NW52EXXM824315
2.	1995	Pontiac	1G2NE55D4SC749101
3.	1997	Ford	1FALP62W3VH102081
4.	2002	Hyundai	KMHWF25S42A693095
5.	1999	Ford	1FAPF53S9WG137833
6.	2003	Ford	1FAPF55U83G145156
7.	2004	Chrysler	1C3F146X64394142

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs, which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the City General Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
6000 Middlebelt
Garden City, Michigan 48135

Date: November 2, 2011
Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
734-793-1620

Publish: October 30, 2011

CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
11-003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. At the hearing all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard on the following agenda item.

- 11-003, Variance request, 7153 Middlebelt Road is proposing to establish a gas station. Gas Stations require a land area of 20,000 square ft.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the application may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

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City of Garden City County of Wayne State of Michigan

Board of Canvassers Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

This is your official notification of a Board of Canvassers meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan to consider the following:

- Approval of the August 4, 2011 Board Minutes.
- Canvass and certify results of the City General Election of November 8, 2011.
- Adjournment.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO BE HELD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012 COMMENCING JANUARY 18, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 19, 2012.

To all persons interested in the meetings of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals:

PLACE:	Westland City Hall 36601 Ford Road Westland, MI 48185
TIME:	5:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING DATE	DEADLINE:
January 18, 2012	December 21, 2011 (Wed)
February 15, 2012	January 20, 2012
March 21, 2012	February 24, 2012
April 18, 2012	March 23, 2012
May 16, 2012	April 19, 2012 (Thurs)
June 20, 2012	May 25, 2012
July 18, 2012	June 22, 2012
August 15, 2012	July 20, 2012
September 19, 2012	August 24, 2012
October 17, 2012	September 21, 2012
November 14, 2012	October 19, 2012
December 19, 2012	November 21, 2012 (Wed)

The minutes of each meeting of the regular meetings listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office of the City of Westland not more than eight (8) business days after the date of said meeting.

Approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five (5) business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved.

This notice is given in compliance with Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

Eileen DeHart, CMC-City Clerk

Publish: October 30, 2011

CITY OF GARDEN CITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
November 7, 2011

CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC RESOLUTION (#2) OF NECESSITY
Street Lighting

WHEREAS, a report has been received from the City Manager on street lighting city-wide,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to hear the views of property owners in the proposed city-wide district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to call a Public Hearing for Monday, November 7, 2011, at 6:30p.m., in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135 to solicit public comments on the street lighting project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of such Public Hearing be published in the newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be given by first class mail to the last known owner of each parcel affected thereby pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.04(A).

AYES: Walker, Kerwin, Lynch, Duncan.
 NAYS: Dodge
 ABSENT: Briscoe.

Adopted: October 24, 2011
 Publish: October 30, 2011

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2750-Mauro Cohen Partnership LLC-35337 W. Warren
 Req. for a 15' sign setback variance from Ord. 248 in order to install a new free-standing sign at the site with a setback of 0 feet from the front lot line; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b)(2) requires a minimum setback of 15' for free-standing signs.

Petition #2751-Frank's Deli & Spirits-36980 Ford Rd.
 Req. for a 14' sign setback variance from Ord. 248 in order to install a new free-standing sign at the site with a setback of 1' from the front lot line; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b)(2) requires a minimum setback of 15' for free-standing signs.

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HARP might provide relief for struggling homeowners

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: Five years ago, I purchased a new home. I paid \$475,000 and I had a \$450,000 mortgage. At the time I bought the home, I had some problems on my credit and because of that I'm paying a little over 7 percent. I've tried to refinance, but since my home is now worth about \$375,000, the mortgage company says I can't refinance. I love my home and I don't want to screw up my credit rating by walking away from my mortgage. Do I have any options?

A: Normally I would tell you that there is very little that you can do at this point in time. Typically, mortgage companies will only refinance a home if you have equity in the home. In your case, since the home is worth less than the mortgage, there is no equity. Therefore, in most cases there would be no opportunity to refinance and take advantage of the lower rates. There is, however, a potential solution to your situation.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The government just announced new rules for the HARP plan. HARP (Homeowner Assistance Refinance Program) is a federal program that was established a couple of years ago. The program was supposed to help about five million people in your situation refinance; however, not unlike most federal programs, it failed to deliver as promised. That being said, they have just amended the rules for HARP and with those new rules you may have the opportunity to refinance your mortgage.

The new rules were just announced and it will be a few more weeks until all the rules are out, however, the basics of the plan state that if your home is worth less than the mortgage and the mortgage is guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac (which over half the homes in America are), then you meet the basic requirement for this program. There are also other requirements that you must meet. These include that you can't have missed a mortgage payment over

the last six months, and in the last 12 months you can have missed only one payment. In addition, under this plan you still would have to meet certain income requirements to qualify for the loan.

Based upon the information that you have provided, it does appear that you should be able to take advantage of this program and be able to reduce your interest rate from over 7 percent to a little over 4 percent. One further caveat about the program is there are costs. Even though the refinance costs have been reduced, there is still a cost. However, an interesting tidbit about the program is that if you reduce the term of your mortgage to less than 20 years, then the cost of refinancing will be waived. A further note, I am not sure if all mortgage companies will have the same fee for this program; therefore, it pays to shop a round.

The government's new HARP plan is not for everyone and will not solve the housing crisis in America; however, it can make a significant difference to many Americans. If the mortgage on your home is greater than the value of your home and if you have been making your mortgage payments, I would recommend that you contact your mortgage lender over the next few weeks to determine if you qualify. Interest rates are at historic lows and this provides a great opportunity for people who were previously unable to refinance their home. My advice is don't delay and contact your mortgage company as soon as possible. Not all mortgage companies will offer this program, however, I suspect many will.

Like all government programs, there'll be some twists and turns and more paperwork than is needed. However, if you can reduce your mortgage payment by a couple of hundred bucks a month or knock five to 10 years off your mortgage, I would suspect it's worth putting up with a little hassle.

Good luck!

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

AROUND WESTLAND

Trunk-or-Treat

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is inviting the community to celebrate Halloween at its Trunk-N-Treat and Other Halloween Fun 2-3:30 p.m. today (Oct. 30). Activities include a Cupcake Walk, Paint a Pumpkin and trunk-N-treating. Come with or without a costume.

The church is at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-1088.

Special Olympics

Bowlers are needed for a fund-raiser to benefit the Special Olympics. The event is Sunday, Nov. 6, at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave., west of Wayne Road.

The cost is \$10 per person and \$3 for Special Olympics athletes for three games of no-tap nine-pin bowling. There will be optional jackpots, mystery and lucky spot strikes.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., with bowling at 11 a.m. To pre-register, call Glenda at (313) 561-3484.

Beatles tribute

The Beatles tribute band Toppermost will perform a concert Saturday, Nov. 12, to benefit the Westland Veterans Association. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$100 for reserved tables for eight.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the concert at 8 p.m. at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. For more information and tickets, call (734) 335-7943.

Appraisal clinic

Bring your treasures in to find out what they might really be worth as the Westland Historic Village Park hosts an Appraisal Clinic by DuMouchelle Galleries beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Bailey Recreation Center. The cost is \$10 per item for a verbal appraisal and a maximum of three items per person. All items must be able to be carried into the Bailey Center.

Call (734) 522-3918 to make an appointment. Walk-ins will be accepted at end of scheduled appointments. The Bailey Center is located at 36651 Ford behind Westland City Hall.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the City General Election will be held in the City of Garden City on,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

Mayor
City Council

The following proposal will also be voted on:

LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the tax limitation imposed on all taxable real and tangible personal property within the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased in an amount not to exceed 1.0 Mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2012 to 2021 inclusive, pursuant to Act 164 of Public Acts of 1877 (as amended) MCLA 397.210a et seq. to provide funds for the establishment, operation and equipping of a free public library and for all other library purposes authorized by law; said millage would be a new additional millage for such purpose and the estimated amount of revenue that will be collected by the City in the first year that the millage is authorized and levied is approximately \$ 570,167.

Shall the proposed millage be approved?

YES NO

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 29, 2011 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan City of Garden City

Taxing Authority	Date of Election	Voted	Years Increases	Increases Effective
County of Wayne	11/02/2010	1 mill	2015	
Wayne County Jail	08/06/2002	1 mill	2011	
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015	

OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES

Schoolcraft Comm	10/07/1985	.05 mills	Unlimited	
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GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

Garden City Schools	06/11/2001	3.1 mills	2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years)	
	06/10/2002	18 mills	2012 non-homestead	
	06/02/2011	2 mills	2003 thru 2012	
	08/02/2011	2 mills	2011 to 2015 inclusive	

The places of voting for the Primary Election to be held on November 8, 2011 will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precincts 2 and 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precincts 3 and 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-793-1620 prior to Election Day. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 7, 2011, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN

DTE Energy's Home Energy Consultation - at NO COST

Join us for a Resource Summit
Receive helpful information regarding programs and services available to your community

Thursday, November 17th

9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Oakland Community College - Auburn Hills, MI Campus

2900 Featherstone, Building G

At the Summit you can sign up to have our energy consultants visit your home to conduct an assessment of your energy use, provide energy-saving recommendations and install the following complimentary products:

- Energy-saving faucet aerators for kitchen and bath
- Energy-saving showerheads
- Water heater pipe wrap
- ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light bulbs
- LED night lights



Let our energy consultants work with you to assess the energy efficiency of your home, give you a detailed, personalized energy report, and discuss ways that DTE Energy can help you reduce your energy cost even more. For more energy savings tips, visit:

dteenergy.com/saveenergy

Control costs and make your home more energy efficient.

Schedule a home energy consultation today.

877.497.2191



* Energy-saving products installed are dependent upon DTE Energy account type.

Your Energy Savings

Anderson to seek 13th District congressional seat

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A veteran western Wayne County lawmaker is ready to hit the campaign trail after announcing Friday he's a candidate in the new 13th Congressional District.

Glenn Anderson, a Westland Democrat and senator for the state's 6th Senate District, stood in the shadows of the new Wayne Assembly plant in Wayne, where he had worked for 28 years, to tell supporters he wants to go to Washington, D.C., to fight for jobs and for a return of the middle class.

"We have to restore people's faith in government and show them results, I will do that when I go to Washington," said Anderson. "I will fight those who want to tear our country apart. People have seen what the Tea Party is about and it's not a direction that they want to go."

Anderson is the second candidate to file in the 13th District which has no incumbent because it is not represented in its entirety by a sitting congressman. Detroit civil rights attorney Godfrey J. Dillard has announced his intention to seek the seat which has been abandoned by freshman U.S. Rep. Hansen Clark who

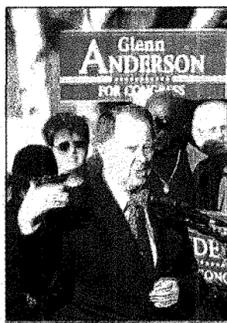


With his wife Gail at his side, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, tells a gathering in Wayne Friday morning that he wants to restore people's faith in government.

has chosen to campaign in the 14th Congressional District. Longtime U.S. Rep. John Conyers has yet to indicate if he will seek election in the new 13th or 14th Districts which include portions of his old district.

The new 13th District includes part of Detroit and Dearborn Heights and the entirety of River Rouge, Ecorse, Melvindale, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Inkster, Wayne, and Romulus. Anderson currently represents all of Westland, Garden City and Redford in the state Senate.

Flanked by state, county and local officials from Westland, Redford, Gar-



A Democrat, Anderson said his mission is to do everything he can to store the middle class and jobs to southeast Michigan.

den City, Wayne, Dearborn Heights and Romulus, Anderson praised the opportunities that were afforded him when he worked at the former Michigan Truck Plant which now houses Ford's new Wayne Assembly plant. "I'm thankful for the opportunity I had to work for Ford, it allowed me to raise a family and buy my first home," he said. "It allowed me to share in the American dream."



Standing with Anderson during his announcement were Westland Mayor William Wild and Garden City Mayor Pro Tem Jim Kerwin (in back).

"We have lost that in the past few years, now we need to restore the working class," he added. "I want to make sure other people have the same opportunity for good paying jobs."

Anderson was elected to the state Senate in 2006, defeating Republican incumbent Laura Toy. He was re-elected to a second four-year term in 2010. He also has served six years as state representative and nine years on the Westland City Council.

He said he had been



Rob Hendrickson and wife Rhonda of Troy show their true colors during Anderson's campaign announcement.

thinking about a congressional campaign for a long time. He looked at

the numbers and believes residents of the new 13th District are "looking for someone fresh with the right values."

"I believe I can win this race," he said. "I have the energy, the passion and a record on the issues that match up with the voters in this district. I plan to work hard and hit the ground running."

Anderson made his announcement in the driveway of the boyhood home of longtime friend Nick Zuk of Westland. The two men worked together on the assembly line. Anderson was an inspector who Zuk said could always be respected for his word.

"I love it, he's a hard worker," said Zuk. "I know he'll do a great job in Washington. I'm 100 percent behind him. He's always been honest."

At his side for the announcement was Anderson's wife Gail. Married for 34 years, they have two adult children, Melissa and Kyle, and two grandchildren, Mackenzie and Logan.

"This community and southeast Michigan has benefited from the auto industry," he said. "We can't forget the good-paying jobs that have come out of it. The auto industry made it possible for people to have the good life. My mission will be to do everything I can to restore the middle class and restore jobs."

Anderson followed up his announcement in western Wayne County with one at an appearance in Tech Town in Detroit.

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You can't look at the news without hearing about the Occupy Wall Street protestors. In the past mass groups have gathered to protest issues like civil rights and war. This time they are protesting the growing economic inequality in America and the rise of corporate power and greed, which they feel is symbolized in Wall Street.

What exactly is Wall Street though? Wall Street is the financial district in New York City where two of the largest financial markets in the world conduct their trades: The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation (NASDAQ).

Financial markets are places (both real and virtual) where buyers and sellers participate in the trade of assets (resources), such as equities, bonds, currencies and derivatives. They are a crucial part of our economy and are responsible for so much of the progress we have seen happen in the Western world. At the same time, though, we have recently seen the government bail-out some of our top financial institutions.

More and more people are beginning to wonder, what really goes on in Wall Street. The average American is asking what are derivatives? What is a hedge fund? How do I make sense of the complexity of financial markets and how do they directly affect my

life? Why do stock market crashes affect the economy so easily?

Well, the Westland Public Library is here to help. We have a number of books to get you started in getting a better understanding of Wall Street and financial markets in general:

Take a look at *Stock Market Knowledge for all Ages* by Susie Vaccaro Hardeemann. Then get a better idea of what has been going on in our current economic crisis with *13 Bankers: The Wall Street Takeover and the Next Financial Meltdown* by Simon Johnson, *Too Big to Fail: The Inside Story of How Wall Street and Washington Fought to Save the Financial System - and Themselves* by Andrew Ross Sorkin and *The Sell-out: How Three Decades of Wall Street Greed and Government Mismanagement Destroyed the Global Financial System* by Charles Gasparino.

For more information about how you can find out more about the ways of finance and its impact on your life, stop by or call the library at (734) 326-6123 for more information. The library is open seven days a week or visit us anytime at westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Afternoon Movie Classics of 1996: 3 p.m. Nov. 1

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er who was pushed hard by his father and teacher, only to give it up. Years later, he comes back to it with critical and popular success. This movie is rated PG-13. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Dress for Success: Job Seekers, 7 p.m. Nov. 1, Adults and Teens

Simone Lowe, formerly of Michigan Works and now an Image Consultant, will show job seekers how to present a positive image to give them the best chance to get (and keep) that job. Register online at westlandlibrary.org/events or call (734) 326-6123 or visit the library.

NaNoWriMo Write-In: 6-8:45 p.m. Nov. 3, Adults and Teens

Weekly write-in for all interested NaNoWriMo writers. If you need a laptop to work on, just bring a state ID with your current address on it. No sign up required.

Documentary Movie Night: 7 p.m. Nov. 2

Tonight's movie is *Gasland*. In 2009 Josh Fox was offered \$100,000 for the rights to lease his land for gas mining through a controversial new method called hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking." In an investigative film that is "part party mystery, part travelogue, part banjo showdown," Fox travels across the country, from Wyoming down to Texas and even to New York City, to examine the effects on local populations (and water supplies) of this highly unregulated and inadequately researched process.

Open Mic: 7 p.m. Nov. 3

It's here again!!! Poets, songwriters, bands, dancers and more are welcome. We have a friendly group who enjoy entertainers of all kinds and all levels. Our emcee for tonight is regionally-acclaimed singer-songwriter, Dave Boutette. No registration required for performers or audience.

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guage (ESL) Class: 9:30 a.m. Nov. 4, Adults

Get help practicing your English skills in a classroom setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Students with children are welcome. A new session will begin in February. Look for more information in January.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. Nov. 4, Adults

This week's movies is *The Tree of Life* about a family in the 1950's, whose eldest son reflects on the end of his innocence. This movie is rated R. Snacks and refreshments are served. Trivia and prizes before the movie. No registration is necessary.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help.

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

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The library's 15th Anniversary Celebration is noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. Join in the celebration. Music, crafts, art and more. Learn about the library's newest purchase.

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Getting ready for Christmas



Billie McCarty (from left), Allison Avery, Bev Wensko, Hazel Shelton, Judy Grinnell, Bob Miller, and Louise Steinhauer show off some of the Christmas wreaths that will be for sale during the First Congregational Church of Wayne's 65th annual church fair, which will be held Nov. 3-4 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. The fair will feature a boutique, Christmas decorations shop, homemade candy shop, country store, book store, attic treasurers, specialties shop and coffee shop. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 5-7 p.m. both days. The fair is well known for its full turkey dinners and more. The church is located at 2 Towne Square and Wayne Road (between eastbound and westbound Michigan Avenue in Wayne). Come get ready for Christmas and enjoy some great shopping and delicious food.



Michael Conway, director of communications for the Wayne County Airport Authority which handles Detroit Metropolitan Airport, speaks to members of the Garden City Rotary Club, including program chairwoman Wilma Healy (left) and Rotary Club president Jack Pelon (right).

Detroit Metro offers 'efficient' travel service

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

The recession and economy have hit Detroit Metropolitan Airport but the airport is still making progress, according to Michael Conway, director of communication for the Wayne County Airport Authority which handles Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

In 1928, Wayne County purchased one square mile of land at Middlebelt and Wick and it grew into a major international airport on 6,700 acres.

"Charles Lindberg and Amelia Earhart both landed their aircraft on our field," Conway said.

Today, about 32.4 million passengers fly through Metro annually.

"That's three times the population of the State of Michigan," Conway said.

September's figures show that airport traffic is about the same as last year, which Conway attributed to a slow economic recovery. The 613 airport employees will soon be reduced by 100 workers because the airport needs to make cuts, he said.

"In order to try to main-

tain a budget consistent with previous years, we have to reduce costs," Conway said.

Passenger growth dipped after Sept. 11, 2001, but wasn't as comparatively deep as the dip caused by the recession.

"We are hoping for future growth and that the economy will go a little better," he said.

He noted that J.D. Power & Associates in 2010 ranked the airport as the best in customer satisfaction.

A big capital improvement program helped to raise the scores over a 10-year period.

"People want an efficient, easy travel experience," Conway said.

A new runway, increased capacity along with a new McNamara Terminal, new access road, new hotel and new large parking deck all contributed to improvements.

"Having that new runway really gives us the best capacity for any airport in America," Conway said. "A parallel runway configuration allows for

simultaneous arrivals and departures."

Conway said the airport benefits with extra traffic by being a hub and from many nonstop services.

Air fare prices are higher this year because fuel has fluctuated from \$68 to a \$115 a barrel. There's fewer seats because some airlines are using smaller planes or have less flights, he said.

Metro Detroit's airport is the second-largest hub for Delta Air Lines. Delta, along with SkyTeam partner Air France, occupy the entire McNamara Terminal, which contains both domestic and international gates.

According to airport information, the airport has six major runways, two terminals, 145 in-service gates and an on-site Westin Hotel and conference center. In 2010, the airport was the 16th-busiest airport in the United States and the 24th busiest airport in the world in terms of passenger traffic.

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Technicians stymie Churchill

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

They don't call Detroit Cass Tech the Technicians for nothing.

And it was the Cass defense that put on a clinic in Friday's 35-6 victory over host Livonia Churchill in the Division 1-Region 4-District 1 football playoff opener.

The Chargers, making their fourth playoff appearance in school history, were limited to a mere 157 yards total offense and end their season at 6-4 overall.

"Those guys over there were big and physical," Churchill coach John Filiaut. "We knew we had to get some misdirection to find some room. Defensively, they're a terrific team. Nothing changed tonight. We found a little room with some misdirection and some reverses — still couldn't get in the end zone. Our touchdown was a defensive touchdown. Hats off to Cass Tech."

The Technicians (7-3) took away Churchill's



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK | PHOTO

Cass Tech ball carrier Deon Drake wrestles himself away from Churchill tacklers Charlie Yost (bottom) and Connor Dwyer during Friday's Division 1 district football opener.

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Pioneer ends Blazers' run

Stephanie Terrell tallied a pair of goals Thursday as Ann Arbor Pioneer earned a 3-0 state semifinal girls field hockey victory over Livonia Ladywood in a match played at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Shelby Supica tallied the other goal for Pioneer and goalie Cameron Evans made two saves to post the shutout.

Ladywood senior goalie Mackenzie Holme had five saves.

"The score wasn't indicative of how we played," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. The girls played great. Reaching the Final Four was an awesome accomplishment with a 15-3-3 (overall) record."

United M.S. harriers 4th

Second-year Livonia United, a combined cross country team from Emerson and Frost middle schools, recently placed fourth in a 20-team Michigan Middle School Mega Jam boys team meet held Oct. 22 at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Ore Creek led the way with 59 points followed by Saline (70), White Pine (94), Emerson (130) and Mill Creek (158) rounding out the top five.

John Hovermale of Frost was the overall champion with a current middle school state best 2-mile time of 10 minutes, 54.71 seconds. Emerson's Calvin Hilt also earned a top-10 finish in 11:56.

Other Emerson runners competing included Tony Floyd, Brandon Skulina, Brian Gomez, Carlos Ferriera, Zach Fenwick, and David Fecteau.

The Frost contingent also included Dash Dobar, Griffin Riley, and Clint Cowen.

On the girls side, Emerson's Natalie Douglas was 18th in 13:12, while teammate Delaney McKenzie took 85th in 16:02.

Outdoors talk

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.

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BOYS SOCCER

Athens OT goal stops Spartans

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Looking to regain the magic of their 2008 and 2006 state finals runs, the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team certainly had its opportunities in Wednesday's Division 1 regional semifinal against Troy Athens.

But the Spartans couldn't get that elusive one goal as Troy Athens pulled out of a 1-0 victory in double-overtime in a match played at Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Matt Dombrowski's goal with 8:33 remaining in the second 10-minute OT proved to be the difference and sent the Red Hawks (15-3-2) into Saturday's championship match against top-ranked Warren DeLaSalle (22-0-

3), which advanced with a 2-1 win over unranked Utica Eisenhower (20-1-2).

"It's a weird game — our sport — we certainly had enough opportunities to put one of them away," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team bowed out at 14-7-1 overall. "And then I would have liked our chances to stay strong defensively until the end of the game. But, for whatever reason, one bounce went their way, and unfortunately the critical bounces in front of goal didn't go our way. I'm awfully proud of the effort. It's just unfortunate we couldn't muster the result."

Dombrowski's goal, his

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Chip off the old Block

Warriors soccer coach will be missed

It's only appropriate that the Lutheran High Westland boys soccer coach the past 21 years had the last name of Block.

And Rich Block was certainly solid during his run with the Warriors, going 228-148-34, including a trip to the MHSAA Division 4 state finals in 2003.

Block's final game came on a miserable, cold and rainy afternoon in the district semifinals Oct. 14 at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Warriors were defeated 7-1, but Block was still in it until the final whistle.

Block has retired from

his coaching gig and is passing the torch, but he felt he received more than he gave all those years.

"Being able to come out and see the energy of the boys, just learn from them every day," Block said. "I've had people tell me from school that they've been blessed since I was there, but the blessings have been all mine. I've really, truly been blessed coaching. You see those young guys hugging me after the game. I'm definitely going to miss their energy and their love for the game."

Block literally started the program from scratch.

He couldn't recall his first match, but he savored that first 'W,' a victory in 1991 against Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

"The wife (Joanne)



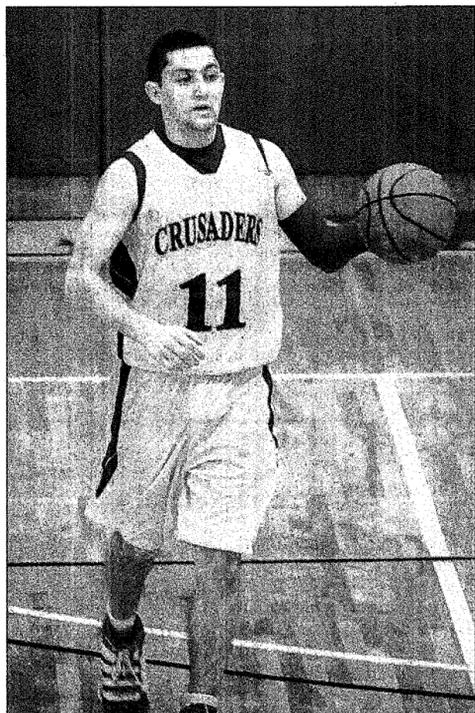
Rick Block

and I went to talk to the administration at the time — it was (Mike) Unger (the athletic director) and Ross Stueber," Block said. "We were talking about sending our son to school there. With tuition being what it was, I asked if there was any way I could supplement tuition. He asked me, 'What?' My wife told him

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Brad Emons



ANNA-MARIE GATT | MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Livonia Stevenson High grad Bobby Naubert enters his second season as the starting point-guard for the Madonna University men's basketball team.

Seeking wins

Madonna men's cagers eye turnaround

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Third-year Madonna University men's basketball coach Noel Emehiser isn't about to over-hype his team entering the 2011-12 season.

"We've had about 20 practices and so far we really realize we're not going to be more athletic than anybody," he said. "We're not going to be bigger than a lot of the teams we play, but our guys are very hungry, very determined. They put in the work during the offseason. They've really dedicated themselves to improvement — strength and skill. We're really going to rely on our chemistry and our unity to be in games this year."

Wits and guile could be the Crusaders' calling card as they're coming off an 8-22 season, including a 6-

10 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

MU played only 11 home games last year, going 6-5, but they won only one of 16 games on the road and went 1-2 on neutral courts.

With leading scorer Bryant Slaughter (14.5 points per game) lost to graduation along with top rebounder Geoff Gaylor (8.6 per game), the Crusaders will officially embark on their season Wednesday at Rochester College with only one bona fide returning starter, 5-foot-10 sophomore point-guard Bobby Naubert.

The Livonia Stevenson grad, however, enjoyed a banner freshman year



Tyler Coker

earning All-Newcomer honors in the WHAC after averaging 10.7 points per game and adding a team-high total of 100 assists.

"The thing we've really focused on with Bob (Naubert) during the offseason is controlling the game," Emehiser said. "He did a lot of good things last year, but it was mostly off his athleticism and desire to play hard. This year, we've really focused on him getting people in other positions to be successful as opposed to just running by everybody with his speed — reading the defense and see what they're trying to do to stop us."

Going into Saturday night's exhibition game at the University of Detroit Mercy, Emehiser had pretty much settled on a starting lineup.

Derek Lennen, a 6-6

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CHURCHILL

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two main offensive weapons — 5-foot-11, 234-pound junior running back Romello Brown and 6-3, 175-pound deep threat Jaylin Freeman at wide receiver.

Brown had little space to travel, finishing with just 29 yards on 13 carries, while Freeman had only one catch for 11 yards, and that didn't come until late in the third quarter.

"They really have a lot of good defensive players," Filiatraut said. "Their kids up front were much better than I thought they'd be. Their linebackers and secondary were as advertised. They're good players."

"They did a great job on Jaylin (Freeman) and Romello (Brown). I thought Romello played hard, but that's a good team we played. I'm not going to sit here and say our mistakes cost us the game. "We played hard. We needed some things to go our way and they didn't."

Despite being down 7-0, Churchill's defense stood its ground during the opening half, causing a pair of Cass Tech turnovers.

The Chargers intercepted Cass freshman quarterback Campbell Jayru on the opening possession when Hunter Rimatzki jarred the ball loose after a catch by Lewis Jordan as the ball popped into the hands of Andre Abrams Jr.

Cass, however, got the lead with 29.7 seconds left in the first quarter on a 12-yard run by 6-1, 205-pound sophomore running back Deon Drake, who finished the night with 140 yards on 23 carries.

Churchill sophomore linebacker Charlie Yost also picked off a Cass pass with 5:45 remaining in the second quarter. The Chargers then drove to the Cass 30 during the final minute, only to stall on fourth-and-three when quarterback Seth Suida was sacked by linebacker Royce Jenkins-Stone, who is headed to Michigan.

The third quarter proved to be a disaster for the Chargers as Cass tacked on seven more points on just the second play of the half when a snap from center sailed over the head of Charlie Hicks Jr. and linebacker William White recovered the loose ball in the end zone.

Drake then added an 8-yard TD run with 7:57 left in the third and Jayru hit Lile Ruben on a 37-yard scoring pass with 4:30 remaining in the same quarter after another Churchill turnover to make it 28-0 (following Kenneth Snapp's fourth straight extra point).

Churchill's Derek Jakubowski blocked a punt with less than a minute to go in the third quarter, but the Chargers couldn't move the ball again.

They got their lone touchdown with 8:12 remaining in the game on the defensive side when Brown, playing linebacker, stripped the ball from Drake and raced in from 28 yards out to make it 28-6.

Cass tacked one more score on the board with 4:42 to play on 4-yard run by Jenkins-Stone.

Churchill's rushing attack was non-existent



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK | PHOTO

Churchill's Robert Foster, Jr. finds some daylight against the stubborn Cass Tech defense during Friday's Division 1 district opener.

as the Chargers had just 46 net yards on 35 attempts. Suida was 9-of-23 for 96 yards with two interceptions.

"It's kind of hard, but we have to keep working at it," Cass coach Thomas Wilcher said. "Defense should be the calling card. That's what it's all about. Basically, we've got to find an offense that complements our quarterback, too. We had to put in some new things, too. We have a good quarterback, we've just got to keep working."

Meanwhile, the Technicians had 343 total yards on the night with Jayru, the ninth-grader, hitting 10-of-13 for 139 yards.

"I'm just happy everybody played to their potential today," Wilcher said. "I think we hit that stride — now we've got to keep that stride. I keep telling our team, 'Our worst enemy is ourselves.' That's it."

"I think the key thing is that we changed the running back, a bigger back back there that can handle it. We know we're going to be a 3- and 4-yard team. But we have to eliminate the turnovers. Turnovers have beaten us the last few weeks. One game we had 12, the next game we had six. Last game we had four. So turnovers have been killing us. We win the turnover battle and we're not losing. I like that a lot. That's the most important thing — hold onto the football."

Cass Tech had four turnovers counting the two interceptions, one fumble and blocked punt.

Yet the defense played exceptionally well and did not allow a touchdown led by the 5-11, 160-pound Jordan, who blanketed the dangerous Freeman in one-on-one coverage all night.

"Number one (Lewis Jordan) is a great player," Wilcher said. "He's one of our best players, one of our top players. Our number one cornerback didn't play this game, so J.D. (Jordan) had to step up and be that guy. We're happy we stepped up and got to lock up some people, and let some other guys free."

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Chiefs' late field goal crushes' Cats

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

For a while Friday night, a new "Fox Theatre" was opening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park thanks to the power running of Plymouth senior Donte Fox.

Fox reeled off two huge gainers, one a 53-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and a 59-yarder setting up his one-yard TD plunge in the fourth to even the Division 1 pre-district football game against Canton.

But in the end, the Chiefs pulled the red carpet out from under the defending D1 finalists. Junior kicker Scott Piwowar calmly split the uprights from 35 yards as time expired to give Canton a thrilling 24-21 victory.

"Just do everything you do in practice and put it right through the uprights," said Piwowar, recalling what his holder said to him just before the crucial kick. "And that's exactly what I did."

Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose 8-2 squad will play the winner of Saturday's game between Northville and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, credited his offense for an efficient, 62-yard final drive that moved the chains down to Plymouth's 18 — right in front of the goal posts.

"It's only the second one he's made, we've only attempted four on the year," Baechler said. "But it was right down the middle of the field and I'm like 'You know what, with high school kids today a 35-yarder is nothing.'"

Just before Piwowar lined up to make his attempt, the Wildcats called a timeout to make the kicker think about things a bit. The strategy, which if successful would have forced overtime, did not work.

"It did nothing," Piwowar said. "There was nothing I could have thought of that would have shook me off track. It didn't hurt at all."

"If anything it gave me more momentum because it means they have to do everything they can to try to get me off my game."

After Piwowar's make avenged an earlier missed field goal and capped off the win, Canton fans

swarmed the PCEP varsity turf field.

Meanwhile, Plymouth players squatted in agony over the abrupt close to the season.

Fox in particular was in anguish as he and the Wildcats (8-2) were denied the opportunity to try for another Ford Field trip.

In 2010, Plymouth knocked out Canton in the district final and that started the team's long run of playoff success.

"I'm very, very, very proud of these kids," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "These kids played their hearts out, and that's two damn good football teams playing right there."

"Either one of these teams can take it all the way."

From the opening whistle, the pre-district game — taking place just three weeks after a stirring Plymouth comeback earned the Wildcats a 31-30 victory over Canton — proved as good as advertised.

Canton broke the ice with 1:25 left in the first quarter when senior running back Kevin Buford (18 rushes, 69 yards; 115 all-purpose yards) pushed through the line from 1-yard out.

The Chiefs were on the move again with their next possession, with a first down from the Plymouth 7-yard line.

But the drive stalled as Plymouth's defense held firm. On third down, Buford was tackled for a loss by senior Faris Abraham and junior Matt Janke.

Piwowar's subsequent 33-yard field goal attempt was wide to the right.

It then only took two plays for the Wildcats to go 80 yards and make it a 7-7 contest.

Plymouth senior quarterback Shaun Austin (5-10, 74 yards; 12 rushes, 111 yards) broke off a 27-yard run.

Fox (15-150) then went 53 yards for the equalizing touchdown.

Like a tank gaining momentum and picking up speed as it rolls downhill, he slowly bolted forward through a wave of defenders and then accelerated through the middle of the line.

He breezed on an angle into the front-right corner of the end zone.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Rockets win district tune-up vs. Trojans

Senior Brooklyn Holbrook was on the attack Thursday night as the Westland John Glenn girls volleyball team closed out the regular season Thursday with a 25-8, 25-15, 25-15 non-conference win over Livonia Clarenceville.

The 5-foot-10 senior middle blocker finished with 13 kills and seven digs as the Rockets enter district play at 17-19-6

overall.

Setter Claire Truskowski contributed 23 assists-to-kills, nine aces, five digs and four kills for the Rockets.

Jordyn Coniam added 10 kills and one ace serve, while Sarah Headrick finished with four aces and five digs.

"Brooklyn took charge at the net," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "I'm looking forward to

watching her work at districts.

"Sarah (Headrick) is our key passer and was really solid tonight with a 2.3 average. We try to have her pass in just about every rotation."

"Claire has really become a leader on the court. She sets, she hits, she serves. She's having a really nice season."

Glenn begins state tournament play 7 p.m.

Thursday at Taylor Truman in the Class A district semifinals to face the winner of Tuesday's opening round match between Wayne Memorial and the host Cougars.

Meanwhile, Clarenceville (24-14-4) was led by Ayanna Buckley, who recorded seven kills and eight digs, along with Angela McAlpine, who was 7-for-7 serving with two aces.

"John Glenn played well," Clarenceville coach Wendy Mershman said. "They served well and we just could not get in the game. They stopped us in every way. We won a couple good rallies, but we struggled with defense. I believe if we put all the tools we have together for districts we can make it through."

Earlier in the week, Clarenceville finished 1-

2 at the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Quad.

The Trojans defeated Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (25-15, 25-11) while losing to Lutheran High Westland (17-25, 24-26) and the host Hawks (17-25, 20-25).

Clarenceville hosts its own Class B district tournament. The Trojans open first-round play beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday against Ferndale.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS

CLASS A

at LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Tuesday, Nov. 1: (A) Livonia Franklin vs. (B) Garden City, 5 p.m.; (C) Livonia Stevenson at (D) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m.; Redford Thurston vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 5: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Warren Cousino vs. Detroit Renaissance district champion.)

at TAYLOR TRUMAN

Tuesday, Nov. 1: (A) Belleville vs. (B) Inkster, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Taylor Truman vs. (D) Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Romulus vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Brownstown-Woodhaven vs. Temperance Bedford district champion.)

CLASS B

at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Tuesday, Nov. 1: (A) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (B) Ferndale, 4 p.m.; (C) Hamtramck vs. (D) Highland Park, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Detroit Communication & Media Arts vs. (F) Detroit Community, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Ferndale University High vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4: Championship final, 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Carleton-Airport vs. Dearborn Divine Child district champion.)

at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD

Tuesday, Nov. 1: (A) Allen Park Cabrini at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, TBA; Dearborn Heights Robichaud at (D) Dearborn Divine Child, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Melvindale vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Carleton-Airport vs. Livonia

Clarenceville district champion.)

CLASS D

at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST

Tuesday, Nov. 1: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney district champion.)

PREP CROSS COUNTRY MHSAA STATE FINALS

(at Brooklyn, MS)

Saturday, Nov. 5

Division 4 girls, 10 a.m.

Division 4 boys, 11 a.m.

Division 1 girls, 2 p.m.

Division 1 boys, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Friday, Nov. 4

Kensington Conference prelims at Novi H.S., 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Kensington Conference finals at Novi H.S., noon.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Madonna vs. Rochester at Rochester H.S., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4

Marygrove JV at S'craft, 5 p.m. (Indiana Wesleyan Tournament)

Madonna vs. Bellevue (Neb.), 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Lorain (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. (Indiana Wesleyan Tournament)

Madonna vs. Concordia Seminary or Indiana Wesleyan, 1 or 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Friday, Nov. 4

Madonna at EMU, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Lakeland at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

CROSS COUNTRY

LIVONIA FRANKLIN GIRLS JV INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Oct. 27 at Cass Benton Park TEAM STANDINGS (grades

11-12): 1. Northville, 32 points;

2. Salem, 34; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 77; 4. Canton, 87; 5.

Livonia Churchill, 132; 6. Livonia Franklin and Livonia Ladywood,

no team scores.

Individual winner: Kelly Kerwin (Salem), 21:20.8 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 25. Rachel Tomassi, 24:11.0; 26. Allison Murray, 24:14.5; 27. Emily Perry,

24:20.5; 33. Daniela Hirsch, 25:29.1; 34. Tiffany Polley,

25:39.0; 38. Jennifer Bourlier,

27:20.4; 39. Abigail Hagood,

28:59.5.

Franklin finishers: 22. Jane

Modes, 23:43.4; 37. Hailey Hoyer, 26:59.1; 40. Stephanie Wonch, 30:01.4; 45. Alex

Herrera, 36:30.9.

Ladywood finishers: 28. Megan Talty, 24:27.7; 29.

Sarah Wickman, 24:29.9; 41. Kristen Yanosy, 30:03.5; 42.

Brenna Wright, 30:17.0.

TEAM STANDINGS (grades

9-10): 1. Northville, 30; 2. Li-

vonnia Churchill, 49; 3. Salem,

69; 4. Walled Lake Northern,

82; 5. Canton, 139; 6. Livonia

Franklin, 176; 7. Livonia

Ladywood and Wixom St.

Catherine of Siena, no team

scores.

Individual winner: Kelly

McHugh (Northville), 20:31.4

(5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 3. Lauren

Bernhardt, 20:48.5; 5.

Jenna Hickson, 21:04.8; 10.

Sediqa Nedam, 21:31.9; 15.

Elyssa Hofmann, 21:47.0;

16. Maggie Crum, 21:48.7;

19. Julia Twigg, 21:55.0; 22.

Erica Krusky, 22:20.3.

Franklin finishers: 33.

Nyres McClaine, 23:49.9; 50.

Andrea Wickens, 25:04.8; 51.

Hannah Drinkert, 25:14.7;

52. Patti Wittenberg,

25:15.1; 56. Alyssa Edwards,

25:55.2; 57. Alexa Orosz,

26:06.0; 61. Margaret Her-

man, 26:34.6.

Ladywood finishers: 58.

Mary Simon, 26:25.7; 64.

Elizabeth Riggins, 27:12.4.

SPORTS SHORTS

Girls volleyball

The final two tryouts for Club Extreme Volleyball will be from 1-5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 5-6, at the Novi Christian Community Center, located at 45301 W. 11 Mile Road (at Taft).

Age groups include under-18, -17, -16, -15, -14, -13 and -12.

The tryout cost is \$25 (\$40 if AAU card is not supplied).

For more information and age group tryout times, visit www.eteamz.com/clubextreme; or e-mail clubextremevolleyball@yahoo.com.

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.

SOCCER

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fourth of the season, came off a restart. "Matt Perkins threw it to Tim Freeman, who had a flick, and I was at the right place at the right time," the senior midfielder said. "It just hit off my knee and went into the net. It's a big deal because we lost last year in the first game (of the district) and now we're in the regional finals."

Athens won an earlier game between the two teams on Sept. 24 by 3-1 score, but this time the Red Hawks met a more formidable foe.

"I thought it was a great game," Athens first-year coach Todd Heugh said. "Two schools with a lot of tradition playing against each other that are in the state tournament. The kids are aware of the tradition. Lars (Richters) is a Stevenson grad and I'm an Athens grad, so we're both aware of the tradition."

"I had a feeling it would come down to something sloppy. We were both becoming dangerous on our set pieces, throw-ins, our crosses and corner kicks. And eventually that's how it became the winner."

In the first half, Stevenson goalkeeper John Boudreau came up with a key save with 11:48 left off a shot by Alex Serwatka. The Red Hawks also had a goal disallowed in the opening 40 minutes on an offside call.

"Part of the plan was to fight off a pretty big wind in the first half," Richters said. "We didn't play great the first half, but we started to grow into the game in late in the first half. I think the second half we were able to dictate a little bit more, so we were able to calm down and try and play a little more thoughtful soccer, which I thought would have suited us."

On at least four different occasions, Stevenson appeared to be in position to

score the go-ahead goal.

Chris Liepa drilled a shot off the crossbar with 29:50 left that Athens goalkeeper Brett Schmitz — filling in for the injured Sam Ward (calf) at halftime — deflected just at the last moment.

Twenty seconds later, Athens defender Matt Perkins also cleared a Stevenson attempt off the line to keep the count at 0-0.

"Especially during the first part of the second half they had us under a lot of pressure," Heugh said. "That should happen in the regional game. The game should seesaw back-and-forth. There were times where we had them under a little bit of pressure and I'm sure there were times they had us under a little bit of pressure. We were fortunate this time."

Schmitz also made another key stop with 22:03 remaining in regulation.

"In the end, we had enough chances to put one of them away," Richters said. "And unfortunately we couldn't make the clutch goal when the chance presented itself."

Stevenson captured its first district since 2008 when the Spartans went all the way to the Division 1 finals losing a 1-0 heartbreaker to East Kentwood.

Richters was pleased with his team's commitment in 2011.

"They were a joy to work with to a man," he said. "I have only good things to say about the individuals on the team. Genuinely good, young men that are going to be successful in life. I feel as if they've learned a lot. We had some tough weeks, a tough day here and there. We played our best stuff toward the end of the year, so I'm proud of that part. I certainly like to have practiced with them a few times, and go out there on Saturday. Unfortunately our path ends here for this year."

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MADONNA

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sophomore from Schoolcraft, played in 23 games a year ago before being shelved late in the season with a torn meniscus.

He will start at forward. "Derek got his knee scoped over the summer and he's a different person since then," Emehiser said. "He's more athletic, the player he used to be."

Lennon will start along side 6-4 senior guard Tyler Coker (Whitmore Lake) and 6-3 sophomore guard Matt Jenkins (Plymouth/Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard).

The final spot is up for grabs with three-point marksman Travis Schuba, a 6-foot sophomore from Rapid City, returning for his second season after making an impressive 43-of-114 attempts beyond the arc (37.7 percent).

"Travis' greatest strength is his shooting ability," Emehiser said. "And we're going to rely heavily on that. We're just hoping to put him in a position to be successful as well as the rest of the team. That will really be the decision whether he starts or comes off the bench as how we can use him best for the success of the whole group."

Fred Williams, a 6-6 redshirt sophomore who played at Berkeley should figure prominently and could start after sitting out last season.

"We're going to try and be a little smarter this year in terms of some of the technical things we're doing on the court because we believe we have the players capable of executing a little more difficult game plan," Emehiser said.

Other returning players for the Crusaders include Mitch Cieslak, a 6-4 redshirt senior guard from Brighton; Mike Clark, a 6-0 senior guard from New Boston Huron; and Dragan Bijelic, a 6-5 redshirt sophomore guard from Utica Eisenhower.

Freshmen newcomers include Don Owens, a 6-8 forward from Inkster; Jeff Schmitz, a 6-4 forward from South Lyon; and Jordan Short, a 6-2 guard from South Lyon.

Transfers include 6-7 junior forward Eoghann Stephens, via Jackson Community College and Liss, England; along with 6-4 redshirt junior guard Quentin Simmons, via Louisburg (N.C.) College and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep.

"The newcomers have all done a good enough job," Emehiser said. "The nice thing we have this year is a good returning core, so we shouldn't have to throw a lot of our newcomers into the fire. Rather, we'll let them come on a little slower for this year and be able to develop like they need to on the court for the heavy minutes."

"They've all done a nice job in terms of their effort and pick up what we're trying to teach."

Meanwhile, the Crusaders were tabbed seventh in the WHAC preseason poll.

"I think that's an accurate assessment of what the other (WHAC) coaches think that we will do," Emehiser said. "I think we have the potential, out of that 10 group, to finish in the top half. It will take us staying healthy and it was also take us to win some games — the close ones and a couple where people don't believe we should."

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BLOCK

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I had coached in Livonia and Westland, baseball and soccer, and maybe I could coach a team.

"So Mike asked me if I knew anything about volleyball. I said, 'No, not really.' I told him I didn't know anything about volleyball, but I gave him my coaching philosophy and what I thought a coach should do. Two weeks later he asked me if I'd coach the JV girls volleyball team. I remember that first (volleyball) match. But funny, I don't remember the first soccer (game). I remember that first match because I didn't know anything about volleyball."

Block, however, was solid in his first stint as a volleyball coach.

"We went 9-3 that year," he said. "Anyway, I think they were watching me and how I was interacting with the kids. Later on that school year, they approached me and said, 'We don't have a soccer team. The student body and the parents are all over us to get one started. Would you start a soccer program?' I said, 'Sure, I'd love to.' That's how that all got started 21 years ago. We played

on the football field those first few years."

The Warriors eventually got their own soccer pitch and the rest is history, but his legacy will remain.

Block, ironically, is the same person I used to eat lunch with in the Franklin High School cafeteria along with his brother Chuck. The same personality, the same easy-going demeanor.

When he reported scores to the paper during those 21 years, he was as thorough as they come, listing each of the goal scorers (and assists), and the records from both teams. He was certainly consistent. "He was just an incredible motivator," said former Lutheran High Westland assistant Ken Shingledecker, now the girls varsity coach at Livonia Ladywood and men's assistant at Madonna University. "I played (three years) for him and coached with him for 12, so I've seen it from both angles."

"The players played so hard for him. There was lots of preparation into the training, the pregame and even the pregame talk. He worked really hard to do a good job. His players knew and respected that. Just the

way he treated the players — and the respect they gave him in return — that's why they played so hard for him."

So what does the future hold?

It appears the torch is ready to be passed. Block, who worked for the railroad, believes the train will continue on the tracks.

"I thinking if (Mike) Unger will go for it, Bob Regan (Block's assistant) will continue on," Block said. "Bob loves this team and he's been involved with this a few years now. He's as much a part of this than anybody else. He'd like to keep it going and Gage Flanery may give him a hand — one of my ex-players. It might work out for the best."

And so will Block do without coaching?

"Just relax, go to Baltimore and visit my daughter," he said. "Spend more time with her and her husband. Spend time with the wife. We'll do some things."

Sounds solid as a Block to me.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders off-target in loss at Davenport

A .139 hitting percentage and 21 attack errors proved to be too much to overcome as the Madonna University volleyball team was swept Friday night in Grand Rapids by host Davenport University, 25-23, 25-22, 25-15.

The loss — MU's first ever to the Panthers in 15 meetings — drops the Crusaders to 26-8 overall and 6-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (tied for third place).

Senior Karie Altman led MU with 11 kills, while sophomore setter Evia Prieditis handed out 30 assist-to-kills.

Senior libero Amanda Koszela and senior Megan Fricke each recorded 11 digs, while Fricke chipped in with seven kills.

Brittany Bott and Kelse Moon led Davenport (21-13, 6-2) with 11 and nine kills, respectively.

Setter Lexie Spetoskey added 27

assists, while Kassie Graves paced the defense with 11 digs.

The Crusaders close their weekend set in Grand Rapids with a pair of matches on Saturday against Bethel College (Ind.) and St. Francis (Ill.) at 11 a.m. at Aquinas College.

MU rolls Saints

Altman racked up 16 kills Wednesday night to propel the MU to a 25-13, 25-17, 25-12 win over visiting Aquinas College on Senior Night.

The Crusaders (26-7, 6-1) also got 19 digs from Koszela and 10 from Prieditis, who also had 33 assists.

WHAC Player of the Week Nastija Baranovska and Fricke contributed eight and seven kills, respectively.

Allison Griffiths had 10 kills for the Saints (20-10, 5-3).

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Hope stays eternal

Sting goaltender honors his late friend

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Brandon Hope and Ian Jenkins had a lot in common, both highly motivated goaltenders with dreams of making it to the National Hockey League.

They started young, played in net for Honeybaked AAA teams in Oak Park. They even spent time as instructors for the Bandits Goalie School.

Last but not least, they were the best of friends.

Everything crumbled in May when the 15-year-old Jenkins died four days after an accident in Milan, where he fell out of a pickup truck and fatally struck his head.

"They went the same path but Ian's got cut short and that ripped Brandon's heart apart," said Debbie Hope, Brandon's mom. "He wanted to do something to make sure Ian had the opportunity to live his dream."

And here's how. Hope, a 17-year-old goaltender for the Sarnia Sting of the Ontario Hockey League and Canton native, had his mask designed to include a tribute to Jenkins.

Painted on the yellow mask is Jenkins' uniform number (35) and mantra to "have a purpose" in life. Had Jenkins lived, he'd be manning the nets for the OHL's London Knights.

Golden message

That saying also is the slogan for The Big E Foundation, a nonprofit organization established in Jenkins' memory.

"I put the logo for his foundation supporting underprivileged hockey players on top of my helmet," Brandon continued. "I thought it was a good tribute to Ian."

Designing the mask was artist Andrew Manning in London, Ont., who Hope said jumped at the chance to honor Jenkins.

"Ian was bar none probably one of the best people I've known off the ice," said Brandon, following a recent game against the Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena. "He was just a great guy and led by example about everything. He lived life by having a purpose."

"So I thought it would be a good tribute to him and his family to help spread the word. Whether it be in hockey or life, make sure you're really doing something. Do it for a reason."

The tribute also makes it possible for Jenkins' dream to come to fruition — albeit symbolically.

"Brandon promised Ian's mom, Gloria (Monasanto), that after Ian passed that Ian would play in the OHL," Debbie said. "That Ian would be with him, on (Brandon's) helmet, in every single game. And that's why he put it on there."

"... It's almost like a tag team now. Brandon believes Ian is with him when he's out there in the net."

The Hope and Jenkins families also have a growing friendship.

"I'm really close to their (Jenkins) family," Brandon noted. "I go to church with them during the off-season."

Concurring was Brandon's dad, Robert Hope, who along with Debbie had just watched Brandon play two periods for the Sting in a 5-4 overtime win over the Whalers.

"We had dinner with them (the Jenkins family) a week and a half ago, we go to the same church (Northridge)," Robert said. "The siblings, they still stay in touch with Brandon."

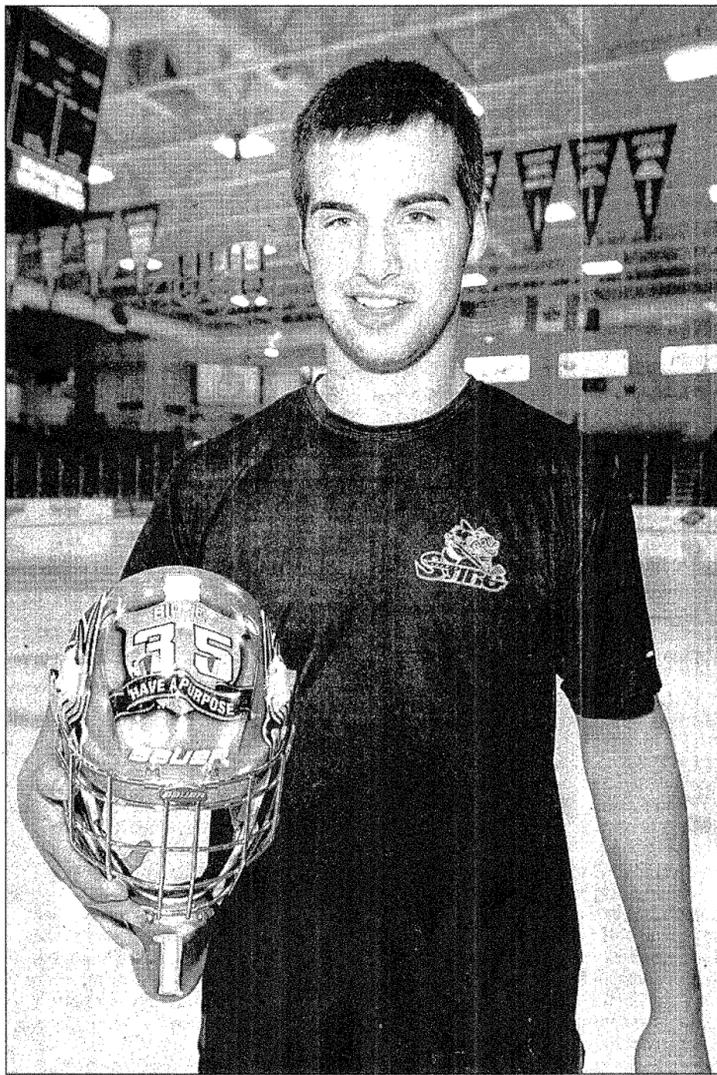
The big picture

Who knows where Brandon's hockey journey will take him.

Robert said the tragedy and aftermath underscore the need to always keep things in perspective throughout life.

"It's a character thing," Robert noted. "It's a personal thing that (Brandon) recognizes there's much more to it than just the success of hockey."

But it's undeniable how much hockey meant to both young goaltenders. This season and for as long as Brandon is able to keep going, it will be with Ian always in his heart and



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Brandon Hope, a Canton native and goalie for the Ontario Hockey League's Sarnia Sting, proudly displays the helmet he wears as a tribute to close friend and fellow goaltender Ian Jenkins, who died earlier this year. The mask includes Jenkins' No. 35 and his philosophy to 'Have a Purpose' in life.

thoughts. "That's his mission," Debbie said. "He wants to honor Ian every time that he's out in that net. That's why he wears that mask." In fact, one suspects that, somewhere up there, Ian is joyously doing a butterfly slide as he watches down on Brandon.

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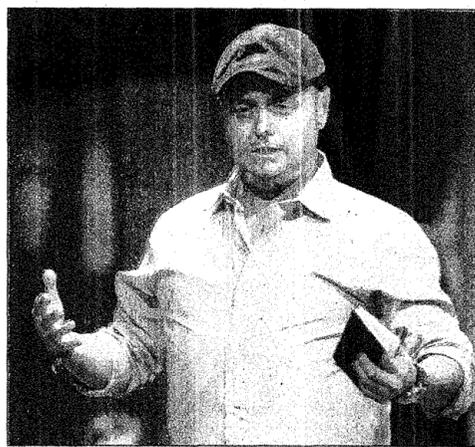
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Mark Teich offers advice to students in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia.



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Former Livonia resident Mark Teich shares his knowledge of the performing arts with students at Churchill High in Livonia.

Work hard, be nice

Former Livonia student shares advice about show biz with Churchill CAPA kids

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Mark Teich jokes that he's one of the most famous comedians "people never heard of."

The former Livonia resident sold out Carnegie Hall two years ago while touring the country with comedian Stephen Lynch in their musical stand-up act. Teich also appeared on two Comedy Central specials, made multiple television appearances and released comedy CDs and a DVD.

And that's just his stand-up comedy resume.

Teich has acted in numerous stage productions, honed his improv skills at Second City and Improv Olympic, and worked in countless commercial, voice-overs, and print ads. He plays "Principal Jenkins" on *I'm in the Band* and "Mr. Zimbaldi" on *A.N.T. Farm*, both Disney Channel productions, and has guest starred on two other Dis-

ney shows. He's been directed by George Clooney and played opposite Tony Shaloub in the television show, *Monk*.

Still, Teich isn't exactly a household name. But the Churchill High School graduate, who is known for his versatile character work on both coasts, takes it all in stride.

"You never know where your next job is and you've got to keep working. My struggle and journey is just as difficult as it is for the kids who just got here," said Teich, who lives in Los Angeles, Calif. "In every job interview or audition the key is confidence. If you go in and make good choices and try hard, be polite and pleasant...it really works."

Teich, who was in town for his 20-year high school reunion last weekend, shared his experiences and advice with students in the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at his

alma mater on Monday, Oct. 24.

He led 40-some students in an improv class, listened as they "auditioned" with cold script readings and then brought them together for a Q&A session.

Nicklas Casella, a senior, was among the students who read for Teich.

"It's really great to have someone here who is in the business, who has gotten jobs on things like Disney channel — that's huge," said Casella, who wants a career in musical theater. "It's great he's willing to share what he has learned from his experience with all of us. It was really fun to do this."

Former teacher

Mary Murphy, CAPA director, taught Teich when he was a CAPA student. She described him as "high energy," and a good student with a "comedic approach" to

his work.

"I'm very proud of his accomplishment and so happy that he's here to work with our kids, to share his experience and give them insight and tools that they can use in the real world. It's so vital for these kids to have this kind of information. We're blessed to have him," she said.

Teich advised students to "find their voice" and to pursue their own ideas.

"You can see what's out there and what's working for people, but you've got to do what you find funny or entertaining or what you're good at, versus your perception of what other people want."

He said confidence, hard work and an ability to bounce back after being rejected for a role are all keys to success in the entertainment field.

Teich also praised the CAPA program and urged students to take advantage of all it offers.

"You've got this amaz-

ing environment where no one is hating on you... you've got a training facility where you can try things. That's rare to have in a school. Use it to your advantage. That's what I had and it worked out for me."



Teachers Rolfe Bergsman (background, right) and Mary Murphy, along with students in the Creative and Performing Arts program, listen to comedian-actor March Teich talk about show business.

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Staying grounded

Teich, an only child, discovered acting after being diagnosed with scleroderma, a connective tissue disease, when he was in sixth grade.

"I ended up going through a lot of physical therapy and I grew up quickly that year. Luckily for me I found an out-

let and that was performing and being in the arts."

He joined the CAPA program in his sophomore year, attended a year at Eastern Michigan University and then switched to Western Michigan University. After graduation he did a stint at Second City, in Chicago and then moved to New York, where he began auditioning

for shows while collaborating with Lynch. He moved to Los Angeles in 2003.

"When I was at the reunion, people — especially people who had stayed in Livonia — asked what it's like living in L.A. It's not much different. It really isn't. Every place is whatever you make it out to be. Someone could move to Livonia and have it just as good or rough as out here.

"It's about what you do, the friends you keep and the perspective you have about every day situations. You've got to keep yourself grounded wherever you are."



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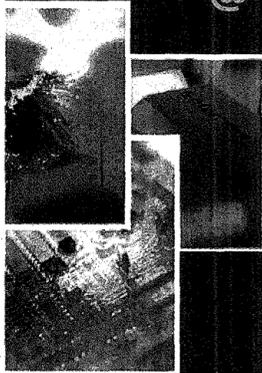
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"The theater actually contacted us about doing this and we were thrilled," said Lauren Anchill, an Almost Home member. "We will have as many cats and kittens there as possible, probably around 40."

The adoption event, from noon-5 p.m., coincides with the DreamWorks premiere of the new 3D animated film, *Puss In Boots*, at the AMC Livonia 20 Cinema, 19500 Haggerty, at Seven Mile; (734) 542-3191.

"There is a good chance people will be able to take cats home right then and there but it also depends on the cat," she said. "Our adoption fees for cats are usually \$100 but for special events such as these we usually do a reduced fee around \$25. We have all types of cats — short hair, long hair, blue-eyed, Siamese, polydactyl, Maine coons."

Almost Home Animal

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Mark your calendar

There's still time to sign up for the 22nd Annual Tail Waggers Bowl, Saturday, Nov. 5 at Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Register online at www.tailwaggers1990.org. The event costs \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, lunch or dinner and a commemorative gift. Registration is due Nov. 1.

Learn to drum at Plymouth arts center

If you've always wanted to play drums, here's your chance to get started.

Pat Sorise, a professional drummer, will teach two four-week classes beginning Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Artsco House, adjacent to the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) building, 724 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Intro to Rhythm & Drumming is aimed at ages 4-6 and runs 4:30-5 p.m. and Drum Set 100 is for ages 7 to adult and runs 5:15-6 p.m.

Intro to Rhythm & Drumming will introduce the young student to holding drum sticks, drum rudiments, how to count and play quarter and eighth notes. It also will introduce the drum set. The session costs \$60, or \$50 for PCAC members.

Drum Set 100 will identify drums/cymbals, wrist and hand techniques and basic foot patterns. Students will learn about counting, measures, time signatures, different tempos and get a chance to play a full drum set. Cost is \$74/or \$64 for PCAC members. No drumming experience is necessary. The classes are open to all skill levels.

Sorise studied at East Detroit Conservatory under Ray Park-



Drummer Pat Sorise will teach classes for the Plymouth Community Arts Council beginning Nov. 3.

er. He continued to drum through junior and high school and then attended Eastern Michigan University playing with various bands. He has taught classes at Apollo Music in Ann Arbor, Drum Shop in Dearborn and the East Detroit Conservatory. He also teaches private lessons.

Sorise also plays in the band All Directions, which performs at concerts, clubs and private parties.

Register at the PCAC Web site, www.plymoutharts.com, in person at the PCAC or call (734) 416-4278.

GARDEN & NATURE

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Livonia Garden Club

• Angie Wilkie, a club member, Master Gardener and flower show judge, will explain the basics needed for entering a flower show at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Visitors are welcome to club meetings.

• The annual Fresh Greens Workshop is set for 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. To reg-

ister, send check for \$24 payable to Livonia Garden Club to Diane Bergendahl, 7841 Oak Knoll Drive, Northville, MI 48168. Participants should bring a box and clippers to the workshop. No refunds after Nov. 1. Questions? Call (248) 486-9676 or e-mail rb@rc.net.

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Plymouth Nursery

"Christmas Extravaganza," with Christmas sales, refreshments, seminars and a drawing for tickets to *The Nutcracker* will be held Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 12-13, at the store, 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, west of Plymouth; (734) 453-5500.

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WATCHFUL WAITING

At times a physician, after speaking with and examining a patient, will not prescribe medicine, order tests, or offer advice. He will tell the patient to return in a week or possibly a month. In the interim, the patient should carry on and observe the pattern of pain or fatigue or whatever matter caused the patient to make an appointment that day. Observation over time is as much an alternative as a non-steroidal medication for possible inflammation.

In arthritic conditions, the greatest use of watchful waiting occurs in back pain. Quick action by a physician occurs in back conditions such as spread of cancer to the spine. However, in most instances back pain from strain or sciatica will clear on its own. A physician will not turn to x-rays of the back or immediately order PT for a patient with acute back pain. Rather, he will turn to time and observation; no interference with the body's effort to right itself, but see the patient again in one or two weeks and check on the patient's progress or lack of it.

Shoulder pain presents another example. Most shoulder pain needs treatment, but not always. The physician may find on examining the patient that range of motion is intact and decide not to inject the shoulder as that procedure is itself a small but definite trauma. The alternative is to ask the patient to return in a week or possibly two weeks, and re-evaluate how the shoulder is doing.

A times, in medicine doing nothing is doing something.

Local celebrities read at festival

The Michigan International Books Festival wraps up Sunday, Oct. 30 with a "celebrity read out loud," books for sale, children's events and seminars.

The festival runs noon to 5 p.m. at Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

The celebrity read on Sunday includes Conrad P. Schwartz, Livonia City Council member, reading children's books at 12:30 p.m.; John Pastor, Livonia City Council member, with children's books at 1:30 p.m.; Pam Rossi, from WCSX and UDetroit Radio, with children's and youth books at 2 p.m.; Deborah Smith Pollard of WJLB, with youth books at 2:30 p.m. and Dr. Roderick Claybrooks, an orthopedic spine surgeon from the Michigan Spine/Brain Association, with college prep books and mentoring at 3 p.m.

A session about ebooks at 11 a.m. kicks off the series of seminars on Sunday and repeats at 3 p.m. Other sessions are Rhonda Knight's aspiring writer's workshop at noon; Mildred "Money Doctor" Dillon with "Money 101" for personal finances at 12:15 p.m.; Patrick Schwerdtfeger's workshop on "Social Media Victories - Real Businesses, Real Campaigns, Real Results," at 1:15 p.m.; Sylvia Hubbard's "Publishing Made Easy" workshop at 2 p.m.; and free home energy consultations with DTE Energy at 4:30 p.m.

For more information call Author Collective, Inc., at (313) 446-2262 or visit www.michiganinternationalbooksfestival.info/index.



Bonita Collins shows her painting, "Hightop," at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's fall exhibit. Collins won first place for the piece.

Shop and mingle at Women's Expo

The Women's Expo will open be open to women of all ages for free, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

More than 45 vendors will be on hand with jewelry, skin care products, accessories, gifts, food and home decor items.

In addition to shopping at the annual event, women can watch Chef Paul's cooking demonstration and hear speakers talk about such topics as "Sparking Healthy Habits" and "Couponing."

Chair massages also will be available.

Premium tickets will be available in advance for \$10 per person and will include a delicious continental breakfast, deluxe goody bag, health screenings, and raffle prize tickets.

Get premium tickets at the Summit on the Park or at cantonfun.org through Nov. 7. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information and to view a vendor list, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Local artists earn honors at VAAL autumn exhibit

Three Livonia artists took top honors in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's (VAAL) fall art exhibition.

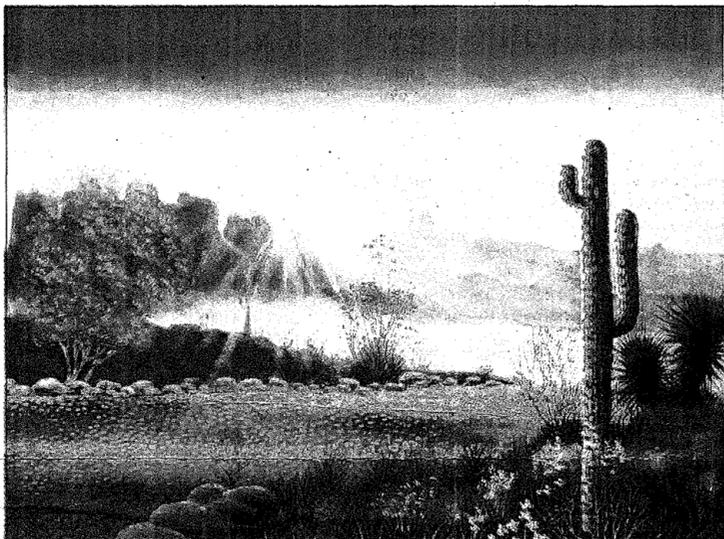
Bonita Collins won first prize for her pop art painting, American Icon Series "Hightop" in acrylic.

A member of the Livonia Arts Commission, Collins is drawn to shapes in her painting, stemming from an early interest in sculpture. She sees forms with the sculptor's eye. She often works with objects that are mundane, like the shoe in her prize winning painting, and gives them a new look.

Collins, who served on the Ontario Provincial Arts Council, lived in Toronto, Ontario, for 28 years, where she was a copy writer and editorial art director of the art magazine, Canadian Art. She has worked in ceramics, sculpting, drawing and painting and holds BFA and MFA degrees from Wayne State University.

Collins said musicians, such as Bob Dylan and John Lennon, as well as artists including Andy Warhol and Franz Kline, inspire her. She refers to her work as "serious fun" and often finds humor in it. She also considers her art to be a social commentary of our time.

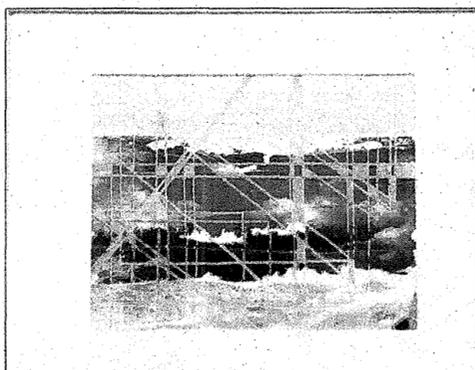
The second place winner was Yvette Goldberg for her acrylic



"Desert Splendor" by Jerry Valentine, third place winner in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's fall exhibition.

painting called "Seaside Grids," that reflects her love of water. Third place went to Jerry Valentine for his acrylic painting "Desert Splendor."

The following artists received Honorable Mention awards: Virginia Bosak of Livonia, Henry Friedman of West Bloomfield, Diana Jamrog of Livonia, Helena Lewicki of Farmington Hills and Anna Willis of South Lyon. Anna Willis also won the Peoples Choice award for "Are You My Momma?" a painting in colored pencil.



"Seaside Grids" by Yvette Goldberg, second place winner.

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Have a good time: Practice safety with Halloween treats, partytime snacks

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development urges parents to take precautions and follow safe food handling tips this Halloween.

"By following quick trick-or-treat tips, parents are making sure their little monsters and princesses are going to be eating safe treats," said Kevin Besey, food and dairy division director for the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development. "It's also important to make sure the foods you serve at your Halloween get-togethers are handled safely to prevent foodborne illness."

Besey offers these quick trick-or-treat tips:

- Tell children to reject — and especially not eat — anything that isn't commercially wrapped. Avoid eating home-made treats unless you know the cook well.
- When children bring their treats home, discard any home-made candy or baked goods. Parents of young children also should remove choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies and small toys.
- Inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as an unusu-



al appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.

- Parents should wash all fresh fruit thoroughly and inspect it for holes, includ-

ing small punctures. Fruit should be cut open before allowing kids to eat it.

- Some Halloween treats may trigger allergic reactions. Read the complete label and ingredient list of products before interpreting

it is safe for all to eat.

- To help prevent children from eating uninspected treats while they're out trick-or-treating, give them a snack or light meal before they go.
- If juice or cider is served to children at Halloween parties,

make sure it is pasteurized or otherwise treated to destroy harmful bacteria. Juice or cider that has not been treated will say so on the label.

- Proper hand washing is essential to food safety. Remind kids to wash their hands before eating.
- When in doubt, throw it out!

If your Halloween celebration includes a party, remember: Halloween is spooky enough without having foodborne bacteria crash the party. The Partnership for Food Safety Education offers these safe food tips for Halloween:

- When whipping up Halloween treats, don't taste dough and batters that contain uncooked eggs.
- Scare foodborne bacteria away by keeping all perishable foods chilled until serving time.
- At serving time, keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.
- Throw away any perishable leftovers at the end of your party that have been kept at room temperature for more than two hours.

For more information on food safety, visit www.michigan.gov/foodsafety, www.foodsafety.gov, or www.fightbac.org.

REUNIONS

Send information on local class reunions to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/RE-

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Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

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Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact informa-

tion. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1971

40th reunion, 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Livonia Marriott. Cost is \$45 per person and includes strolling dinner and DJ. Cash Bar. Contact Susan (Brock) Pfeiffer at (248) 360-8437 or Susan (Matheson)

Plaine at (248) 752-3618 for more information and address to send check. Also listed on Facebook.

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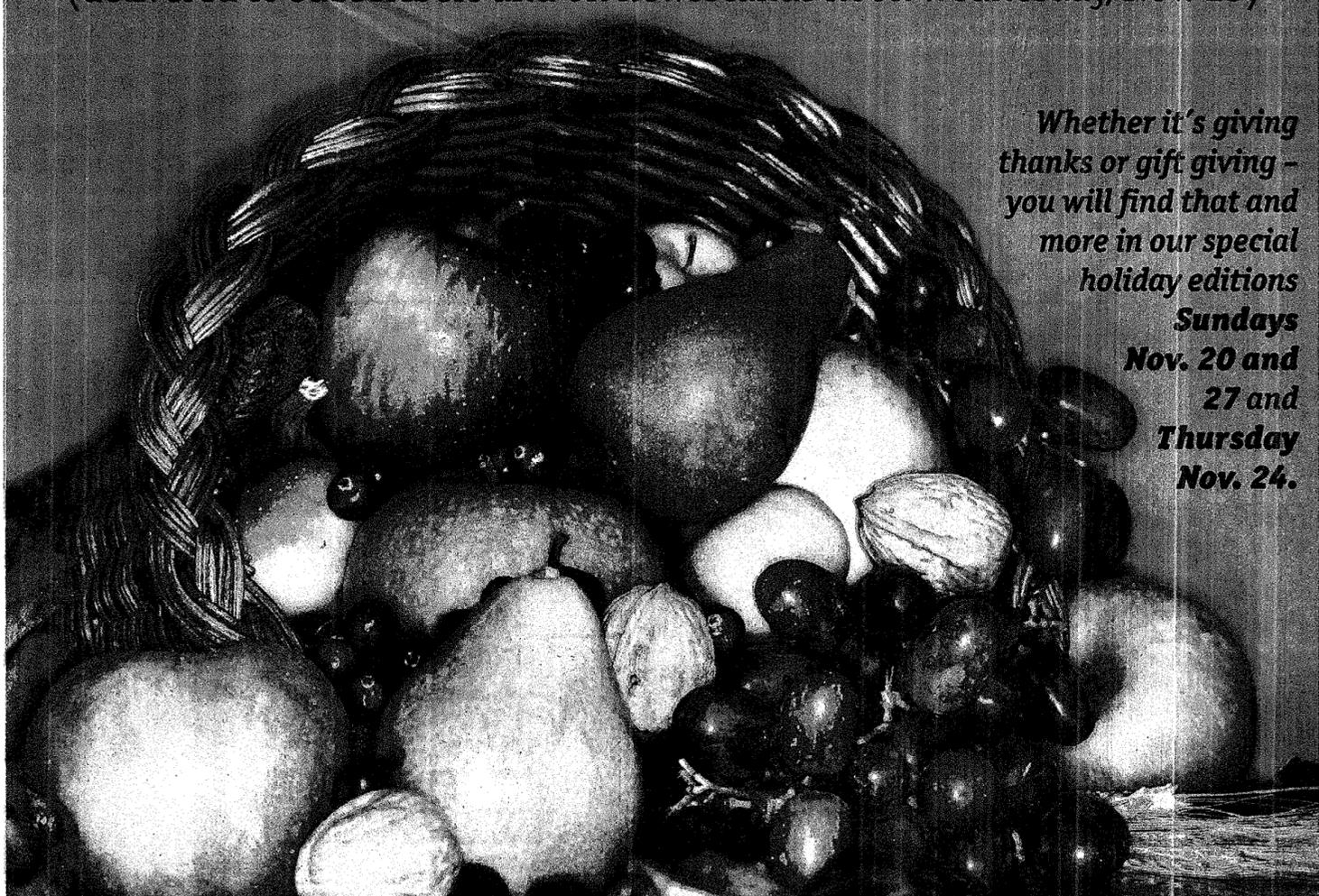
Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19, 2012. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleson@sbcglobal.net or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com.

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Milestone birthday

Lil Buescher, (second from left) will celebrate her 80th birthday, Nov. 5. The Livonia woman is the "baby" of six siblings who are all in their 80s: Tom Buescher, (left) of Bloomfield Hills, Jim Buescher of North Ft. Myers, Fla., Ann Seykell of Livonia, Robert Buescher of Clinton Township and Lorine Anolick of Livonia.



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Long-Burns 10/30/11

Jim and Virginia Long of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison, to Billy Burns, son of Bill and Colleen Burns of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Western Michigan University, and works for Long Mechanical in Northville. The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Catholic Central High School. He earned bachelor of science degrees in chemistry and economics from Trinity College in Connecticut. He is employed at Ford Motor Credit Company and is pursuing an MBA at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The couple plans an April 2012 wedding.

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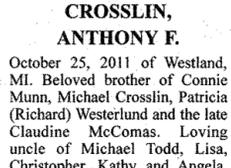
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ARMSTRONG, ROBERT M.
Heavenly Birthday
October 24, 2011

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.rghharris.com



CROSSLIN, ANTHONY F.
October 25, 2011 of Westland, MI. Beloved brother of Connie Munn, Michael Crosslin, Patricia (Richard) Westerlund and the late Claudine McComas. Loving uncle of Michael Todd, Lisa, Christopher, Kathy and Angela. Retiree of Ford Motor Company. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home. Interment at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Please view memorial and send condolences at uhtfh.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

BOLDT, MARY L.

of West Bloomfield, died Aug. 23, 2011; age 79; Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954.



Crawford, Ruthellen Edge

Age 82; longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully October 23, 2011 in Livonia, Michigan. She was born on June 30, 1929 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Emery and Beatrice (Milne) Edge. She met her husband at Central Michigan University while getting her Bachelor's Degree. She later received a Master's Degree from University of Michigan. Ruthellen was united in marriage to Richard A. Crawford in 1951 and they spent 45 loving years together until his death in 1996. She taught middle school Social Studies and English for Novi Public Schools. Many will remember Ruthellen as one of the owners of Crawford's Family Restaurant in Northville. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Northville for 41 years; a member of AAUW, the Northville Historical Society, and Sauk Trail #573 Questers. As someone who loved to do volunteer work, she was active with Preservation Wayne, a volunteer with the DIA, and a docent at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia, Mill Race Village of Northville and AFFLECK House. Ruthellen was a world traveler and following her husband's passing, spent her winters volunteering at a school in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She was an avid reader, who also enjoyed gardening. Ruthellen is survived by her loving children Susan (Terry) Poster, Amy Zubor, Steven (Cyndee) Crawford, and Jeffrey (Ania) Crawford; her brother Thomas (Beth) Edge; her grandchildren Terry (Tina) Poster, Amy Sue Joaquin, Andrew (Chelsy) Crawford, Anna Crawford, Michael Zubor, Joseph Zubor, and Thomas Zubor; and her great grandchildren Kaitlyn Joaquin, Devin Poster, Dylan Poster, and Deacon Crawford. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents. A memorial service will be held Wed., Nov. 2, 2011 at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 or Greenmead Historical Village (checks made payable to Livonia Historical Commission) 20501 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48152. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.



GRANT, JAMES K.

Age 83, of Livonia, formerly Defiance, OH, October 19, 2011. Loving husband of Irene, beloved father of John (Beth), Chris (Anabelle), and Jan (John) Gumbs. Proud grandfather of John, Chris, Ryan and Sean Grant, also Megan, Nicki, and AJ Lendo. Memorial tributes suggested to Alzheimer's Association- Greater Michigan Chapter. www.alz.org/gmc



KELLAR, RUTH E. (NEE WELLMAN)

Age 88, of Hopkins MN passed away Tues., Oct. 18. Originally from Plymouth, MI, she joined the Coast Guard during WWII where she met and married Milton D Ostlund. Moved to MN, raised her three daughters in Hopkins MN. Her second marriage brought her to Asheville, NC where she lived for 20 years. She returned to Plymouth to care for her mother. 2005 returned to Hopkins to be near her daughters. She was a generous, intelligent and loving woman who loved her girls and her books. She made 273 quilts and gave all of them away. Survived by daughters: Barbara (Jerry) Deegan, Denise Ostlund, Jan (Craig) Hulburt; grandchildren: Ana (Michael) Brantley, Kelly Ostlund; great-grandchildren: Tatiana and Logan; brother James (Jennie) Wellman; Nieces and Nephews, Bob, Alice, Hooker, Dan, Amy, Jack, their mother Dolores; a great-niece, 10 great-nephews and great-great-nephew Max. We will all miss her greatly. She was buried at Fort Snelling Cemetery in Minneapolis.



CULLER, DAVID L.

74, resident of Redford Township, MI, passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in Livonia, MI. Dave was born on March 25, 1937 in Defiance, Ohio and graduated from Mark Center High School in 1955. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Defiance College in 1960 and a Master's Degree from the University of Toledo in 1961. Dave was an elementary school teacher for 35 years, including 4 years in Sylvania, OH, 1 year in Bryan, OH and 30 years in Garden City, MI, before retiring in 1992. Dave taught 3rd through 6th grades for many years with 5th grade being his favorite, though he taught Title 1 Reading and Math for grades K-6 during his last 10 years of teaching. He received the Flag of Learning Award in 1986 from the city of Garden City for his years of involvement with parents and teachers through the Lathers School PTA. He was the first teacher to receive this honor. Dave was also a baker for his entire adult life. He baked for 2500 students and staff at the Interlochen Arts Camp for 11 years during the 1960s and 1970s. At home, he baked over 40 wedding cakes and numerous birthday, shower, and graduation cakes. He was well known for his apple pies, brownies, Scotch shortbread, rolls and varieties of cookies. Dave had many other interests and activities throughout his life, including serving many years as Deacon, Elder, and committee member at his church. He sang in the church choir and enjoyed performing in musicals at church and with the Garden City Civic Players. He was the President of the North Redford American Little League and served in other positions as well. In more recent years, he served as President of the Wayne County chapter of MEA-Retired and as Director of Region 2. He enjoyed relaxing and fishing for salmon on Drummond Island during the summer months. Dave also liked to travel and visited almost all of the 50 states, including several trips to Hawaii and two trips to Alaska. He also traveled all over Canada and enjoyed trips to England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Israel, and Australia. Dave is survived by his wife Judy, sons Kevin (Valerie) and Kurt, and granddaughters Jaclyn and Katelyn. He is also survived by his sister Betty (Denny) Guilford and his brother Alan (Arlene) Culler. He was predeceased by his parents, Calvin and Mabel Culler, and by his sister, Norma Culler. A memorial service will be held at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia on Saturday, November 5th. Visitation is from 10:30-12:00; service at 12:00 noon; and luncheon at 1:00. Donations are suggested to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. Share a memory or condolence with the Culler family at www.mannsfuneralhome.com



KILEY, Charles F.
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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 (Nealson). 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 was 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.



OSTROW, JEANNE N.

Age 93, of Bloomfield Township, died peacefully, Thursday, October 20, 2011. She was born January 11, 1918 in Detroit to Joseph and Margaret Crystal. Jean enjoyed being a homemaker and was a wonderful cook, earning blue ribbons at the Michigan State Fair. She was a member of the Officers Wives Club at Selfridge ANG Base where she volunteered at the Thrift Shop. She was an avid golfer and traveled with her husband throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. She was a long time active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Surviving are her children, Margaret (Chris) Uppleger of Royal Oak and Sharon Somerville of Greenlawn, NY; grandchildren, Donald Uppleger, Jeanne (Michael) Lutzky and Brendan and William Somerville; great-grandchildren, Mason, BriAnn and Lance. Her husband, Frank, died in 2005. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham on Maple Road. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc. or the First Presbyterian Church. www.kinsey-garrett.com

ROBINSON, GRETEL SCHINNERER

84, died on September 28 in San Francisco, California. Born in Lakewood, Ohio, Gretel was an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, and received her J.D. from The University of Michigan Law School in 1949. She met her future husband, Loren T. Robinson, of Birmingham, on the first day of registration for law school. She was one of only two women in her law school class. As her children grew older, Gretel returned to the practice of law, and become a respected attorney in Oakland County. She attributed her success to hard work and painstaking research. During their marriage, Loren and Gretel spent many vacations in northern Michigan and on Lake Nipissing in Ontario, where Gretel spent time as a child. The family spent their summers cruising Lake Huron and Georgian Bay on a series of boats, all named "Catnip" for the family's enjoyment of their cats, several of whom cruised with them. In her later years, Gretel was an active member of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church. Loren died in 2001. Gretel is survived by two children, Mark, a clinical psychologist in Northern Virginia and Elisabeth, an attorney in San Francisco, and by three grandchildren, Gretel (GG), Emma and Brendan. Memorial donations may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society.



ROWLAND-BARNER SARAH J. "SALLY"

Age 77 of Fenton (formerly Plymouth) passed away October 24, 2011. Beloved wife of Robert Barner, 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 was held Thursday 4-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state was held Friday 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

SHONTA, PAULINE

of Warren, died Oct. 20, 2011; age 97; Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586)777-0555.

TAYLOR, MARY ELLEN

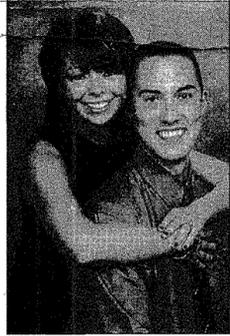
Age 93, October 23, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Arnold. Dear mother of Betty Olive (the late Frank) Rau, Timothy Alan (Judith) and the late Arnold (Mary Ann). Grandmother of 12. Great grandmother of 17. Visitation Thursday 4-8pm. Funeral service Friday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). www.santeiufuneralhome.com

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Poll shows children lack early dental care

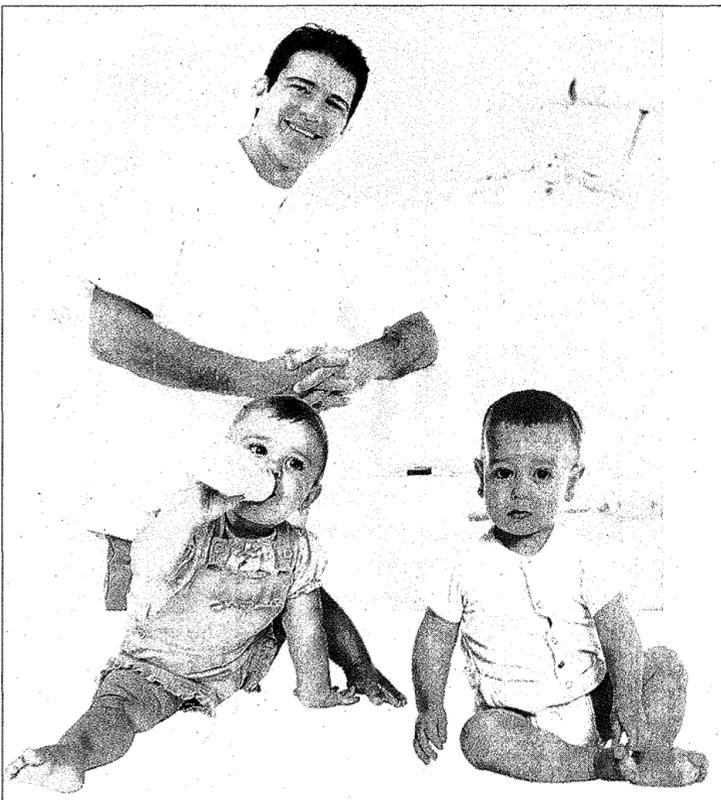
Health experts recommend that children begin oral health care by age 1 or when their first teeth emerge, but a national poll found that only 23 percent of 1-year-olds had been to the dentist.

"Dental problems such as early childhood caries (cavities in the baby teeth) are the leading cause of chronic disease for young children," said Sarah Clark, associate director of the Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit at the University of Michigan. "Most dental problems can be prevented through good oral health care."

The C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health earlier this year asked parents of children ages 1-5 about dental health care for young children. Some respondents may not be aware of recommendations for early dental health care. Finding a dentist who will see young children - especially those covered by Medicaid - also can be a problem.

Pediatricians and other health care providers can help parents understand the need for early oral health care during their child's wellness exam.

"Well-child visits are critical to making sure that parents understand their role in preventing dental problems, such as how to clean the child's baby teeth and the importance of avoiding sugary beverages and bottles in the crib," Clark said. "Well-child visits are also a key opportunity for a health professional to examine the child's baby teeth and make sure that children with early signs of decay are strong-



ly encouraged to see a dentist."

However, less than half of the parents with children, age 1-2, who were polled said dental care was discussed at their child's most recent well-child visit. Less than half of parents said their health care providers talked to them about cleaning their child's teeth or taking their child to the dentist. One in three children didn't have their teeth examined by their health care provider.

"We know that not all children will see a dentist at age 1, but on the other hand, almost all children have well-child visits

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with a pediatrician or other health care provider," Clark said. "The results of this poll indicate that we need to improve the way oral health issues are

addressed during well-child visits so that parents fully understand the need for good oral health care."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

November

FATIGUE

Dr. Stephanie Rose will offer a free presentation on fatigue and explain why individuals feel fatigued and what they can do about it, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 34024 W. Eight Mile, Suite 104, in the Echo Court building, Farmington Hills. Reserve a spot by calling (248) 888-8183.

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The hospital offers Silver Lining, a five-week wellness program for women cancer survivors. The program is free and designed for women who have survived any type of cancer. It includes meditation, yoga, breast awareness/self-exam, mindful listening and expressive writing. The program helps cancer survivors explore and heal the physical, emotional and spiritual effects of the disease. The program meets for five weeks, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., beginning Thursday, Nov. 10 through Dec. 15. All interested participants must attend an evening information/registration session on Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Beaumont Cancer Institute in Royal Oak. Participants must be 18 years or older and have completed their cancer treatments. Call Pam Jablonski at (248) 551-4645.

HEALTH CLASS

The National Kidney Foundation presents a free workshop designed to help individuals manage long-term health conditions, 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7-Dec. 12 at American House, 11525 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class is aimed at individuals with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma, and depression. Workshops are conducted by trained leaders who hold informal, small group

discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Facilitators discuss ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely, and benefit from physical activity. To register or learn more about this program, call Elizabeth Star at (734) 425-3050.

ST. MARY MERCY

The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars, 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon, present information about laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Sessions are Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. For information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311, in the Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

MAPLEGROVE CENTER

A free public panel discussion will address the questions and concerns parents and other family members have about young people who may be using drugs or alcohol, 7-9 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital Ravitz Atrium, 6777 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Betty Conger, Maplegrove Children and Family Program coordinator, will make the keynote presentation on how to better understand and guide young adults who may be struggling with making healthy, mature decisions. Other panelists include Judge Linda Davis with the Macomb County District Court and Families Against Narcotics; Dawn Kepler, Prevention Network College Program coordinator; Tom Ghena, administrative director of Maplegrove Center; as well as a family in recovery. Register at (248) 661-6170 or mce_cp@hfhs.org.

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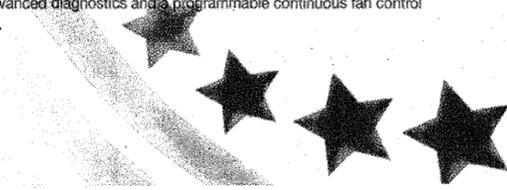
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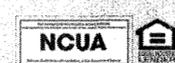


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