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Santa letters

Dear Kids: Please don't forget Santa. He wants to hear from you in time for the holidays. He's expecting so many letters that he has asked the *Plymouth Observer* to help.

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The *Observer* will publish letters and photos before the holidays. That means we need to receive your letter by noon, Friday, Dec. 14.

Board meets

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, in the board meeting room of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center to talk about the district's technology and capital improvement needs.

Board members recently began discussions about the possibility of seeking a bond issue of some \$100 million to deal with its needs in both areas.

Among things being considered to be obtained by the bond would be buses, technology and a solution to the problems at Central Middle School.

The E.J. McClendon Educational Center is located at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Pearl Harbor ceremony

President Franklin Roosevelt declared Dec. 7, 1941, a "day that will live in infamy."

On Friday, Dec. 7, local veterans try to make sure that day is not forgotten.

At 1 p.m., a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony takes place at Veterans Memorial Park, in front of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The ceremony is a cooperative venture of the local veterans military organizations representing Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. They are the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 528 and American Legion Post No. 391.

Wreaths will be laid and Taps played as a special tribute to those men and women who made the supreme sacrifice and died at Pearl Harbor.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Santa Claus and 3-year-old triplets Elaina, Emery and George Kolb throw the switch that lights the Kellogg Park tree. The Kolb triplets are from Plymouth. Santa Clats, of course, is from the North Pole.

'Tis the season

Plymouth kids greet snow — and Santa

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Undeterred by a sudden dip in the temperature and what must be a hectic season for him, Santa Claus made his scheduled visit to Plymouth Friday evening, greeted by hundreds of children and their parents.

"We had some wind turbulence along the way, but everything worked out OK," Mr. Claus, accompanied by his wife, told the crowd in Kellogg Park after stepping off a fire truck, which had circled the park with lights flashing and siren blaring to the great excitement of younger visitors.

The Jolly Old Elf's stop at the park, accented by a brief snow flurry, marked the official start of the holiday season in downtown Plymouth. The North Pole's most famous resident helped light up the park's Christmas tree and the giant menorah figure, accepted the key to the city from City Commissioner Ed Hingelberg, and held court for kids and their wish lists in his Santa House, the line for which soon stretched nearly the entire length of the park.

"There is no place like Plymouth in the whole wide world,"

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Seven-year-old Alec Paris gets as close to being on stage with Santa as he can.

Black Friday in Plymouth steady, relaxed

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Friday was the official kickoff of the Christmas buying season, but nobody in downtown Plymouth was camping out to be first in the store or elbowing other shoppers over the sale tables.

"I can't imagine what that would be like," said Nancy Ball, the owner of Hands On Leather, a leather goods store on Forest. "It's a lot of stress."

"My customers aren't those people that like that," said Sharon Pugh, the owner of Sideways, a home furnishings and gift store nearby. "I think it's a whole different market we have in downtown Plymouth."

Instead of fighting crowds and zeroing in on discounted electronics and "doorbusters," as mall and big-box store shoppers often do on Black Friday, downtown visitors browsed in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, although store owners said traffic was steady. Black Friday is so-named because, supposedly, some merchants rely heavily on it to make a profit (going "in the black"), and because the rush is apparently dreaded by some employees in those stores.

Not in Plymouth. "It's not crazy like other places," said Ball, who has had a store in Plymouth for 35 years; she pronounced Black Friday "a fun day to work."

"A little stressful, but we definitely have enough people working to get it covered," said Elle Dare, the owner, with husband Charles of Genuine Toy Co. Things there get busier in the afternoon, Dare said, perhaps because early bird shoppers who were at big-box stores get a second wind.

Pugh said Sideways, which sells kitchen utensils and tableware, toys, paper goods and decorative items, has good traffic year-

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Kathleen Thurn and Ruby take a break from their bike ride in downtown Plymouth.

Mann steps away from local office

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer



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Steve Mann is walking away from the Plymouth Township board after 12 years as supervisor and trustee.

Steve Mann has spent his entire professional career in municipal government, and that's not going to change anytime soon.

What is changing is Mann's involvement in his home community of Plymouth Township, where Tuesday he stepped away from the Board of Trustees after a dozen years, four as the full-time township supervisor and the last eight as a part-time trustee.

Mann is an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, and his clients are local governments around the state, to which he provides counsel on borrowing, the Open Meetings Act, construction contracts and other matters. With a growing client base and increas-

ing work demands, Mann decided last spring not to seek another term.

But he is looking proudly back at 12 years in township government that began in 2000, when he defeated the incumbent supervisor, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, in the Republican primary and took office that November.

"I think my biggest accomplishment was carrying through on my word, doing what I said I was going to do," Mann said Tuesday morning, hours before he officially left the board.

Moving forward

Mann had been a township police officer since 1989, when dissatisfaction with the adminis-

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Dale and Becky Deloy, with their children Maggie, Zach and Sam, staff the Salvation Army Kettle at Main Street and Penniman during Black Friday shopping Friday. Becky Deloy began the family bell ringing project with son Zach, then 1 year old, 19 years ago. The Deloy family is from Plymouth.

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round, and that business has picked up since October. The keys, Pugh said, are reliable hours, customer service and an ever-changing selection of goods that's responsive to customer demand.

Ball said she has a group of women customers who have made it a Black Friday tradition to meet for breakfast before shopping, and that her store is on their list. Dare said that while Black Friday is always a good day, Genuine Toy's peak is typically the Saturday that falls about two

weeks before Christmas, as people who may have been putting off shopping look at the calendar.

It was the downtown atmosphere, shopping and special events that drew Duane and Margie Wilger of Trenton to Plymouth on Friday. Browsing at Genuine Toy, Duane Wilger said they and their daughter were also planning to head to Kellogg Park for Santa Claus' arrival and the holiday decorations, and have dinner out at a downtown restaurant. They make the trip every year; it's their way of getting into the Christmas spirit, he said.

"We come out to Plymouth just for the ambience, and if we find something for Christmas gifts, that's a bonus," Duane Wilger said. "It's a great night."

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tration prompted him to challenge McCarthy in 2000.

"Things were really stagnant. Nothing was getting done," Mann said. His goals, he said, were to improve services, improve relations with schools and neighboring communities and offer more for residents' quality of life.

"We were on the same page," Treasurer Ron Edwards, an early supporter, said of Mann. "We had to move the community forward. Some of the old guard around there was very cautious about what they did."

Mann and Edwards have a checklist of things accomplished during Mann's term as supervisor, including developing Lake Pointe Soccer Park, improving Miller Family Park, building the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park, stepping up a sidewalk construction program and starting to work toward the construction of the new township hall, fire station and police station.

Many of those projects had been planned already, Edwards said, but the plans had languished.

"We've really moved ahead a lot. He started it," Edwards said. "As supervisor, you're leading the way," and Mann had a "good team" backing him, Edwards said.

Mann said he worked hard to make sure residents' voices were heard in local politics; homeowners' concerns, he said, led to the land swap that saw Victory Honda expand in a new location on Ann Arbor Road, forced changes in the planning of the Robert Bosch facility at Five Mile and Haggerty, and helped shape the improvements at Miller Family Park and at the playground at Isbister Elementary, Mann



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Steve Mann spent four years as supervisor, then eight more as a trustee before deciding not to seek re-election in 2012.

said. The latter project also improved relations with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, he said.

Busy schedule

Mann also attended Thomas Cooley Law School while he was supervisor, a move that brought criticism from some who said it was taking him from township obligations. But Mann says his classes met Saturdays and Sundays, with the exception of one Thursday night class that met 6-9 p.m. for a semester.

"I went on my family time," he said.

"It was quite a blur," he said of that time, which included many commutes to Cooley, which is in Lansing. "I look back, I don't know how I did it."

Mann is also sometimes criticized for his support of a new township hall that, in the wake of the Great Recession, holds fewer employees than originally planned. But Mann defends the move, saying the old township complex was "miserable" and "dilapidated" and the new one, at \$6 million, was built to meet future needs.

"This is a modest building we built on a limited budget, and we got a lot for our money," he said.

Mann decided not to run for a second term as supervisor in the spring

of 2004, shortly after he graduated from Cooley and got an offer from Miller, Canfield.

More change

"I still loved the community and wanted to stay involved," he said, and so ran for trustee, winning in both 2004 and 2008.

The fight over the future of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which was restructured in March after six firefighters were laid off due to budget constraints, was the consuming issue for the board over the last few years, and Mann said that fight took a toll on him.

"The issues with the fire department have been by far the worst experience I've ever had on the township board," he said.

While opponents of the restructuring were using scare tactics, a majority of residents understood the service model needed to change and backed the board majority, Mann said.

Mann said the fight over the fire department was "inevitable," but forced to the front burner by the township revenue decline that accompanied the recession. He anticipates further changes in the department, perhaps a hybrid public safety model, in which police officers will also be trained as firefighters and medical first responders.

For now, Mann plans to focus on his legal career, saying that helping clients solve communities' problems keeps him motivated. Experience as an elected official, he added, helps him connect with the officials for whom he works. "I've been here," he said.

Will he ever re-enter politics? "That's not going to happen anytime soon, but maybe in the distant future, I'll get back to it if time allows," he said.

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Keeping tabs

Eight-year collection goes to charity

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton resident Allan Levy has spent eight years collecting 108,870 aluminum can pull tabs.

But who's counting? He is. Levy, a University of Michigan alumnus, started his collection for charity, and he chose to try to help U-M beat rival Ohio State as the two schools battled to collect the most pull tabs before Saturday's football game in Columbus.

It's a friendly competition benefiting Ronald McDonald Houses in Ann Arbor and Columbus, and Levy was planning to drop off his pull tabs in maize and blue country by Saturday's deadline.

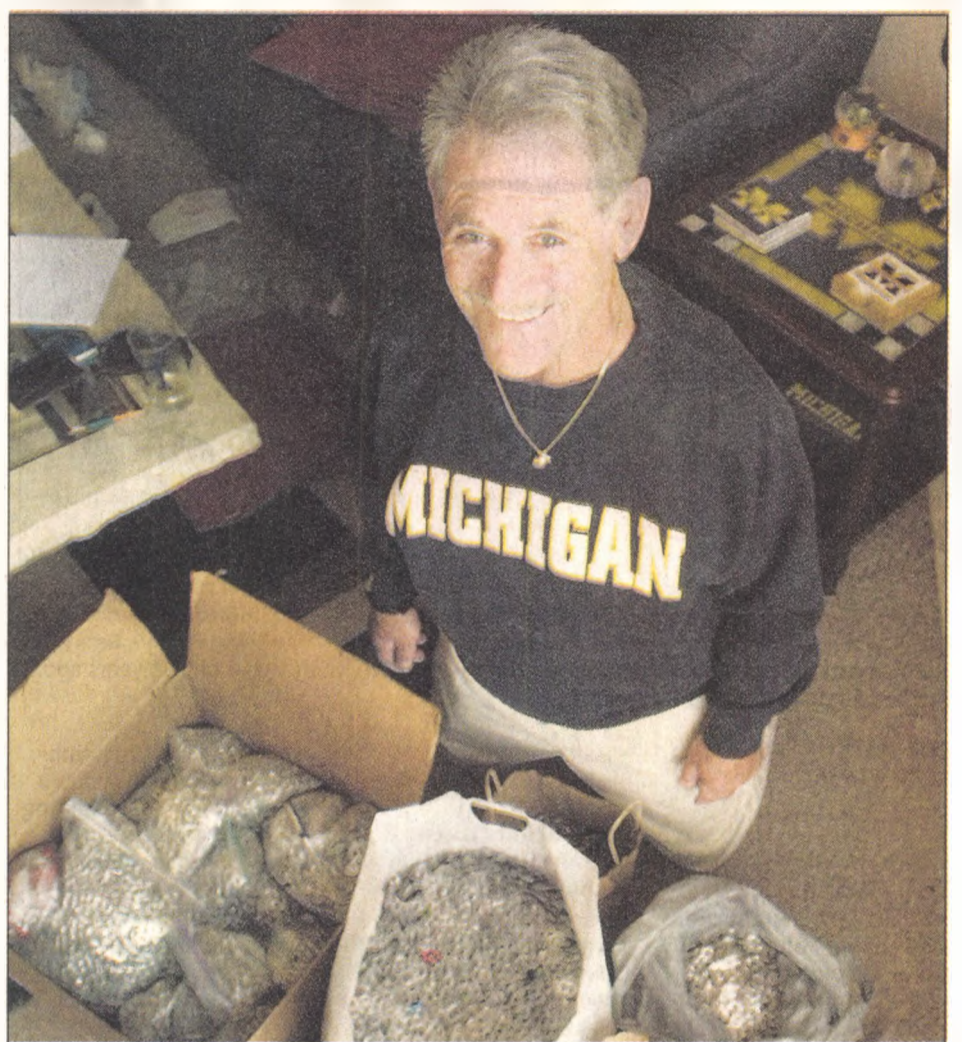
Not only do the Ronald McDonald Houses collect and cash in the scrap pull tabs, but Coca-Cola Co., has pledged to donate \$1,000 to the charity house that draws the largest collection.

"I like contributing to good causes," Levy said.

Levy has been collecting pull tabs from pop, tea, soup and beer cans — any cans, really — and he's had help from sources such as softball and baseball teams he's involved with in the Detroit area and around the country.

"I've even forged relationships with opponents," said Levy, who played baseball when he attended U-M.

Levy also has received help from airline flight attendants and groups such as the U-M Club of Ann Arbor. He's a member of the club's Board of Governors.



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Allan Levy says he spent eight years collecting 108,870 aluminum can pull tabs, and turned them in this weekend to benefit Ronald McDonald Houses.

Levy has stored his collection in boxes and plastic bags, and it's not the first time he has collected pull tabs for charity. This time, however, he and others are helping Ronald McDonald Houses provide housing for families whose children are being treated at places such as U-M's Mott Children's Hospital.

According to the Ann Arbor Ronald McDonald House, families need help with housing for time

periods ranging from two weeks to a year or longer.

Levy has long had a charitable heart, and he has more time now that he has retired from Macomb Community College, where he taught speech, English and business management. He also was the college's director of public relations and publications.

Levy plans to continue collecting his can pull tabs for charity, and he's

asking for help from others.

Joe Alli, owner of the Auto-lab of Canton South, said he will use his business as a drop-off point for the pull tabs.

"We'll see if we can help him," Alli said.

His business is located at 44744 Michigan Ave., between Canton Center and Sheldon.

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Amanda Przybyla, Katie Salanga and Julie Armitage pass out information about the Plymouth Historical Museum's Santa Workshop.

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Hingelberg said as he gave Santa the giant key.

Santa also introduced the "fantabulous" choir from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools, which led the crowd in a spirited version of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. The choir and Christine Belisario, who performs a variety show as Christmas Carol, had warmed up the crowd before Santa's 6 p.m. arrival.

"It's just nice to see neighbors out and about and everybody bundled up for winter," said Kristin Adamski of Plymouth, who was there with husband Ray and their sons, Evan, 9, Brendan, 8, Carter, 6, and Cameron, 4.

The Adamskis have made greeting Santa a day-after-Thanksgiv-

ing tradition, saying they had been to the event for eight straight years.

Carter, asked what he thought of Santa's appearance, gave it an enthusiastic thumbs-up.

Kristin Adamski said her family likes to see the Christmas tree light up every year and then walk around the park to look at the decorations.

"It makes a nice memory for them — they were there when the lights went on," she said. "It makes the whole rest of the season very special."

Santa will be seeing visitors at the Kellogg Park Santa House periodically through Dec. 23. Check the "events" tab on the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce website, www.plymouth.org, for dates and times.

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Students at Achieve Charter Academy collected \$500 and then hand-tied blankets for long-term patients at U-M Mott Children's Hospital.

Students donate blankets to hospital

Students at Canton Charter Academy raised \$500 to make hand-tied blankets for patients at The University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Eighth-grade students in Yamamah Sawalha's community service class asked all K-8 students to donate a dollar for the project. For every dollar donated, the students placed a yellow block letter M on a blue bulletin board. The plan paid off, and they exceeded their donation goal.

"I thought this project was a great success," said student Jacob Gruenberg. "The first week of donations started slow, but then everybody was encouraged to put even more effort into the project and it took off."

The students needed to

work fast to hand-tie 55 blankets so they would be ready for an assembly with a representative from C.S. Mott Children's Hospital on Friday, Nov. 16. The representative talked to the students about the hospital and thanked them for their generosity.

"It made me feel good about myself to be making blankets for sick children," student Elizabeth Cothran said.

Sawalha said she was proud of how her students handled this project from start to finish.

"I am so pleased with my class for coming up with an idea from scratch, putting it into place, sticking with it, and ultimately prevailing," Sawalha said.

The blankets will be given to long-term patients at the hospital.

'Bucket brigade' sends relief to Sandy victims

By Brad Kadrich
 Observer Staff Writer

What started as a sense that "We want to do something to help" idea turned into a whirlwind relief project that wound up being a hugely successful effort to help the victims of Superstorm Sandy that devastated the east coast earlier this month.

The idea started with three women from Plymouth's First United Methodist Church and quickly mushroomed into a community wide effort to get cleaning supplies to Sandy victims through the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

When it was all said and done, some 500 buckets filled with cleaning supplies were on their way to a Pennsylvania distribution center and then on to the East Coast.

"There were thousands of donations," said Renee McKarge, one of the women who helped organize the drive. "This community deserves a massive thank you."

More than 8,000 items were collected — largely through school collection drives at various Plymouth-Canton Community Schools spearheaded by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society — including a variety of cleaning supplies such as scrub brushes, soaps, detergents, gloves and others.

They were packed into buckets and shipped off, courtesy of MSA Delivery Services of Canton, which provided the shipping to Pennsylvania. MSA's generosity was matched by others, including various groups and organizations. The building used for the local collection was donated by Essco Development Company, the owner of



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Some 8,000 items were donated to help fill nearly 500 buckets for Hurricane Sandy relief.

which handed McKarge the key and allowed her to use it as necessary.

"All in all, it was a community based, community-wide effort," McKarge said. "All these major things we needed to make it happen, people volunteered and said 'yes, we'll do that for you.' The schools jumped right in. It was amazing when it started coming in."

UMCOR was very specific about what needed to go into the buckets, so notes of encouragement were not allowed. However, students at least one elementary school found a way around that.

"It was so cute," McKarge said. "They used markers or whatever they could find and wrote messages on the scrub brushes like 'hang in there!' It was adorable."

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Abby McKarge and friends loaded up a truck with buckets of cleaning supplies headed to the East Coast to help with the cleanup from Hurricane Sandy.

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JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 in Plymouth MI has Jazz @ The Elks in a beautiful club setting on the last Tuesday of every month. The Nov. 27 event features the Terry Lower Trio with Russ Miller. Russ is an Assistant Professor in the Music Department at Wayne State University and has played with several famous Jazz artists. Russ plays Alto Sax and Flute. Terry will be on Keyboard, Jim Ryan on Drums, and Ray Tini on Bass. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

MUSEUM CRAFT BAZAAR

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum.

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold its annual Juried Craft Bazaar and Open House. The Craft Bazaar is free and open to the public and will feature many crafts, such as knit, ceramic, jewelry, and recycled art. Stop by our bake sale and try our yummy treats and refreshments. Santa will be here all day so bring the whole family! Visitors are also welcome to explore the Museum's special exhibit for free that day.

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding its Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1, as well. We need donations of baked goods. Cookies, cakes, candy, breads, pies, sweet rolls, and bars are all welcome—as are any specialties you may have in your recipe box. Please bundle your cookies or bars in packages of 6 or 12. Remember, festive holiday treats sell first. Please either label your treats (examples: Brownies with nuts or Santa's Favorite Sugar Cookies), or leave a note attached. Labels will be available in the kitchen. Please drop your goodies off in the kitchen on Friday, November 30, between 1 and 4 p.m.

Contact: Please call Heidi Nielson,



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Tree time

Pat VanDusen of the Plymouth Community United Way, decorates their tree in Kellogg Park. Betty Nolan and Stephanie Driver, also with United Way, worked with Pat.

(734) 455-8940, if you have any questions.

COLORING CONTEST

Date/Time: Now through Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 8:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Location: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, 40875 Plymouth Road

Details: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet will be holding a coloring contest. The age groups are 0-3, 4-6 and 7-9. The winner from each age group will be awarded a \$50 Toys R US gift card. One entry permitted per child. While you are here, take a picture with Nick from the Chevrolet commercials.

Contact: Call 734-453-4600 for more information.

HOLIDAY ART FAIR

Date/Time: Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Connection Church in Canton

Details: Connection Church in Canton hosts a Holiday Art Fair. If you have a craft and are interest-

ed in renting a table (\$35 & \$25).

Contact: For more information please email Katy at cchoidayartfair@gmail.com.

FARRAND FAIR

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 29, 4-8 p.m.

Location: Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane, Plymouth

Details: Farrand Elementary hosts its fifth annual Craft & Vendor Fair. Find that last minute gift, or something unique and special for someone on your holiday shopping list. Admission is free. Raffle items, jewelry, candles, health & wellness, skin care, hair accessories and much, much more. Need a little bit of extra cash to shop? South Lyon Jewelers will be there paying you cash for your gold. Go through your jewelry boxes and find broken or unwanted gold to sell at this event. Babysitting will be provided from 4-6 p.m. in the school media center. Children will have the opportunity to watch a movie and make a craft.

BLOOD DRIVES

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 29, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon in Plymouth

Details: The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: To make an appt for any of these drives, call Diane at (313) 549-7052 or email diane.risko@redcross.org

MIXED MUSINGS

Date/Time: Through November

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Peggy Kerwan will kick off the 2012-2013 solo exhibit season with her exhibit titled "mixed musings." Her colorful artworks will be displayed for the month of November in the main gallery. Admission is free and open to the public. An artist reception takes place Saturday, Nov. 17, from 2-4

p.m. Meet the artist, supporters, and members of the PCAC. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Contact: Call (734) 416-4278 or visit www.plymoutharts.com for more information.

WCGH REUNION

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11

Location: Cafe Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Wayne County General Hospital employees will gather for their 28th annual holiday reunion. A luncheon buffet will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$16 and includes beverage, dessert and tip. You can pay at the door.

Contact: For more information contact Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or e-mail chknlit@wideopen-west.com, Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or e-mail fightingirish316@global.net or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or e-mail pibbotso@aol.com.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email achristensen@cch.net.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

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'Motor City Shakedown' author to speak at Madonna

Two-time Michigan Notable Author D. E. Johnson will present his book *Motor City Shakedown* at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Madonna University Library, as part of the school's "Meet the Author" series.

Set in Detroit in 1911, *Motor City Shakedown* is a tale involving crime, mystery, and history. The sequel to Johnson's first Michigan Notable Book, *The Detroit Electric Scheme*, this novel follows protagonist Will Anderson as he deals with the murder of his best friend; placing him in the center of Detroit's criminal world of corrup-

tion and mobsters.

Johnson, a graduate of Central Michigan University, has been writing fiction for the majority of his life, but he didn't publish his first novel until 2010. His books have been recognized by the Library of Michigan, Booklist, and the House of Crime and Mystery.

The third and most recent book of the series is also earning positive reviews. *Detroit Breakdown* takes the characters to the Eloise Insane Asylum located near Detroit.

Contact the Madonna Library at (734) 432-5703 or visit <http://library.madonna.edu/> for more information.

Living trust spells out specifics on asset allocation

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I read your column a few weeks ago about estate planning and how to treat children with different economic backgrounds. I am a widower and my children do not need my money. What I would like to do is to set up a fund that would be used by friends who aren't as fortunate. I figure they can use the money and then when they die, whatever is left can go to charity or to my kids. Can you tell me if what I want to do is legal and what I need to accomplish what I want? I have a simple will and I assume I would have to amend it to reflect these changes.

A: What you want to do is admirable and legal.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

The fact that you want to help your friends who are not as fortunate as you is a very nice thing to do.

However, there are some things that you would have to do to accomplish your goal.

I recommend that you have a living trust drafted. In your situation, the benefit of a living trust is that you would not need court supervision with regards to the maintenance and distribution of money to your

friends. If all you had was a will, the Probate Court would retain jurisdiction over your assets until the money was distributed to a charity. This would mean that your trustees would have to report to the court every year and incur significant costs until final distribution of your assets.

I believe the more you keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs, the easier things are. That is why I recommend a living trust.

Within your living trust one key question is who do you want to be the trustees? They would be the individuals who would manage the money within the trust and supervise its distribution. You have a number of different options to consider. You can name family and friends or a professional (an attorney or even a bank).

You can also have a combination of a family member and a bank to serve as co-trustees. In that regard, in order to have a checks and balance system, my recommendation would be that you have at least two

trustees.

One thing to consider is how the money is going to be distributed. You want to help your friends but you have to have some sort of methodology to monitor the distributions. If you said that the trustee should pay whenever a friend has a request, then you may run into the situation where some of your friends are abusing the trust. If distributions are based on need, you must establish some rules for the trustee to follow.

One last thing to decide is which one of your friends the trust is meant to benefit. If you say any, that could cause all sorts of problems. Identify which friends should benefit from the trust.

When it comes to estate planning, no one should tell you what you should do with your money. You worked hard for it and you're entitled to do with it as you choose. The key is to make sure that you leave the proper instructions as to how to carry out your final wishes.

One last issue that deals with what you plan to

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Final destination

Nazi boxcar will be used to teach the horrors of the Holocaust

By Joanne Maliszewski
Observer Staff Writer

The morning after Henrietta and Rachel's family had their first Passover seder in the Warsaw Ghetto, Nazi soldiers came, gathered hundreds of Jews and put them into a railroad boxcar headed for the concentration camps.

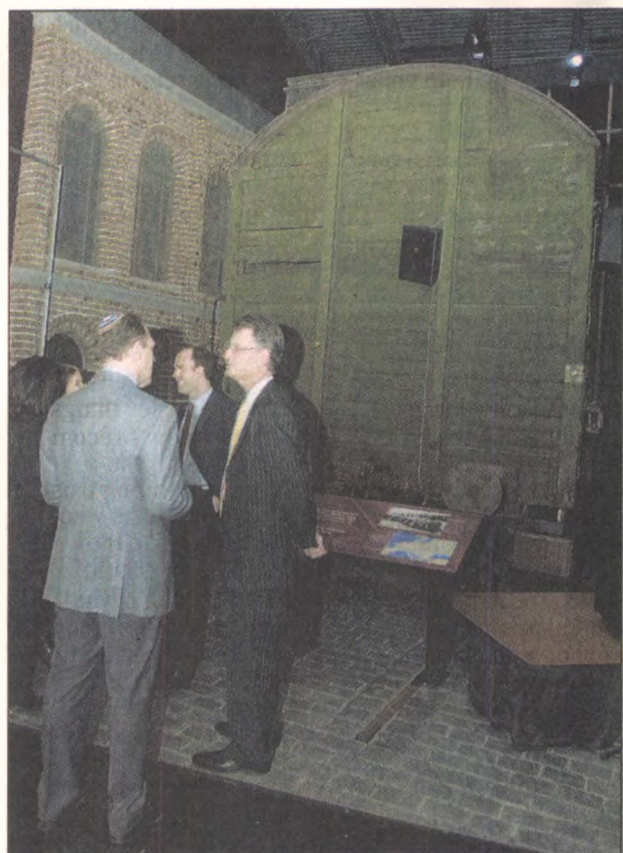
It took the sisters and their family: Sara, mother; Israel, father; and two brothers, Reuben and Herschel, one week to reach Majdanek, an extermination camp near Lublin, Poland.

When the train finally reached its destination, Nazi soldiers made their selections. The men and women were separated. They never again saw their father or brothers. Their mother was pulled out of the group of women. Rachel and Henrietta last saw her waiting in a grassy area. "Little did we know that she would be put in the gas chamber," Rachel Schwartz said. "Never did we think we would never see her again."

Gallery dedication

The sisters, Rachel Schwartz and Henrietta Weisberg, told their story at the Nov. 20 dedication of The Henrietta and Alvin Weisberg Gallery at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

The newly constructed addition to the center houses an authentic World War II Nazi boxcar, the type used to transport the sisters and their family to the concentration and extermination camps



PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
After the dedication of a new gallery at the Holocaust Memorial Center people gathered around the boxcar and talked.

in 1943-45.

"This exhibit brings back many painful memories," Schwartz said, choking back tears as she spoke of her family and the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews and others in Europe.

The boxcar is set against a brick backdrop resembling the Hanoverscher Bahnhof (Hanover Railroad Station), complete with cobblestone floor, reminiscent of the Warsaw Ghetto.

The Hanover station was a major Nazi deportation center for Jews and gypsies, both consid-

ered enemies of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

The boxcar is of a size that could hold 40 soldiers or eight war horses, said Stephen Goldman, center executive director. Boxcars of this type were retired in the 1970s without much thought about the role they played in the Third Reich's Final Solution. "The precious cargo carried and forgotten are now remembered," Goldman added.

Sacred task

Alvin and Henrietta Weisberg of Bloomfield Hills were contacted when Goldman learned



Henrietta Weisberg and Rachael Schwartz at the dedication of a new wing of the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

of the boxcar's availability. "They found it, called and said, 'We need help,'" Henrietta Weisberg said, as the dedication began. "It was our pleasure to do this."

Alvin and Henrietta donated the funds to build the gallery addition and to bring the boxcar from Germany to Farmington Hills. When the addition neared completion, the heavy boxcar was lifted by a crane and positioned in the gallery. The new gallery was completed within 90 days by Neumann Architects.

"We have the sacred task of teaching thousands the lessons of the Holocaust," said Laurie Weisberg, Alvin and Henrietta's daughter-in-law who serves as a docent at the center. "Most docented groups, such as school kids, without exception are fascinated by this important artifact."

Laurie Weisberg spoke of her in-laws, their gen-

erosity to the center and how the exhibit sets the journey for visitors as they learn about "the unimaginable fear and cruelty of the Holocaust."

Three journeys

After sisters Rachel and Henrietta lost their family at the Majdanek extermination camp, they were later transported in a box car again to another camp where they were assigned to work in a munitions factory.

Though hard labor, Rachel said, the assignment saved their lives because they were given more food and water than had they been sent to another camp. Yet while there, the sisters witnessed the deaths of 25 other prisoners.

In the summer of 1944 as Russian soldiers drew closer, the sisters boarded another box car for their third trip. This time, they were sent to Buchenwald. But again the

Russians were drawing near, and camp leaders forced the sisters and other prisoners on a "terrible march" for three weeks without food.

One morning as they slept near the Elba River, Rachel said, they could again hear Russian voices. The soldiers at last arrived and freed them. "They were very good to us."

As the sisters received standing ovations, Henrietta told guests that she can't believe that 70 years have passed. Though she said she "prefers to look at my future, not my past," Henrietta added: "I can honestly say I believe in miracles. I can't imagine how Rachel and I survived the horrors known as the Holocaust."

Bradley Schlafer, the Weisbergs' grandson, assured his family he would continue to tell the stories of the Holocaust. "I will be my grandmother's voice."

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Shoppers hit Laurel Park Place on busy Black Friday

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Peter Zantop pushed a stroller Friday morning through Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

The stroller usually transports his 2-year-old daughter Alex, but the stroller was loaded with presents as Peter's wife Ashley took Alex with her to shop.

Peter Zantop waited with his mother, Barbara, and talked about their overflowing stroller. "There used to be a kid that was in it," Peter quipped.

Peter Zantop and his mother Barbara are former Canton residents, both in town to visit with Peter's sister, Julie Darmofal, who still lives in Canton. About 14 family members gathered there Friday for a Christmas party.

Barbara Zantop lives in Jackson, while Peter and his family live in Minneapolis. Everyone celebrated Thanksgiving together Thursday, and Friday was Christmas for them, Barbara explained.

"We buy the Christmas presents today, then we'll have the party later," she said. "It's a good way for us to celebrate Christmas, for the kids and spend time with their moms, who can tell us what they need. They have teenage daughters and you never know what to buy them."

Peter expects to relax and "enjoy family" this



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shoppers flocked to stores with gusto Friday as the holiday season began in earnest. Zi Yang, Connor Spitery and Kaleigh Carlone, all of Northville, wrap gift items for customers. The volunteer-run gift-wrapping service raises money for Vista Maria for Girls.

weekend, watching Michigan State basketball and football games on television with family members. "It's our time to spend together," Zantop said with a smile. "It's our Christmas party and we're able to spend time with each other."

A busy morning

Claudia Frederick, spokeswoman for CBL & Associates Properties, owner and operator of Laurel Park Place, said the mall opened at midnight, the second consecutive year for the mall to do that Black Friday. Mall traffic was heavy until about 3 a.m. that morning, she said.

"The stores are beating last year," Frederick said. "We had a lot of young shoppers early this morning, then it slowed down, and now it is picking up again," Frederick said Friday morning.

Getting it done

Judi Torosian of Livonia scurried through Laurel Park Place. She was shopping that day with her sister, and carried several bags.

"I'm all done," Torosian said. "I always finish by Thanksgiving because I hate this madness. Then I go out and help everyone else, so I must be a glutton for punishment," Tami Carlone of Novi

was with her children Kaleigh and Andrew, who were organizing a fundraiser for Vista Maria. The Carlones and other volunteers set up gift wrapping services for shoppers, with proceeds helping purchase clothes, toys, books and beauty supplies for girls at Vista Maria, along with a remodel of a supplies closet at Vista Maria, according to Tami Carlone. Her son, Andrew, a senior at Northville High School, used to organize the event, but that duty is now being passed onto Kaleigh, who is a freshman at Northville High School.

Tami Carlone said the event is something that can help girls at Vis-



Barbara Zantop, of Jackson, and son Peter Zantop, of Minneapolis, shop at Laurel Park Place on Friday before a family Christmas party is scheduled later that day.

ta Maria. "These girls have lived a rough life, through no fault of their own," Carlone said. "They have suffered through abuse and neglect. I have a real heart for them."

Tom LeGault of Plymouth set up his paintings for sale. He applies a heavy acrylic paint, which adds texture and depth to his work, what he describes as a lake near Charlevoix.

"It's a good way to come home," LeGault said of Laurel Park Place and his display area. "The only show I do around here

is the Ann Arbor show, so it's like a homecoming and I see some old friends." LeGault said he spends much of the year traveling or in northern Michigan.

"I see a lot of people who live in the nearby condos, who are walking around and exercising, and they stop and talk," he said.

LeGault said sales are sporadic, but good. "It's really good for me to get out of the studio," he said. "It gives me a place to get focused. It's a good workplace for me to get things done."

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Photos let children share their hopes, dreams

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It's said that a picture is worth a thousand words. But in the eyes of acclaimed photographer Linda Solomon, they are worth much more, especially when they are taken by children.

For a second year, the Bloomfield resident was at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City for the unveiling of "Pictures of Hope" — photographs taken by 15 youngsters whose families are being served by Lighthouse Path in Pontiac.

"It's been an honor to work with these children," Solomon said. "They've been dealt difficult hands, but we can show them their dreams matter. We can show them their dreams are respected."

Lighthouse Path, which provides transitional housing for families for up to two years, selected the 15 children, ranging in age from 5-14, for the project. Solomon provided tutoring on picture taking, then gave cameras to the children, who were told to turn their hopes and dreams into photographs.

She then selected a photograph for each child, which was turned into one of the notecards that are on sale at Gordon Chevrolet and Lighthouse Path. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit Lighthouse Path. "We're very proud and very blessed to be a part of this," said Susan Ianni, general manager at Gordon Chevrolet. "I was a single mom years ago. I can look at single moms and understand their struggles. I have a soft spot in my heart for them. Anyone who reaches out, I'll help."

This is the second year Solomon has partnered with Chevrolet to introduce "Pictures of Hope" to children living in shelters in 12 cities around the country. She chose Lighthouse Path to "show the problem of homelessness in Oakland County." "These children come from broken homes, or their parents lost their jobs or they've been evicted from their homes," Solomon said. "Their hopes and dreams might be something they can't strive for. They don't have the same funds as those with a normal life."

It wasn't hard to figure out 8-year-old Donovan Ward's dream. His photo-



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Youngsters from Lighthouse Path of Oakland County who participated in 'Pictures of Hope' wait with Linda Solomon to see what their cards look like.

graph was of a fire truck, his hope and dream to be a firefighter like his father, who is in Indianapolis, Ind. His mentor was Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, who took him to a fire station to capture his dream on film.

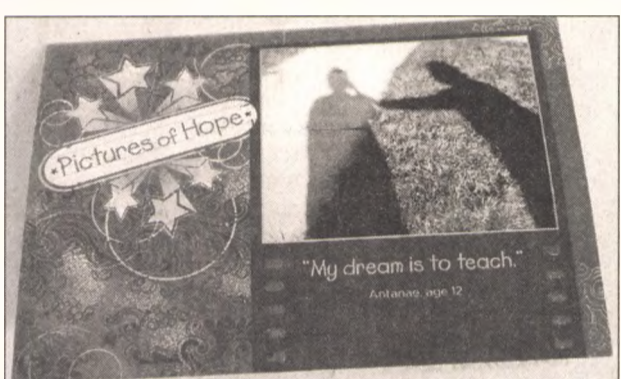
"I went to the fire station and asked if I could take a picture. I took pictures of a fire truck and a house," Donovan said.

Fourteen-year-old Sianna Wahs's hope is to go to college and to play basketball. Her mentor was Teri Fenner, vice president of the board of Lighthouse Path, who tapped into her network of friends and took her to meet the athletic director at Oakland University. Sianna now has four tickets for four OU basketball games, so that she, her mother, twin sister Samaria and a Lighthouse Path staffer can attend. Her photograph is the OU sign.

"I want to be a basketball player and study to be a pediatrician," said the teen, who has been in transitional housing with her family for 1½ years. "It helped me to get closer to my family, including my twin sister."

Other dreams included making their mother proud, stopping racism, getting all A's and hope. Lighthouse Path provides fully furnished apartments for families for up to 24 months. The average stay is 18 months. The goal of each woman at the shelter is to be self-sufficient and move into their own home and have sustainability.

Tia Cobb, Lighthouse Path executive direc-



Among the hopes expressed on the cards is that of 12-year-old Antane: "My dream is to teach."

tor, was "overjoyed and excited" about her agency being selected for

"Pictures of Hope." It's a great opportunity for the children.

'PICTURES OF HOPE'

The Lighthouse Path children's greeting cards with their heartfelt photos of "hope" cost \$20 for a package of 15 cards. They are available at:

- Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford Road, west of Merriman Road, in Garden City. For more information, call (734) 237-6089.
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Raymond Rolak and Wally Triplett will speak about some special Detroit sports moments and historical memories on Tuesday Nov. 27, at the William P. Faust Public Library.

NFL's Triplett will talk football at Westland Library

Longtime Detroit resident Wally Triplett, 86, has a special place in football history. Triplett was the first African American to be drafted and sign with an NFL team in 1949.

Triplett will be speaking at the William P. Faust Public Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Veteran sports broadcaster Raymond Rolak will introduce Triplett and address perseverance in sports. Rolak also

will share some Wayne State University sports history and some humorous anecdotes from the new All-Hawaii full length comedy, *Get a Job*, in which he was an associate producer.

Triplett, a 1948 graduate of Penn State, will reminisce about his life journey and football experiences. The evening will also include accounts of some of the rich athletic history of Detroit. Most fascinat-

ing will be some never before heard narratives by Triplett regarding Paul Robeson and Jackie Robinson.

This special event is sponsored by the Friends of the Westland Library and is free. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 326-6123 or go online to www.westland.lib.mi.us.

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A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Miller has over 28 years experience with watches and timepieces, and received his degree in horology at Houston Technical College before relocating to southeast Michigan.

Over his expansive career, Miller has seen his share of unique cases. "One of the most interesting cases I worked on was an English Grandfather clock from the 1590's. The owner wanted it restored to working order, and rewired for battery operation," said Miller.

"Another difficult request was hand-cutting a triangular crystal for a special-edition Masonic pocketwatch by Rolex," Miller continued. There's good reason over 172 jewelers in the area rely on Triple Crown and Miller for those hard-to-fix assignments. "I enjoy the challenge of restoring unique timepieces to their original functioning state. It is as much an artform as it is pure mechanics, and it is extremely rewarding to see these old pieces correctly keeping time again."

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Shoppers make time to send holiday cheer to troops

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Michael Wisniewski Jr. had a heartfelt message for U.S. troops serving in harm's way. He thanked them for their courage and bravery.

The Romulus resident was among shoppers who stopped to sign a holiday card that will be sent to the troops.

"I hope other people come and do this, our troops need more of this," said Wisniewski, who was at Westland Shopping Center Friday with his daughter, Kati Wisniewski. "My stepson is in the Army. He went to Virginia Tech for two years to study diplomacy. He's been to Moscow four times and will go to Russia four times. He's a translator and will go over to Russia. He's an awesome young man, I'm very proud of him."

This is the sixth year the Westland Jaycees have had Cards for Troops tables at the mall on Black Friday, offering shoppers a chance to send a message of support on cards they pro-



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Katie Neu of Westland, fills out a holiday card for the troops being collected by the Westland Jaycees.

vide. Initially, the effort spanned two days, but over the years, the Jaycees pared the time down to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

"It's a good time to get shoppers," said Debi Goetz, who is chairing the project. "Ninety percent of the shoppers have been receptive. We're hoping to get around 1,500 cards, that's a good number."

The Jaycees were working in shifts to keep the table manned on the busiest shopping day of the

holiday season. On their table was candy for those who sign cards, donated by Paul Visingardi of Vizzy's Pizza Palace.

"He has a cousin who's on his seventh tour," said Goetz.

The Jaycees also were collecting donations to the cost of shipping care packages to the troops. Goetz uses donations to buy travel-size toiletries to send to the troops. Last year, the Jaycees were able to send four box-

es overseas, and in July received a thank you card from the Kandahar USO. The note was framed and sitting in a place of honor

on the table. "People actually have been very generous with their donations," said Goetz. "We're hoping we can send more things this year."

The Jaycees also will be collecting items to send with their care package. On their list of needed items are:

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- Lip balm, floss, toothbrushes and disposable razors – men's and women's.
- Breath mints, candy

and gum. Cards and personal care good items also can be dropped off at Men on the Move, 39101 Webb Drive, Westland.

The Cards for Troops tables were set outside the inside entrance to Kohl's the busiest store at the mall, and a steady stream of shoppers going in and out stopped to sign cards. Among them were Terri Staton of Redford, Brittany and Sherri Bell of Garden City and Brian Gerhardt of Redford.

"I told them, 'You guys and gals rock,' and wished them a merry Christmas and happy New Year," said Gerhardt. "This is my first time doing this. I'm glad I did."

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This is the 22nd year R.G. and G.R. Harris has held a service of remembrance. At the services, family members will be invited to place an angel with their loved one's

name on a tree where it will remain until after January 1, 2013. A popular Children's Table is available for the kids to design their own angel ornament to help them express their feelings. Helpful thoughts on getting through the holidays after a loss will be given and a carol will be sung before all the names are read.

Refreshments and fellowship will be indoors following the service. The service at the R.G.

and G.R. Harris Funeral Home-Livonia Chapel will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. The chapel is at 15451 Farmington Road, just north of Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6720.

The service at the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home-Garden City Chapel will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The chapel is at 31551 Ford Road, just west of Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 425-9200.

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Family tradition continues with election of Kevin Cox

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Kevin Cox remembers sitting down at dinners at 5:30 p.m. every night with his parents John and Rita Cox and brothers Sean and Mike at their home in Redford.

Dad played "devil's advocate" during discussions about that day's events and what was happening in the outside world, Kevin said.

"Dad was big on history and current events and very interested in politics, and he would lead us into dinner table discussions," Kevin said. "We were all curious about the world around us. The politics and law melded together."

That curiosity and eventual pursuit of a law

career has evolved into Kevin Cox's successful election onto the Wayne County Third Circuit Court bench, as he finished third Nov. 6. Kevin is the third Cox brother to win elective office, and the second to win a judge's seat.

Kevin, 53, is the older brother of Mike Cox, former state attorney general, and younger brother of Sean Cox, a federal judge in southeast Michigan who lives in Canton.

Mike Cox, 50, won election to two terms as attorney general in 2002 and 2006 and placed third in the Republican gubernatorial primary in 2010. Today Mike runs his own law firm in Livonia. Mike is married to Laura Cox, who is a Wayne County commissioner represent-



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The patriarch, John Cox, with sons Mike, Kevin and Sean Cox. Sean lives in Canton.

ing Livonia.

U.S. District Judge Sean Cox, 55, who is seated in the court's Eastern District of Michigan, also served as a circuit judge in Wayne County, winning elections to circuit court in 1996, 1998 and 2004. He was appointed to U.S. District Court in 2006.

Kevin and Mike reside in Livonia; Sean lives in Canton. Their parents live in Livonia.

Their parents told the boys about their maternal grandfather, Anthony McQuane, a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood. McQuane was jailed in 1916 and a second time in 1919 as Irish nationalists fought for independence. Stories about their grandfather from their parents and the importance of freedom, individual rights and political activism weren't lost on the grandsons.

Mike said his father, a Korean war veteran, did not go to college, but was well-read and constantly kept up with current events. "He'd read a lot of books and newspapers and he'd love to argue," Mike said. "Politics and law always came up."

Sean said his father often spoke about the Korean War. "He challenged us," Sean said. "He knew European history and the history of Ireland."

Mike said that upbringing also led him to his career goal: He always wanted to be a prosecutor. Mike was the deputy chief of the homicide unit in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Sean echoed that the talks and their own family history influenced their future careers in public service, but added: "I don't know how all three of us ended up in law."

"All of us have a desire to make society better," Sean said. "Public service is a good way to do it."

Winning a court seat

Kevin attributes his election win earlier this month to the work he put into his campaign over the past six months, meeting with various organizations to get his name out, he said.

Cox holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. He is married to Elizabeth Cox. The couple has four children: Kiefer, 23; Kasey, 20; Jack, 17; and Brian, 14. Kevin is active in the St. Edith Parent Association, St. Edith CYO Athletics Board of Directors, Catholic Central Dad's Club and fundraisers for the Salvation Army, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

As an assistant attorney general in the labor division of the office of Attorney General Bill Schuette since 2010, Cox represented the state of Michigan in state courts and administrative hearings.

"I've been an active trial lawyer for almost 28 years," Kevin said. He points to his experience in hundreds of courtrooms to prepare him for the seat.

Kevin has tried more than 30 complex civil jury trials for clients and tried cases to verdict in eight Michigan counties. Prior to practicing as an assistant attorney gener-

al, Kevin was in private practice for 25 years. His practice was composed of injury litigation throughout the state.

Kevin owned and managed a law firm of 12 attorneys and more than 20 employees for several years. Although 75 percent of his cases were in Wayne County, he has litigated cases in more than 40 counties in Michigan resulting in several successful jury verdicts and hundreds of settlements.

Will tradition continue?

Kevin sees the same interest in politics and law with at least two of his children. Kiefer is a first-year student at Wayne State Law School. Kasey is a senior at the University of Michigan studying international relations.

Kevin said he will work hard to bring himself up to speed, whether he is a judge in the family division or the criminal division of the court. "There will be subtleties," he said. "There will be procedural things that will be new to me. I will work as hard as I can to be very good as a criminal judge or a family judge."

His brothers in the legal field are proud of him.

"He worked really hard and ran an excellent campaign," Sean said. "He campaigned very efficiently, sending smart, targeted mailings."

Mike said voters chose a judge who is "highly skilled" with 27 years experience.

"I know he'll do a great job," Mike said. "I'm very proud that the voters selected someone who is highly qualified and brings his skills and experience to the bench."

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Author adds twist to Girls Night Out book signing

Dana Corbit has made a habit of using her annual book signing as an excuse for a Girls' Night Out with friends. But this year, the Novi author has added a twist to her 5th annual Girls' Night Out Book Signing by inviting New York Times best-selling romance author Ruth Ryan Langan to be her special guest.

"I thought it would be fun to shake things up this year by including my friend, Ruth, in the festivities," Corbit said of the event from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Biggby Coffee, 43346 Grand River Avenue. "I am a big fan of Ruth's books, and this is a great way for me to introduce my other friends and readers to some of the stories I have loved reading."

Langan has provided plenty of those stories. Writing under pseudonyms Ruth Langan, Ruth Ryan Langan and R.C. Ryan, the Farmington Hills author has published 96 novels, including collaborations with Nora Roberts and J.D. Robb. Corbit first met Langan in 1996 when, as an aspiring author, she joined the Greater Detroit chapter of Romance Writers of America, a trade association.

"I'm just one of the authors Ruth has mentored over the years. She gave me great advice and introduced me to New York editors and even the woman who later became my agent," said Corbit, who is herself the award-winning author

of 15 books in the inspirational romance market. "Sharing this year's event with her is a small way for me to say thank you for her kindness."

During the book signing, Corbit will promote her 2012 releases, "A Hickory Ridge Christmas" and "Christmas in the Air," both from Harlequin Love Inspired. Langan will sign copies of her recent releases, "Quinn," from Grand Central Publishing; and "J.D. Robb's The Unquiet," from Berkley.

Of course, the Girls' Night Out event has always been about more than just books. Corbit, known locally by her married name Dana Nussio, originally suggested the event in 2008 as a night out with her girlfriends. The event remains a chance for guests to take a break from the busyness of the Christmas season by relaxing with their own friends while sipping hot chocolate, espressos or decaf lattes. Adding to the fun of the evening, Lisa Erickson, one of Corbit's friends and a Silpada Jewelry representative, brings a display of her shiny things for guests to try on and add to their holiday wish lists.

Corbit enjoys hosting the signing at the local Biggby Coffee franchise so she can support the local business, which supports her writing career by regularly stocking her books. Literacy is a corporate initiative of Biggby Coffee, headquartered in Lansing.



Corbit



Langan

Fitness challenge aims to bring holiday cheer to homeless families

CoreFit Fitness owner and personal trainer Rod Dowdell (Trainer Rod) is going to attempt a staggering endurance-fund-raising Extreme Train-A-Thon Fitness Challenge at his studio in Novi to benefit homeless families at the Wayne County Family Center.

Beginning at 6 a.m. Dec. 9, Trainer Rod will endure the seven days of training, with the last 48 hours to be continuous without rest, training between 90-100 clients nonstop. All proceeds from the sessions will go directly towards buying gifts and fulfilling the wish list for homeless children at the Wayne



Dowdell

County Family Center, and Trainer Rod plans to hand deliver gifts to as many

children as he can on Christmas day.

The Wayne County Family Center program matches needy families with "services, providing transitional shelter for homeless families." They welcome two-parent families, single mothers or fathers with children and pregnant women. They also offer assistance with services to help people

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You can participate in Trainer Rod's Extreme Train-A-Thon Fitness Challenge to benefit Wayne County Family Center by signing up for an hour-long training session between Dec. 9-16 for \$60. All proceeds will go toward buying holiday gifts for the kids at the center. Call Trainer Rod today at (248) 943-7179, or email him at trainerrod@corefitfitness.com to reserve your spot or a spot for someone else. Visit corefitfitness.com for more information.

after they leave the shelter.

Trainer Rod grew up in an environment where there were no positive associations with this time of the year and he did not receive anything for the holidays.

"This personal pain

and disconnection with the holidays is something that I do not want any child to have to experience," he said. "So I'm on a mission to change the lives of as many children and families as I can with the talents and skills I have developed as a personal trainer."

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Spartans look good with 3-0 hockey record

Stevenson trounces Churchill, remains on early-season tear

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's hockey team doesn't want to get ahead of itself, but the Spartans are looking very formidable during the early going of the 2012-13 season. That was no more evident than Wednesday night at Edgar Arena as Stevenson skated to an impressive 9-2 win over rival Livonia Churchill in a Kensington Conference crossover.

"It was a night where a lot of bounces went our way and a night where a lot of things went our way," said Stevenson coach David Mitchell, whose team is 3-0 overall and has outscored its first three opponents by an aggregate of 22-4. "It was a good night for us."

Junior forward Dominic Lutz enjoyed a five-point night with three goals and two assists. Junior linemate Tyler Irvine and senior forward Blake Battjes each added two goals and two assists.

Lutz scored just 16 seconds into the first period from Devin Kelly, who finished the game with two assists.

"We came with a lot of energy," said Mitchell, whose team led 3-0 after one period. "This is a group that has been working extremely hard. And so far, practices have been outstanding. Our work ethic in practice has carried over to the games and it's nice to see."

Freshman Ben Kowalske and

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STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Stevenson's Tyler Irvine (9) and Churchill's Tommy Carey (22) battle for possession of the puck in Wednesday's game at Edgar Arena.



PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
North Farmington-Harrison junior Stephen Coulter advances the puck as Farmington senior Marc Nahat gives chase.

Flyers zip past Falcons

North-Harrison dominates pre-Thanksgiving game

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

City rivals North Farmington-Harrison and Farmington have played some exciting, nailbiting hockey games in their annual Thanksgiving Eve series, but the 2012 event was not one of the classics.

In one of the more one-sided meetings, the unified Flyers outshot the Falcons, 48-17, and skated away with a 3-0 victory Wednesday night at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

"Our guys did a great job," North-Harrison coach Ken Anderson said. "We knew we had to move our feet constantly against these guys, and we were able to do it. We were able to control the play because of it."

Senior defenseman Reece Burnett figured in all three goals, assisting on the first by senior Eamon Devlin and scoring the last two with help from senior Eric Stanis and juniors Stephen Coulter and Kyle Witherspoon.

A scoreless first period was clean and even until the Falcons took the first penalty with 1:03 remaining. With 57 seconds left on the power play to start the second period, Devlin scored a half minute into it.



Senior Reece Burnett scored two goals and had one assist.

Farmington goalie John Lethemon left the goal crease to play the puck, but he didn't get a handle on it and it slid behind him. He couldn't recover in time to stop Devlin from tapping the puck into the open net.

"It's a tough goal to give up," Falcons coach Mark Vellucci said. "I know he feels bad about it, but those things happen. We have to keep his spirits up, because we're going to need

him for the long haul."

The Flyers (2-1) were on the power play again later in the second period when Burnett whipped a slapshot from the point that hit a player and bounced into the net to make it 2-0.

"He's our captain; he leads us on the ice and off the ice," Anderson said. "Tonight was a big game and he stepped up. He, Stanis, (senior TJ) Zak and Devlin needed to step up and they did it."

Early in the third period (13:31), Burnett took a centering feed from Stanis, quickly moved the puck to his right and slipped it behind Lethemon for the third goal.

He drew an unsportsmanlike penalty following the play and put Farmington (0-3) on the power play for the next minute. The Falcons took four more penalties and gave North-Harrison an almost continuous power play for the duration of the game. There was no more scoring, but the Flyers might've had twice as many goals as they did.

"I told my guys that," Anderson said. "We thought we outplayed them enough. But that's what happens in a rivalry game. You have to keep working hard,

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Naubert gets WHAC award

Madonna University junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball Player of the Week (ending Nov. 19) after averaging 29 points, 6.5 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 1.5 steals as the Crusaders went 1-1.

Naubert scored a career-high 31 points in a 100-81 setback Nov. 14 at Goshen (Ind.) College and followed with a 27-point, eight-rebound effort in a 75-61 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph Nov. 17 at home over No. 25-ranked Indiana Tech.

Kubicki, Boes finish season

Madonna University had two representatives in the NAIA Men's and Women's National Cross Country Championships Nov. 17 at the Fort Vancouver (Wash.) Historical Site.

Sophomore Bianca Kubicki (Canton), making her second straight appearance, finished 84th among 320 runners with a 5,000-meter time of 19 minutes, 17 seconds on a soggy course following two days of heavy rains. She was only three seconds off last year's time.

Meanwhile, MU senior Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn) made program history when he became the first Crusader to compete in the NAIA's finishing 115th among a field of 309 in 26:16 (8,000 meters). He broke the 8K school record twice this season.

Boes, majoring in social work, along with women's runner Kayla Daugherty (Brighton), a journalism and public relations major, were also named as 2012 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete team for carrying a 3.5, or better grade-point average.

Clinic topic is baseball

The Warriors Baseball Club of Michigan invites all school and summer baseball coaches to attend the first Metropolitan Detroit Baseball Coaches Clinic and Vendor Show at Farmington High School from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

The event will feature presentations by the head baseball coaches from several state universities.

More than 25 vendors also are expected to participate. The cost is \$50. Participants who pre-register will be eligible for numerous door prizes.

For additional information or to pre-register for the clinic, please contact the Warriors Baseball Club of Michigan at (248) 842-7044 or WarriorHQ@aol.com.

Wildcats rout rival Chiefs in 9-0 romp

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

At the annual "Toys for Tots" game hosted by Canton, it was the Plymouth Wildcats opening up a box — filled with goals.

Behind five power play goals, the Wildcats romped Wednesday night to a 9-0 victory in a KLAA South Division boys hockey game halted after two periods due to the eight-goal mercy rule. The game was played at Arctic Edge Arena.

"It's extremely discouraging," Canton coach Jeremy Majszak said. "You should step up for a game like this and we didn't."

He pointed to a lack of team play, particularly after the Wildcats

jumped in front at 4:04 of the first period on an even-strength goal by senior forward Jordan Lopetrone on assists from junior forward Conor Browne and senior defenseman Dean Gunther.

"We're just not playing with a lot of heart right now," Majszak said about his 0-2 team. "We're running around; that's all there is to it."

"We're not playing team hockey. That's what we play, that's what we stress every year and this group's just not getting it yet."

Lopetrone (two goals), Browne (two assists) and Gunther (two goals, two assists) were among seven Plymouth players to chalk up multiple points.

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Vying for the puck during Wednesday night's contest at Arctic Edge are Plymouth's Joe Burke (No. 19) and Canton's Matt Cox (No. 16).



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Chargers roast Monarchs in pre-holiday victory

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

The Crestwood/Garden City Unified hockey team's game Wednesday night against Allen Park Cabrini had all the ingredients of a Thanksgiving leftovers sandwich for the Chargers.

The middle period was a turkey, but the first and third were as sweet as corn bread.

After bolting to a 4-0 advantage after the opening 17 minutes, the Chargers overcame a Monarch surge to ultimately knock the stuffing out of their hosts, 8-3.

The first-year contingent improved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the Southeastern Hockey League's Gold Division. Cabrini slipped to 0-2 and 0-1, respectively.

Despite the one-sided final result, the Chargers' performance gave head coach Steve Popp a slight case of indigestion.

"Even though we got off to a quick start, and it looked good on the score-



PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT

Crestwood/Garden City Unified defenseman Jimmy Stevenson clears the puck during the second period of Wednesday night's 8-3 victory over Allen Park Cabrini.

board, I thought we struggled," Popp said. "I didn't think we played well at all as a team. Talent-wise, we're much more advanced than (Cabrini), but we didn't play like it.

"We weathered the storm, though, and did enough at the end to win. Since it was the first league game for us, it was an important win."

The Chargers' first two goals were delivered by Garden City students Johnny Segasser, a sophomore forward who one-timed the puck in the net from the door step just 68 seconds into the contest, and Scott Bleim, who flipped home a rebound four minutes later after Matt Sandburg's shot was stopped by Cabrini fresh-



Crestwood/Garden City Unified forward Johnny Segasser stretches for the puck during the second period of Wednesday night's 8-3 victory over Allen Park Cabrini.

man goalie Justin Varhol.

Crestwood/GC upped its lead to 4-0 thanks to goals from Jacob Noel (from Corey Hahn) and Justin Sims (from Matt Kirunchyk and Segasser), but the hosts stormed back with two quick goals from Alis Solis and Sheldon Varhol early in the second period — forcing Popp to call a tempo-changing timeout.

"I told them they needed to pick up the intensity," Popp said, recounting his message during the time-

out. "We were hesitant going into the corners for the puck. We needed to step it up, and to the guys' credit, we did."

Chargers goalie Chris Greco — who turned in a spectacular effort — stemmed the Monarchs' momentum midway through the second period with back-to-back stellar saves within a 20-second span.

Crestwood/GC expanded its advantage to 5-2 with 13:31 left in the game, when Kirunchyk

tipped in Steve Bennett's initial effort.

The Monarchs drew to within 5-3 with 11:47 left when Christopher Sukel ripped a shot through Greco's five-hole, but the Chargers turned on the after-burners down the stretch, scoring on goals by Bennett, Bleim and Joey Testane.

"I thought Steve Bennett played really well on defense for us," Popp said. "And Johnny Segasser was tough all the way around."

Pats notch first win of the season vs. Kettering

Seniors Elijah Grimm and Adam Stadler each had four-point nights to lead Livonia Franklin to a 6-2 boys hockey win Wednesday over visiting Waterford Kettering in a game played at Edgar Arena.

Grimm finished with a hat trick and one assist, while Stadler assisted on four goals as the Patriots, who unloaded for 39 shots on goal, evened their record at 1-1 overall.

Senior captain Mike Diaz scored the first two goals as the Patriots led 2-0 after one period.

Sophomore Justin Makowski also added a goal for the Patriots, while Corey Ferrer chipped in with three assists and Josh Dudek finished with one.

Franklin sophomore goaltender Matt Monondo stopped 13-of-15 shots.

Kettering (0-3) got second-period goals from Kyle Soncrainte and Christian Ketterben, but still trailed 5-2.

"It was great to get our first win, but I understand Kettering was short-handed and missing some key players," Frank-

lin first-year coach Dennis Gagnon said. "I was proud of the effort. We've got a lot of learn, but we're excited to move forward."

STEVENSON 6, G.P. SOUTH 1: Junior Dominic Lutz and senior Travis Harvey each tallied a pair of goals Friday as Livonia Stevenson (4-0) downed Grosse Pointe South (1-2) in the first round of the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Thanksgiving Tournament.

One of Lutz's goals was short-handed. He also drew an assist as Stevenson outshot the Blue Dev-

ils, 38-19.

Austin Stevens and Tyler Irvine had the other goals for the Spartans, who led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 after 34 minutes.

Andrew Bigham scored in the final period for South to spoil the shutout bid by Stevenson senior goalie Connor Humitz, who made 18 saves.

The Spartans will face the host Cranes, a 3-1 winner Friday over Grosse Pointe North, in the title game beginning at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Cranbrook.

NOVI 3, SALEM 2: The visiting Rocks (0-1, 0-1) fell short in a comeback

bid Wednesday night at Novi (1-2, 1-0) in the KLA Central Division opener for both teams.

Novi led 2-0 after one period and 2-1 after two, following Salem's goal by first-year sophomore Noah Willer (assisted by Justin Katulski and Colin Pietron).

Willer collected a stretch pass up the middle and broke in on Novi goalkeeper Pat Carney for the marker.

In the third, the Rocks scored on a power play goal by first-year sophomore Noah Saad (from Alek Zultowski and Jake Sealy).

Salem peppered Car-

ney trying for the equalizer but could not convert. The goalie stopped 28-of-30 shots.

"While we are not happy with the end result, we played a solid game and controlled the game for long stretches," Salem head coach Ryan Ossensmacher said.

CHELSEA 7, CANTON 2: On Nov. 16, the visiting Chiefs were defeated in their regular season opener.

Scoring single goals for Canton were Brad Ceci and Christian Flack.

Jacob Dugan and Justin Kolbicz divided the goal-keeping duties.

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Area women will try to win another title for Lakers

Grand Valley to play UC San Diego in NCAA soccer semi

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Forgive Alyssa Mira for being a little greedy. The senior midfielder for Grand Valley State University women's soccer team has played on two NCAA Division II national championship teams and is going for number three when the 20-1-3 Lakers travel Thursday to Evans, Ga., to face UC San Diego in the semifinals.

The Livonia Churchill grad also has company when it comes to national titles in Kayla Kimble, a junior defender from Livonia Stevenson who was a member of last year's national runner-up squad and the 2010 championship team as a freshman.

Mira, the team leader in assists (9), never lost a match on her home field during her four-year career as the Lakers are 49-0-3, a streak which currently ranks second all-time among NCAA Division II women's soccer teams.

That, however, appeared to be in jeopardy last week when Grand Valley needed two overtimes and a shootout following a 2-2 draw with Minnesota State in a national quarterfinal.

The Lakers, who squandered a 2-0 lead during the last 10 minutes of regulation, won 5-4 on penalty kicks to stay alive in

the tournament.

"That was probably one of the most emotional games I've ever played," said Mira, who logged all 110 minutes. "When we gave up two goals at the end I still had complete faith that we could still pull it off. When we went to the shootout, I said, 'This is it, this is the last game on this field.' I had confidence in our shooters and our goalie. I was so happy I won that last game on that field."

Ironically, it was a little used freshman from Livonia Ladywood who factored heavily in the final outcome.

Kelly Capoccia, a native of Farmington Hills who appeared in just 11 games and has seen only 128 minutes action all season, came in cold off the bench score in the sixth round of the shootout, which ultimately set up Taylor Callen's game-winning PK to make it 5-4. "We've been taking penalty kicks every single practice," Capoccia said. "I didn't know until five minutes before the second overtime was over. I was pretty shocked. That was my first one. I was nervous, but I just knew needed to stay calm, relaxed and composed. I put it in the lower right side of the net."

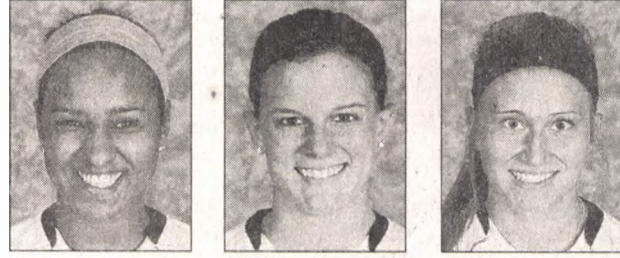
And Mira was one of the first to congratulate her. "I told Kelly after the

game of how proud I was of her," the senior physical therapy major said. "It's not about minutes for her. She was able to sit through that whole game and still have the composure to bury a PK at the end when the team needed her."

Mira recently earned her second straight All-Region nod, while helping GVSU record 18 shutouts. She was also named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2011, while also earning a spot on the Daktronics All-America third-team.

"She's (Mira) been a great example of somebody who puts everything she has into it as a student and an athlete balancing that with the same amount of energy, success and care," Grand Valley coach Dave DiIanni said. "She's kind of a lead by example, not by voice kind of girl. But she's learned that there are times when she has to speak up because they have so much respect for her."

"She's putting everything into her senior year and tried to stretch outside her normal comfort zone. She's been wonderful. She's played three different positions for us, all because we needed that from her and she's been successful in all those positions. You couldn't ask for a more



Kayla Kimble Alyssa Mira Kelly Capoccia

consummate teammate."

After winning its eighth straight GLIAC crown, Grand Valley ousted University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 2-0, and Rockhurst (Mo.), 3-1, to reach the Elite Eight.

Kimble has started 15 of 17 Lakers' games this season and played all 110 minutes in the victory over Minnesota State.

Like Mira, Kimble earned both All-GLIAC and All-Midwest Region honors this season.

"I think that we've gotten better as the season has gone on," Kimble said. "We're growing together as a team. It just shows that on Sunday, the harder we worked, the better the outcome. I think we're growing has a team and working good, so hopefully we'll pull together for the national championship."

Despite playing in 21 games, Kimble was plagued during her freshman year with Compartment syndrome, which required postseason surgery.

This season she's battled dislocated tendons in her ankles, which will also require postseason

surgery.

"She's (Kimble) has been a little banged up in her career, but when healthy she's been an exceptional player for us primarily at center back," DiIanni said. "She's very tactical and has a very high soccer I.Q. I think some of that comes from playing for her dad (Jim), who was a soccer coach as well (with the Livonia Hawks and Stevenson) a long time."

"She's starting to learn not only to lead by example, but also by voice. Because of the nature of the position, we've three great center-backs that have come through that program and now she has an opportunity to add to that list. She's been a wonderful addition after being injured."

Meanwhile, DiIanni said he wasn't afraid to throw Capoccia into the fire at critical time.

"Not everybody has that comfort level to be able to handle that pressure," the 10th-year Grand Valley coach said. "We asked her and she said she wanted to be part of it and give her the opportunity 10 minutes to warm up after the (sec-

ond) overtime was over.

"Obviously give credit to one of her club coaches Eric Scott, who is a Livonia guy and done a great job with her mentally, in terms of being mentally strong and giving her the nuances of the game of soccer. She has a high soccer I.Q., so I give her confidence doing that. She's not afraid of the moment and that's a lot of respect she garnered from her teammates."

Kimble also admired Capoccia's mental toughness.

"That was really great for her to come in and kick one for the team," the junior business and marketing major said. "I was the next one to shoot, so I was a little nervous."

Capoccia, a former All-Stater from Ladywood, has remained patient throughout the process.

"It's been kind of up-and-down," the freshman business major said. "I've learned a lot throughout the whole first season. I came in with high expectations."

As far Mira, she likes the team's chemistry heading into the Final Four.

"We all work for each other," she said. "We all know what the main goal is. As much as it's about the team and stuff, we have everyone working to keep our senior class going. We've had set goals from the beginning of the season and we've knocked off every one of them. To win a national championship is our last one."

FLYERS

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which we did, and we came out on top.

"The team play was there. Everyone worked

together. We worked hard in the defensive zone and moved out from there into the offensive zone. We created chances together, and it was a nice team victory."

North-Harrison senior goalie Hunter Myers got

the shutout. He was tested by Farmington's Nick Gensheimer, Nick Hefron and others, but not near as much as Lethe-mon was by the Flyers.

Vellucci said the Falcons will go back to the draw-

ing board and, hopefully, have a different outcome when the teams play again on Saturday, Dec. 22.

"I think we'll be a better team by then," he said. "We had a big crowd tonight, and it was just a little disappointing. We had 12 returning guys, and I thought that experience would have factored in.

"We told the guys, 'We need to look in the mirror and regroup. We have to keep going back to the basics and fundamentals.' One of the boys said, 'Coach, we're not executing.' Executing means passing, shooting, skating, and we're just not doing that on all cylinders right now."

"We changed the lines

around a little to try to get a different look. With (Cooper) McLean, Hefron and Gensheimer out there, they had a bunch of chances. We had a couple breakaways and didn't get a shot off. That's the way it went tonight. We didn't get the breaks, and we didn't make the breaks either."

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Seasonal tradition

Couple decorates, bakes for Christmas House Walk

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Every ornament, every Christmas heirloom, every handmade keepsake in Mike and Jane Cuba's house tells a story.

From the early 19th-century New Year postcards that Jane inherited from her grandmother, to the handmade clothespin figures hanging on the hibiscus plant, the cherished family treasures all commemorate events, individuals and places close to their hearts.

"I could give you stories about everything in the house," said Jane, a retired teacher who taught second grade in Southfield.

"She's got an ornament that's a piece of cardboard with a rubber band on the back," added Mike, a retired Detroit high school chemistry teacher. "We hang that sucker up every year."

The simple cardboard



Homemade ornaments from a friend refer to their major addition built on their home. Jane Cuba holds the roll of blueprints and Mike Cuba holds a tumbling stack of bricks.

creation — a gift from a second grader long ago — and dozens of other ornaments will hang from the branches of a freshly-cut Christmas tree in the couple's family room when guests visit during the 24th annual Livonia Christmas House Walk, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

The Cuba residence is one of five houses that will be decorated for the holidays and open to ticket-holders. Jane likes to keep the decorations simple

and traditional in the 1938 colonial. Roping of artificial greens with lights and bows adorn the stairway bannister, a mirror and other locations throughout the first floor. Antique postcards that were sent to Jane's grandmother from 1908-1903, along with Santa figures and stockings decorate the fireplace mantel. Holiday art hangs on the walls and Christmas cactus blooms in a sun room.

"If people are coming for cutting edge ideas, this is



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Mike and Jane Cuba, reflected in the hallway mirror. Jane places fresh greens arrangements, like the one on the table, throughout the house during the Christmas season.

the wrong house," Jane noted. "It's very traditional. There will be fresh greens, picked from the backyard. I'll have out 10 arrangements. I'll have poinsettias."

Tasty twist

When she agreed to par-

ticipate in the Christmas Walk, Jane told its organizers that the couple would decorate the house as they normally do for Christmas. "Nothing more. Nothing else."

But because they participated in the 2007 Walk, just

five years ago, the couple wanted to add a new, special twist — without going overboard on decorations. "To make it a little different for people who have been here, we and some

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Jane Cuba knits Christmas presents at the kitchen table.

Furnace requirements could be costly

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

er was perfected to withstand some longevity.

I would like to know how many organizations there are that control and set policies on energy consumption in this country. I think every person should be singled out and how much money directed to each specific group should be identified.

I want to know because I'm tired of not knowing who is responsible for the thousands of dollars that cost Americans right out of their pockets for the new ideas that come out of Washington. Who is it that has the right to dictate to homeowners that you can no longer purchase an 80 percent furnace and must install the 90 percent-plus as a replacement? Under mandate of law, the heating company of your choice will no longer be able to sell them. Many consumers will be shocked at the increase in price for having a new furnace installed.

This law goes into effect in the early months of 2013 and it reminds me of when the Energy Department got involved with the toilet issue that turned out to be one big mess. Don't get me wrong, I believe in saving the planet, recycling and all the other things that can be called normal, but I'm strictly against the rip-offs that get mixed into the methods of getting things done. Let me give you just a few examples of how change which caused some very adverse expense results.

In 1982 the manufacturers of gas ranges had to change the method of ignition on their stoves. They had to go from a pilot light to an electronic ignition system. The old system worked great but it wasted gas which we had plenty of and still have an abundance to feed us for the next 200 years. This move had to cost the manufacturers many millions of dollars in new design. It didn't take very long for them to get a return on investment. The igniters were just a pure piece of junk back then and many range owners had to buy a new one every year at a cost of near \$100. It was several years before the ignit-

Furnace changes

The same picture is true of furnaces. Most people who purchased a new furnace 20 years ago with the new ignition system had to replace several igniters during the first few years of operation. I know, I've replaced five of them in my furnace, which is still operating like a champ. But now comes the big decision I have to make along with several million other homeowners. I simply don't want to replace my furnace at this time. My old one works great and I might get another 10 years out of it. If I do decide to replace it now, I don't want one of the higher efficiency units. I don't believe that the extra expense of installation and extra cost is feasible to recover in my remaining years. It just doesn't work for me and I'm not alone.

To sum it up, I either purchase an 80 percent furnace now or I wait until my current one goes bad down the road and I buy what is available and the 90 percent furnace is shoved down my throat.

Costly changes

Now let's say that I am really concerned about energy savings and have the new energy-saving furnace installed now. I figure that I might save a lot of money compared to what it will cost me a few years from now. Keep in mind that it is not just the extra cost for the product but the additional amount of money I'm going to spend to have holes drilled through the side of my house for the new venting requirements on this new furnace. Thank God I don't live in the center unit of a condominium or I'd be spending more for venting than I would for the furnace. I think I spent \$1,400 for a furnace 17 years ago and today it would cost around \$3,000. I expect that next year it would cost around \$5,000 and who knows what the price will be in the next few years.

I would like to know who the people are that have never held a screwdriver and make these decisions for me. 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.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

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friends will be baking cookies non-stop," Jane said.

Visitors will get a chance to taste a cookie or two as they walk through the kitchen, which was part of a major addition, along with a family room and master bedroom suite in 2006.

The Cubas will use recipes from the new Angela Hospice cookbook, *Where the Butter Flies*, which Mike compiled for the organization. (See the Thursday, Nov. 29 food page in the *Observer* for recipes and a story about the book).

Volunteering together

Both Mike and Jane are long-time volunteers for Angela Hospice. She knits lap blankets and visits with patients in their homes. He crochets lap blankets and pitches in with cooking and special projects, such as the cookbook.

Jane began volunteering for Angela Hospice 18 years ago, after her father died.

"They were there for my family," she said. "I said, 'I'll do it (volunteer) for a year, give back. Well, 18 years later...'"

Angela Hospice cookbooks will be available for purchase at their home during the Christmas Walk.

Although only the main floor will be decorated for Christmas, visitors will be allowed to see the upstairs master bedroom, which was part of the 2006 addition, and check out Mike's basement-level "man cave," where he builds the model airplanes that he flies with Detroit Aero Modelers.

Along with the wood skeleton of an airplane that's under construction, visitors may notice a "magic mirror," a dove on a string and a sign for "Ruby's Place" in Mike's work room. All are props that have been used by Spotlight on Youth, Spotlight Players or Still Got It



Mrs. Brown sits on a holiday table runner in Mike and Jane Cuba's family room.

24TH ANNUAL LIVONIA CHRISTMAS HOUSE WALK

What: Presented by the Friends of Greenmead to benefit Greenmead Historical Park

When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

Details: Walk through five private homes, all decorated for the holidays, in Livonia. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served on event day at the Quaker House at Greenmead

Admission: Tickets are \$9 before the walk and \$10 the day of the walk. Buy tickets at all three Livonia libraries, at the Quaker House at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile, and weekdays at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

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Players in Canton.

"I like building. I build plastic models. I build wood models. If someone says 'I need a left-handed framitz for a play, I'll try to come up with something,'" he said.

Both he and Jane are active in Spotlight Players. Mike, who regularly acts, directs and helps backstage, will direct dinner theater, *The Reunion at Hippie High*, in early

2013. Jane also acts and helps behind the scenes.

Look for handmade Christmas ornaments on their tree that commemorate Mike's role as Scrooge and their many years as "big head" and character marchers in the America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

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Best of Show



Allen Brooks, a photographer from Livonia, recently won the top award at the Pontiac Creative Arts Center Photography Exhibition. The piece, "Waiting for Moses," will be on display through Jan. 10, 2013 at the Center, 47 Williams, Pontiac.



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Ron Bucker (left) of Sterling Heights is Sunshine (left) and O.K. Ron Kwiatkowski of Plymouth is O.K.

Hob Nobble Gobble draws together parade supporters for fun

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

There was quite a festive, colorful group gathered at the 50-yard line at Ford Field Friday, Nov. 16. There was just one Detroit Lion — Roary the Mascot — but hundreds of children, several Compuware Elves, unicorns, marching bands, dancers and a whole lot of clownin' goin' on. The 23rd Annual Hob Nobble Gobble brought nearly 2,000 supporters to the "D." The event, along with the Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) and the Big Heads Corps, help raise needed funds to produce America's Thanksgiving Parade which just celebrated its 86th year Thursday, Nov. 22.

"The Parade is integral to our city and brings tremendous goodwill," said Eric Larson, incoming chair for the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation, and a Bloomfield Hills resident. "Continuing the cycle is so important for our legacy."

Larson ought to know. His kids are third-generation Distinguished Clowns. Following in the clown-shoes of his parents, Larson has been a member of the Distinguished Clown Corps for 15 years. This Thanksgiving parade marked the first year that Larson's wife, Kathy, and their daughter Makenzie planned to be Clowns together. Their daughter, Paige, celebrated her third year in the Parade.



Christina Brenner (left) of Westland is an instructor at Tina Marie School of Dance. Two of her dancers, Caitlin Kurmas of Shelby and Alix Deloof of Warren, performed at the Hob Nobble Gobble and on the Art Van float at the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

For consideration of coverage in this column, please send event happenings, including invitations and press kits, to Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 371 Greenwood, Birmingham, MI 48009. Contact her at jyolles@comcast.net or (248) 642-9465.

Shop crafts at museum, with dog rescue coming weekend as yule nears

Mark your calendars for the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual juried Craft Bazaar and Open House on Saturday, Dec. 1, and Better Life Canine Center's Santa Paws Winter Bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 2.

The Museum craft show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. is free and open to the public. It will feature crafts, such as knit, ceramic, jewelry, and recycled art. Santa will be on hand during the event and visitors may explore the Museum's special exhibit for free that day.

A bake sale also is planned in conjunction with the craft show. The Museum needs donations of baked goods, including cookies, cakes, candy, breads, pies, sweet rolls and bars. Cookies and bars should be bundled in packages of

6 or 12. Label treats and drop off the goodies at the Museum kitchen from 1-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Questions? Call Heidi Nielson at (734) 455-8940.

The Santa Paws event will run 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2 at Healthy Paws Veterinary Medical Center, 38150 Ford Road, Westland.

Vendors will sell handmade ornaments, jewelry, knitted items, dog collars, hair bows and more.

The event will include a refreshment stand, "Smooch a Pooch Booth," Photos with Santa for kids and dogs and raffles.

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METROPARK CALENDAR

General: 2011 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$5.

Kensington

Note: For information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Nature Center

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GARDEN & NATURE

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Greens sale

The Dearborn Heights Garden Club will sell fresh wreaths, swags, centerpieces, wreath stands, hanging baskets, baked goods and more, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 6-7, at the Canfield Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford Road, Dearborn Heights. The annual fundraiser benefits scholarships for students who plan to study horticulture-related subjects in college. For more information, call Robert Cairns at (313) 278-2337.

Hill and Dale Garden Club

Sally Oullette will guide participants in making their own wreath centerpiece, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Spicer House, located in Heritage Park, off Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Visit hillanddalegc.org for more information.

Plymouth Nursery

Santa will be on hand 10 a.m.-2 p.m. weekends through Dec. 9 at Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Customers can pose for a free photo with Santa, visit a petting farm, campfire and enjoy refreshments. A percentage of proceeds from the sale of fresh-cut trees and wreaths will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation.

Girls Night Out will run 6-8 p.m. Nov. 30. The first 50 women will receive a free goody bag. The event will include vendors, door prizes, sales and fun. Call (734) 453-5500 for more information.

English Gardens

The store is accepting donations to provide fresh-cut Christmas trees to U.S. troops and military families. For each \$30 donation, English Gardens will give one tree to a military base in the US or overseas.

A fundraiser for THAW, the Heat & Warmth Fund, will run 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Royal Oak store and will include demonstrations in LED holiday lighting, decorating tips, visits with Santa, family and pet photos with Santa, live music, pizza, hot chocolate and cookies. Tickets are \$15 per family (maximum six individuals) in advance and \$20 at the door. Each family will receive a \$10 English Gardens coupon. All ticket sale proceeds will benefit THAW. Get tickets in advance at www.englishgardens.com.

Make a Christmas floral arrangement at a "Make It and Take It Workshop" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at stores in Dearborn Heights, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

Tell us about your Christmas traditions

Got a favorite Christmas tradition? Maybe it's an annual caroling party or ethnic-inspired Christmas Eve supper, ornament-making with the kids or a cookie exchange with the neighbors. Perhaps you assist at a soup kitchen on Christmas day or volunteer at an animal shelter, head north to hit the slopes or south to bask in the sun. Whatever your holiday tradition is, we'd love to find out more.

Send us a few paragraphs about your Christmas tradition — include a photo if you'd like — and tell us why it's a mainstay in your holiday celebrating. We'll share it with readers in an upcoming *Observer* edition.

Include your name, phone number, e-mail, and city of residence. E-mailed photos should be jpg attachments. E-mail to Sharon Dargay by Friday, Dec. 14, at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Or mail them to her at 615 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226.

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FIBROMYALGIA IN FALL

Lupus worsens in the summer and improves in the winter; psoriatic arthritis does the opposite.

Fibromyalgia also changes with the seasons. Fibromyalgia flares in the transition from winter to spring and it expresses the same feature in the change from summer to fall. What is unusual is that the change from fall to winter does not cause a similar flare in joint and muscle pain.

It is important for people with fibromyalgia to understand that weather change that others consider fine is likely a bad turn of events for them. That others are looking forward to the morning, when the person with fibromyalgia feels dread, make someone with fibromyalgia feel only more alienated from friends and family.

Furthermore, the worsening of pain brings up the question for more medication or raises the issue that the current regimen of medication and exercise is inadequate.

However, physicians know from experience that the worsening is temporary; the end is in sight even when the greater pain comes on. The best medical advice the patient receives is to wait out the present flare.

Why the change in seasons exerts a bad effect in fibromyalgia is unclear. Going from warm weather of summer to the cool of autumn could make it more difficult for muscles to lose their stiffness. But the transition from autumn to winter does not yield the same result. Why the change from winter's cold to spring's warmth causes a problem has no explanation.

What patients with fibromyalgia should remember is to brace themselves for a temporary worsening in fall, but realize it will pass.

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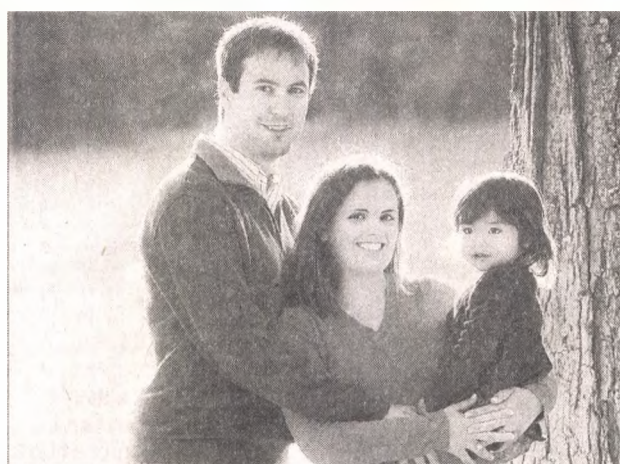


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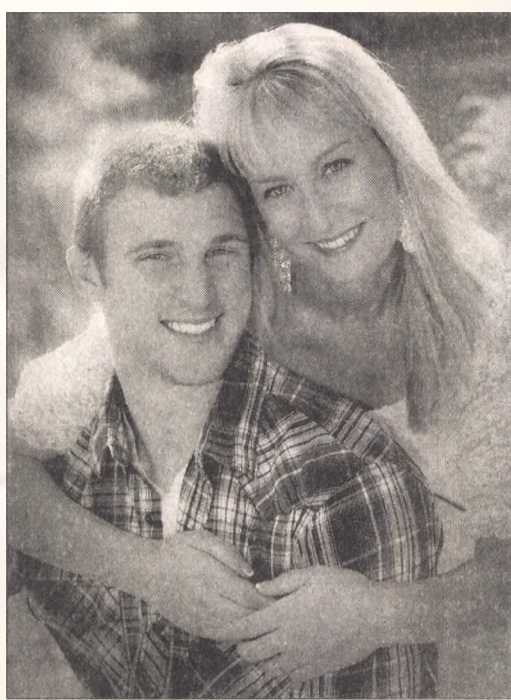


Michael Symanow, Melissa King, and their daughter, Elizabeth King

King-Symanow

Melissa Ashley King and Michael Charles Symanow announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Duane David King of Westland and Heidi Lynn Taylor of Ypsilanti, is a legal assistant at West & Hurley Attorneys and Counselors at Law, in Springboro, Ohio.

Milestones



Hamilton-Boyko

Kayla Ann Hamilton and N. Andrew Boyko announce their engagement. The couple met during their first year at Cornerstone University. The bride-to-be, daughter of Orville and Pamela Hamilton of Decatur, graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science.

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Age 87, of Livonia. November 2, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie. Loving father of Melvin H (Mary Lu), Frank (Janette) & Paul (Judy). Dear grandfather of Stephen, Mark, Jennifer & Ryan.

KIELING, PATRICIA

A long-time resident of Livonia died on November 15, 2012 at the age of 46. Patti is the loving wife of Max and the beloved mother of Melani Elizabeth, Mikala Elayne and Madilynn Emma. She is also survived by her parents Donald and Emma.



STREET, FLETCHER D., Jr.

Born June 26, 1908, died November 16, 2012, age 104. Formerly of Philadelphia. A graduate of Philadelphia Textile College and employee of Collins & Aikman for 24 years.

DEO, THELLEN

Born June 1, 1923. 89 years old, passed away at Garden City Hospital on October 26, 2012. Preceded in death by husband, Edwin Deo, a builder in the City of Wayne.



DICKS, PAUL M.

62 of Farmington Hills. November 20, 2012. Paul was survived by his beloved daughter, Melany (Wallie) Newsted; his cherished grandchildren, Carlos, Madison, Rodney and Joseph; his father, Richard (Lillian); his siblings, Leonard (Clare) Dicks and Lorie Tackett; and many loving nieces and nephews.

McKEEHAN, LOWELL G.

Age 84, of Livonia, passed away November 19th, 2012. Born Feb. 13th, 1928, in Rockholds, Whitley County, KY. Husband of Mary M. McKeehan, beloved father of Brenda (Harold) Todd, Donald McKeehan, Dennis (Donna) McKeehan, and was predeceased by youngest son Raymond "Ray" McKeehan in 2004.



WERTH, PHYLLIS A.,

November 22, 2012 age 54 lost her seven year battle to colon cancer. Loving care giver to her brother Christopher. Loving sister to Susan (Norma), Pauline Bedwell (David), Paul Jr. John (Nancy), Jerry (Tammy). Loving Aunt to David Bedwell (April), Meagan, Samantha, Jessica, Ashley Bedwell, Tyler, Brandon, Kaitlyn and Paul III.

DIVEN, JEAN D.

Age 90, passed away November 22, 2012 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 18, 1922 in Flint, daughter of the late Ernest and Mary Potter. Prior to moving to South Lyon in 1990, Jean resided in Redford Township for many years.

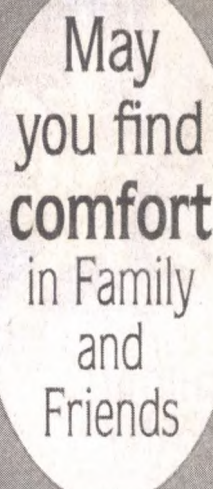
DOMINICK, JOSEPHINE

Age 88, November 18, 2012. Beloved mother of Patricia (Bill) Jordan, Marlene (Bob) Smith, Sandy (Dave) Woodruff, Kathy (Steve) Kent, and Cheryl Roberts. Loving Grandmother of 10 and great grandmother of 11.



WILKIE, DAVID SEATTER

Age 66, November 18, 2012. Beloved husband of Linda. Loving father of David (Amy Jo) and Michael (Julie). Dear grandfather of Jacob, Nicholas, Jessica, Wyatt and future granddaughter Libby Lou. Dear brother of Leonard (Maureen) and Irene (Donald) McDougall.



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LOU ANN (GISNER) BOUCHIE

Daughter of Oscar and Marie Gisner. Born on July 6, 1937 and passed away on August 10, 2012 in her home on Pine Island Cove, St. James City, Florida.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

November

CONCERT: Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25 Location: Zion Lutheran Church, located at Woodward Ave., and Albany, south of Nine Mile, in Ferndale Details: Twelfth Night Singers, an a cappella choral group, will present its Christmas concert.

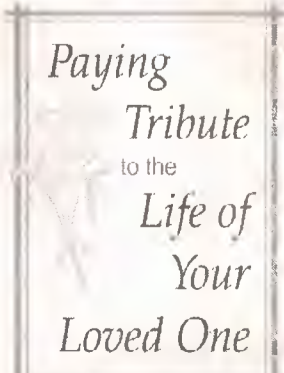
December

ADVENT SERVICES Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 Location: Lofa Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: The meditation theme is the beginning of the Gospel of St. Matthew, St. Luke and Revelation Contact: (734) 968-3523

GRIEF SUPPORT Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3 Location: Room C-319 of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, just west of Haggerty, in Northville; park in the "C" parking lot Details: "Hope for the Holidays" seminar is for adults who are grieving and for those who would like to help them. The seminar will include a "Time of Remembrance" candle lighting ceremony Contact: New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491 New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays. Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615



With bells on

Ladywood students run, walk for Arthritis Foundation

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Ladywood High School students will be out in force Saturday, Dec. 1 for the Arthritis Foundation's annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis in Northville.

"It's a holiday tradition at our school," said Tracey Mocon, principal. "When you're walking, everywhere you look there's a Ladywood. They are out there raising awareness for a great cause."

Mocon, a 1993 Ladywood graduate, recruited students for a run/walk team eight years ago, when she was an English teacher at the school. Both of her parents have arthritis. Her mother has rheumatoid arthritis and her father suffers from osteoarthritis.

"We had a smaller group that first year — 40-45. But it has become a tradition and we've just continued to grow. These are wonderful young ladies. They really care, they give back and they live out the Felician core values," she said.

Ladywood is an all-girl, Catholic college-preparatory high school in Livonia,



Ladywood team members include Tracey Mocon, (left, back row), the school's principal, and Sabine Hutter, a junior, Brigid Jacob, (left front row) a junior, and Sarah Wojnarowski, a senior.

founded by the Felician Sisters. The Jingle Bell Run/Walk is just one of a myriad ways that Ladywood students, following the Felician tradition of Christian service, give back to the community.

Parents, friends and family join the student walkers and runners, making the Ladywood team the biggest and most supportive contingent in the Northville event. The group has raised approximately \$4,500 annually and often draws more than 100 participants.

Festive event

Students wear their Ladywood T-shirts, varsity jackets and sweat-shirts and sometimes dress in holiday costume as Santas, elves and gift boxes, for the event.

JINGLE BELL RUN/WALK

What: A festive 5k run or walk to raise funds for the Arthritis Foundation and awareness of arthritis

When: 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

Where: Northville Downs Race Track, 301 S. Center, Northville

Details: Early registration is \$30. It's \$35 the day of the event

Contact: Download a registration form from www.arthritis.org and click on the Northville walk

Everyone dons jingle bells.

Brigid Jacob, 16, of Livonia, wore jingle bells around her ankles and dressed in layers for her first Jingle Bell walk/run last year. The Ladywood junior said she "ended up loving" the event and now helps recruit other students to participate.

"It's a great cause and it's fun to have everyone

together and just hanging out," she said. "I feel like everyone is more aware now. You see people come together and you see how many people are affected by it (arthritis)."

No cure

According to the Arthritis Foundation, the disease is the leading cause of disability in the United States, striking one in

five adults. In Michigan, it affects more than 2.5 million adults and 10,300 children.

Osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis, is a progressive degenerative joint disease characterized by the breakdown of joint cartilage. Risk factors include being overweight, having a history of joint injury and age. It affects nearly 27 million Americans, most over the age of 45.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a systemic disease characterized by the inflammation of the membrane lining the joint, which causes pain, stiffness, warmth, swelling and sometimes severe joint damage. It also causes inflammation throughout the body and affects the heart and other organs. An estimated 1.5 million individuals have rheumatoid arthritis in the United States.

Arthritis consists of more than 100 different diseases or conditions that destroy joints, bones, muscles, cartilage and other connective tissues, making physical movement painful and difficult. There is no cure.

Mocon said her parents feel the painful symptoms of the disease "every day."

"But if you didn't know them, you'd never know it because they continue living life and they are very active," Mocon said. "They have a very positive outlook."

She said her parents also draw inspiration from the Ladywood Jingle Bell team.

To participate in a Jingle Bell walk, Dec. 1 in Northville or Dec. 15 in Bloomfield Hills, visit www.arthritis.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

November

ALZHEIMER'S AND ZUMBA

In observance of National Alzheimer's Month, Lenore Wengert will sponsor a ZUMBA event, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, at World of Pole, 32669 Warren Road, Suite 6, Garden City, to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. The cost is \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door. For more information contact Wengert at (734) 765-5448 or Patty at the World of Pole at (734) 306-0909.

LUPUS SUPPORT

The Lupus Alliance of Michigan will hold a support group meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Meetings are free and designed to assist people with lupus and their family and friends to get connected with one another, and to get a better understanding of this disease and how to fight it. For more information visit www.milupus.org, or call (800) 705-6677.

December

NEUROPATHY SUPPORT

The Southeast Michigan Neuropathy Support Group's next meeting is 7 p.m. Dec. 18, at the Civic Park Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. The group meets the third Tuesday of the month. The group is aimed at individuals with any kind of neuropathy. Questions? Call Len McCulloch at (248) 474-2763 ext 22.

THYROID CANCER

Thyroid Cancer Support meets monthly and is free for all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family and friends. Its next meeting is 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy. For more information, contact Gwynne at (248) 515-0348. Or visit Thyca.org

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In some cases, a pressing need for a paycheck may outweigh any potential drawbacks to a new role, especially given the uncertain economy and rising prices for gas and food. But if you are in a position to be selective, you must consider every angle before rushing to accept a prospective employer's offer. After all, a new full-time job usually isn't a short-term affair. Following are some guidelines to help you determine whether to accept a job offer or wait for a better opportunity:

Scrutinize the job description

Carefully reviewing the job requirements, key tasks and responsibilities, as well as whom you will report to, may be the single most important step in assessing an offer from a potential employer. Ask yourself these questions:

- Will you enjoy the day-to-day duties of the position?
- Will you be challenged?

• Is the level of responsibility appropriate considering your experience?

• Are you willing to make any required lifestyle changes (e.g., travel, longer commute, rigid work hours) that may affect your quality of life?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, accepting the position might not be in your best interest. While some negative factors can be overlooked — a slightly lower starting salary than you prefer, for instance — fundamental problems with the job itself are a definite deal-breaker.

Evaluate the company

The work environment affects how you feel on a daily basis, so make sure it's one you feel comfortable in. If, for example, you strongly prefer a conservative corporate culture with set hours and established processes, you probably won't be happy in an informal atmosphere with a "fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants" business approach.

Also consider the work styles of your future boss and co-workers. If you sense that you and your potential colleagues have conflicting styles or personalities, tread carefully. While differences in character and opinion can result in better group dynamics, frequent disagreements often lead to unproductive and unhappy work teams.



Review the compensation package

How does the salary compare to what you made in your last position or what others in your specialty and with the same skills earn? Take a look at the benefits package, too. How generous are the perks? Keep in mind that attractive benefits can sometimes outweigh sub-par compensation.

Or perhaps you're offered a job that requires you to work long hours but offers the option to telecommute. Being able to work from home several days a week may give you the time you need to attend to personal obligations and compensate for the rigid work schedule. Additionally, if an offer meets most of your requirements but doesn't include a benefit that's

important to you — such as tuition reimbursement for a professional certification you seek — it doesn't hurt to ask if that perk can be included in your employment agreement.

Ask about opportunities for growth

There's nothing worse for your career than getting stuck in a dead-end job. While a so-so role may be fine in the short term, holding a position that does not allow for advancement for an extended period of time can take a toll on your health and happiness.

Try to get a realistic idea of the growth opportunities available within the company. For example, have people who held the job before you moved up with the firm? Where did your prospective manager start out? If

the answers to such questions don't seem to support a policy of promoting from within, you may want to continue your job search.

Careful consideration of the issues discussed above will help you decide whether to accept, reject or negotiate a better offer. If, after evaluating each of these points, you are still unsure which way to swing, go with your gut. If your intuition tells you that something is a little off, conduct some additional research or ask more questions of the hiring manager before making your decision. Moving into a new role is a big step, and you want to enter the arrangement knowing all the facts. With a thoughtful analysis of the pros and cons, you'll be able to make the best decision for your career.

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ACROSS

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- 4 They're often split
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- 12 Approx. number
- 13 Plumb crazy
- 14 Cuba, to Castro
- 15 Wahine's welcome
- 16 Unfriendly climate
- 18 Two-mile-high capital
- 20 Col. Sanders' place
- 21 Possess
- 24 Evades
- 28 Gives a ticket to
- 31 Harass
- 33 Glance furtively
- 34 Engine stat
- 35 Roman hill count
- 36 Tunis pasha
- 37 Big — elephant

DOWN

- 1 Took a spill
- 2 In Poseidon's domain
- 3 Nongeneric swab (hyph.)
- 4 Public square
- 5 Geological period
- 6 Circus routine

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	A	T	T	U	B	A	S	I	P	S
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- 7 Overcharge, slangily
- 8 Impolite noise
- 9 Ego ending
- 10 Pharmacist — Lilly
- 11 USAF unit
- 17 Rural addr.
- 19 Happy sighs
- 22 "— Zapata!" (Brando film)
- 23 Heather plant
- 25 Yield, as territory
- 26 Astute
- 27 The — the limit!
- 28 Monorail
- 29 Cathedral part
- 30 FBI agent (hyph.)
- 32 Ukraine city
- 38 Gold-rush starter
- 40 AAA recommendation
- 42 Bask
- 44 1950s record
- 46 Ancient ointment
- 48 Musical symbol
- 49 Pro — (in proportion)
- 50 S&L deposit
- 51 Cry
- 52 NFL events
- 53 Face the target
- 54 Chinese "way"
- 55 High school subs.

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9		2				3		
			6		2	5	9	7
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2					6	8	7	1
8		7		1		9		5
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9	8	9	4	1	2	7	9	8
1	7	8	9	6	8	9	5	2
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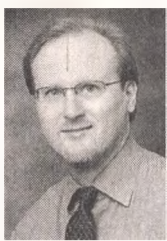
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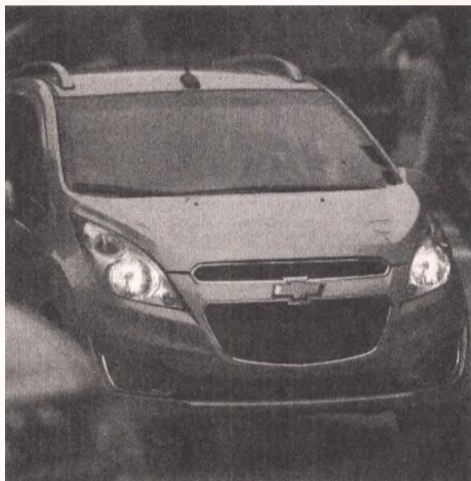
Volt, eAssist, All-Electrics Will Be GM Strategy Now



By Dale Buss

General Motors is saying "uncle" in a key area of vehicle electrification: conventional hybrids. At the same time, the automaker indicated that it'll redouble efforts to stake out a brand-defining position on one end of the electrified-vehicle spectrum, in highly electrified so-called "plug-in" hybrids like Chevrolet Volt and in all-electric vehicles.

The move essentially is surrendering the conventional-hybrid field to Toyota, which created and is dominating that segment with the Prius sub-brand. Interestingly, GM's move — ceding what once was a prime battlefield in green cars, where it invested heavily — comes at the same time that its cross-town rival, Ford, has just introduced an entirely new hybrid-only brand, C-Max, to battle Prius in the U.S. market.



An all-electric version of the 2013 Chevrolet Spark is being introduced this month at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

Mary Barra, GM's product chief, told reporters today that the company has narrowed its future development plans to emphasize plug-ins like Volt, and EVs such as the all-electric version of the new Chevrolet Spark that GM will unveil at the Los Angeles Auto Show this month. Both kinds of cars are propelled only by batteries, while conventional hybrids rely on a combination of an electric motor and a gasoline engine.

"We need to make educated bets on which technologies hold the most potential for creating values for our customers and our company," Barra stated, echoing remarks she recently made to Autoline.

A few months ago, GM confirmed that it was shutting down its previous plans for future versions of a type of conventional-hybrid powertrain that has been offered in its pickup trucks and SUVs. But GM also has been introducing some new so-called "mild" hybrids that only lightly assist the gasoline engine under its eAssist sub-brand, including versions of the Buick Regal and Chevrolet Malibu; it will continue to invest in eAssist, Barra indicated.

Barra conceded that the conventional-hybrid technology occupying the middle ground between plug-ins and EVs on one end, and mild hybrids on the other, remained "important, of course," the magazine said. But she emphasized that "plug-in technology will play an increasingly important role over the years to come."

In other words, GM is doubling down on its trailblazing investment in Volt and the extended-range technology that

supports it, as well as all-electric vehicles. Though Volt has been selling at the rate of only a couple thousand units a month, two years after its launch and in the midst of a doubling of gasoline prices, GM executives are confident that the car and its underlying technology will gradually catch on.

Toyota made a similarly large but opposite bet recently, putting more resources behind Prius and saying that it will de-emphasize EVs. Toyota faced a hiccup today with Prius because about 670,000 Prius hybrids were included in the company's second significant recall in a few weeks, of 2.77 million vehicles worldwide



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