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Holiday contest

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas. Entries are being taken for Westland's annual What Christmas Means to Me essay contest. Westland residents in kindergarten through fifth grade can submit their essays by 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28.

The winner will read their essay at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and then help Santa and Mayor William Wild turn on the holiday lights at city hall at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5.

Essays may be written at home or school and should include the writer's name, age, address and home phone number, as well as the name of the youngster's school and grade.

Drop off essays at the mayor's office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or at the Bailey Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. They also can be mailed to: Christmas Essay Contest, Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford, Westland MI 48185.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns.

Residents who have any comments or concerns can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold a district coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

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Old vs. new: Council gets city hall report

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Total space between 30,000 and 50,000 square feet costing an estimated \$8 to \$13 million.

That, in a nutshell, is what Westland is likely looking at to replace the current city hall, which has long-standing flood-

ing issues, isn't energy-efficient or very functional and isn't handicapped-accessible.

While the Tax Increment Financing Authority Board had commissioned a study looking at existing buildings that could be renovated for a city hall, council seems to be moving toward con-

structing a new building, possibly on the site of the current building.

"The 30,000 to 50,000 square feet seems a broad range, but it's not. You have a lot of inefficiencies and folks in different places," said Greg VanKirk of Plante Moran CRESA, real estate consultants, who prepared an

evaluation and alternatives report on city hall.

The current city hall has about 32,400 square feet, but that could change in a new facility, VanKirk said, depending on decisions such as consolidating locations. For example, moving currently off-site operations, such as Fire Administra-

tion, Parks and Recreation, Youth Assistance or an Emergency Operations Center into city hall.

The vacant big box stores the city was looking at as a possible site for city hall were 60,000 to 100,000 square feet, which VanKirk said could

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Vets honored at Glenn ceremony



Westland John Glenn High School's Junior ROTC participated in Veterans Day ceremonies.

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Veterans were honored for their service to the United States at the annual observance held at Westland John Glenn High School Friday.

"We're here to recognize all the veterans who made our freedom possible," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, the guest speaker representing Mayor William Wild.

During a chilly and blustery ceremony, Kosowski noted that both his grandfather and father were military veterans.

"I never got to meet my grandfather — he was killed at sea," said Kosowski. "To the veterans, I want to say thank you. The United States has been at war for 10 years and volunteers are still enlisting."

Part of the remediated Central City Park, expected to reopen next year, will be the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden, said Kosowski.

Unlike Memorial Day, which honors veterans who died during their military service, Veterans Day recognizes the all of those with honorable military service.

Members of the Glenn Junior ROTC were assembled for the program and the honor guard placed a wreath at the flagpole.

The Glenn marching band performed *Taps* along with a medley of



Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski was the guest speaker at Veterans Day observances at Westland John Glenn High School.

patriotic songs that included the theme music for each branch of the military. The Glenn Singers opened the program with the national anthem.

Among those attending the ceremony was Westland resident Rory Jones who came dressed as a Union Civil War sergeant. An Army veteran, Jones is a re-enactor with the 17th Michigan Company E. His granddaughter, Blair Saranas, is a member of the Glenn ROTC.

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Man charged in shooting of woman

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

An Inkster man has been charged with five felonies in the shooting of a Westland woman after turning himself into police Wednesday.

Willie Charles Rose, 38, was arraigned Thursday in 18th District Court on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felony firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm. A not guilty plea was entered for Rose, who is jailed in lieu of \$1 million cash bond.

"He got an attorney and surrendered himself. We were still looking for him. His attorney called and negotiated the surrender," said Westland Police Lt. Michael Matich.

Following the Nov. 3 shooting, police released a mug shot of Rose and



Willie Charles Rose

asked for the public's help in locating him as a person of interest in the shooting. Subsequently, warrants were issued for Rose's arrest.

The 35-year-old woman, shot twice in the face, is recuperating from her injuries. The fact that the woman is recovering likely was a factor in Rose's decision to surrender to police.

"She is still in the hospital. He (Rose) thought she was going to die, he knew she was in critical condition," said Matich. "The surrender was very low key."

The shooting happened just after 1 p.m. at the Westland Meadows mobile home park, located in the area of Van Born and Merriman. Police said the woman was leaving her residence following a domestic problem and was in her vehicle with her 2-year-old daughter on her lap when she was shot.

Rose is scheduled for a preliminary examination Dec. 1 before Judge Mark McConnell.

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Senate vote urges quick action on I-275/Ford

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A push to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange and ease the area's traffic congestion gained more support as the Michigan Senate passed a pair of resolutions introduced by state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

The actions came a week after the Senate Transportation Committee approved the same measures during a public hearing attended by 125-150 people at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Both resolutions urge prioritization of proposals to reshape the I-275/Ford interchange amid hopes of easing traffic along stretches of Ford

Road deemed as among the most accident-prone in Michigan.

Colbeck, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and other supporters also say the project could create some 200 jobs and boost the area's economy.

Senate-approved Resolution 93, adopted last Tuesday, now goes to Washington, D.C., where Colbeck, LaJoy and others hope it will help convince federal authorities to grant \$20.3 million from a program dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 19, meanwhile, goes to the state House

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Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinocle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Holiday card party

Ss. Simon and Jude Church is hosting their a Holiday Card Party 6:30-8

p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. There will be door and table prizes along with a 50/50 raffle. A light meal and snacks will be served. Tickets are \$8 per person and will be available at the door. Bring friends and play the games of your choice.

Ss. Simon and Jude Church is at 32500 Palmer, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

Trivia tourney

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW 6896 is holding a Trivia Tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at the post, 28945 Joy, Westland. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tables are \$20. There will be a cash bar, pizza,

raffles and cash prizes. Call for reservations.

The post also is holding a "Euchre Friday" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. The donation is \$5. Practice starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454.

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.

Police disarm suicidal man

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

A Wayne man was hospitalized Friday afternoon after Westland police responded to a call that man was armed and suicidal in a vehicle parked at Kroger.

Family members contacted police about 10 a.m. after finding the man had left a suicide note and had withdrawn all of his money from his bank account. Initially, family members told police that the man, who owns two long guns, was likely headed to Glenwood Cemetery to be

with his late mother. Instead, a family member located the man inside his Ford Expedition in the parking lot of Kroger, 31300 Michigan Ave. at Merriman. The family member told police that he man was slumped over in the vehicle with pills scattered around and he was lying on the stock of a rifle.

Officers secured the area and made sure there were no pedestrians around the vehicle. An officer attempted to talk to the man while the Tactical Response Team was activated.

When the man failed to respond to direction from

the officers to get out of the vehicle, the officer used a Taser. The man still didn't respond and the officer noted he was laying across the rifle making unclear whether he was holding the gun.

The man was eventually taken into custody receiving an abrasion to his lower back and left forehead as he was extracted from the vehicle. Police had the man hospitalized for psychiatric care. Police said the rifle was loaded with two rounds, one of which was chambered.

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Wayne Rec offers programs open to Westland residents

Vampires and visits from Santa Claus at upcoming programs hosted by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department.

The State-Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Ave., will have a mid-night showing of the Twilight Saga movie Breaking Dawn Part One at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18. A release party begins at 11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. Call (734) 721-7400 for tickets.

Have Lunch with Santa at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. The cost is \$4 per person for resident, \$5 per person for nonresidents. The cost includes pizza, salad, bread sticks, arts and crafts and face

painting. Proceeds will benefit the Wayne Dance and Figure Skating programs. Call (734) 721-7400 or visit www.ci.wayne.mi.us for details.

A Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Town Square. From 7-7:15 p.m., there will be the Tree Lighting with Santa Claus, welcome by Mayor Al Haidous and Christmas songs led by St. Mary Catholic Church Youth Choir.

From 7:15-8 p.m., get your picture taken with Santa Claus for \$3. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served by the Wayne Beautification Committee. Call (734) 721-7400 or visit www.ci.wayne.mi.us

for details. Looking ahead, a pool reopening party will be held Feb. 1, 2012. There will be free open swim, meet and greet the swim instructors, free water fitness classes and more.

There will be no membership rate increase. Get the exercise club, dry/wet saunas, open ice skating, indoor track and now the indoor pool for starting at \$12 per month.

The City of Wayne and the City of Westland have adopted the Neighbor Acceptance Plan for all residents of each community. This plan entitles the residents of each community to qualify for all resident rates and promotions at all facilities located within both cities.

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mean partial demolition. As it turns out, the two identified most likely sites — the former Circuit City building on Warren Road and the long-closed Service Merchandise store on Nankin Boulevard — are out of the picture. The former Circuit City building is off the market, having been sold for development, Westland Mayor William Wild said, while Service Merchandise is in such poor shape it would need to be demolished.

Plante Moran CRESA estimated a five-acre site would be needed for a new city hall and estimated a \$500,000 price tag. The site would likely be located in the Downtown Development Authority or TIFA district for funding purposes; the current city hall on Ford is located in the DDA district.

The cost difference between rehabilitating the 48-year-old current building and new con-

struction of a building the same size was small — \$8.27 million for new construction and \$8.17 million for renovation.

"I had learned toward rehabilitation, but looking at the numbers, that doesn't make sense," Councilman Bill Johnson said.

In past years, there had been discussion about constructing a new city hall on city-owned property adjoining the William P. Faust Library, Council President James Godbout commented. He also noted the large parcel in Central City Park which isn't part of the remediation project and would be closed to public use.

"I'm not saying it's a realistic alternative, but it would finish off the remediation of the site with capping it with all that asphalt and cement," Godbout said. "It would cap off the old landfill site. I'm not sure how much the Department of Environmental Quality would fight us on it."

The city needs to look at all the options for replac-

ing city hall, Godbout said, adding more discussion would be needed.

"We need to nail down our space needs and financing. If the building is in the DDA district, we need to nail down what we can do legally," Wild said, noting the city has been refunding DDA and TIFA, dividing it between the city general fund and Wayne County.

Another factor is the approximately \$8 million refinancing of Taylor Towers, which is expected to be completed within the next 90 days.

There is also the question of where city offices would be housed during the expected three-year construction period if the current building is demolished to allow the new structure to be built on the same site.

"If we do it on this site, we would probably move into the Bailey Recreation Center. We would retrofit it to serve as an interim city hall for a couple of years," Wild said.

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for consideration, though copies will be forwarded to leaders in the U.S. Senate and House, members of the Michigan congressional delegation and the U.S. Department of

Transportation. LaJoy has said the nine-year push to improve the I-275/Ford area needs federal and state attention.

The proposal calls for two new ramps, or slips, allowing motorists on the southbound I-275 exit ramp to access either northbound or south-

bound Haggerty without traveling on Ford Road. It also suggests a service drive along the east side of the interstate, from Cherry Hill to north of Ford Road.

"The I-275/Ford Road interchange area is the most dangerous stretch of road in our state," Colbeck said Tuesday in a statement. "It's important to note, though, that the merits of this project go well beyond increased safety. This project is critical to the continued economic development of western Wayne County and will benefit the entire region, including Aerotropolis."

His last remark refers to efforts to spur economic development near and around Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

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Couple ready to honor son's memory at Landing

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton couple is nearing the end of a long journey to honor their late son, U.S. Army Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, by offering war-on-terror veterans — and those still serving — a peaceful, woods-shrouded vacation spot near Lake Huron where they can find refuge.

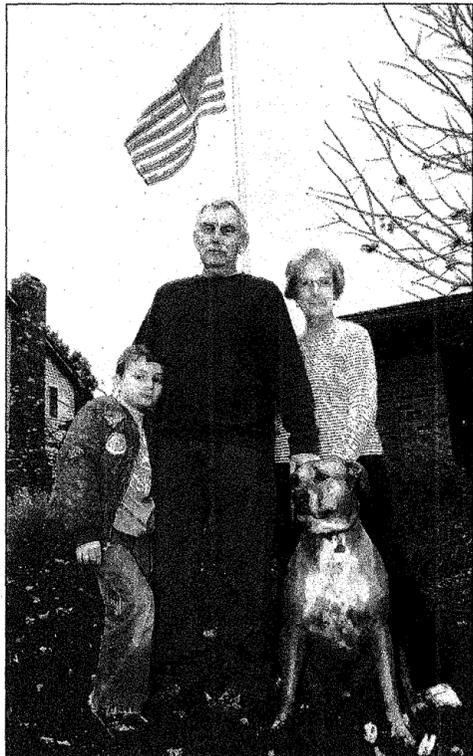
Yet in many ways, Terry and Janet Blumberg's journey has just begun. The retired couple by Christmas expects to complete their move to Blum's Landing, a 3,500-square-foot, bed-and-breakfast getaway near Rogers City, in the northern Lower Peninsula, where they hope to begin welcoming veterans and troops for no-cost visits as early as this winter. They want to help military personnel, especially those who have endured the physical or mental wounds of war.

"It's a little scary that we're going to finally make it happen," Janet Blumberg, a retired Garden City school principal, said, sitting in the couple's Canton home. "It feels wonderful."

Favors granted

Blum's Landing evolved after the Blumbergs took seriously two favors Trevor Blumberg, 22, asked before he was killed Sept. 14, 2003, in Fallujah, Iraq, after earlier serving in Korea and Afghanistan. If he didn't come home, he told them, he wanted his parents to care for his dog Scrappy, a friendly Staffordshire bull terrier, and to help other troops.

As Scrappy prances around their Canton kitchen, the Blumbergs talked of a dream that began years ago to build Blum's Landing. They used about \$400,000 of their own



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Terry and Jan Blumberg, with grandson Logan Marshall, made two promises to their son: Take care of his dog, Scrappy, and do something for veterans.

money — much of it from their son's death benefits — and started a nonprofit organization. They also received monetary donations and volunteer labor from people such as the congregation of St. Michael Lutheran Church of Canton.

They still need money for amenities such as a wheelchair-accessible pontoon boat, a king-size guest bed and, eventually, two guest cabins to complement the main lodging. They also are reaching out to those who can afford to sponsor war-on-terror military personnel who may need travel money or other aid to make the trip to

Blum's Landing.

To learn how to help or to nominate military personnel for a visit, go to www.blumslanding.org or call (734) 812-1500.

Terry Blumberg, a retired independent housing inspector, has poured his skills into Blum's Landing, persevering for years on a place where some of his son's military friends — and their families — already have visited.

"I just do the best I can and let God figure out how I'm going to do it," Terry Blumberg, 65, said, adding that those who have visited Blum's Landing "love it, and they find a little bit

of peace that they need to reconnect" with nature.

Creature comforts

The lodging offers two guest bedrooms — one large enough to sleep a small family, one for a couple. It also has amenities such as a big kitchen and dining area, a fireplace, a large social room the Blumbergs call "the great room," a 1,600-square-foot porch where visitors can sit and enjoy the outdoors, an office, and a room above a garage that the couple hopes to transform into a game room for their guests.

Janet Blumberg plans to cook the food. "She's a great cook," her husband said.

Working with sponsors and local businesses

near Blum's Landing, the Blumbergs hope to use their nonprofit organization to offer military personnel and their families a no-cost getaway where they can go fishing, kayaking, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling and visit nearby places such as Ocqueoc Falls, Orchard Lake, Lake Huron and Mackinac Island.

Trevor Blumberg, who loved nature, wasn't the couple's only child. They have a daughter, Amanda Marshall, who has ties to veterans through her nursing job at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Marshall has two children of her own, Logan, 6, and Griffin, 13 months.

Terry Blumberg described the family as close-knit, and he still

recalls his son's dedication to serving in the U.S. Army. "He always said he had the best job in the world because he got to go get the bad guys and make them pay."

Now, the Blumbergs hope to keep their son's memory alive with Blum's Landing. They pause to remember him — and not just on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

"I think about him every day," Janet Blumberg said, tears filling her eyes.

As for Blum's Landing, she said, "It's our way to say 'thank you' to all these lovely people who stepped up and protected our freedom. They're heroes in every way."

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Wayne thespians take on comedic mystery, 'Clockwork'



Zach Hay and Josiah Ault play Zack Dunwoody and his nephew Leon in the play. They also are two of the three assistant directors.

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The crabby family patriarch who laughs himself to death and a grandfather clock that gives new meaning to for whom the bell tolls represent the setting for Wayne Memorial High School's fall play, *Clockwork*.

A comedic mystery set in the South, Zach Dunwoody's death may be the first to happen, but definite not the last in author Pat Cook's play. And whether the demise is on or off stage, everyone knows, thanks to the clock.

"It's a fun play because all of the characters have very stubborn, cranky personalities," said director Katie Sullivan. "It's very interesting and fun for the kids. They get to play with the characters."

The clock will chime many times during the production set to be performed Thursday-Sat-

urday, Nov. 17-19, at the Stockmeyer Auditorium on the Wayne Memorial campus.

Struggling to pick a play for the fall production, Sullivan went back to the script she looked at years ago and liked. This time it fit with what she was looking for — quite a few roles that allowed her to have more students in the show. In fact, the play has 16 characters. There's more lead roles and every student "pretty much has the same amount of stage time," Sullivan said.

"The script was written to all the characters to have pretty developed roles," she said. "The students have had time to develop their characters."

Junior Josiah Ault is pulling double duty in the production. He plays the part of the cantankerous Zach Dunwoody's nephew Leon as well as works with Zach Hay and Loren Hubbs as assis-



Megan Watson, Devyn Simkus, Eryn Struppa, Zach Hay and Josiah Ault rehearse a scene from the comedic mystery, "Clockwork," that will be presented this weekend at Wayne Memorial High School.

tant directors. He admits that sometimes it's hard to direct but understands that in the position of director you have to balance being the cast's friend and making sure they're not slacking off.

"This is my third show as an assistant director, I wanted to do it," he said. "I'd did it last year and it was really great. I got close to the other directors and I wanted to do it again."

Hay is a senior who figured "Why not?" this year when it comes to being an assistant director.

"It's been fun having

that responsibility," he said. "I'm in charge of keeping track of grades and making sure they're doing what they're supposed to do in the classroom."

Hay also plays Zack, the grouchy old patriarch, a character he said is a little like him although he is "usually reserved and an introverted."

"The characters are lively and fun to play, that's one reason why it's a good to do," he said. "It's been a lot of hard work, I knew it would be."

Hubbs also is a junior

and a veteran of the theater program. She's been wanting to be an assistant director since she got involved her freshman year. Her job has included coordinating the conflict calendar, determining who's going to be there and who's excused and unexcused. She also plays Gladys the family cook.

"She never wants anything to do with what they're discussing, she feels she's underappreciated," Hubbs said of her character.

This is her fifth play at Wayne Memorial.

"This is what I live for, the performing arts, and being in control of what I love to do," she said.

The cast has been rehearsing for six weeks, and Sullivan is pleased with the bonding that has taken place and the atmosphere the students have created.

"I tell them I'm here so they can have a great production," she said. "They've bonded so quickly. That helps them forge relationships that helps build the show."

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Participants in the 15th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, will have an opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot. For bike enthusiasts, you will have a chance to Bike Through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Participants will be among the first to view the displays, which include an enchanting Celebration of Lights arch, Cecil the Magic Dragon, a large waving polar bear with cubs, an animated Old Glory, animated snowflake arches and more.

In addition, there is a new tunnel display for runners, walkers and bik-



Bicyclists will get a chance to be among the first to enjoy the Wayne County Parks Lightfest at Bike Through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16.

ers to look for along the route.

There will be post race food for both events, along with long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration is \$20 in advance for adults and

\$25 on race day. High school students and younger cost \$12. Both events will take place in Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area, which is located at Merriman and Hines Drive in Westland.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com. Forms also can be picked up at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland and Total Runner store in Southgate.

Wayne County Parks will host the Lightfest Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in Merriman Hollow Area, featuring fireworks, music, entertainment and light refreshments.

Lightfest features more than 45 giant animated displays and more than one million lights; it is the Midwest's largest and longest light show. The complete Lightfest route is more than four miles of Hines Drive. The light display is open 7-10 p.m. Nov. 17 through Dec. 31

(closed on Christmas Day). There is a \$5 fee per vehicle.

On Dec. 6, 13, 20, there will be Toy Nights. Wayne County will be lending a hand to provide toys to disadvantaged children. On those three nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the \$5 vehicle fee. Wayne County considers the toy donations an opportunity for the people of the community to partner with the county in an effort to make a difference in children's lives.

And don't forget to visit Santa's Workshop at the Warrendale Park at the end of the Lightfest. Santa will be there from Thanksgiving until Dec. 23. Kids can bring their letters to Santa and drop them in the giant mailbox

outside of Santa's workshop. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night.

Although Lightfest begins at 7 p.m., Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. nightly. Visitors enter Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman in Westland.

Lightfest is presented in partnership with Fox 2 News, Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, Play Environments Inc., DBT Marketing and Promotional Group, McDonald Modular, Entertainment Express Luxury Limousine, Total Runner and Beattetrain.com.

For more information on these Wayne County Parks events, call (734) 261-1990.

Schoolcraft board appoints 2 to seats

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees filled one current and one anticipated vacancy on the college's governing board Saturday.

John R. Elkins of Livonia was appointed to fill the seat left open by Mary Breen, who decided to retire from the board after serving for more than 28 years. Elkins will be sworn in at the board's Nov. 16 meeting.

The board appointed Douglas H. Adams of Canton to fill the seat held by board chair Gregory J. Stempien, who plans to step down from the board at the end of this year. Adams will be sworn in at the board's Jan. 25 meeting.



Elkins



Adams

Board seats have six-year terms. The seats being filled by Elkins and Adams have terms that end Dec. 31, 2012.

Both men have stated they intend to run for full terms in the November 2012 general election. Those terms begin Jan. 1, 2013. Elkins is president of

JR Elkins & Associates Inc. and serves as Community Liaison for Senior Services with St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Adams is vice president, Small Business Administration Lending for Comerica Bank.

The seven-member Board of Trustees serves as the college's policy-making body. To be considered a candidate for the position, an applicant must be a registered voter and a resident of the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district.

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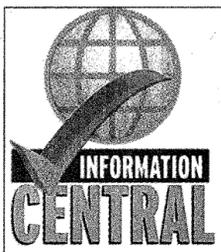
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November is National Diabetes Awareness Month

The statistics are alarming. The financial costs are staggering. The human cost continues to increase. According to the Michigan Department of Community Health publication, *Diabetes in Michigan 2010 - The Facts*, "Diabetes prevalence in Michigan has consistently been higher than the nation as a whole. It is estimated 701,000 Michigan adults have been diagnosed with diabetes, and another 364,400 have undiagnosed diabetes. This means over 1 million adults in Michigan have diabetes." The good news, though, is diabetes is controllable.

In *The Center for Diseases Control (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion*, published in 2010,



statistics showed diabetes affects 25.9 million people, or 8.3 percent of the U. S. population. Of these, 18.8 million people have been diagnosed while another 7 million people are yet undiagnosed. Diabetes is defined as a group of diseases marked by high levels of blood glucose resulting from defects in insulin production, insulin action, or both. If not addressed, this disease can lead to seri-

ous complications, such as kidney failure, blindness, amputation of lower limbs, stroke or heart disease, as well as resulting in premature death.

Several online sources are also available to provide information and support for those with diabetes. The American Diabetes Association has a national site along with a local community link to help you reach out locally within your community. Log on to www.diabetes.org. Michigan's Department of Community Mental Health also provides a wealth of information online for those interested in finding out more about diabetes. Log on to www.michigan.gov/diabetes

Another place to look for information and ways to prevent or manage your diabetes is your

local library. Sue Milchovich's *Diabetes Mellitus: A Practical Handbook*; Spike Nasmyth-Loy's *Getting a Grip on Diabetes: Quick Tips & Techniques for Kids & Teens* and Lynn Crowe's *The Diabetes Manifesto: Taking Care of Your Life*, are all great resources for providing an overview.

Shedding light on ways to manage diabetes can be found in Bob Greene's, *The Best Life Guide to Managing Diabetes and Pre-Diabetes*, Constance Brown-Riggs's *The African American Guide to Living Well with Diabetes*, the American Diabetes Association's *What to Expect When You Have Diabetes: 170 Tips for Living Well with Diabetes* and Jessie H. Ahroni's *101 Tips on Foot Care for People with Diabetes*.

To dispel rumors that diabetes will bring an abrupt halt to any future great tasting meals, pick up a copy of Hope Warsaw's *Diabetes Meal Planning Made Easy* and Ellen Haas's *Diabetes Fit Food: Over 200 Recipes from the World's Greatest Chefs*. These are just two of the dozens of cookbooks available in the library that offer a diabetic friendly option.

For more information about diabetes, visit the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland westlandlibrary.org or drop by. We're open seven days a week and look forward to hearing from you.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Nov. 15, The title for November is *The History of Love*, by Nicole Krauss. A long-lost book reappears, mysteriously connecting an old man search-

ing for his son and a girl seeking a cure for her widowed mother's loneliness. Sixty years ago, in the Polish village where he was born, Leo Gursky fell in love and wrote a book. And though Leo doesn't know it, that book survived, inspiring fabulous circumstances, even love. Fourteen-year-old Alma was named after a character in that very book. And although she has her hands full keeping track of her brother, Bird (who thinks he might be the Messiah), and taking copious notes on How to Survive in the Wild, she undertakes an adventure to find her namesake and save her family. Copies will be available at the Reference Desk. Everyone welcome.

Circle the Date - Daily Bread Photo Exhibit: Nov. 15 - 29, on exhibit every day.

In honor of Homelessness Awareness Week, we are hosting an exhibit of photos by Lad Strayer, a photographer from Adrian. Mr. Strayer originally took many of these photos as part of a newspaper piece to run in the Adrian Daily Telegram. When journalist and poet Jennifer Burd saw something more expressive the project and photos than a news story could project, she asked Mr. Strayer to do a book with her. The photos you will see in the library are from that book.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, Burd will be here to read from her book. Anyone inspired to write a poem, reflection, short story based on the photos exhibited are asked to read their work at this reading. Contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org or call (734) 326-6123 for more information.

Friends of the Library Book Sale: 3-6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 17, Preview Sale for Friends Members; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, and Saturday, Nov. 19, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20,

Get books for great prices! All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. Nov. 18

Come join us as we continue our fall Friday Night Movies. This movie, *Larry Crowne*, starring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts, is about an older man who recently lost his job and tries to reinvent himself by going back to college. This movie is rated PG-13. Snacks and refreshments are served. Trivia and prizes before the movie. This is an after-hours event. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m.

How to Prevent, Control or Eliminate Type 2 Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome: 7 p.m. Nov. 22

Dr. Brain Brackney, local chiropractor and member of the national nonprofit organization, the Foundation of Wellness Professional will speak about Type 2 Diabetes. Learn about the two hormones that may cause the disease, discover which foods you can eat to facilitate prevention, and find out how to reduce your risk of Type II diabetes by 60 percent. Register online at westlandlibrary.org/events, call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to reserve your seat.

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

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County commission zeroes in on ethics policy

Wayne County will have a comprehensive ethics ordinance in place within the next 90 days, according to Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak.

Woronchak, D-DeARBorn, said the ordinance will be the result of months of work by the Ethics Task Force he appointed when he was elected chair of the commission in January.

"Events that have unfolded in recent weeks, from cozy relationships between the county and contractors to a federal investigation and FBI subpoenas for county records, show that we were moving in a necessary direction when we started the process of working on strong ethics policies months ago," said

Woronchak.

An ethics ordinance generally sets standards of conduct for officials and employees and rules for disclosure and openness designed to avoid conflicts of interest and improper business practices.

Ethics policies currently exist in the county's procurement ordinance, which sets policy for contracting.

"But, clearly, more transparency and stronger ethical guidelines are necessary across all business of Wayne County," Woronchak said.

Chaired by Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, the Ethics Task Force last month completed a series of study sessions and discussions that began in February. Other

members of the task force include Commissioners Diane Webb, D-Garden City, Ilona Varga, D-Lincoln Park, and Alisha Bell and Tim Killeen, both D-Detroit.

As part of its deliberations, the task force examined ethics ordinances from other governments, discussing what best practices could be applied to Wayne County.

Commission attorneys are working on a draft of a Wayne County ethics ordinance. Woronchak said he expects the first draft to be completed in a few weeks. Hearings are expected in January, with final approval targeted for February. He added that the timetable of about one year is what was expected when the

process began.

Controversy has engulfed the county since late September, when it was revealed that its former economic development director got a severance payment of \$200,000 when she left her county job to become CEO of Metro Airport.

The furor that followed resulted in the termination or resignation of high-ranking appointees in the administration of County Executive Robert Ficano. The new airport CEO returned the money and later was fired from the airport position.

Federal authorities continue to investigate the county in the wake of the severance scandal. The FBI subpoenaed county records to determine whether laws were broken.

Wayne Rotary honors Pearl Harbor survivor

The Wayne Rotary will present "The Nate Weiser story — Dec. 7, 1941, Tribute Dinner," honoring the Pearl Harbor survivor on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The dinner will be at 6 p.m. at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne.

The dinner is being held in honor of Weiser, a lifelong Rotary member and Pearl Harbor attack survivor, said Steve Tackett, Wayne Rotary president. Weiser was in the U.S. Army Air Corps. In addition to Pearl Harbor, Weiser also was with

U.S. forces at the Normandy invasion in France in June 1944.

"We knew there was probably nobody else in the nation that had a Pearl Harbor survivor in their midst," Tackett said.

Weiser is a lifelong member of Wayne community and owned a local recycling business.

"He's been in the community all that time, has been a mainstay," said Tackett.

Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door or \$150 for a table of eight. For tickets, call Tackett at (734) 740-4982.

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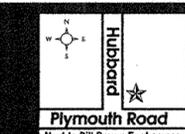
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Holiday card party

Ss. Simon and Jude Church is hosting their a Holiday Card Party 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. There will be door and table prizes along with a 50/50 raffle. A light meal and snacks will be served. Tickets are \$8 per person and will be available at the door. Bring friends and play the games of your choice.

Ss. Simon and Jude Church is at 32500 Palmer, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

Fund-raiser

Join The American House Senior Living Foundation at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, to kick off its annual fund-raiser "Seniors Helping Seniors."

The event will be held at The American House Senior Living Foundation at 39201 Joy, Westland. An \$8 donation will be accepted at the door to enjoy a spaghetti dinner, holiday caroling and handcrafts made by American House seniors. Come and celebrate with American House as it continues the mission of its foundation. For more information, call (734) 454-9838.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19, and noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at the library, 6123 Central

City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

There will be a special sale of \$1 for hardcover books - fiction, biography, autobiography and memoirs - buy one get one free. Hardcover non-fiction books, DVDs and CDs also will be \$1 with coffee Table Books priced at \$2. Large paperbacks will be 50 cents, small paperbacks, videos, cassettes, records 25 cents and small paperback romance and magazines 10 cents.

The coffee table books and other books in the Thanksgiving/Christmas section are great for holiday gifts. Add one of the Friends Reusable Green Book Bags for \$2 to your purchase for another great gift.

Preview sale for Friends Members will be 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. You can become a Friend at the preview sale.

Support the Westland Library by shopping at the book sale as the Friends are now paying for all programs that are held at the library.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Trivia tourney

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW 6896 is holding a Trivia Tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at the post, 28945 Joy, Westland. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tables are \$20. There will be a cash bar, pizza, raffles and cash prizes. Call for reservations. The post also is hold-

ing a "Euchre Friday" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. The donations \$5. Practice starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454.

Commodities

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations that residents may obtain surplus federal food for the month of November.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities on 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, located at 32715 Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

Residents living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church at located at 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food there and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

For the month of November, apple juice, corn, beef stew, dried plums, mixed vegetables, UHT milk and possible additional items will be distributed.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinocle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

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.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an

overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@national-faith.org.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only. For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healing-hearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfells have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso-Electric Stick, the Goodfells have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year. Eligible projects

include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at the Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

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Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

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Line dancing is good for heart, mind and body

By Pat Murphy
Observer Staff Writer

There was a time when line dancing was considered mostly country-western.

"Fifteen years ago, everybody out there would be wearing jeans, boots and hats," said Carolyn Teodori, who teaches line dancing at the Redford Community Center on Monday afternoons. "But not anymore, line dancing is as mainstream as waltzing."

Some line dancers still like to get decked out in country-western attire, she said. But line dancing is also for city folks in sneakers or other comfortable shoes. It's very popular with women whose husbands don't like to dance, Teodori said. "They line dance at a wedding and other gatherings — when they don't have a partner."

The 11 women and one man in Monday's class

weren't specific about where they line dance. They were very specific and enthusiastic, however, about liking the music, rhythm and style.

"I love it," said Iva Moore-Hay, of Redford Township. "It's fun and good exercise."

Dancing has always been a passion for Angie Stokley of Dearborn Heights. "And I love learning new dances. It's a real challenge."

Teodori said she has taught line dancing, as well as other steps, for about 17 years. She estimated the average age of her Redford Township students to be about 60. "But I taught line dancing to students as young 10," she said, "and as old as 92."

That experience was obvious Monday as Teodori glided around the floor to the music. She instructed and demonstrated how to kick, shuffle and glide with the certitude of an army drill sergeant — but



Instructor Carolyn Teodori demonstrates the line dance for students at the Redford Community Center.

none of the belligerence. Many of the songs were country-western, she acknowledged. "But we also line dance to the cha-cha, mambo and waltz — even a polka."

Line dancing was quite the rage about 15 years ago, the instructor noted.

"But I think it's almost as popular today," she said. "I taught a class at Schoolcraft college (about five years ago) with about 60 students."

The steps aren't difficult, Teodori insisted, even for people with limited dancing experience.

"It usually takes about a month (of once a week dancing) to get the steps down," she said, after that, it's really fun.

The dancing was strenuous enough, that about 20 minutes into the class one of the dancers took a breather. Nobody seemed to notice — or care.

"Dancers go at their own pace," said Teodori. "If somebody wants a breather, they take it."

While the physical benefits of dancing are obvious, Teodori noted line dancing is mentally challenging. "You have to memorize the steps, and concentrate when you

do them," she said. "That keeps the mind active."

For Charlotte Miller of Livonia, line dancing is a family affair. Also enrolled in the Monday classes are her daughter Susan Nairne and daughter-in-law Kelly Miller of Garden City.

"I love learning new steps," said Nairne, "it's very challenging."

During a break, Malcolm Alestra, said being the only man in the class was "awkward" — quickly drawing jeers from his classmates. "Just joking," he hastened to add. "I really like it," he said convincingly. There's usually another man in the class. But I think John is golfing today."

Like other forms of dancing, line dancing brings people together, Teodori said, including some who subsequently make beautiful music together. At least two of her former students eventually got married, she noted, "and as far as I know, they're very happy."

Teodori said she knows what those former students went through. "My husband was a student," she noted. "When he came into my class, I knew I wanted to be with him," she continued, "and we've been happy for two years."

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Clothing drive

The Garden City Kiwanis is asking residents donate their clothing that is too big or too small to a clothing drive they club is conducting in partnership with the Garden City Public Schools.

Clothing will be made available to people who attend the monthly Cougars Care Cafe which will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at Henry Ruff.

Clean clothing in all sizes, all age groups, and all styles will be accepted. The clothing items can be taken to Henry Ruff at Maplewood and Henry Ruff 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If necessary, contact a Kiwanian to make arrangements for pickup.

Project Graduation

The Sports Venue Bar and Grill will be hosting a dine and donate for Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2012 on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Sports Venue at Maplewood and Middlebelt will donate 10 percent of all food and drinks to Project Graduation. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffles and a silent auction.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, Project Graduation will have a fundraiser at Applebee's at 26582 Ford Road, Dearborn. Dine at Applebee's and 15 percent of the bill will be donated to Project Graduation. Mention Project Graduation when ordering. The fliers can be printed from Project Graduation Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ProjectGrad2012 or requested by sending an e-mail to sjenglen@yahoo.com.

Project Graduation sponsors the all-night

party for the Class of 2012 following graduation ceremonies.

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.

Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club is on the hunt for new members.

The local club was chartered in 1940 as part of the worldwide Rotary International organization and is guided by the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." Charitable involvement covers the spectrum from local activities, such as college scholarships, literacy training, coats for needy elementary children, to projects including school construction and orphanage support in Latin America, as well as pure water, polio vaccination, and other international humanitarian efforts.

Rotary offers a wonderful opportunity for people to provide service for others on many different levels and to the extent they feel comfortable doing so. At the same time, it offers the availability for weekly contact and socialization with other, like-minded, nice people.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Aman-tea's Restaurant on War-

ren Road just east of Venoy in Garden City. Individuals interested in more information about the club can call Steve Kelly at (734) 748-1345.

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Aman-tea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

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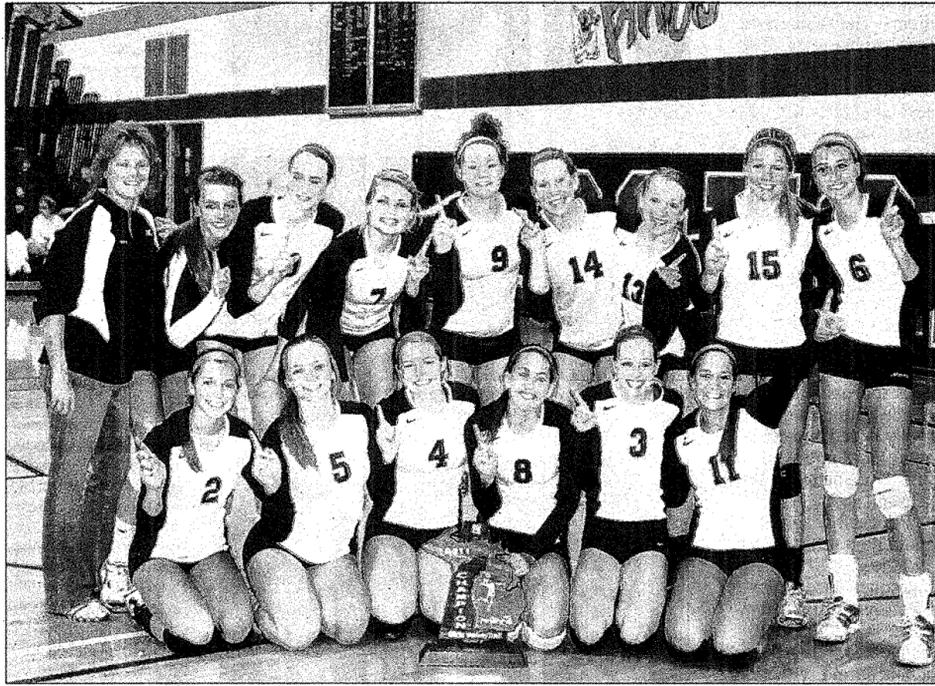
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Spartans storm into Elite 8

Tomasic's 21 kills fuels win

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Sterling Heights tried dinks and dumps to throw Livonia Stevenson off-guard in Thursday's Class A regional girls volleyball final at Warren Cousino. But the Spartans weren't fazed by the change-of-pace tactics as they gave 18th-year coach Kelly Graham her first-ever regional crown with a convincing 25-15, 25-8, 25-9 triumph. Stevenson, improving to 39-12-2 overall, moves into the state quarterfinals beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Wayne Memorial. The Spartans will square off against Temperance Bedford (64-10-1), which won an earlier meeting this season between the two teams, 2-1. Sterling Heights (19-30-4) kept things close for the first



Livonia Stevenson coach Kelly Graham (top row, far left) captured her first-ever Class A regional girls volleyball title in 18 years Thursday at Warren Cousino. Rounding out the squad are (top row, from left) Jordan York, Katie Tomasic, Morgan Copperstone, Caitlin Cole, Abigail Whitehead, Kelsey Szabo, Amanda Hawkins, Taylor McLaud; (bottom row, from left) Holly Mossoian, Kyla Hunter, Allie Koestering, Mara Murray, Andrea MacDonald and Kelly Vellucci.

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Carver's goal lifts Madonna

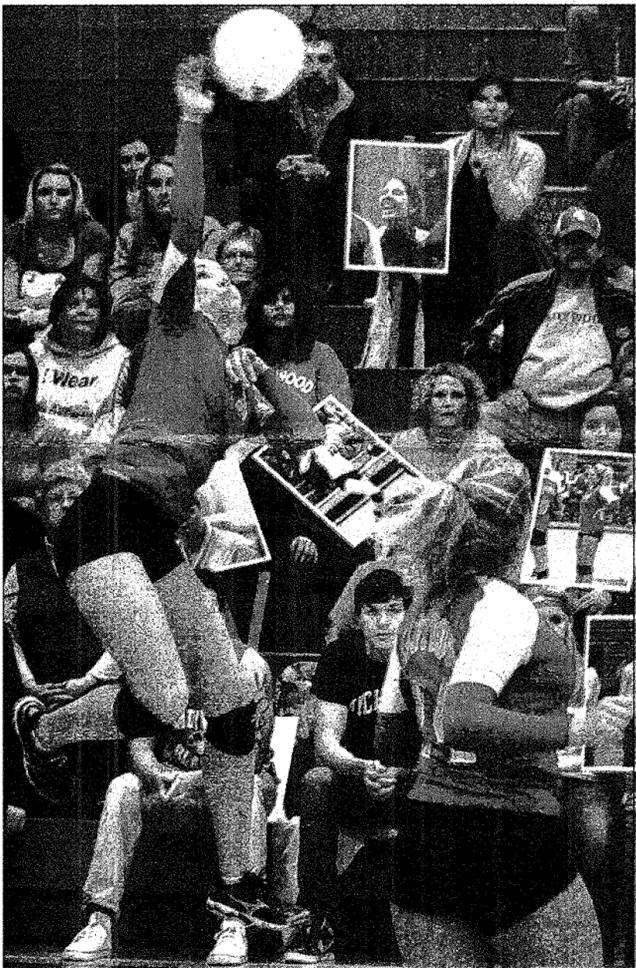
Joe Carver (Schoolcraft College) tallied the game-winning goal in the 69th minute as the Madonna University men's soccer team pulled off a 1-0 upset victory win over top-seeded Cornerstone in Wednesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Conference semifinal in Grand Rapids. The Crusaders, who improved to 6-8-5 overall, moved into Saturday's championship final against host Aquinas College with the winner advancing to the NAIA National Championship. MU goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) made eight saves including one on a penalty kick in the 71st minute to propel the Crusaders to their first WHAC playoff final since 2008. Goalkeeper Kyle Breckan made three saves for Cornerstone (11-7).

Comets host Super Bowl

The Westland Comets varsity team will host the Plymouth-Canton Steelers in the Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl championship game beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 at John Glenn High School. The freshman game kicks off the festivities at 11 a.m. followed by the JV encounter at 1 p.m. There is no admission. The Comets Booster Club will be selling concessions and Super Bowl T-shirts.

MU women's cagers win

Livonia Stevenson High grad Kaylee McGrath pumped in a game-high 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds to spark the Madonna University women's basketball team to an 80-64 triumph Wednesday over visiting Rochester College. Guard Michelle Lindsey chipped in with 18 points, while Kristie Porada came off the bench to contribute 11 in MU's season opener. The Crusaders shot 47.1 percent from the floor (24-of-51) and hit 29-of-44 free throws (65.9 percent). The Warriors (2-1) got a team-high 15 points from Abby Schlaegel.



With a sea of Ladywood fans looking on, Blazer senior Jennifer Rhodes winds up for a back-row hit Thursday night against Carleton Airport.

Airport takes down Blazers

Jets rule 'B' regional vs. Ladywood

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

As mightily as Livonia Ladywood's volleyball team tried Thursday night, there was no cooling the Jets. Not during a 5-0 run that gave host Carleton Airport a momentum-seizing 26-24 set-three victory and a 2-1 lead in sets in the Class B regional final played at Airport and, more importantly, not at the outset of the fourth set when the hosts roared to an 8-2 lead before winning the match clincher, 25-13. With the 23-25, 25-14, 26-24, 25-13 victory, the 35-13 Jets advanced to Tuesday's quarterfinal round at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard against Tecumseh. The Blazers' success-packed season ended at 39-18. "We knew (Airport) had a very good team and they came out swinging tonight," said Ladywood head coach Erin Craggs. "The turning point was when we couldn't close out the third set and then we fell behind early in

the fourth." The Blazers upended the Jets in their two most recent encounters — last year's regional final and in the Bedford tournament earlier this season. "The last time we played them we made 34 serve-receive errors, so we knew we had to improve on that," said Airport coach Barb Kohn, whose program has won four regional titles in the past five years. "Everybody played well tonight. I was extremely proud of all the girls. We beat a very good team." In the crucial third set, neither team managed to build more than a four-point lead. The set turned in Ladywood's favor a third of the way through when the match's most exciting rally unfolded. Trailing 8-5, Ladywood traded scintillating digs with the Jets for close to a minute, before Olivia Quinn's tip found a soft spot in the Jets' defense and brought the Blazers to within two points.

Please see BLAZERS, B3

Indiana Tech survives MU

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The 2011 season ended Friday for the Madonna University women's volleyball team, but not before the Crusaders put up a spirited two-hour battle in the semifinals of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs held at the Schaefer Center in Fort Wayne, Ind. Host Indiana Tech, the WHAC regular season champion at 9-0, got 18 kills and 19 digs from Ashley Hamilton in a 29-27, 23-25, 32-30, 25-22 victory over the upset-minded MU. The Crusaders had set points in games one and three, but were whistled for a double hit and another infraction on a stuff block.

Please see MADONNA, B4

Glenn cager Boiler-bound



John Glenn senior forward Joslyn Massey (top) is headed to Purdue University.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Purdue University women's basketball coach Sharon Versyp calls Westland John Glenn's Joslyn Massey "the most athletic member" of her 2012-13 recruiting class. The 6-foot senior, who transferred from Detroit Renaissance and became eligible in mid-January, signed an NCAA letter-of-intent Thursday with the Boilermakers. Massey, a second-team All-Observer pick, helped the Rockets to an 19-4 record after averaging 15 points and eight rebounds per game during her abbreviated junior year. "She is a great leaper, which aids her shot blocking and her ability to create her own shot," said Versyp, whose recruiting class is ranked in the top 15 nationally. "She is a defensive presence and is an effective rebounder on both the offensive and defensive glass. "Joslyn brings intangibles to the game and her first step to get to the rim is unbelievable. She is physical and a competitor. She brings a mature demeanor, confidence and leadership to us. She will be fun to watch on both ends of the court." Other Versyp signees include: Hayden Hamby, a 5-foot-7 guard from Trinity, Ala.; Taylor Man-



Massey

Please see MASSEY, B3

Vakratsis inks letter

Livonia Churchill senior forward Alexa Vakratsis signed a letter-of-intent Thursday to play soccer for the 2013 season at Marygrove College. Vakratsis has tallied 22 goals and seven assists in her two varsity seasons with the Chargers. She also plays club soccer for the under-18 Canton Celtics after being a member of the Livonia Meteors for almost a decade. "Alexa is a talented student-athlete on-and-off the field," Marygrove coach Tony Williams said. "She has the ability to come in and compete immediately at the collegiate level. Her attitude and experience will pay immediate dividends for our team next season."

Top golfers earn All-Observer accolades

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Jordyn Shepler, Churchill: The senior co-captain and four-year varsity player enjoyed a stellar senior season placing ninth individually in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals with an 83-90-173 en route to all-state honors.

Shepler placed 13th at the regional and earned all-Kensington Conference honors for the third straight year with a fourth place (82).

Her nine-hole average was 40.4, while she finished with an 85.2 for 18 holes.

Shepler was medalist in seven of eight dual matches, added a pair of top-10 finishes and three top-five finishes.

"A player of Jordyn's caliber doesn't come around too often," Churchill coach Paul Worley said of the scholar-athlete and team MVP. "She had a remarkable season. Her work ethic, drive and leadership will be missed. I wish her well at the next level."

Brenna Hammond, Mercy: A repeat member of the first team, Hammond averaged 85.4 in tournaments. Her best was a 79 in the Catholic League tournament in which she was the runner-up. She also shot 81 twice — first on the Spruce Run Course in Traverse City and later in the Oakland County tournament at Pontiac Country Club. She had the low score that day in Traverse City, and she was sixth in the county. Hammond was third in the regional with an 88. She is a D-2 all-state honorable mention.

"Overall, she had a pretty solid season," coach Vicky Kowalski said. "This was her third year on varsity, and she's been a starter from the beginning. It's the third year in a row she has played in the state final, and we're looking forward to her continuing to improve in her senior year."

Sarah Montone, Mercy: Montone had a breakout junior season, according to her coach, leading the Marlins to a D-2 regional championship and sixth-place finish at the state meet.

She was tied for first at the regional with an 87 and won a three-hole playoff to be the medalist. She led Mercy with rounds of 86 and 87 at the finals. Montone, who averaged 86.3 in tournaments, shot an 84 at Raisin River and was the runner-up, and she had an 82 on the Wolverine Course in Traverse City. Montone is an all-state honorable mention.

"I'm just really proud of all the work she put in to be in that upper echelon," Kowalski said. "She had a poor sophomore season. She was very disappointed and worked hard to come back strong this year."

"She knew she wanted to be a big part of the team and wanted to be one of the players we could always count on, that would always be in

the starting lineup, and she proved herself."

Sophie Kollin, NF-Harrison: Kollin, who was a second-team selection last year, was a D-1 individual state qualifier who averaged 85.8 in tournaments. The sophomore finished in the top 10 at nearly every event. She was sixth of 56 at Alma, second of 85 in the Oakland County D-2 tournament, sixth of 65 at Jackson Lumen Christi and seventh of 64 at the regional. Kollin tied for 37th at the state meet.

"So many times throughout the season she saved us, and we came to depend on her score to get us into a good situation no matter what tournament," coach Bruce Sutton said. "We really relied on Sophie to come through and she did just that. She had a great season."

"I'm really excited about next season for her and the year after that. She's just a great player."

Kelsey Murphy, Plymouth: The junior continued her stellar high school career with an 18-hole average of 76.5 and nine-hole average of 38.

Murphy finished in the top two in every dual match and placed in the top three in every tournament.

Plymouth coach Chris Moore lauded her consistency, winning the Highest Honor Invite at Huron Meadows with a 1-under par 71 and KLAAs tournament at Pheasant Run for a third consecutive year (with a 1-over 73).

"Kelsey also earned Super Team honors from the state of Michigan for the second straight year," noted Moore, adding that the Super Team culls the best eight golfers from all four divisions.

Sarah Thompson, Plymouth: The Wildcats' one-two punch also features Thompson, a junior who averaged 39 for her nine-hole matches and 80.8 strokes per 18-hole tournaments.

Moore said she finished in the top two in every dual match and had six finishes in the top six at tournaments — highlighted by second place finishes at the Bedford Invite (76) and state regional at University of Michigan (79).

At Huron Meadows, she registered a career best score of 75 for 18 holes. Thompson earned first-team, all-state honors in Division 1, which consists of the top 12 golfers.

Rebecca Bubenheimer, Stevenson: The senior co-captain makes her second straight appearance on the first team after averaging 42 per nine holes and 88 for 18.

Among the best finishes this fall for Bubenheimer, who has only been playing golf for three years, came at the Home Instead Invitational (third), Kensington Conference tourney (fifth, 83); Ladywood Invitational (11th, 93); and the regional (15th, 88).

"Rebecca is also an excellent student and



Jordyn Shepler Churchill



Brenna Hammond Mercy



Sarah Montone Mercy



Sophie Kollin North-Harrison



Kelsey Murphy Plymouth



Sarah Thompson Plymouth



Becca Bubenheimer Stevenson



Sydney Murphy Plymouth



Francesca Sovis Mercy



Erica Heath Mercy



Molly Laird North-Harrison



Claire Butts North-Harrison



Kelsey McDougall Canton



Jackie Burdette Churchill



Vicky Kowalski Mercy coach

helped guide the Spartans to an improved record," said Stevenson coach Brian Gulick of the academic all-stater who carries a 4.0 grade-point average. "She is a very competitive golfer and worked extremely hard this year, both in school and on the course. She was an excellent example for the team and was a pleasure to coach."

SECOND TEAM
Sydney Murphy, Plymouth: The future looks bright for Plymouth, as the freshman broke onto the varsity scene in a big way.

She tallied averages of 46.1 per nine and 89.6 per 18. Her season finished strong with a 31st place finish at the D1 state finals.

Moore said she impressed with an eighth-place finish at Forest Lake Country Club with a score of 83 "on a very tough course" as well as her score of 81 at the Highest Honor Invite at Huron Meadows, good

for 12th place.

Francesca Sovis, Mercy: The senior played well in her final season and was a key member of the Mercy team, averaging 95.1 in tournaments. Her best score was an 87 at Raisin River. Sovis shot 91 at the regional, and her 94 in the Oakland County tournament at Pontiac CC helped Mercy finish third and beat rival Marian. She is a Catholic League all-academic player, too.

"I was really happy to see this young lady come through for us," coach Kowalski said. "She is another young lady who worked on her game over the summer and wanted to be an integral part of the team for her senior season. She also proved herself."

Erica Heath, Mercy: Heath had little competitive experience at the start of her freshman season, but she became a regular member of the varsity lineup. She shot her best score (89) in the league tournament; Aver-

2011 ALL-AREA GIRLS GOLF FIRST TEAM

Jordyn Shepler, sr., Churchill
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Sarah Montone, jr., Mercy
Sophie Kollin, soph., NF-Harr.
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Claire Butts, sr., NF-Harrison
Kelsey McDougall, so., Canton
Jackie Burdette, jr., Churchill

COACH OF THE YEAR

Vicky Kowalski, Mercy

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Canton: Paige Osler, Kaylie Lobb, Kayla Lagola, Chloe Luyet, Rachel Pisano; **Churchill:** Maggie McGowan, Nicole Kruse; **Farmington:** Julia Palaian, Erin Moore; **Franklin:** Alexis Smith; **John Glenn:** Michelle Bishop; **Ladywood:** Christina Briden, Michelle Nelson; **Mercy:** Gillian Hickey, Imani Gunn, Allison Shaw; **NF-Harrison:** Stephanie Korona; **Plymouth:** Kayla Whatley, Danielle Allen, Lindsay Dean, Carly Curvin; **Salem:** Gabrielle LeBlanc, Christine Li; **Stevenson:** Sarah King, Laura Shureb, Madelyn Omietanski, Mary Peltz, Dana Smith.

aging 96.1 for the season, Heath had a 91 at the regional and a 94 on the first day of the state finals.

"She had done a lot of work at the range and played golf with dad at the Detroit Golf Club, but I don't think she really knew what she was getting herself into with competitive high school golf," Kowalski said. "Once she did, she was thrilled to make the varsity team and become one of the top players."

"I just see so much potential in this young lady, and I think she's going to continue to get better and better. She has already stated she wants to play college golf, so we know she's going to work hard on her game to improve. I think she's going to be a fantastic player in the three years to come."

Molly Laird, NF-Harrison: Laird made the all-area second team again following a sophomore season in which she struggled at times but still posted a tournament average of 93.5. She shot an 86 and was 12th at the Oakland County D-2 event, and she placed in the top 10 at the Alma Invite with a 98.

"By most standards, she did great," coach Sutton said. "For her standard, she didn't do so great. She was disappointed but she's bound and determined she's going to have a great season next year and the year after that. I'm not worried about that one at all."

"She and Sophie are captains next year, and I know they're going to work harder than anybody else to bring their games up to a different level. She has all kinds of potential. It's going to happen this next year."

Claire Butts, NF-Harrison: The senior averaged

94.8 in tournaments, but she has the ability to be an 82 player, according to coach Sutton. It's just a matter of putting all facets of her game together.

"Claire is a highlight reel within herself," Sutton said. "She has so much strength and an enormous amount of talent. She can hit the ball so far."

"If she decides to play college golf, with the right instruction, someone is going to unlock the key to Claire, and they're going to have a diamond in the rough. She has game; she can play."

Kelsey McDougall, Canton: The sophomore shot an 89 at the regional, qualifying for the state finals. She followed up with respectable rounds of 97 and 99 in the finals.

McDougall averaged 47.6 per nine holes and had an 18-hole average of 96.5.

During the dual meet season, she was medalist twice with scores of 41 and 45.

"Kelsey is a very talented athlete," coach Tom Alles said. "She loves to compete. She gives 100 percent effort every time she plays both in practice and competition."

"With the skills and work ethic she possesses, I am confident that she will become one of our area's premier girls golfers over the next two years."

Jackie Burdette, Churchill: The junior and three-year varsity performer overcame a slow start to place 11th in the regional with a career-best 84, while catapulting the Chargers to a state finals berth where she placed 36th overall with a 98-94-192.

Burdette averaged 47.7 per nine and 96 for 18. "Jackie will have some big shoes to fill with Jordyn's departure next season," Worley said of the two-time state qualifier. "But she has shown glimpses of how good she can be."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Vicky Kowalski, Mercy: Kowalski was selected Coach of the Year after leading the Marlins to another successful season that included a second consecutive top-six finish at the Division 2 state meet. The Marlins were third a year ago and tied for sixth this year.

The Marlins also won the Division 2 championship in the two-day Traverse City tournament, and they were third in the Division 1 Oakland County Championship.

Mercy was 8-1 in dual meets, finished second in the Catholic League and won a regional championship for the second year in a row.

"I am most proud of the consistency of our golf team," Kowalski said. "We graduated four seniors and the four new starters won again. Mercy was sixth in the Division 2 state finals with only one senior in the starting lineup. I look forward to another top performance for Mercy golf in 2012."

SPARTANS

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13 points of the match before the Spartans began to seize control.

"I watched them (Sterling Heights) on Tuesday and took major, major stats on them, and we knew that's all they did," Graham said. "But I also knew they were a scrappy team, which they showed that the first part of the first game where they were getting everything up. But my girls adjusted very quickly to it."

The Spartans were led by 6-foot sophomore outside hitter Katie Tomasic, who finished with a match-best 21 kills, including 10 in the second

set, which featured a 15-1 Stevenson run.

"She was on," Graham said of her sophomore standout. "It was a little bit helpful they (Sterling Heights) had a smaller block on that side, but she just picked what she wanted to do. She had a great night."

Senior outside hitter and setter Kelly Vellucci added nine kills, 22 assist-to-kills, three ace serves and 10 digs.

"Height across the net, offensive abilities and the way they move," Sterling Heights coach Eric Wachterhauser said of Stevenson. "They move like a team. That's a cohesive unit there. You can tell they get along, you can tell they really enjoy

each other and they love to play the game. So the energy they bring is very positive, too."

"I'm happy we were able to push them a little better than (Detroit) Renaissance did. I think we made them step their game up a little bit more than what we saw the other night, so I was happy with that."

Stevenson's defense was led by senior libero Jordan York (13 digs), while junior outside hitter Morgan Copperstone chipped in with eight kills. Junior setter Allie Koesterling also dished out eight assists.

"She (Copperstone) has been coming on the last couple of matches, which is always nice to have when Kelly and Katie are

there at the net," Graham said. "But she (Copperstone) is an added benefit knowing she's hitting. She hits with so much power that it's awesome."

In the third set, Stevenson jumped out to leads of 7-0, 11-2 and 16-4 as Tomasic led the way with six kills.

"We are so oversized for a team to make it into the regional finals, and especially compared to the Spartans over here," Wachterhauser said.

"Just trying to get around them... anything we can terminate or try and find a spot on the floor that was available for us. That's what we were trying to do, but we just ran out of gas."

"Number 10 (Tomasic)

is a very, very nice player. I'd love to have her on my roster. Good job on their part. Congratulations to Kelly (Graham) and to the Spartans, and I hope they take care of business on Tuesday."

For Vellucci, winning the regional was particularly gratifying after sitting out most of her junior season with a knee injury.

"I'm just excited how we all were able to put it together, while keeping up the hard work and intensity with these teams," the 5-11 Vellucci said. "I'm really excited since it's my senior year and how far that we've come from the start. I'm excited to see where this takes us."

"It means the world to me to be on the court with

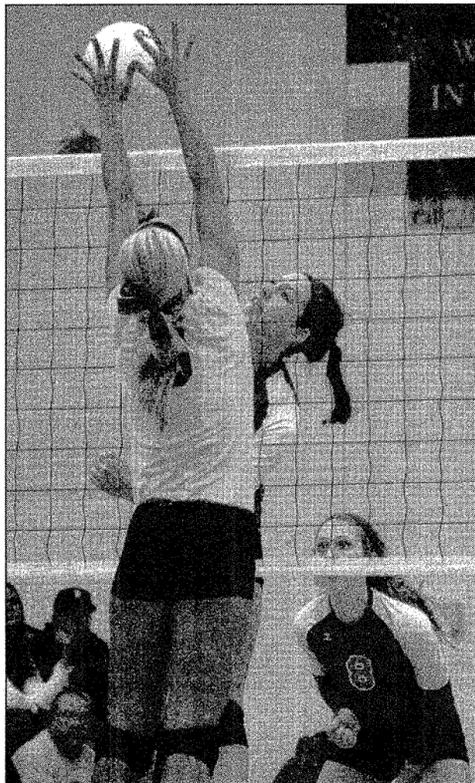
these girls again. It was so hard watching them play last year, but I'm so proud to be part of the team, help these girls out and put it out there on the court."

The Spartans are definitely on a roll heading into Tuesday's quarterfinal against Bedford.

It was Stevenson's first regional title since 1992-93 when Lee Cagle was coach.

"This is the first year where every single girl has gotten along, where they've had fun," Graham said. "They've been a pleasure to coach. We've had no attitude issues. It's just total team chemistry. And they believe in themselves also knowing that they have talent."

Crusaders squander 17-point lead, game



ED WRIGHT

Ladywood's Cheyenne Woodall unleashes a swing against Carleton Airport's Allison Owens.

It was the tale of two halves Wednesday as the Madonna University men's basketball team opened its 2011-12 home slate with a disappointing 84-77 setback to unbeaten Rochester College.

Four players scored in double figures for Rochester led by Sean Mattia's 18 points.

Dramel Hogan added 15, while Stephan Henning and Rick Doran added 12 and 11, respectively, for the victorious Warriors (7-0), who rallied from a 47-30 halftime deficit to pull out the victory. Madonna sophomore

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Matt Jenkins posted his first career double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds, while teammate Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) paced MU in scoring with a game-high 20 points.

Derek Lennen also chipped in with 15 points as MU shot only 24.1 percent (7-for-29) in the second half while being outscored 54-30.

Madonna made a scorching 69.2 percent (18-for-26) from the field during the first half, but

committed 21 turnovers on the night (to Rochester's 11).

The Crusaders (0-4) are now idle until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 when Marygrove College visits the Activities Center.

SCHOOLCRAFT 87, ROCHESTER JV 67: Karl Moore poured in a game-high 28 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead Schoolcraft College (3-0) to a victory over the Rochester College JV (0-4) in a game played Wednesday at Rochester High School.

Every Ocelot player scored as Daniel

Hill (Wayne Memorial) posted a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Other contributions for Schoolcraft came from Christopher Kinney (six points, 11 rebounds); Zach Childress (five assists, five steals); and Livonia Clarenceville's Corey Reynolds (six points, seven boards).

The Ocelots won despite hitting just 15-of-28 foul shots (53.5 percent).

Marvin Stokes paced the Warrior JV team, who trailed 50-36 at halftime, with team-high 23 points.

MASSEY

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uel, a 6-foot-3 forward from St. Louis, Mo.; and April Wilson, a 5-foot-7 point-guard from Louisville, Ky.

"The 2011 recruiting class may be the most talented, collectively, that we have brought into Purdue," said Versyp, who is coming off a 21-12 season and second-round NCAA Tournament appearance. "April Wilson, Hayden Hamby, Joslyn Massey and Taylor Manuel's overall rankings from top-to-bottom have clearly been the best and we foresee this group making an impact when they step foot on our campus."

"With the impending loss of this year's large and diversely talented senior class, we needed to bring in players that

have the potential to contribute immediately and we believe that we have achieved that goal."

HoopGuriz ranks the Purdue class 13th nationally, while the All-Star Girls Report has the class tabbed 17th.

Massey, an honor roll student who plans to major in chemical engineering, spent her sophomore season with state Class A runner-up Renaissance. She is ranked No. 20 at her position and No. 90 overall in her class by HoopGuriz. She was also rated 106th by All Star Girls' Report.

Massey's father Lowell played football at the University of Houston. She has five brothers and an older sister, Joyce, who played basketball at UMass and the University of Detroit Mercy.

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Lady Ocelot cagers romp, 89-49

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team stands 2-0 under new coach Kevin Brathwaite following a lopsided 89-49 victory Friday night over Rend Lake College (Ill.) in the Cincinnati State Classic.

The Lady Ocelots, who led 41-27 at halftime, opened up a 59-33 advantage with 12:33 left in the game after an 18-6 run.

Domonique Jones paced Schoolcraft with 15 points and seven rebounds.

Charlise Slater added 14 points and four

assists, while Amber Sammons contributed 13 points, including three 3-pointers. Schoolcraft's Shanequa Braggs also grabbed 14 rebounds.

Schoolcraft shot a blistering 37-of-51 from the floor (52.1 percent), but only 10-of-22 from the foul stripe (45.4 percent).

Jennifer Mueller scored 12 points for Rend Lake, which shot only 4-of-33 during the second half (12.2 percent) and made only 14-of-63 for the game (22.2 percent).

The loss drops the Warriors to 0-2.

BLAZERS

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Powered by strong front-row play from McKenzie Kettner and Cheyenne Woodall, sharp passing from Alexandra Hines and air-tight defense from senior libero Kristine Aurand, the Blazers constructed a seemingly solid 24-21 advantage.

Fueled by the cheers of its loud home crowd, the Jets took a timeout and scored five straight points — the final on a block by junior outside hitter Brooklyn Gerber — to seize a 26-24 win.

Thanks to the combination of four Gerber kills and a couple of Ladywood misplays, Airport surged to an 8-2 lead in game

four and was never truly threatened from that point on.

The Jets clinched the regional title on a Sarah Buttignoli block.

"We had a great season," Craggs said. "We had a great group of seniors who battled every night. We will definitely miss them."

Hines racked up 37 assists, most the result of feather-soft passes to outside hitters Kettner (12 kills) and Jennifer Rhodes, who knocked down all balls.

Aurand was stellar all night, picking up 14 digs and launching a team-high four aces.

Gerber paced the Jets' balanced attack with 12 kills.

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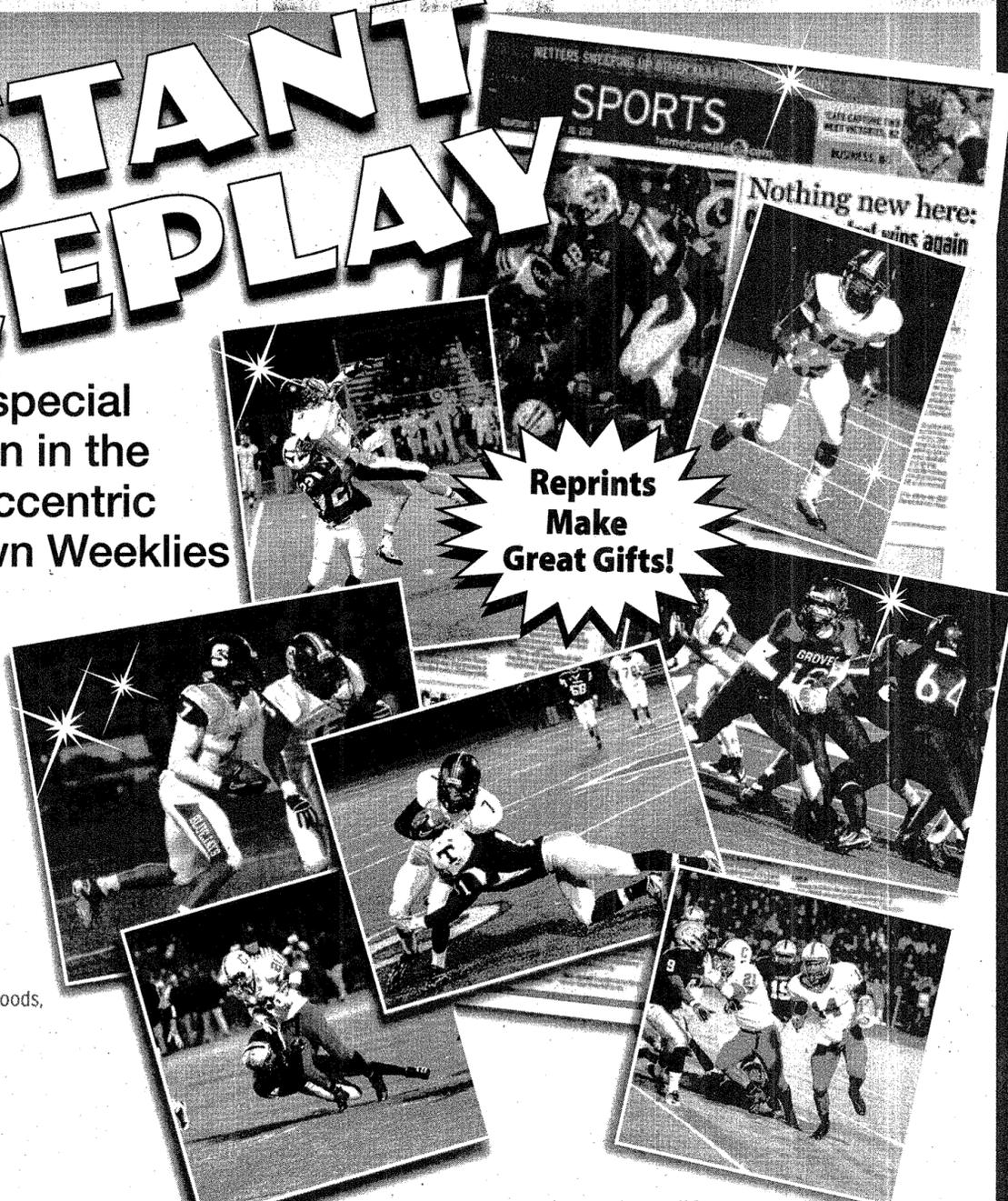
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU harriers sixth

Junior Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn) led the Madonna University men's cross country team to a sixth place finish at the 2011 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships on Nov. 5 at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Boes ran the 8-kilometer course in 26:20 to place 18th followed by teammates Jeffrey Grzywinski, 37th (27:53); Nick Brubaker, 39th (28:03); Nathaniel Theobald, 52nd (29:03); Danny Pratt, 57th (29:30); Erick Roth, 66th (30:32).

Meanwhile, the University of Michigan-Dearborn placed seventh led by Matt Neumann (Plymouth), 32nd (27:46); Quinn Osgood (Livonia Churchill), 48th (28:40); Mark Waterbury (Churchill), 60th (29:40); Ryan Keeling (Churchill), 64th (30:22).

Following the race, Boes (social work) and Pratt (undecided) were named to the Academic All-WHAC along with Waterbury from UM-Dearborn.

Osgood was also named to the WHAC Champions of Character team. In the girls race, UMD's Alyse Madej (Garden City) was 57th in 22:58, while Mollie Kuraski (Churchill) took 64th in 27:36 and was named to the Champions of Character team.

Brda honored

Madonna University senior midfielder Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) was named first-team District 3 for the 2011 Capital One Academic All-District Women's Soccer Teams as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The only student-athlete selected from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Brda becomes the first women's soccer student-athlete from MU to be honored on the first team since Sarah Pack and Susannah Bryant were selected in 2002.

Last week Brda was named to the All-WHAC honorable mention team after leading the league and ranking 12th nationally with 13 assists. Her 0.81 assists per match average is the ninth best nationally.

A three-time Academic All-



Bash champions

On Oct. 29-30, the Livonia Tigers captured the second Total Sports Halloween Bash Baseball Tournament. Team members include (back row, from left): coaches Chester Godley and Chris Godley; (middle row, from left) Nick Lenaghan, Tristin Thompson, Alton Loftis III, Robby Cloyd, Jordan Williams, Nick Hoyer, Tyler Napier; (front row, from left) Zach Gustitus, Tim Ohtake, Michael Ohtake, Carlton Harper and Alex Livingston.

WHAC selection, Brda now moves on to the national ballot for consideration for the Capital One Academic All-America team.

MU volleyball

An open tryout for the Madonna University women's volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon Sunday, Nov. 20 at the MU Activities Center, located at 36600 Schoolcraft Road.

Any unsigned high school seniors or junior college transfers are invited to attend.

For more information, contact MU assistant coach Brian McClain at bgmcc1n1@aol.com; or call the volleyball office at (734) 432-5612.

WYAA volleyball

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

Registration will be for the follow-

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

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

C'ville team night

Livonia Clarenceville will stage its winter sports "Meet the Team Night" beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21 at the high school cafeteria.

All coaches, athletes and parents are urged to attend. Topics included athletic and academic eligibility, sportsmanship, season schedule, team rules and consequences, team policies and banquet information.

There will be a representative from Burke's Sporting Goods, selling shoes, and other apparel for winter sports.

For more information, e-mail Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

MADONNA

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"It was a great match," MU coach Jerry Abraham said. "It went back-and-forth. It was a longevity contest and we lost. Both teams banged the ball. They (Tech) are a good team. We played a great match, but not good enough. We missed a serve to finish the one set."

The Warriors, ranked No. 17 in the latest NIAA coaches poll, improved to 32-5 overall.

Three other Indiana Tech players notched double figures in kills including Kelsey Cox (15), Kelsea Nova (12) and Suzanne Taylor (11).

Setter Melanie Forman finished with 55 assist-to-kills, while Kayla Hartman paced the Warriors defense with 27 digs.

The Crusaders, who closed out the season at 30-11 overall, got team-high 15 kills from freshman outside hitter

Samantha Geile, while seniors Megan Fricke and Karie Altman chipped in with 13 and 11, respectively.

"We played the two freshmen and Geile was awesome," Abraham said. Nastija Baranovska and Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) each contributed eight on the night. Freeman also had four solo blocks.

Sophomore setter Evia Prieditis added 44 assists and 12 digs. Senior Amanda Koszela paced MU's defense with 27 digs. Sophomore Miranda Sechler had 19 digs.

"It should have been a championship match," Abraham said. "Our seniors played well at the end. It was good defense and good hitting."

Indiana Tech was set to face the winner of the Northwestern Ohio-Siena Heights semifinal match in Saturday's championship final.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Nov. 16 Stevenson at Howell, 6:50 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 Franklin vs. A.A. Skyline at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. (Metro Inv. at Novi Ice Arena) Stevenson vs. Farm., 5:30 p.m. Churchill vs. Clarkston, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 Ladywood vs. A.A. Pioneer at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m. (Metro Inv. at Novi Ice Arena) Churchill vs. Farm., 11:30 a.m. Stevenson vs. Lake Orion, 4 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Wednesday, Nov. 16 S'craft at Mid-Michigan, 2 p.m. Marygrove at Madonna, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 (WHAC/MCC Challenge) Madonna vs. Olivet College at UM-Dearborn, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 (WHAC/MCC Challenge) Madonna vs. Alma College at UM-Dearborn, 5 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Tuesday, Nov. 15 Spring Arbor at MU, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 Grand Rapids at S'craft, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 Madonna vs. Bethel (Ind.) at Indiana Wesleyan, 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 Madonna at Ind. Wesleyan, 3 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Sunday, Nov. 13 Erie vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 Plymouth Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 Plymouth Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 Kitchener vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

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Mom, daughter, share passion for hunting

By Valerie Olander
 Correspondent

Ten-year-old Molly Borg of Garden City will be armed with a .243 rifle when dawn breaks Nov. 15, opening day of firearm season for Michigan's deer hunters. Her mother will be right by her side, trying to scope out dinner in the crosshairs of her own .30-30 Winchester.

Molly is an old pro after having bagged one this year.

"I've been hunting since I was 5," the fifth-grader said.

Her early days of hunting with her mom and dad involved hanging out in the blind on property the family owns in Clare. Molly would spot the deer for them. All they had to do was squeeze the trigger, she said.

This year, Molly will be handling the trigger all by herself. A new state law lowered the age from 12 to 10 to hunt deer with a firearm on private property.

Ten-year-olds have been able to bow hunt for several years. That's how Molly shot her first doe last month.

"I was in the blind with my Dad and my crossbow. First, a buck came by, but I couldn't shoot at it because it had antlers. Then we saw a couple of does. There was this big doe and I shot at it," she said.

The arrow ripped through the deer's front shoulder blade and it went down with a "thud." "I didn't have to track it. It just dropped right there," she said. "I was sooooo excited!"

And if that wasn't enough to draw shrieks of delight, her best friend



Mother-daughter hunters, Theresa and Molly Borg of Garden City show off last year's deer season trophies. Molly helped spot the deer for her dad, Michael Borg. This year, she will be able to use her own rifle since the state lowered the deer hunting age from 12 to 10.

Alex Sherlock, 11, took one down about 10 minutes later. The girls attend Farmington 5-6 Campus in Garden City Public Schools.

Alex and her dad were hunting alongside the Borgs near their cottage in Clare during early antlerless season. The Borg family also hunts on 30 acres of family-owned property in the Ludington-Baldwin area.

"We're best friends. (Alex) is one year older than me and we go to the same school. We play on the same soccer team," Molly said.

Staying safe

The two girls took a hunter safety class to prepare for their sporting adventure. They learned the rules of hunting and how to responsibly handle a firearm.

"The age was lowered in Michigan because we need to get more kids outdoors, hunting and fishing and enjoying all the recreational opportunities we have in

this state," said Mary Dettloff, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"Kids today spend a lot of time indoors playing video games. We need to get them outdoors for their own health and because, if we don't raise the next generation of conservationists, we will lose all our appreciation for fishing and hunting over the next 50 years," she added.

In recent years, fewer youths have taken up the sport. The average age of a deer hunter in Michigan is 43, according to the DNR's 2010 hunting report. Only 9 percent of the nearly 700,000 licenses bought in 2010 were for hunters under age 17.

Hunters are also 91 percent male, another demographic the state is trying to change with its "Becoming Outdoor Women" programs.

Family activity

Molly's mother is in the small but growing segment of women hunters

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Requirements: A hunting permit is required for each season, some combination permits are available. Licenses are \$15 and available at most sporting goods stores, such as Dunham's, Walmart and Meijer, and e-licenses can be bought online at the michigan.gov/dnr website.

taking part in the annual rite of fall. Theresa Borg, 35, who works as a dental hygienist in Plymouth, hasn't missed an opening day for deer hunting since she was 19. Last year, she brought home a 7-pointer, her biggest deer yet.

"It's just nice to get some down time. I like nature and seeing all of the wildlife. It's something fun to do with my husband and family," Borg said. "I get a rush when I see the deer."

She was introduced to the sport when she met her then soon-to-be husband, Michael, who was an avid hunter. Her father hunted while she was

Take a safety class before you hunt

A hunter safety class is a minimum of 10 hours and includes classroom and field work. Typically classes are held at outdoor clubs, schools, police stations, and camps.

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Theresa Borg, 35, of Garden City has been hunting for more than 15 years. Last year she shot this 7-pointer, the biggest one yet.

was going hunting with her crossbow and planned to shoot a deer.

"The boys didn't think it would happen. I proved them wrong," she said.

Molly has been practicing with her rifle and says she is a pretty good shot. She plans to bring home dinner again this month.

To learn more about hunting in Michigan, visit michigan.gov/dnr and http://deer.fv.msu.edu.

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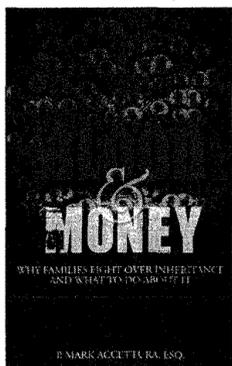
Local attorney talks 'Blood & Money' in new book

Most families try to avoid an inheritance war when a loved one dies.

In his new book, Farmington Hills attorney and author P. Mark Accettura offers 60 specific recommendations to help parents, offspring, and their advisors prevent inheritance squabbles and preserve the most valuable legacy of all — the family itself.

Blood & Money: Why Families Fight Over Inheritance and What to Do About It, Collinwood Press, Farmington Hills, 2011, was released in August. The book details the psychological reasons why families fight and provides practical legal remedies to prevent disputes after Mom or Dad die. The author's fourth book offers an understanding of family dynamics as applied to estate planning.

"The fight for money and things, such as Dad's watch or Mom's wedding ring, is not about the object or money itself, but



"Blood & Money" gets to the heart of common problem in families, in dealing with inheritance and wills.

is really about what the money or object symbolizes — importance, love, security, self-esteem, connectedness and immortality," Accettura says.

Whenever a spouse dies and the surviving spouse remarries, Accettura stresses it is critical for a new will and trust to be drawn to protect

the interests of the new spouse and the natural children.

"When a remarried parent is negligent and does not draw up a new will and trust," he says. "Then the blood is on the parent's hands for not taking care of the business necessary to keep peace in the family after death."

Attorney's role

The author says an estate planning attorney should serve as counselor, helping to resolve conflict, when family members fight over inheritance.

"An attorney must be sincere, transparent, honest and fair but most of all be a peacemaker," he says. "The goal is to resolve the family conflict, not to identify a breach of responsibility or breach of law and file a lawsuit which will serve to heighten the conflict rather than producing family peace."

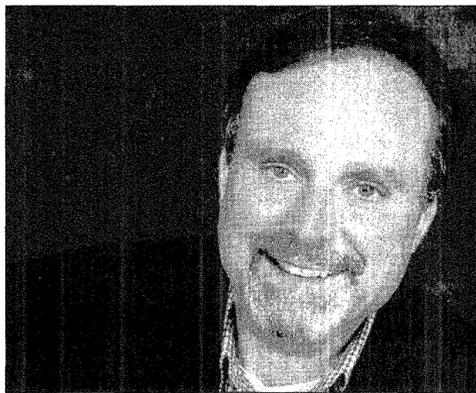
Accettura said he was inspired to write *Blood*

& Money because of an increase in elder abuse, the growing epidemic of Alzheimer's disease and because 65 percent of Americans fail to plan for their death. He also wanted to uncover the reasons why families fight after the death of a loved one.

In *Blood & Money*, the author explores the impact of dysfunctional families and personality disorders on inheritance disputes and contrasts the toxic, bitter battles involving super-rich personages such as Leona Helmsley, Summer Redstone and Brooke Astor with the conspicuously philanthropic such as Bill Gates and Warren Buffet.

About Accettura

An estate planning, inheritance conflict resolution, and elder law attorney for 30 years, Accettura has counseled thousands of families on estate and inheritance matters. He lectures frequently on estate planning topics and for 10



P. Mark Accettura is a Farmington Hills attorney who has written a book called "Blood & Money" to address issues of wills, inheritance and keeping the peace.

years was an adjunct professor at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

Accettura has practiced law in the firm of Accettura and Hurwitz in Farmington Hills and Royal Oak since 1982. A senior partner in the firm, he has handled wills and trusts of thousands of

people in Michigan.

Accettura also hosted *LawTalk*, a television interview series seen via cable in 37 cities in Michigan, for five years.

He is married with three sons, one of whom is now serving as an apprentice in his law firm. He enjoys reading and travel.

A family's health may leave with the rinse water

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

I didn't discover these facts from any media outlet around these parts, they



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

weren't sent to me by a newspaper writer named Diane Armstrong from a little town in northern Canada. Her efforts could prove to be very helpful to the many homeowners who use a washing machine in this country.

Didn't they discover penicillin in Canada? When you purchase a clothes washer today I suggest you ask if it has a hot wash cycle. I know that it says on the water temperature dial on the con-

sole, hot water wash but don't necessarily believe it. It may very well be a big lie. The manufacturers in their endeavor to meet stringent energy standards have taken over your methods of washing clothes. In the old days people boiled their clothes to make sure they were clean and free of bacteria. Then came the washer that gave you a hot cycle to keep the whites clean and the shorts free of brown spots and now these smart intelligent appliance makers who will do anything to make their energy star labels appealing to increased sales have removed the hot water feature on a washer. I'm telling you that I have trouble believing this and they did it in such a sneaky way. I know of an appliance retailer who has exchanged washers for his customers who just won't stand for a washer without a hot cycle.

These clothes washers I speak of are designed to operate on warm water wash even though you set the dial to hot wash. You don't control the temperature, the water valve does that for you which means in the range of 100 degree water temperature even though you want 160 degrees. The results of this washing method can prove to be very harmful.

Heat needed

A report by the international Scientific Forum on Home Hygiene warns that low temperature washing might not be strong enough to kill disease-causing bugs. Professor Sally Bloomfield, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine says, "We need to launder clothing in a way that renders them not just visually clean, but hygienically clean—the two are not the same."

Her concerns are backed by a German study on clothes contaminated with *Staphylococcus aureus*, linked to skin and urinary tract infections, as well as pneumonia. Researchers found the only way to eradicate the bacterium was with hot water and a detergent containing bleach.

If you work with food and put your uniform in with the rest of the family's dirty laundry, including dirty underwear, it could become infected with *E.coli* or salmonella — or whatever else is on those clothes says Dr. Lisa Ackerley, a consultant in environmental hygiene.

"In winter, the norovirus (the vomiting bug) could easily spread through a family via the washing machine if you're not using a high enough temperature wash."

Even though we have not seen this story in our area

media we have seen and read about others which point out the health factor associated with major appliances. The front load washers which contain mold and bacteria, the dishwashers which are loaded with bacteria, clothes dryers which expel contaminated air into the environment. I know how tough the human body can be and how they used to bleed you when you were sick in the old days and it took a long time for technology and education to prove the method ineffective. How long will it take for appliance manufacturing to recognize the need of safer appliances for American homeowners? Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

Christmas card sales benefit hunger relief

Forgotten Harvest, the nonprofit organization that rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food, is selling Christmas cards in three designs. Greeting cards are \$25 for a pack of 20. Designs include a festive holiday filled with peace and love."

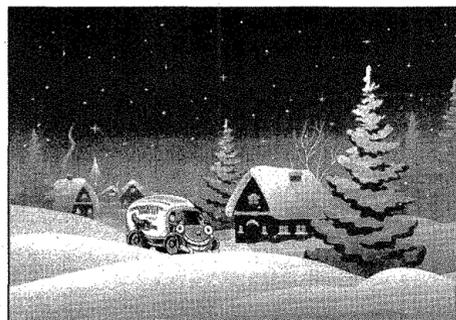


The inside of this holiday card from Forgotten Harvest says "Wishing you a festive holiday filled with peace and love."

with the sentiment, "Seasons greetings and warm wishes for a wonderful holiday;" a dove with wheat shaft and the greeting, "Wishing you a holiday filled with peace and love;" and a snowy scene featuring a Forgotten Harvest

delivery truck and the inscription, "May your home be filled with warmth and wonder this holiday season."

There's no deadline on ordering the cards, but shipping is five-seven business days. Christmas orders must



This holiday greeting card from Forgotten Harvest wishes its recipient a "home be filled with warmth and wonder this holiday season."

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Event benefits trafficking victims

Kelly Govan, a Plymouth resident, has organized a fundraiser for Rapha House, in Cambodia, which rescues young, female victims of sex trafficking.

"Bowling Over Traffick" runs 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Bowling IQ, 7023 East 14 Mile, Sterling Heights; (586) 268-4001.

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Pain in the bottom of the foot is particular. The diagnosis physicians most often make is plantar fasciitis, a condition that involves the layer of tissue between the skin of the sole and the underside of the bones of the feet.

Characteristic of plantar fasciitis pain is that it is worse on beginning to walk, lessens while the person walks to make ambulation uncomfortable but possible. While most people who have studied plantar fasciitis pain agree the cause is trauma, there is no consensus on how injury translates into pain that includes the bottom of the foot from the heels to the toes.

The current hypothesis is that plantar fasciitis represents a form of reflex sympathetic dystrophy, resulting in loss of blood supply to small vessels that supply the tissues of the bottom of the foot.

The effect of not having fully known cause for plantar fasciitis is that treatment is uncertain. At present, the physician's first recommendation is a change in shoes to footwear that has ample padding, feels comfortable, and allows the person to walk without restrictions.

Trials using shock wave therapy or botulinum toxin injections show mixed results. The non steroidal drugs such as ibuprofen and aspirin may relieve a portion of the pain, but usually cannot provide enough relief to end the problem. Most often time suffices to bring a resolution to the foot pain. How much time it takes is unclear, but in my experience 3-4 months usually are enough. All the while the person with plantar fasciitis should exercise to tolerance.

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Deck the halls DIY-style at holiday events

Get crafty and lend a handmade touch to holiday decorating this year.

Make a wreath or cornucopia in classes next weekend at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn or Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Christopher & Co., professional florists, will teach a class for adults and youth, 12 and older, in wreath-making 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Henry Ford Estate on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dear-

born, 4901 Evergreen. The class will be held in the music room the mansion.

The workshop fee is \$35 and includes materials. Proceeds will benefit the Henry Ford Estate gardens.

Registration and pre-pay are required by Friday, Nov. 18. Call Contact Karen Marzonia at (313) 701-2240 or Pamela Morrison at (313) 701-2241 weekdays.

Pre-registration also is required for three wreath,

cornucopia and centerpiece classes held at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Classes run 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2-5 p.m. and cost \$75 per person; \$60 for senior citizens. All materials are included in the fee.

Students in the cornucopia class, Sunday, Nov. 20, will make an arrangement with fresh, assorted seasonal flowers.

"Designing Your Holiday Wreath" is set for

Sunday, Dec. 4. Participants will use a mixture of holiday evergreens and decorative accessories to create a festive wreath.

Students in the centerpiece class on Sunday, Dec. 18, will learn how to make a traditional, long and low arrangement using a collection of greenery, ribbons and trims.

Register by calling (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd

REUNIONS

DETROIT MACKENZIE CLASS OF 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

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Looking for classmates, for 50th reunion on Oct. 13, 2012. Contact Madeline (Rice) Smith at (260) 577-4176 or paddlinmadeline@gmail.com.

gmail.com; Linda (Horning) Tracy, at (231) 871-0333 or lindatracy100@gmail.com; Pat (Snell) Moser at (231) 347-4789 or hancock4465@yahoo.com and confirm your e-mail, home address and phone numbers, as well as information about other 1962 classmates.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ALL CLASSES
The reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Nov. 26, in the school, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth, between Farm-

ington Road and Merriman. Anyone with a connection to St. Michael's — a graduate, attendee, participant in CYO, religious ed, Scouts — may attend a fun-filled evening of food, drink, music, and reminiscing. The atmosphere is family-friendly with pizza, beer, wine, and pop available for purchase. There will be optional basketball tournaments for those who want to rekindle their old Gaels spirit. See the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org for

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Nov. 13-16

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13
Location: Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Daniel Rodriguez, a former police officer from New York City, N.Y. who sang at many memorials after the 9-11 terrorist attack, will perform with the Jesse Lynch Trio. Placido Domingo mentored Rodriguez through the Young Artist Program in Washington D.C. Rodriguez and the trio will give classic song a jazz twist at the Nardin Park show. Tickets are \$20, available from the church office

Contact: (248) 476-8860
CHOIR
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15
Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford
Details: B.M.C.R. Mass Choir sings; donations accepted
Contact: (313) 255-6330

POMEGRANATE GUILD
Time/Date: 1 p.m., Nov. 13
Location: Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Andrea Anderson, a Farmington artist, will present a weaving demonstration. The group also will continue preparation for its "Children's Hanukkah Table" that will be displayed Dec. 2-4 in conjunction with the Farmington Garden Club's "Holiday Tables."

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13
Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: A one-night seminar designed to help individuals cope after the loss of a loved one. Will help answer why the holidays are tough after a loss and why Christmas is a reason to hope. \$4 fee covers cost of a book and printed materials
Contact: (313) 682-7491; www.griefshare.org

Nov. 17-23
BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; adults, \$3 and children, 2-10, \$1.50
Contact: (734) 425-4421

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19
Location: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Vendors, crafters, and prizes. \$1 admission includes a ticket to enter your choice of door prize. Lunch available. Profits from admission, food sales and 20 percent of vendor/crafter sales goes to Kids' Hope USA Program, benefiting Livonia school children.
Contact: (734) 427-1414

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 41920 Joy Road, between Liley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: The bank will be open to give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Milestones



Claire Spellman (left) and Suzanne Devlin of Livonia enjoy time together while visiting Hollywood, Calif.

Identical twins celebrate birthdays

Identical twins, Claire Spellman and Suzanne Devlin of Livonia, celebrated their 73rd birthdays Friday, Nov. 11. The sisters were born in 1938 in Detroit to Bruce and Kathleen Lodge.

The twins, who came into the world with a lot of fanfare, are descendants of John C. Lodge, a former mayor of Detroit for whom the Lodge freeway was named. This is also a special time for them because it is National Family Care Giver Month. Both sisters are lifetime caregivers to their families: siblings, parents, children, grandchildren, and now husbands alike. Devlin cares for her husband who suffers from debilitating Alzheimer's disease and Spellman cares for her husband, a stroke patient, who is in recovery.

After growing up in Detroit, the pair became permanent residents of Livonia, where they live



Claire Spellman and Suzanne Devlin, identical twins, at age 5.

in the same neighborhood. Both were married and raised their children in the community. Their children and grandchildren are Livonia Public Schools alumni.

They are retired from Plastomer Corporation in Livonia. The sisters are close as identical twins can be and supportive of each other.



Ted Edmonds and his friend, Joan Pankow, enjoy a limo ride to his surprise 90th birthday celebration.

90th birthday celebration

Edwin (Ted) Edmonds of celebrated his 90th birthday with a surprise party Sept. 18 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, in Plymouth.

The event started with a surprise limousine ride with his children, their families and his close friend, Joan Pankow, also from Livonia.

Ted is a charter member of the Yankee Air Force at Willow Run and was instrumental in restoring a B-17. He has flown in the Stearman bi-plane and survived a crash 20 years ago. He's also a long-time member of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia and is a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge.

Friends from the Yankee Air Force, Michigan Stearman groups, previous co-workers from Fox Hills Chrysler in Plymouth, longtime friends and neighbors and many family members were on hand to wish him a happy birthday.

"He is a great guy, good Samaritan, wonderful father, exceptional hus-



Ted Edmonds (right) with his oldest son, Mike, acknowledges his friends at his surprise birthday party.

band to Peggy Edmonds, our mother who passed in 2007, wonderful grandfather and now wonderful great-grandfather" wrote daughter Cheryl Brevik Johnson, in a letter to the *Observer*. "His children just adore him and he is just the best man we know. He has spent 90 years of his life just enjoying people and always helping anyone in need."

The Livonia resident and her husband, Rich, were on hand to celebrate, along with siblings Lesly (Don) Wisch of Burnsville, N.C., Mike and Debbie Edmonds of Commerce Township, and Gary and Rusty Edmonds of Livonia. Most of his grandchildren were there, too.

Ted's older sister, Geri Launstein, 93, of South Carolina, surprised her "baby brother" with a visit. Dr. Peter Schoeps of Farmington, a friend, physician and long-time airplane buff, rounded out the guest list.

Passages

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ALLAN, ANTOINETTE N.
Age 78, of Farmington, November 9, 2011. Beloved mother of James Fogle, and dearest wife of Jerry T. Allan. Also survived by many additional relatives and friends. Visitation Sunday, November 13th, 1-8 PM at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Monday, Nov. 14th, 11:00 AM (in state 10:30 AM) St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington. Interment Holy Sepulchre, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to the charity of one's choice. heenev-sundquist.com



ARNOLD, DONALD JR.
Age 56, of Westland, MI, formerly of Town Creek, AL, passed away peacefully with his family. Beloved husband of Becky. Loving father of Erick (Becky), Tiffany (Daniel), and Brandon. Proud grandfather of Zeabrenna, Zachary, and Zo-Zo. Also survived by many friends and family. Many thanks to his brother Greg "Jay" for always being there. Memorial service on Monday, November 14 at 12pm - Fisher Funeral Home in Redford. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

KING, ILA Y.
Age 80, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away November 4, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



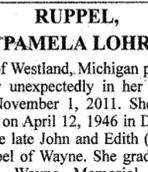
MAXWELL, JERRY HOLLIS
Celebrated Civil War historian and North Farmington teacher passed away October 29 at the age of 69. Jerry spent 32 years teaching various history courses at North Farmington HS, receiving various awards, most notably the DAR National Teacher of the Year in 1995. A historical lecturer and member of the Michigan Regimental Civil War Round Table since 1972, Jerry's passion for the Civil War culminated in *The Perfect Lion*, his definitive book on Artillerist John Pelham. Jerry was a loving and hilarious husband to Carlene, father to Brent and Holly, grandfather to William and Sofia, and friend and mentor to many more. A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, November 19th at the Embassy Suites in Livonia, MI from 4-9 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry Maxwell's name to Brandy Station, VA (www.brandystation-foundation.com) or to the Detroit Film Theater at the DIA (http://www.dia.org/support/tributes-memorials.aspx). He will be greatly missed and remembered by all who were touched by him.



NIEMAN, LUCILLE M.
Age 89, November 2, 2011, former 50 year resident of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Fred Nieman. Loving mother of Rick (Cindy) and Kathy Nieman. Dear grandmother of Matthew and Molly. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 2 PM until Memorial Service at 3 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society. Share a memory of Lucille at www.rgharris.com



REDDEMAN, ERNESTINE M. (nee HARTUNG)
November 6, 2011 age 95. Beloved wife of the late Lester. Dear mother of Marjorie (William) Taylor, Ernest (Katherine) Reddeman and Robert (Sandra) Reddeman. Also leaves 6 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by one grandson. Visitation was held Friday 2pm-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services were held on Saturday 11am. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



RUPPEL, PAMELA LOHR
65, of Westland, Michigan passed away unexpectedly in her home on November 1, 2011. She was born on April 12, 1946 in Detroit to the late John and Edith (Loehr) Ruppel of Wayne. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and attended college at Northern Michigan University and Schoolcraft Community College. Pam retired in 2007 from the Wayne-Westland Schools system after more than 30 years of service. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Wayne. During retirement, she enjoyed spending quality time with her family and many friends. She loved to read and was always adding to her collection of frog memorabilia. She is survived by her brother John (Chris) Ruppel of Midland, her sister Kay (Ron) Bolenbaugh of Rockwood; her nephews, John (Lisa) Ruppel of Bedford, NH and their children Zachary and Nicole; Ken (Dawn) Ruppel of Columbus, OH; and Andy Bolenbaugh of Flat Rock and his daughter Samantha; and her good friend Robin McDougall of Livonia. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2011, 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, (2 Towne Square, Wayne, MI 48184), officiated by Rev. Daniel Vellinga. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested for The American Diabetes Association or the National Breast Cancer Foundation.



SERVALISH, DIANE
Age 49, Nov 6, 2011 of Livonia. Beloved wife of Craig. Loving mother of Andrew and Sean. Dear sister of Craig (Connie), Lance, Colleen and Scott Tracy. Special Aunt to Ryan, Darin, Molly and Chelsea. Daughter-in-law of Don and Sandy Servalish. In state Thurs 10 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Theodore of Canturbury Catholic Church, 8200 Wayne Rd. Westland. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland, MI. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice. To share a memory, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

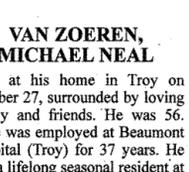


SIEBERT, DAVID ROY
November 5, 2011 at home in Beverly Hills, with his wife and son by his side. Age 70. He fought prostate cancer valiantly for over 14 years. Dave was born April 16, 1941, in Detroit to John and Alice Siebert. He was preceded in death by his sister, Marilyn Garrett. He spent most of his career in law enforcement and as the head of his own private security and investigations firm. He served in the Detroit police department from 1970 to 1976 and was a member of DPD's special STRESS unit from 1971 to 1975. His friends often called him "Colonel." Dave was an avid outdoorsman who loved animals. He was also a life-long member of the National Rifle Association. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Eaton; son David C. Siebert, M.D., daughter-in-law Suzanna, granddaughter Gabriela and granddog Daphne; sister Barbara Timpe and her husband, Chuck and their children Douglas, Scott and Elizabeth; his step-son Rob Eaton and his wife Jill and children Alexander, Roxanne and Phoenix; nephew Edward Bricker and niece Sally Bricker. Memorial service was held at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) Royal Oak Saturday, November 12th, 11:00am. Visitation and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



TRAPP, DENIS A.
Age 43 of Jessup, Maryland lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on 11-9-11. He was born in Garden City, MI on 9-3-68 and graduated from Divine Child High School in Dearborn and Wayne State University. Denis serviced in the U.S. Army and worked for the U.S. government National Security Agency (NSA) until just recently. He was a loving husband to Deborah DeHaas of Jessup, Maryland and son to Dr. Barbara Walsh Trapp of Livonia, Michigan and Arthur Trapp of Saline, Michigan. He was a devoted brother to Dr. Kevin Trapp of Livonia, Cristina Trapp of Livonia and Melissa Trapp Petty of Kent, WA. He is also survived by nieces Lucy Trapp of Livonia, Margaret (Maggie) Trapp of Livonia, Ava Petty of Kent, WA as well as nephew Noah Trapp of Livonia. He was a great friend and loving support to his brother-in-law Lt. Col. Christopher Petty of Kent, WA., sister-in-law Carol Gerstner Trapp of Livonia, Michigan, Uncle Michael Walsh and Aunt Nora Walsh also of Livonia, MI. His grandparents were Casmer and Irene Walsh of Dearborn Heights, Michigan who have greeted him in love. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 10:30am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Michigan. Donation in lieu of flowers suggested to: gilchristhospice.org and pancreaticcanceractionnetwork.org

VAN ZOEREN, MICHAEL NEAL
Died at his home in Troy on October 27, surrounded by loving family and friends. He was 56. Mike was employed at Beaumont Hospital (Troy) for 37 years. He was a lifelong seasonal resident at Glen Lake in Leelanau County, where he loved to collect driftwood for constructing furniture. He was the son of the late Jay and Betty Van Zoeren, and is survived by brothers Steven (Pei-shan), Thomas (Alice), and Douglas (Patricia); sister Janice Lewitt Pope; stepmother Carolyn Van Zoeren; seven nieces and nephews whom he adored; and many wonderful friends. Memorial services will take place privately. A hospice/memorial website may be found at mike.vanzoeren.com. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500



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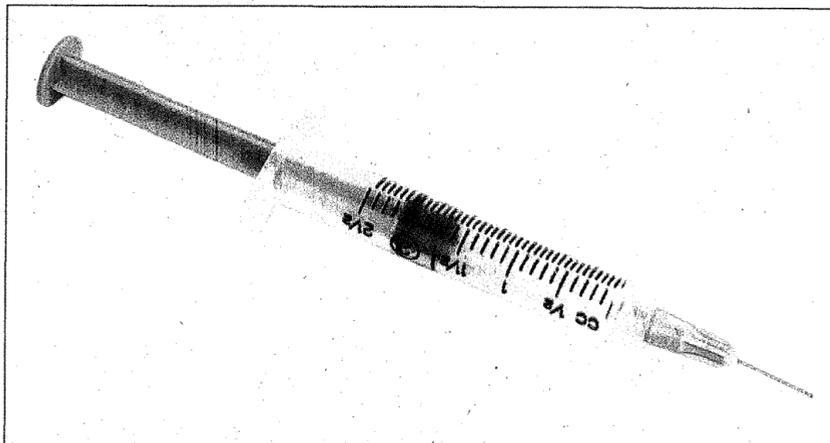
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FDA offers patients advice for safe 'sharps' disposal

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has launched a new website about the safe disposal of needles and other so-called "sharps" that are used at home, at work and while traveling.

Sharps is a term for medical devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut the skin. Such medical devices include hypodermic needles and syringes used to administer medication, lancets or finger-stick devices to collect blood for testing, needle and tubing systems for infusing intravenous and subcutaneous medicines and connection needles used for home hemodialysis.

After being used, many sharps end up in home and public trash cans or flushed down toilets. This kind of improper disposal puts individuals, such as sanitation workers, sewage treatment workers, janitors, housekeepers, family members and children at risk for needle stick injuries or infection with viruses such as Hepatitis B and C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).



"Safe disposal of used needles and other sharps is a public health priority," said Dr. Jeffrey Shuren, director of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. "This Web site provides information about how to keep used sharps from ending up in places where they could harm people."

With more diseases and conditions such as diabetes, cancer, allergies, arthritis and HIV being managed outside of hospitals and doctors' offices, the number of sharps used in homes and work offices is increasing. In addition, pets are being treated in homes and livestock are being treated on farms, which also contribute to the increased number of sharps outside of veterinary hospitals.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

estimates that more than 3 billion needles and other sharps are used in homes in the United States each year.

For the safe disposal of needles and other sharps used outside of the health care setting, the FDA recommends the following:

- Do:
 - Immediately place used sharps in an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container to reduce the risk of needle-sticks, cuts or punctures from loose sharps.
 - If an FDA-cleared container is not available, some associations and community guidelines recommend using a heavy-duty plastic household container as an alternative. The container should be leak-resistant, remain upright during use and have a tight fitting, puncture-resistant lid, such as a plastic

laundry detergent container.

- Keep sharps and sharps disposal containers out of reach of children and pets.

- Call your local trash or public health department for information about sharps disposal programs.

- Follow your community guidelines for getting rid of your sharps disposal container.

Do Not:

- Throw loose sharps into the trash.

- Flush sharps down the toilet.

- Put sharps in a recycling bin; they are not recyclable.

- Try to remove, bend, break or recap sharps used by another person.

- Attempt to remove a needle without a needle clipper device.

For more information visit <http://www.fda.gov/sharpsdisposal>

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

November

ST. MARY MERCY

- Cynthia Rochon, a nurse at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will talk about reducing stress at the holidays, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the hospital auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia. Registration begins at 6 p.m. For more information or to register call (734) 655-8940.

- Dr. Jeffrey Mendels will lead a free educational seminar in joint replacement, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in the hospital auditorium. He'll answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. To register, call (734) 655-2345. The hospital is located at Levan and Five Mile in Livonia.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's Hospice Program will present a free "Surviving the Holidays" workshop, 10-11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Older Adult Social Worker Office, within the McDonnell Towers Complex, 24400 Civic Center Drive, Southfield. Call Karmanos Hospice at (248) 304-2201 to register.

www.arthritis.org, keyword "Jingle Bell Run/Walk" to register or call event manager Samantha Mertins at (800) 968-3030, Ext. 232, for more information.

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. The next session is 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.

- Dr. Harmesh R. Naik, an oncologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will give a presentation, "Nutrition, Medication and Treatment of Breast Cancer," from 7-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center Atrium at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Call St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162 for more information or visit stmarymercy.org.

December

JINGLE BELL RUN

Mark 9 a.m. Dec. 3 on the calendar for the annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. The event, held at Northville Downs, offers competitive timing, awards in fourteen different age categories and a post-race party sponsored by Qdoba, Busch's, Biggby, Powerade and more. There is even a "Snowman Shuffle," a quarter-mile fun-run for kids under 12. Prizes include signed Red Wings memorabilia offered for biggest team, biggest fundraiser and most inventive costume. Those interested in participating can head to

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.



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Women's Health Series: Healthy Living. Healthy Woman.

Speakers from Gynecology and Urogynecology
Thursday, November 17, 6-8 p.m.
Call 734-655-2281 to register or for more information.

Center for Joint Replacement Seminar

Guest speaker Jeffrey Mendelson, MD
Wednesday, November 30, 6 p.m.
Call 734-655-2345 to register or for more information.

Michigan Bariatric Institute Seminar

Guest speaker Tallal Zeni, MD
Thursday, December 1, 6 p.m.
Call 877-WHY-WEIGHT to register or for more information.

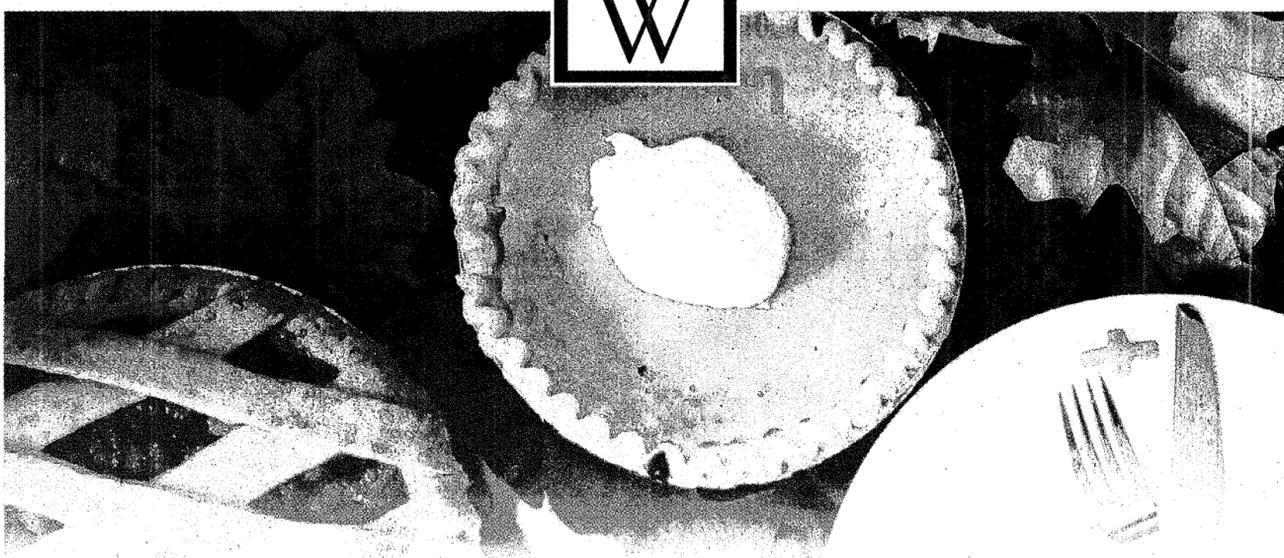
Fall Prevention

Guest speaker Kevin Moore, OTR, WCC, MSA
Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m.
Call 734-655-8950 to register or for more information.

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