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## Victim's mom: Suspect 'like a brother'

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A Plymouth Township woman testified Friday that the man charged with sexually assaulting her 15-year-old daughter was a family friend of about a decade whom she had met through their church.

"He was like a brother to me," Lisa Schwartz said, recalling that Robert L. Messer vacationed with her family and



Messer

attended her children's band concerts. Even after divorcing his wife, whom Schwartz said had been her best friend, Messer remained close to the family, she said. It wasn't unusual for Messer and her daughter, who shared a love of photography, to go hiking for photo opportu-

nities or see a movie together, Schwartz said, and she sometimes accompanied them on their outings.

Now, Messer, 37, is charged with one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, four counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of accosting a minor for immoral purposes. He was arrested Oct. 29 in Washtenaw County after being found there with the teenager, two days

after they disappeared from his mother's house.

### Note left

Schwartz, testifying in Messer's preliminary hearing in 35th District Court, told Wayne County assistant prosecutor Aimee Fowler that Messer and her daughter had left a note at his mother's house, part of it in his handwriting and part of it in the girl's, expressing love for each other.

"They stated that they loved each other and couldn't live without each other," she said. Schwartz said she was alarmed when she learned of the note Oct. 27 and that she had no previous indication there was a romantic attachment between them.

Messer, who is jailed on a \$2 million bond, attended Friday's hearing dressed in a dark T-

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## For Loisel, long-ago school field trip prompted decades of city service

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Ron Loiselle traces his enthusiasm for local government to a long-ago field trip he took with classmates from Cadillac Elementary School in Detroit. They traveled downtown to see what was then called the Common Council in action and Loiselle was fascinated.

"I thought that was so cool," Loiselle said, explaining that he was drawn to the scene of people working to better their community.

Years later, Loiselle ran for office himself. He lost in the primary in his first Plymouth City Commission bid, but then Tom Turner, a commissioner at the time, noticed his interest and Loiselle was appointed to the Planning Commission.

Thus launched a career in Plymouth government that began about 35 years ago and has included nearly three decades on the city commission, eight on the planning commission, two years as mayor and involvement in groups from the Downtown Development Authority to the ice festival committee to the library board and more. Improving the city has always been his central motivation, he said.

"In your way, you're making the community better. There are things I can point to and say, 'Oh, I was involved in getting that done,'" Loiselle said last week during an interview at his home.

For Loiselle, those things include The Gathering, the downtown streetscape, the central parking deck, the expansion of Tonquish Creek Manor, the street and sidewalk programs and other physical improvements that have become part of the city's fabric.

### 'Passion for the city'

Now, Loiselle is ready step aside after 28 years on the city commission, to which he was first elected in 1979. He'll leave the commission Monday eve-

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Gerry Sabatini and Ron Loiselle are leaving the Plymouth City Commission. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Citizen's question led to his career in city politics

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Gerald Sabatini doesn't remember the issue discussed or the question he asked, but he remembers Mary Childs' friendly sincerity when he attended his first Plymouth City Commission meeting 25 years ago.

"Young man, that was an excellent question," Childs, a commissioner at the time, told him as the meeting broke up, Sabatini recalled. "How would you like to get involved?"

Sabatini said yes. It was more than he'd bargained for - he went to the 1988 meeting, he said, just to learn about the city he'd lived in for only four

years - but his decision began a 25-year stint with Plymouth government that's now coming to a close.

"I just started meeting some great people and it got me more enthusiastic about volunteering my time with the city," said Sabatini, who is leaving the commission Monday after eight years. Childs, who was also a Plymouth mayor, became a good friend and mentor, he said.

Sabatini started out volunteering for the city's beautification committee and his first task was to help decide the annual beautification awards.

"I remember driving him around every block" while he examined front yards, said his

wife Barbara. "She was my chauffeur," Sabatini said.

### Steady involvement

Sabatini, 60, spoke last week in the kitchen of the house on Coolidge where he and Barbara raised daughter Kristen, a recent Madonna University graduate who works in the hotel industry, and son Michael, a musician and college student. Sabatini is a financial analyst at Ford Motor Co. and his wife teaches English as a second language in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

Sabatini, who grew up in Detroit, has a communications degree from the University of Detroit and started out as a

disc jockey, but soon because a numbers guy and has been with Ford nearly 35 years.

His involvement with the city expanded steadily after two years on the beautification committee. Sabatini was on the zoning board of appeals from 1991 to 2005, serving as chairman for eight years, and was also on the planning commission, a charter review committee, a business retention committee and more. He was elected to the city commission in 2005.

His city accomplishments include helping update the city's master plan, after discovering it was decades old, sup-

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## Plymouth ready for annual Veterans Day ceremony

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The students and staff at Pioneer Middle School got a head start on honoring veterans Friday, with the area's first Veterans Day ceremony.

About a dozen veterans were on hand as students greeted them with a rousing standing ovation to start a presentation that featured a speech from an Iraq veteran,

a presentation from a non-profit that provides companion dogs to veterans and performances from the Plymouth Fire & Drum Corps and the Pioneer Middle School band and choir.

"It's a chance for us to get some stakeholders into the building who might not otherwise ever come in," Pioneer Principal Kevin Rhein said. "It gives our veterans a chance to see what our mid-

dle school is all about."

The Pioneer ceremony, which lasted nearly 90 minutes, came just a few days ahead of Monday's Veterans Day observance. That holiday will once again be recognized in downtown Plymouth, when the community recognizes the contributions of veterans in their service to their country.

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The Plymouth Fire & Drum Corps performed Friday at a ceremony honoring veterans at Pioneer Middle School.



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# New, re-elected city commissioners to be sworn in

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The next edition of the Plymouth City Commission will gather for an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the meeting room on the second floor of city hall.

The meeting follows Tuesday's city election, in which there were just four candidates on the ballot for four commission spots. Incumbents Dan Dwyer, the current mayor, and Diane Bogenrieder were re-elected and commission newcomers Oliver Wolcott and Dan Dalton, who have both been involved in city government in appointed roles, also won.

Not quite 11 percent of the city's more than 7,500 voters participated in the election.

Dwyer, Bogenrieder and Wolcott will each get a four-year term, while Dalton will get a two-year term. The four will be sworn into office at the start of the meeting; they will join Com-

missioners Ed Hingelberg, Meg Dooley and Mike Wright on the seven-member board.

Also on the agenda are the selections by commissioners of a mayor and a mayor pro tem, who fills in the absence of the mayor. Dwyer, who is completing his third two-year term as mayor, his second consecutive term, has indicated he's interested in keeping the job, though he's said others are also qualified. Wright is the current mayor pro tem.

Commissioners are paid \$20 a meeting and the mayor gets \$250 a year extra.

Monday's meeting will include recognition for Commissioners Ron Loiselle and Gerald Sabatini, who didn't seek re-election and are stepping down after long careers on the commission and in other areas of city government.

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## CORRECTION

The attendance total for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's dinner and auction was incorrectly reported in a Nov. 7 *Plymouth Observer* story, "Turnout up for annual chamber auction." Approximately 465 people attended, about 45 more than last year.

# Asher's 'dedicated' owner succumbs to cancer

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Asher's Citgo gas station has been a fixture at Seven Mile and Rogers for more than six decades. The family-run station, known for its full-service fill-ups, persevered through several recessions and the rise of competing self-service mega stations.

But the station may not survive the passing of owner Rick Asher, who died Thursday after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Customers of the small service station have been greeted by a "temporarily closed" sign this week after Asher, 59, was hospitalized for the last time a week ago Thursday.

According to his wife of 20 years, Janine Asher said she will gather with family members to figure out a game plan to move forward. She has had some communication with people who would like to buy or perhaps manage the station. But those details will be worked out later.

It was the gas station that brought Janine and Rick together, in fact. Two decades ago, she took her S-10 pickup truck to Asher's when the radiator sprang a leak. She was struck by his work ethic and honesty. "I'm so proud of him," she said. "When the econo-



Rick Asher, owner of Asher's Citgo, located at Seven Mile and Rogers, died Thursday after a being diagnosed with lung cancer. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

worry was how he was going to keep that station open."

For now, the station is closed. Janine Asher said she will gather with family members to figure out a game plan to move forward. She has had some communication with people who would like to buy or perhaps manage the station. But those details will be worked out later.

He is survived by four children, two grandchildren, two brothers and his mother Marge.

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## VETERANS

Annual Veterans Day ceremony, hosted by American Legion Post 391, VFW Post 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, takes place at 11 a.m. Monday in the Veterans Memorial park in front of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

All veterans and the public from Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and local communities are invited to the ceremony.

"Veterans Day recognizes all military veterans and is a day for all to rededicate ourselves to the cause of peace," said Frank Pawelak, American Legion Post 391 commander. "It is a day largely to thank living veterans for their dedicated service to our country."

Students from Central Middle School will lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

The ceremony will start with a prayer, then the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem and speakers from the veterans organizations.

The traditional rifle salute and playing of *Taps* will close the ceremony.

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shirt and blue jeans.

Schwartz said she was relieved to learn Oct. 29 that her daughter was alive and safe, but startled at her appearance when she arrived at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where the girl was taken.

"Her face was sunken in and she was pale," Schwartz said, attributing the girl's appearance to dehydration.

The teen was treated for what police described as minor, self-inflicted wounds. Her mother said

she is undergoing psychological counseling and is embarrassed by the ordeal.

"She's worried about what other people feel about her, what they think about her," she said.

The age of sexual consent in Michigan is 16.

### Past assurances

During cross-examination, defense attorney Jonathan Jones suggested Schwartz could have taken action in 2012, when allegations were made that Messer and her daughter were romantically linked and police got involved. Schwartz said the charges were made by Messer's ex-wife in the

midst of a child custody battle and that she spoke with both Messer and her daughter, who both denied an intimate relationship.

"He assured me there was nothing going on," she said of Messer. Her daughter reported seeing Messer as a father figure, she said.

When Jones said a township detective had "let you know this was a pretty serious subject matter," Schwartz agreed. But Schwartz said the detective didn't follow up and didn't, to her knowledge, speak with her daughter, leading her to believe "nothing was founded." The girl's out-

ings with Messer were limited to one a week, she said.

Schwartz was the only person to testify Friday and Judge Mike Gerou delayed the remainder of the hearing until Tuesday, Nov. 19. Fowler indicated the victim would testify and made a motion that the public and the media be barred from the courtroom during that testimony in order to protect her identity. Jones told the judge he agreed with that request.

Gerou said he would rule later on the motion.

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In the late 19th century, the Rockwellian city of Plymouth became the breeding ground for competitive air-rifle companies, putting Plymouth on the map. *Plymouth's Air Rifle Industry* hones in on the three air-rifle companies and the spin-off .22-caliber rifle company that dominated the Plymouth landscape for years.

William "Philip" Markham and his company, the Markham Air Rifle Co., first received an air-rifle patent in 1887. The Plymouth Iron Windmill Co. entered the competition in 1888, when founder Clarence Hamilton introduced his prototype to the board of directors. After firing the rifle, general manager Lewis Cass Hough declared, "Boy, that's a Daisy" and the Daisy air rifle was born; the company was renamed in 1895. The Ply-

mouth Air Rifle Co. opened in 1888 and ceased to exist after its building burned in 1894. Hamilton went on to develop a .22-caliber rifle and started the Hamilton Manufacturing Co. in 1898. The rifle era ended when the last of the competitors, Daisy, moved to Rogers, Ark., in 1958.

This is Kerstens' third book published by Arcadia Publishing; the other two are *Plymouth's First Century: Innovators and Industry* and *Innovators in Vintage Postcards*. Books will be for sale after the talk and Kerstens will be available to autograph them.

The book is available for purchase in the Museum Store or on the store's website at [http://www.plymouth-historystore.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=151](http://www.plymouth-historystore.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=151).

The talk is free and open to the public. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street. Parking is available in the Plymouth District Library's parking lot across the street.

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## LOISELLE

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ning, when the four winners of last week's commission election will be sworn in.

With the departure of Loiselles and Commissioner Gerald Sabatini, Plymouth will be losing a huge chunk of experience and institutional knowledge, Mayor Dan Dwyer said.

"His passion for the city has spanned nearly four decades," Dan Herriman, a former business partner and longtime friend of Loiselles, wrote in an email. "His contribution to a culture of transparent governance is his legacy."

Loiselles, 70, grew up on Detroit's west side and worked as a youth in his father's bicycle shop, Jerry's Bicycles, starting in the store on Grand River near Wyoming. He worked his way through college, served stateside in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and moved up in the company, eventually taking charge of accounting and purchasing for his father's business, which had expanded to five stores. He later managed the Plymouth store, which led to moving, with wife Fran and their three young sons, to the city in 1976.

Loiselles worked for years as an accountant and stockbroker, founding, with Herriman, a Plymouth accounting firm that's been sold to Loiselles's son Jason. Herriman has since branched into condominium management.

Two of their sons - Jason,



Gerry Sabatini and Ron Loiselles look at the Plymouth Rock monument. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the accountant, and Zachary, who works for Ford Motor Co. - have stayed in the area. The third - Lance, Jason's twin - is a music teacher, composer and musician in Chicago.

### Changes add up

While government-driven change can be glacial - Loiselles said his biggest challenge as a city official was being patient with the slow pace - the city's changes have been significant over the years, he said.

"Plymouth has gotten to be a pretty cool place," Loiselles said, recalling a time when the city was sleepier and more storefronts were empty.

He credits community groups and Plymouth's many events for helping the city blossom but retain small-town charm. He recalls often talking to his accounting office (Loiselles is now semi-retired) and seeing other regulars, also

out walking.

"How many places can you just walk around and know people, know people by name?" he said.

Loiselles said he's ready for a break; he's not planning to stay active, in the foreseeable future, in other facets of city government. He and Fran have been able to travel extensively in recent years, including trips to Antarctica, New Zealand, the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon and they're going to take things a little easier both in their lives and in public service.

"I've had a very good time on the commission," Loiselles said. "There aren't too many forms of government where you can have a direct affect on people's lives."

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## SABATINI

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porting the Downtown Development Authority, helping retain, through zoning changes, the single-family residential character of Old Village and serving on the city commission subcommittee that studied leaving the Plymouth Community Fire Department for financial reasons and joining with the Northville City Fire Department. The city ultimately took that step.

"He's so steady and devoted, very thoughtful," Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "He thinks everything through." Dwyer said Sabatini began on the city com-

mission during a "rocky" period and brought a lot of ZBA and planning board expertise.

### 'You can make a difference'

The experience has left Sabatini preaching the positives of getting involved at the local level.

"People don't think they can make a difference, so they don't get involved, but I tell them, 'Yeah, you can make a difference,'" he said.

The commission's biggest challenge during his time, Sabatini said, has been keeping the budget balanced despite major revenue hits and the rising cost of doing business. He's convinced the city's on the right track, though, as an in-

creasingly attractive place for homeowners who want to enjoy the city's walkability and downtown amenities.

Sabatini is stepping back from city involvement - he said he was asked to rejoin the ZBA, but declined - but is planning to stay on the board of the Friends of the Penn Theatre and as editor of the Plymouth Historical Museum's newsletter.

But "never say never," he noted.

"If there's an issue I feel compelled to get involved with, certainly I'll be back," Sabatini said.

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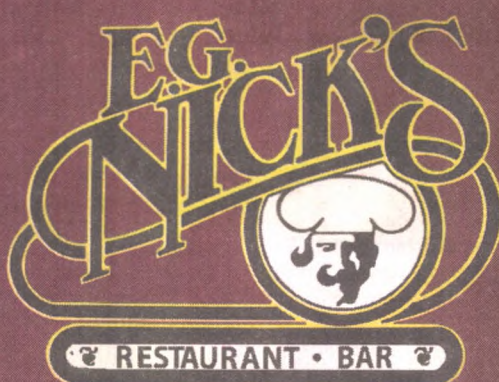
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## Pioneer students celebrate, honor veterans

By Brad Kadrich  
 Staff Writer

Tim Lang remembers sighting some enemy combatants with his M-15. The next thing he knew, he was flying through the air, the victim of a roadside bomb while doing vehicle search-and-seizure patrol in Fallujah, Iraq, in October 2006.

"My life was passing before my eyes," said Lang, a U.S. Marine who lost a leg in that attack. "I thought, 'This must be what it feels like to die.'"

Lang didn't die. But he remembers watching others who did, seeing best friends and mentors killed or wounded. He now lives with a constant reminder in the back pain and a prosthetic right leg, the result of nearly 50 surgeries designed to put him back together and save his life.

He remembers the depressing daze in which he lived for a long time afterward. Then people who cared about him finally talked him into taking up golf.

He said he resisted it for a long time - he'd been a promising football player before joining the Marines - but finally gave in.

It was a decision, he told a gym full of Pioneer Middle School students Friday, that saved his life.

"Through the game of golf, I could let all of my emotions out," said Lang, now a scratch golfer who travels to events speaking about his experiences.

"I've had opportunities to share the message that the simple game of golf showed me I could still do 'normal' things. The biggest part was the people who cared enough to come in and pull me out of the darkness. They saved my life."

Before Sept. 11, 2001, Lang was sure he'd be in college, fulfilling a promising football future. But the terrorist attacks of 9/11 delivered him to the battlefield rather than the football field.

"Because of what happened

on 9/11, I knew it was my mission to go into the service," said Lang, who joined the Marines not long afterward. "God has His plans for us."

He told the story to an appreciative audience made up of students and staffers at Pioneer, along with about a dozen veterans who graciously accepted several standing ovations in praise of their service.

It was the second straight year Pioneer hosted the veterans for a Veterans Day ceremony that celebrated their service.

Pioneer Middle School Principal Kevin Rhein said the ceremony accomplishes two missions: It gets community stakeholders (the veterans) who might not otherwise see the inside of a middle school into the building and it shows those veterans kids appreciate what they've done.

"These folks, especially the Vietnam vets, weren't always recognized," he said. "When you have the opportunity to do it, you should."

In addition to Lang's speech - he kidded the students about "breaking school rules" by wearing a hat and shorts and drinking coffee in the gym - the ceremony featured a presentation by Stiggy's Dogs, a nonprofit organization that provides companion dogs to veterans suffering from PTSD and other wounds, and performances from the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps and the Pioneer band and choir.

Such events are good for the morale of the veterans, according to former U.S. Navy submariner Johnnie Johnson, who served on the U.S.S. Cutlass from 1966-70.

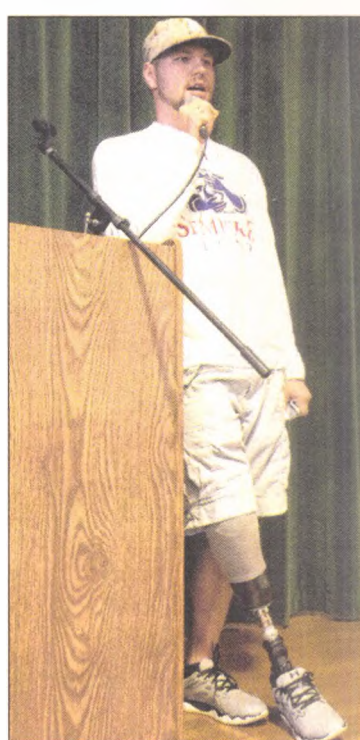
"I think they're great," said Johnson, a Plymouth resident who was an electrician aboard the submarine.

"It shows the kids have a sense of who veterans are and what they did."

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The Pioneer Middle School choir, with director Anna Galbraith at the piano, performed the theme songs for the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.



U.S. Marine Tim Lang captivated the Pioneer Middle School audience with the story of his service in Iraq.



Sarah Gendron of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps bangs the bass drum during Friday's performance.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Veteran's Day fundraiser**

**Date/Time:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11  
**Location:** Henry's Food Court, ViTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Enjoy refreshments and sign a large yellow ribbon to honor those who served. Donations will be accepted to benefit Piquette Square, an apartment complex in Detroit providing housing and support for homeless veterans. All are welcome.  
**Contact:** Visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734-394-5460.

**Veterans' Coffee Hour Q&A**

**Date/Time:** 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9  
**Location:** McDowell Center Room 205, Veterans Services/Career Services Suite, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Enjoy free coffee and donuts and get answers to questions about the benefits, services and resources available to military veterans, including medical benefits, employment benefits, special benefits for disabled veterans, state and local benefits for veterans and educational benefits. This event is free and open to all veterans and those who care for and support them.  
**Contact:** 734-462-4400, ext. 5346

**Caregiver's Support**

**Date/Time:** Second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Summit on the Park, 26000 Summit Drive, Canton  
**Details:** It is both a special privilege and burden to be a caregiver for an elderly loved one. Friends meet monthly to discuss difficulties, share solutions, and know that they are not alone. There are no experts in caregiving, only those who have learned more, because they lived it. All are welcome.  
**Contact:** For questions contact Tom at 313-618-7212, or [thomassal@peoplepc.com](mailto:thomassal@peoplepc.com).

**Pottery sale**

**Date/Time:** Nov. 21 (5-8 p.m.), Nov. 22 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Nov. 23 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Nov. 24 (noon to 4 p.m.)  
**Location:** Village Potters Guild, 340 N. Main in Plymouth  
**Details:** The Village Potters Guild is holding its annual Holiday Sale, featuring functional and decorative pottery created by 25 members of the guild. Items include mugs, ornaments, tiles, dinnerware, and large platters. Prices range from \$4 to \$200.  
**Contact:** For more information or directions to the studio for the sale, visit [www.villagepottersguild.org](http://www.villagepottersguild.org) or call 734-207-8807.

**Living the Savvy Life**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Nov. 14, 6-8 p.m.  
**Location:** Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2220 N. Canton Center in Canton  
**Details:** Melissa Tosetti, speaker, teacher and author of Living the Savvy Life, will offer a free program on taking control of your day-to-day finances so you can enjoy life to the fullest. Tosetti will discuss how to create a strong financial foundation through easy-to-implement habits and routines. The event is being hosted by Michael K. Klassa, financial advisor with Klassa, Swaggerty & Associates, Livonia. There is no charge to attend.  
**Contact:** RSVPs are required by Friday, Nov. 8, to Mary Zak, 734-432-6490.

**BaseLine Folk event**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 16, 7-9:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Joanne Winkelman Center for the Performing Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** The BaseLine Folk Society hosts "open-mic" nights the third Saturday of the month; performers can sign up between 6:15-6:45 p.m. Featured performer is Marty Cohn, who spends time working out finger-style arrangements of tunes from the 1920s and 1930s and writing his own songs. Host is Mike Mullen of Northville resident, who founded BaseLine in 2005 at the Northville Art House. Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers.  
**Contact:** Email the president, Scott Ludwig, at [BFSpresident@aol.com](mailto:BFSpresident@aol.com)

**Blood drives**

**Dates/Times/Locations:**  
 » Monday, Nov. 18, St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.  
 » Sunday, Nov. 24, St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty in Plymouth, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
**Details:** The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at the above dates, times and locations. Appointments can be made and walk-ins are welcome, when possible.  
**Contact:** Call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 to set up an appointment.

**Zumba class**

**Date/Time:** Sunday, Nov. 17, 12:30-1:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in

**Canton.**

**Details:** Fitness enthusiasts are invited to join the Detroit Vibe Tribe for a Zumba Master Class. The Detroit Vibe Tribe includes Zumba instructor Susan Stokely, along with Christy Baas and Cindy DeBiasi. Zumba classes are known to blend easy-to-follow choreography using typically upbeat international rhythms along with today's popular music. Although this special event is labeled a master class, participants don't have to be an expert; all individuals are welcome and no prior Zumba experience is required.  
**Contact:** Visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734-394-5460.

**Common law grand jury**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton.  
**Details:** We the People will be holding an election for the reinstating of the Common Law Grand Jury in Wayne County. There will be a 35-minute presentation and a vote by showing of hands will be at 7:35 p.m. All participants will then be invited to register for the Common Law Grand Jury.  
**Contact:** Call 734-968-4715 for more information.

**Medicare/Medicaid counseling**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1-3 p.m.  
**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton  
**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor. The counselor can help understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse. No appointment necessary.  
**Contact:** United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at [www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html)

**Hospice support**

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of each 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@cchnet.net](mailto:achristensen@cchnet.net)

**Support group**

**Date/Time:** Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland  
**Details:** Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.  
**Contact:** For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at [prettymonarch@comcast.net](mailto:prettymonarch@comcast.net).

**Bipolar support**

**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth  
**Details:** The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.  
**Contact:** Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

**Community health fair**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Nov. 14, 3-5 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.  
**Details:** The Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, the Plymouth Council on Aging and Plymouth Lions Club to present a Community Health Fair. The event is free and open to the public. Fern Vining, a certified diabetes educator and retired registered nurse, focuses on Diabetes Awareness. A representative of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be there to talk about their Senior Assessment Resource Institute 4-4:20 p.m.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or email [randi.williams@pcuw.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuw.org).

**Diabetes support**

**Date/Time:** Second Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main  
**Details:** The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.  
**Contact:** Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

**MOPS meetings**

**Date/Time:** First and third Friday of each month, 9:15-11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township  
**Details:** The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides encouragement, nurturing and support and features a schedule of activities that includes speakers, crafts and group discussions.  
**Contact:** Heather at 734-437-9517 or email [stekmops@gmail.com](mailto:stekmops@gmail.com), or visit [www.stekmops.org](http://www.stekmops.org).



Remembering loved ones

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting ceremony, which annually pays tribute to children lost too young, takes place at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. The ceremony includes a reading of names. To register a child's name to be read or for more information, contact the Compassionate Friends at 734-778-0800 or email [tfcandlelight@yahoo.com](mailto:tfcandlelight@yahoo.com) BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Culinary program holds annual holiday buffet benefit

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**What:** A Thanksgiving buffet to benefit the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center  
**When:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14  
**Where:** Cafe Marquette, located in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland  
**Details:** Enjoy turkey and the trimmings, prepared and served by the center's culinary arts students. A minimum donation of \$10 is suggested

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

For some families in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Thanksgiving will be a bit brighter, thanks to the efforts of chef Tony Paquette and the students in his culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

Paquette is inviting the community to the center Thursday, Nov. 14, for a Thanksgiving buffet at the center's Cafe Marquette. For a donation of \$10, guests can enjoy turkey and the trimmings. All of the money raised will go to the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center, which will provide families with vouchers for a Thanksgiving dinner.

"I think this is our

seventh year," Paquette said. "We've always worked with the Resource Center. The need has never decreased, it's increased."

The buffet will open at 11:20 a.m. and run through 1 p.m. On the menu will be turkey and dressing, potatoes, vegetables, a fresh tossed salad and desserts, ranging from bread pudding to pumpkin pie.

The money raised means Amanda Faughnan, Resource Center director, has never had to turn away anyone seeking assistance. She provides assistance to families at Thanksgiving and what's left is used at Christmas. She, too, said the need continues to increase, adding that "the community has seen that and given."

"Participation has

increased and the resource center is appreciative of that," she added. "This is really important; it's our only big fundraiser. It sustains us for Thanksgiving and Christmas."

### Open to community

Paquette started doing the Thanksgiving buffet in 2007, when he decided his students could do more than holding canned food drives and packing boxes at Focus: HOPE in Detroit. The first year was by invitation only and by donation, but now the welcome mat is out for the entire community. There's a minimum \$10 donation for the meal.

"I was talking with chef David (Hatten) about needing to do something for the community and said why don't we start working with the

Resource Center," he said. "The first buffet we had 100 people. We didn't realize how popular it would be. People everywhere ask when it's going to be."

The first few years students would make pies, using apples given to the program by Aramark, to go with the meals, but families now receive a voucher for a pie.

Faughnan was the Resource Center director for a week when she attended her first buffet in 2009. She admits she was a little overwhelmed and the feeling continues as she sees how much it has grown and how giving the community is.

"Each year it gets bigger," she said. "Each year, I walk in and the excitement and surprise I had the first time doesn't

go away. It gives me a warm feeling and I look forward to it more than anything else during the year. The wonderful thing is that it's a lot of fun."

Paquette will use the commons area and Cafe Marquette to seat people. With the ebb and flow of diners, he said he can seat up to 250-260 people during the 1½-hour meal.

"We had 235 people come last year, that's a record number," he said. "We get a good mix of people; they come over from city hall to eat. It's a nice crowd."

People who can't attend the buffet can still help by sending a check, with Holidays 2013 written in the memo line, to the Family Resource Center, 33475 Palmer, Westland MI 48186.

smason@hometownlife.com

# Schoolcraft had been preparing for university partnership for some time

Schoolcraft College held a press conference Thursday to announce its new bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that will begin in the fall of 2014.

Degrees in business, nursing, engineering, criminal justice and more will soon be available at Schoolcraft's main campus on Haggerty north of Seven Mile in Livonia.

Schoolcraft had been preparing for a partnership for some time, though it wasn't known whom the partners would be.

In May, the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds for improvements, including renovating the former American Community Mutual Insurance building at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, which it had purchased for the purpose of housing classes offered through a partnering

university.

Other improvements covered by the bond include overhauling the college's mainframe computer, adding a parking lot and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

While many community colleges offer university completion programs, the new "Schoolcraft to U" partnership is more than what others have offered, officials said. Both universities will offer classes on Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia and online. The University of Toledo also will waive out-of-state tuition fees for students interested in its program offerings. The agreement also provides for seamless transitions from Schoolcraft College to one of the partner universities and collaborative student support programs.

Officials from all three schools were on-



It was standing room only as Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress makes the announcement about Schoolcraft to U, a new partnership with University of Toledo and Wayne State University, to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs on Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia starting in fall 2014.

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subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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## VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER

**Monday, November 11 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

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- ★ Enjoy refreshments and sign a large yellow ribbon to honor those who served.
- ★ Donations will be accepted to benefit Piquette Square, an apartment complex in Detroit providing housing and support for homeless veterans.
- ★ All are welcome!

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# Grandma grocery shops to help busy family

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

You might just see Marilyn Hewitt of West Bloomfield in the grocery aisles at the Eight Mile and Haggerty Meijer with a good amount of food.

Hewitt, 82, doesn't need all that many groceries herself as a widow. She shops for daughters Doris Booth and Carol Waldo, Northville residents with large families.

"Carol has eight (children) and I have five," Booth said. Booth's children range in age from 16-25, Waldo's 12-28.

"I just saw the need since they were home-schooled. I volunteered," said Hewitt, a retired registered nurse. It helps the families as well with doctors' and dental appointments.

Hewitt has gotten to know Meijer staffers in the checkout area, meat department and elsewhere. "First thing you know, you're having a little conversation," she said.

She has a base of 21 biological grandchildren, with two of those married and their spouses also considered grandchildren. One son married late in life: "They have a little girl," Hewitt said.

When shopping, she gets her small order first, using initials on the receipts. Doris' bags are plastic and tied, while Carol gets brown bags. "It works out so I can tell who's who," their mother said.

"I am very blessed that I only have one child out of the state." A son, his wife and their daughter are in California, but Hewitt's grandchildren are even in southeast Michigan.

"We have wonderful Thanksgivings and Christmases and Easters," she said, as well as graduations and birth-



Marilyn Hewitt (left) gets a hug from one of her favorite Meijer employees, Gloria Hein, during a visit to the Northville Township store. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Marilyn Hewitt shops for her kids' families Oct. 8 at the Northville Township Meijer.

days. She's Catholic and pro-life, noting some others in her family are of other Christian denominations.

"As long as I'm able to," she said of her grocery shopping for Carol and Doris, which she's done some 23 years. "I've never had an accident or ticket."

Hewitt was a surgical nurse right out of nursing school. When her youngest went to college, she went back in home health care, a field she's glad to see available to patients and their families. "Then I just retired and started taking care of my kids."

"I think she's been doing this about 23 years," Booth said. "We would call her each week with our grocery list."

When the groceries are delivered by Hewitt

to each home, the daughters can run errands.

"She would stay home and clean all the produce, prepare dinner and watch the kids," said Booth, who has a young granddaughter. "She's in very good health. Physically, emotionally, spiritually, she's in very good health."

Hewitt and her husband had six children, all living.

"She clips coupons, she knows what's in the ad," Booth said. Her mom sometimes now splits up shopping trips. "If something's on sale, she'll make two trips."

Carol and Doris joined Costco, which helped to cut down on their mom's shopping for them.

"She's using all her math mental capacity," Doris Booth said. "She knows the cashiers and

the guy in the meat department, probably the guy in produce."

The younger women agree it's a big help in running a household. "Huge help, huge help," Booth said. "It's just amazing how much time you spend grocery shopping."

The arrangement cuts down on impulse shopping, Booth added: "I think it cuts down on time and money. My husband and my brother-in-law are booth very appreciative of her doing that. She definitely has a servant's heart."

Booth said Hewitt is a good role model.

"If I could be half as wonderful as she is at her age, I'd be happy," she said, adding her mom has "a godly legacy."

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Thank you!

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## How much life insurance does anybody need?

**Q: Dear Rick: I've read your columns in the past where you talked about life insurance. I know on the whole you recommend term insurance for most people. I am in my mid-40s, divorced with two children. One of my children is a special-needs child and I will need to support her for the rest of her life. I was going to buy a 30-year term policy. A friend who sells insurance suggested some sort of variable universal life policy that he says will act as an investment as well as insurance. What should I do?**

**A: On the whole, I'm not a fan of the variable universal life policies because they combine life insurance and investing.**

The problem is you end up paying a high cost for the insurance and an even higher cost for the investments. In addition, in order to purchase the amount of insurance that you need, the premium would be too expensive. The goal is to protect your child and I'm not sure you're going to be able to do that with the universal life policy.

I recommend a different strategy - a term life insurance policy. In your situation, purchase the longest term policy that you are eligible for. Typically, that would be 30 years.

At the same time, I



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

recommend that you establish an investment program geared for your special-needs child. If you have the discipline to invest on a regular basis, you will be able to save a substantial amount of money over that 30-year period. By following this strategy, you will have the insurance you need and substantial funds (if you have the discipline to save) 30 years down the road.

If you take the difference between what a term insurance policy would cost vs. a universal life policy and invest the difference, 30 years down the road you will have much greater flexibility and more money available to you. After all, salespeople never like to tell you about the variable universal life policy fees and costs involved.

There's a reason why many insurance people sell these products and that is because of the commissions they receive.

On the whole, I'm not a fan of universal life, whole life insurance or any type of permanent type insurance. There are situations where these types of policies make sense, but they are

few and far between. Term insurance is by far the most effective and affordable type of insurance for the great majority of people.

After all, in the majority of situations, people do not need life insurance their entire life. They need it for a period of time and that is exactly what term insurance allows you to do.

Buy insurance for the period of time that you need it.

I recognize that a lot of salespeople will tell you that insurance is a great investment because the money accumulates on a tax-deferred basis. As far as I'm concerned, insurance is one thing and investing is something totally different.

Don't fall for the guilt trip or the high-pressure sales tactics that many in the insurance industry use.

If you need insurance, shop around and get independent advice. Remember, life insurance is need-based. If you don't need life insurance, don't buy it - no matter what they try to tell you.

Good luck!

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email Rick at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

### 2013 Blues, Brews, & Barbeque Financial Summary to the Community

<b>Starting Balance:</b>	\$9,921.37	<b>Advertisement/Promotion:</b>	
<b>Sponsorship Income:</b>	\$84,100.00	Print Ads	\$4,816.55
<b>Event Income:</b>	\$21,910.52	Radio Ads	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$106,010.52</b>	Posters and Graphic Design	\$4,645.00
Expenses	\$61,176.64	Banners and Signage	\$1,049.76
Event Profit:	\$44,833.88	<b>Entertainment:</b>	
2013 Non-Profit Donation:	\$30,000.00	Bands	\$4,070.00
<b>3-year Donation Total:</b>	<b>\$58,000.00</b>	Stage & Sound	\$8,550.00
		Emcee	\$1,450.00
<b>Net Reserve for 2013 Brews, Blues, &amp; BBQ</b>	<b>\$24,755.25</b>	<b>Rentals:</b>	
		Tents/tables/chairs	\$3,021.34
<b>2013 Donations Made to Local Non-Profit Organizations:</b>		Restrooms	\$1,190.00
Westland Police Explorers	\$ 500.00	Generator/Insurance	\$1,664.80
Salvation Army-Westland	\$ 1,000.00	<b>Fencing:</b>	
Westland Grange	\$ 1,000.00	Fencing Installation/Removal	\$ 328.18
Warm Hearts	\$ 1,000.00	<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	
Westland Jaycees	\$ 1,500.00	Payout to Restaurants	\$12,273.90
Westland Community Foundation	\$ 2,000.00	Health Department Licenses	\$ 992.00
Westland Historical Commission	\$ 2,000.00	Postage/Mailing	\$ 514.20
Westland Lions Club	\$ 2,000.00	Souvenirs	\$8,811.05
Westland Civitans	\$ 2,500.00	Sponsor Plaques	\$ 759.00
Westland Rotary	\$ 2,500.00	Volunteer Shirts	\$ 735.50
Westland Goodfellows	\$ 4,000.00	Insurance/License	\$2,450.38
Westland Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000.00	Table Coverings	\$ 145.44
2013 Total Amount Donated	\$30,000.00	Credit Card Charges	\$ 308.54
2011 Non-Profit Donation	\$10,500.00	Miscellaneous Items	\$ 401.00
2012 Non-Profit Donation	\$17,500.00	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$61,176.64</b>
<b>Total Event Donations to Date</b>	<b>\$58,000.00</b>		

### Canton library to host Diwali celebration

Diwali, an annual Hindu holiday, will be celebrated 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Canton Public Library.

The festival symbolizes the removal of spiritual darkness, the onset

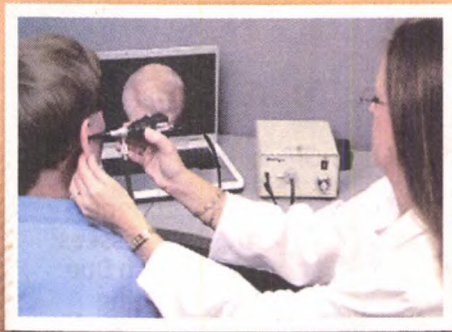
of happiness and prosperity and a triumph of light over dark, good over evil, the library said in a press release.

The public is invited to "hear, taste, smell and watch this happy celebration" with family,

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The Diwali celebration will take place in the library's community room.

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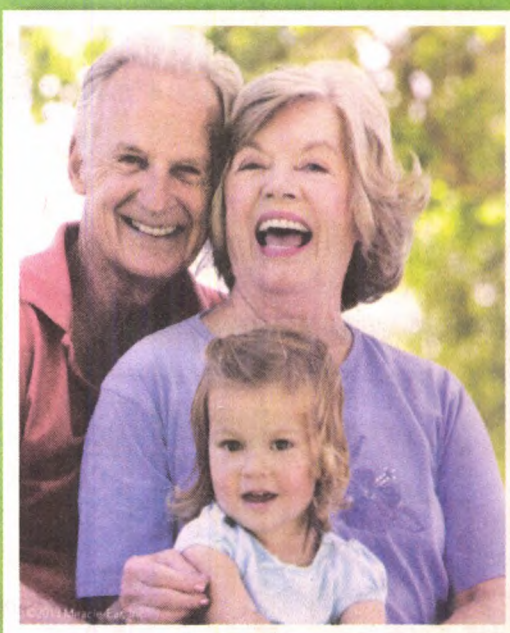


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Julius Rim points to a prototype of his GreenPower gas recovery system that he's installed on a diesel Mercedes. Rim, whose system helps to scrub exhaust and use part of it to heat water vapor that's then added back into the combustion process for better fuel efficiency, is hoping to get further into the automotive business. His system is already in use in maritime engines. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Northville company develops diesel energy saver

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

A small, independently-owned company in Northville is making huge strides toward a future of cleaner air through more efficient diesel engines.

International Metals and Energy Technology Ltd., based in Northville Township, has some breakthrough technology that reduces emissions and saves fuel in a cost-effective way.

The company's GreenPower Muffler system was developed and patented by Northville resident Dr. Julius Rim. It recovers muffler-waste-heat to generate water vapor to be re-combusted

in the cylinder combustion chamber at low combustion temperature. It also reduces engine friction by use of the GreenPower Engine Oil Borne Catalyst.

In other words, IMET's system purports to solve the problem of energy waste within the modern diesel engine.

Rim said diesel trucks waste as much as 40.5 percent of fuel energy. More than half of it is in exhaust emissions. This is where the GreenPower Muffler comes in.

It reduces engine friction to save fuel, utilizes waste-heat to generate steam to be re-circulated for NOx (an emission pollutant) reduction and fuel saving.

It also prolongs the life of the engine.

"We have a breakthrough technology that is gaining momentum," Rim said from his main office and Tech Center on Tournament Drive. "With the coming regulations, this technology will become even more important."

IMET's technology has been recognized with several honors, including a grant award from the Port of Los Angeles for marine diesel engines and in 2011 by the Society of Automotive Engineers as an Automotive Innovation Technology Competition Finalist Winner.

Through the grant, IMET is commercializing

and demonstrating the GreenPower Muffler technology for ocean-going vessels at the Port of Los Angeles.

The market potential for this technology, for marine and land vehicles could exceed \$1 billion starting in 2016, when stricter emission regulations go into place in the U.S. Mazda has recognized IMET as a forerunner in diesel emission control technology.

### IMET origins

All this from a company that began as a product of the decision by General Motors to drop its case of making diesel engines more popular in the U.S. Rim said in Europe, diesel accounts

for around 60 percent of the vehicle market. He said it's a cleaner fuel when used properly.

"We were pioneers at the time," Rim said of his days at GM as an engineer developing diesel engine technology. "But instead of improving the image of diesel in America, GM quit."

So Rim, along with a small team, has worked over the last 30 years to further develop these ideas. IMET has another facility in Jackson. He relocated the base of operations to Northville in order to be closer to the automotive companies and related partners.

In the coming years, IMET will look to partner

with bigger firms and license its technology to help increase its value, with the goal of being a \$100 million company.

"We are a small, independent company, so we need some funding help," Rim said. "But we have a technology that will play a big part in the future."

IMET is now competing for the Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition final with the grand prize announced Nov. 14-15.

To learn more about IMET, go to <http://www.autogreenpower.com>.

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## Prep work under way for I-96 fix

By Beth Jachman  
Staff Writer

It's about a month until bids will be opened for the Interstate 96 reconstruction project through Redford and Livonia and crews can be seen busily completing prep work for the project.

Bids will be opened Dec. 11, according to Adam Penzenstadler, projects and contracts engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Bids will then be looked at for low bid price, as well as number of days it takes to construct, he said. It will be three to four weeks after the opening before a bid is awarded, Penzenstadler said.

Meanwhile, work is being done on the Schoolcraft service drive in anticipation of the project, which will

### CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

- » Preconstruction, including utility work, is currently under way in the area
- » Full closure will begin in early 2014
- » Full closure will conclude in late 2014

involve the total closure of I-96 for seven miles between Telegraph Road and Newburgh Road in 2014.

Schoolcraft Road is expected to be a key alternate route during the reconstruction of I-96 and is owned and maintained by the city of Livonia and Wayne County.

Livonia and Wayne County are doing prep work in anticipation "so it holds together," Penzenstadler said. "We

don't want to have to come in and do any maintenance during the construction," he said, as motorists will be using the service drive to get through the area.

Also, the traffic signals on Plymouth Road and Grand River will be re-timed to help traffic flow, Penzenstadler said.

"We're getting everything ready to go," he said.

Another meeting will be held in early January, which will present the closure schedule and other details to the public, he said.

The project includes road reconstruction, safety improvements and aesthetic improvements including new lighting as well as rehabilitation of 37 bridges.

The freeway, constructed more than 40 years ago, has exceeded its service life.



Jessica Zarate, a faculty member and researcher at Madonna University, uses a fluorescent light to look at an impression of a human hand that was lifted and enhanced using a method she developed.

## Forensic science research at Madonna University receives federal funding

A bloody fingerprint found at the scene of a crime could be the evidence police detectives need to solve the case, but often the process for lifting and enhancing the print can destroy the crucial and delicate evidence. This obstacle is what led Jessica Zarate to research and develop a less complicated way to lift, enhance and preserve bloody impressions.

Typically, to collect latent fingerprints left at a scene, a forensic scientist or police officer dusts the impression with a powder, then lifts it with a tape. But the process is not so simple when blood is introduced to the print, Zarate said.

"For blood-impression evidence, before I developed this lifting strip, there was no product to do that," Zarate said. "So objects with bloody impressions had to be physically removed and brought back to the lab to be processed using chemical enhancement techniques."

That can be very difficult when the print is attached to a large, bulky, or immovable object. Zarate, a forensic

science faculty member at Madonna University, pioneered and patented her technique and the Zar Pro lifting strips are now being used by law enforcement agencies in the United States and internationally.

In 2009, with funding from a Midwest Forensic Science Research Center Grant, Zarate researched and validated the lifting strip, in collaboration with the Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division, while she was a Madonna graduate student.

Zarate and Madonna University faculty members Jodi Lynn Barta and Wilson Muse recently received a \$250,000 two-year grant from the National Institute of Justice to further forensic science research in this area.

With money from the grant, the researchers from Madonna University hope to develop a spray that offers a simple, timely, cost-effective and non-toxic method to aid in the detection of bloody impression evidence while fluorogenically enhancing and preserving bloody and other proteinaceous im-

pressions, as well as vital DNA evidence. The methods developed during this project will enable forensic scientists to recover the fingerprint and the DNA from both the victim's blood and any skin cells that may have been left behind by the perpetrator.

"This is the first major research grant for Madonna," said Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa. "I believe it is a testament to the depth of our faculty's experience in forensic science, as well as our state-of-the-art science labs. The results of this research have the potential to significantly enhance how crime scene evidence is collected and that's exciting."

Zarate received a bachelor of education and human services degree in criminal justice with a minor in forensic science from Ferris State University and a bachelor of science in biology with a minor in chemistry from Madonna University. She earned a master's in forensic science from National University with a specialization in criminal investigations.

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# Film Fest to honor legendary author Leonard

By Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

There's nothing like splitting a pizza with dad and talking about



Leonard

blondes, bullets and bad guys.

That's how it was between Peter Leonard and his world-famous father,

author Elmore Leonard. Sure, the two crime writers could pick apart a Tigers game. But more often than not, their conversation veered toward a bloody veer and how it got that way.

"Elmore used to come for dinner several times a week and that was fun," Peter Leonard said in a phone interview Wednesday. "He would tell me

what he wrote that day and I told him what I wrote. We'd have discussions about our current books ... we'd recite lines of dialogue, go over scenes. I miss that interaction, I miss his comments."

Peter Leonard will be attending this weekend's Uptown Film Festival to accept the 2013 Michigan Filmmaker Lifetime Achievement Award on his father's behalf. The three-day festival kicked off Thursday in downtown Birmingham and Elmore Leonard, who died in August, is the inaugural recipient of the award.

Leonard said his dad's favorite movie adaptation of one of his books was *Jackie Brown*, directed by Quentin Tarantino and based on the novel *Rum Punch*. After

that came *Get Shorty* and *Out of Sight*. He also was a huge fan of the FX series *Justified* (based on *Fire in the Hole*) and thought actor Timothy Olyphant nailed the part of U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens.

Leonard said his dad had an ear for dialogue and names.

"I'll give you an example," he said. "One time I'm telling him about this bad guy, Dale Pollard, and how I'm having problems getting him to talk. Elmore looks at me and says, 'Dale Pollard doesn't sound like a bad guy.' I'm telling him why I think Dale is a bad guy, his motives and everything ... but then a day later I thought, 'You know what? He's right.' So I changed the name to Duane Cobb. And once he started talking, I couldn't

shut him up."

He'll always picture his dad lighting up a Virginia Slim 100 and flipping open his signature yellow writing pad, looking off as he talked about a particular scene or soon-to-be dead person.

"He was incredibly focused," Leonard said. "I remember growing up in Lathrup Village - I was 8 or 9 at the time - and I would see my dad on Saturday mornings in his basement office behind this little red desk, with his typewriter and yellow writing pad. On the other side was a waste paper basket with all these crumpled pieces of yellow paper around it."

There was Elmore Leonard, the author from Detroit who worked with John Travolta, Robert De Niro, George Clooney and other major stars.

And there was dad, who bummed around in a sweatshirt, raked leaves and would occasionally do a little tap dance before he took a sip of wine.

"He had that joy in life," Leonard said. "He really loved what he did. Nothing ever bothered him, nothing ever upset him and that was nice to see. He was never impatient. He was just an easygoing guy."

Elmore Leonard's final and unfinished book is titled *Blue Dreams* - which is a type of medical marijuana.

"He just went through a divorce and was very distracted. All the meetings with attorneys had him bothered," Peter Leonard said. "People have asked if I'm going to finish the novel, but I've decided it's not going to happen. We will leave it

as he left it and I think that is the appropriate course of action."

As for the son, he makes a fine living writing his own crime novels. He has a book coming out in March titled *Eyes Closed Tight* and another in the works titled *Unknown Remains*. He's raising his own family in Birmingham and enjoying the life of a writer.

"Elmore summed it up best - if you're not having fun, you're doing something wrong," he said.

"I'd rather do this than anything else. You get in the heads of your characters and you create situations where there's contrast and humor. It's a good time."

More than 100 movies are being screened at the Nov. 7-9 film festival, which is expected to draw about 5,000 people.

# Did you remember a UFO over Meadowbrook Road?

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Nancy Tremaine remembers seeing the flying saucer over Borchart Street and then she remembers running toward her home on Meadowbrook Road.

However, it's after that summer night in the early 1960s when things took a turn for the former Novi resident. The sighting would go on to impact the rest of her life and now she's looking for some answers.

"It was a very traumatizing experience that stayed with me," she said of the incident when she was 12 years old and saw what appeared to be a UFO floating over Novi.

Tremaine said she was taken up into the craft. She doesn't remember much, but it has been coming back to her lately. In recent years, she has gone through regression therapy and has sifted through years of forgotten memories with the help of Dr. Harry Willnus, a UFO researcher who said this story is similar to many others.

Now she is seeking



Ex-Novi resident Nancy Tremaine describes being abducted by a UFO in Novi in the 1960s.

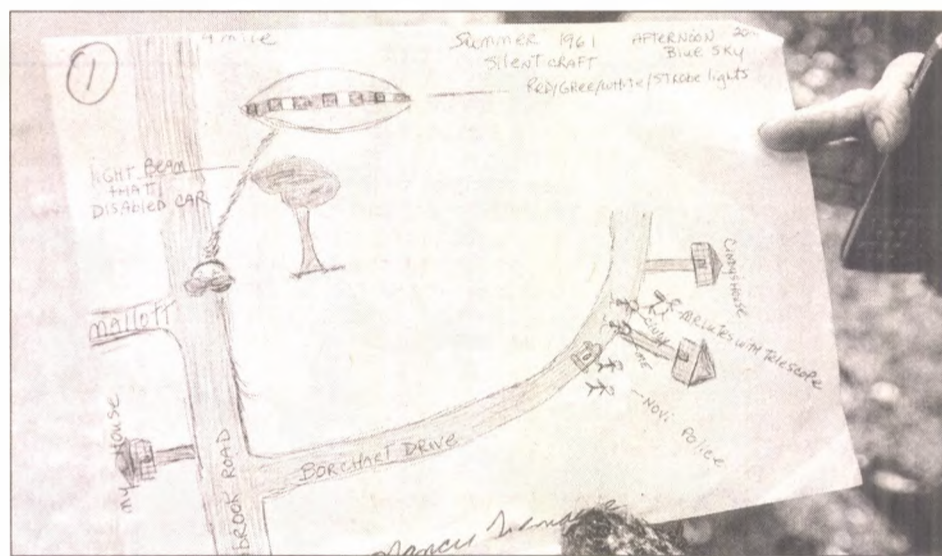
construction site off of Meadowbrook at the time. The site had equipment and materials stolen from it in the previous weeks, so the officer volunteered to watch it.

"He called into dispatch and said there was a strange object overhead," BeGole said.

Police dispatch took multiple calls that night from people stating they saw a strange object, including one from a city council member's wife. Not a believer in UFOs, BeGole said it was a strange night nonetheless.

Tremaine is not exactly sure of the year it happened; she believes it was 1961, but it could have been some time during the span from 1960-62. Tremaine is sure it was summer because it happened during dusk and there was still a little bit of light outside. She was at her friend's home when the friend's father asked them to come outside and see what was in the sky.

They looked up and saw a silver saucer-shaped object with red, green and white lights



Nancy Tremaine drew this illustration of the night of her abduction by an alien craft in the 1960s in Novi. She said that she was concerned that her friend Cindy, pictured in this illustration, who was near her, would be abducted as well. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

that appeared to have been either rotating or pulsating. She said it was very noticeable.

"It was humongous to my young eyes," she said of the UFO.

Tremaine said she saw a light beam down onto the officer's unmarked car. It was then her friend's father said she

should run home. As she made her way, she felt a sensation like being shocked.

She was told she had been missing and later ended up at home with little memory of what had happened. Later she was told to forget about it.

Putting together the

pieces is one step in her healing process. She's asking Novi residents if they remember that night and, if so, would they reach out to her via this writer's contact info here:

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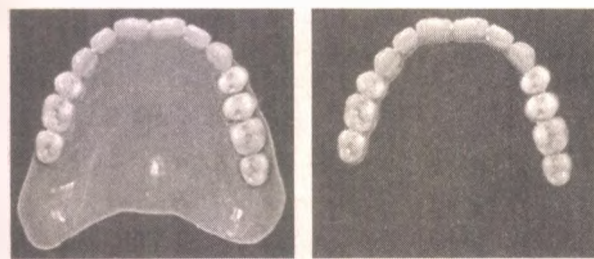
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Nancy Conzelman  
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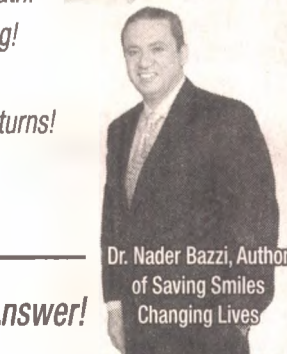
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# Mystery, comedy meet in 'Larceny and Old Lace'

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Half mystery, half comedy. That's how Belinda Walakonis describes John Glenn High School's fall play, *Larceny and Old Lace*.

"Instead of poisoning people, two old women rob casinos and are on their 13th one," said Walakonis, who is helping direct the play with drama teacher Kevin Gidley. "There's some comedic timing going on in it, and the students have had to raise up their skills. They've had to hone that skill. That's been the most exciting thing for me."

"It's going to be a good show," said Gidley. "We usually do a lighter-hearted show in the fall. I think it's a good one."

The play will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14-16, in the high school auditorium. A Wednesday matinee will be performed for members of the Dyer Senior Center and student's in the district's Talented and Gifted Program.

Senior Aaron Blanchard plays Harold Peabody who watches eccentric Uncle Charlie (Kevin Booth) while his two aunts Gertie (Asha Smith) and Millie (Olivia Junk) go to Las Vegas to gamble. Charlie thinks he is a pirate and is constantly burying treasure in the basement, and when Harold hears the local bank has been robbed and then discovers a bag of money in the house, he declares that Uncle Charlie has buried his last treasure and decides he must go to a home for senior citizens. Little does he know that his aunts are the thieves.

Throw in a jailbird cousin Mordred (Abbey Orzech) who shows up with her own bundle of money and the FBI hot on his heels, and Harold finds himself trying to keep his aunts out of jail, his cousin from killing them all and his fiancée

## LARCENY AND OLD LACE

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14-16

**Location:** John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

**Tickets:** \$5 for students and \$7 for adults, available at the door

from walking out on him.

### Double duty

Orzech, Junk and Chloe Sparkman are pulling double duty in the production, appearing on stage and working with Gidley and Walakonis as student directors. They were selected for the positions after writing essays.

"We give an opinion or a suggestion on blocking or saying their lines," said Junk. "It's really hard. If they pause, I'll interject or talk them when they're back stage."

This is Junk's sixth play and her third stint as an assistant director. Taking on the additional challenge is "kind of natural" for her," since she tends to assume a leadership role.

"Of course, I want to have that role of director, I really want to push myself past my boundaries," she said. "This has been the hardest one. I'm very glad I decided to do it."

"The big thing for assistant directors is not necessarily to give direction, but to lead by example," she added.

Orzech is new to the director's role. She didn't decide to be on stage until last year, after working on crew. She initially wanted to be a stage manager, but realized how much fun acting was and wanted to be more involved. Her first time on stage was as a flower in the Humpty Dumpty scenes in *Alice in Wonderland*. She usu-



Agent Click (Morgan Gratwick) and Agent Clack (SummerLane Warren) are ready for action in "Larceny and Old Lace." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ally has one line a play, but landed a role with 89 lines in *Larceny and Old Lace*.

As assistant director, she tries to help as many fellow cast members as she can. They have ways to stay in touch, like a Facebook page for the cast and crew, but her preference is to work with them in person.

"I did crew with my sisters, who were stage managers, so I sort of followed in their footsteps, but I went in a different direction," said Orzech. "I tried to convey in my essay how much I wanted to do this. I guess they got the message."

Both teens see drama in their lives after high school. Junk wants to study theater in college, hopefully at the University of Michigan. While she enjoys acting in front

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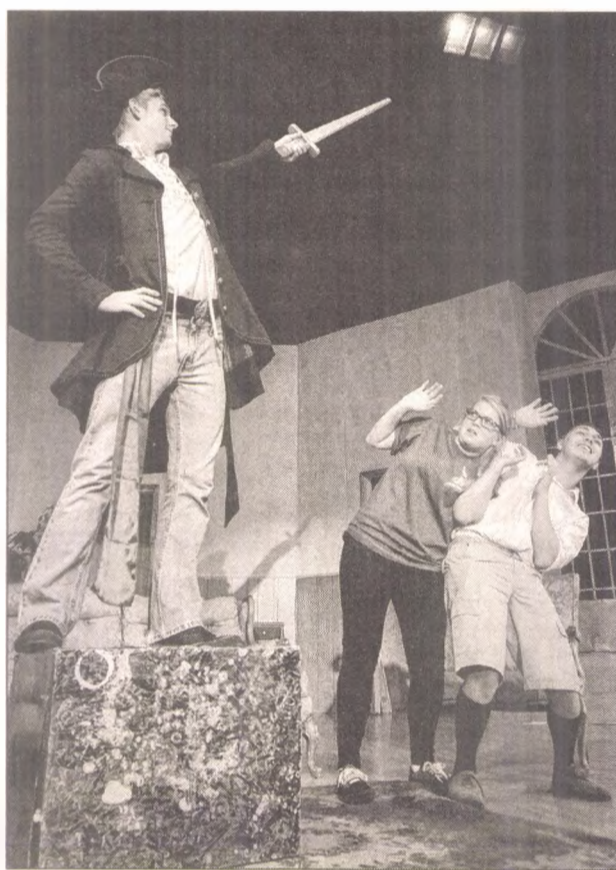
**OLIVIA JUNK**  
John Glenn student director

of people, Orzech is leaning toward producing and directing on television and in the movies.

### Working back stage

Students also are handling the staging with Amanda Blake, Lexie Bushway and Lainni Oulette serving as stage managers.

Blake has been involved in plays at John Glenn since freshman year, "painting everything I could." She was



Pirate Charlie (Kevin Booth) menaces Mordred (Abbey Orzech) and Lester (Korey Corona). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

encouraged to apply for stage manager and was surprised to be picked.

"Sometimes there's 40 kids, sometimes there's 15 working on crew," she said. "This year we have a lot of freshmen, so there's a learning curve. I like being back there with all the excitement, especially on Saturday night."

"This one knows every line of every song and every dance step," said Gidley. "She'll have a headset on and follow the play line by line."

Saturday was tech day in which the crew works with the cast in figuring out the cues for lighting and sounds like a doorbell or phone ringing. While the set is complete, finishing touches like hanging pictures on the wall still need to be done. "Everyone will step up their game this week," Gidley said. "They all come together on stage in front and behind the scenes."

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Rheumatoid arthritis is more than a condition of the joints. The relation between rheumatoid arthritis and the lungs illustrates the far reaching effect that arthritis can exert on the whole body.

The most well studied effect of rheumatoid arthritis on pulmonary function comes from the development of diffuse interstitial fibrosis. This is the name given to changes in lung tissue that occur in 10%-40% of people who have rheumatoid arthritis. Normally, lung tissue exists as a line of fine cells; the tissue is so thin that oxygen can enter from the bronchial tubes into the body by slipping through the fine pores the lung tissue known as the alveoli.

However, in an individual with rheumatoid arthritis, this delicate tissue thickens, making it difficult for air to enter the body. Why this change in the alveoli occurs is unclear, though smoking, even former smoking, plays a role.

For the patient with rheumatoid arthritis, the effect is to further impair the patient's ability to climb stairs, walk at malls or undertake healthy exercise.

Another lung complication that rheumatoid arthritis can bring is pleural effusion; that is the medical phrase for "fluid on the lung." The effect of the fluid is to make it difficult for the lungs to expand to take in a deep breath. In addition, pleural effusions also cause pain that mimics a heart attack.

Rheumatoid arthritis itself causes an impairment in a person's immune response. If that individual also experiences rheumatoid related lung disease, then the risk of pneumonia is even greater. Finally, the effect of rheumatoid associated lung disease is to impair a person's ability to exercise at a time when exercise is as necessary for good health as any medication.

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# Wayne County Lightfest kicks off holiday season

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Santa will flip the switch to light up more than four miles of Hines Drive for Lightfest's 20th Anniversary Lights-On Celebration Ceremony. The ceremony will feature a fireworks show, music, entertainment and refreshments.

"The kickoff of Lightfest is one of our most anticipated events for people of all ages" Ficano said. "I encourage the

public to experience Lightfest and all of our great family-oriented events offered by Wayne County Parks."

In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of Lightfest, two new displays have been added and the entire light show has been converted to LED lights. As the Midwest's largest and longest drive-through light show, Lightfest features more than 47 giant animated holiday-themed displays.

The opening ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Merriman Hollow area of Hines Park, located at Merriman Road and Hines Drive in Westland.

In advance of the opening, there will be the annual Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk and Bike through the Lights events with the participants among the first to view the holiday display.

The cost to register for the Lightfest 8K Fun

Run/Walk and Bike Through Lights is \$20 until noon Monday, Nov. 11. After Nov. 11, late registrants will pay \$25. Those of high school age and younger will pay \$10 for each event regardless of when they sign up.

The Lightfest 8K Run/Walk will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. Bike through the Lights will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13. Both events begin in Hines Park at the Merriman Hollow area.



Runners and walkers start their trek down Hines Drive at the Lightfest arch at Warren Road in Westland. FILE PHOTO

## Area teen reaches out to Detroit

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Dhivya Sridar, 16, has been instrumental in establishing tutoring between Novi High School and Detroit students.

The junior enjoys "seeing the happiness on their faces when they get opportunities like this. I get to feel grateful for what I have."

The daughter of Chitra and Sivaraman Sridar works with Bridgepointe, which builds links between Detroit and Novi students. Sridar will receive the Sparky Anderson Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Detroit Chapter at a Nov. 13 dinner.

She initiated the iTutor program, linking the two communities for tutoring, mentoring and friendships.

"Extremely exciting," said Kelle Vela of Novi, a Bridgepointe Board of Directors member who nominated Sridar for the award. "I think it's great recognition for her. It's great for her and it's great for the organization, too." Vela's son also attends NHS, so she

understands student pressures.

Sridar, who has a 23-year-old sister, learned about Bridgepointe when her fifth-grade teacher nominated her to attend the Christmas party.

"It opened my eyes to what was down there," said Sridar, who went on to organize friends for summer tutoring sessions in Detroit.

The summer after eighth grade, she had summer school and started to think about a school year program. Last year, Novi High teens worked with third- and fourth-graders. They'll be at a different Detroit school this year and will focus on math and English composition, covered last year, with science added in part to help with MEAP scores.

Tutoring is done by Skype with the young Detroit students in an after-school session in their computer lab with a teacher. Sridar had about

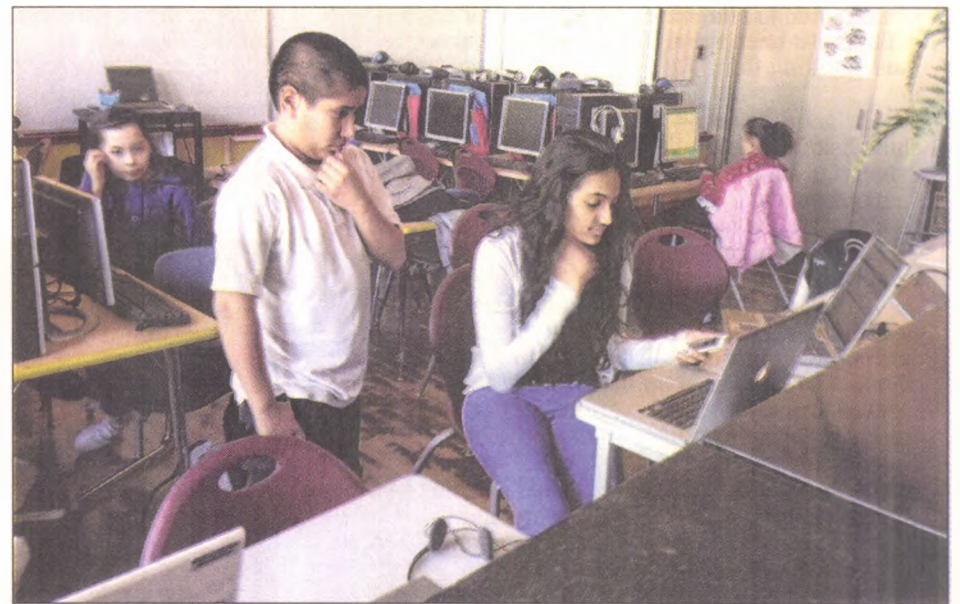
10 NHS tutors last year with 15-20 planned this year. One student works with a child for the semester.

"That way, the relationships could build," she said. Technology helps in avoiding the long drive to Detroit with its logistical challenges.

"It's an honor," the teen said of her award. "I'm happy, obviously. Even if I didn't get it, I'd still be happy with what I'm doing."

Vela, who helps to coordinate school district work for Bridgepointe, said, "She not only saw a problem and wanted to do something about it, she actually did it. She really took the whole thing into her control."

Sridar got a \$3,000 grant from IBM for computers and also started with her mom's help a Walk-A-Thon to support Bridgepointe. Family members had done other charity walks and for the past several years have



Dhivya Sridar, a Novi High School junior, is being honored for her work in establishing a tutoring program between Novi High students and Detroit students.

done one as well for Bridgepointe.

"It raises awareness in the community of the work Bridgepointe does," Vela said. "She's quite remarkable. It's a lot of maturity to take on all these things."

Sridar will be featured in a PBS television public service announcement aired locally.

"As of now I want to go into the medical field," the honoree said. "I like neurology a lot. I also like oncology."

Other teen tutors support the work. "Once they started tutoring and saw how different it is" in Detroit. "We aren't really exposed to that. It definitely opened their eyes."

She'd like to expand the program to include tutors from other high schools and see that it continues after her graduation. Sridar's parents are proud of her.

"They're definitely glad I'm helping out in the community," she said.

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# Bizarre Bazaar eases poverty burden in Third World



The First United Methodist Church of Northville women encourage self-sufficiency among Third World entrepreneurs with their annual Bizarre Bazaar, a fundraiser.

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

To date, women of the First United Methodist Church of Northville have raised more than \$75,000 for FINCA's Village Banking, which offers micro-loans in Third World countries to open businesses, mostly for women.

"That's the part we're assisting with," said Norma Kwek, chair for this year's Bizarre Bazaar, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the church, Eight Mile and Taft roads.

The local church wom-

en aim to encourage self-sufficiency among entrepreneurs in poorer countries. They also seek to follow the example Jesus set in his ministry.

Projects supported by Village Banking include livestock and grain among agriculture, sewing, cheese-making, other food and cosmetics and accessories. FINCA was founded in 1985.

This is the sixth year for the Bizarre Bazaar, put on by a committee of about a dozen women from the church. The Attic Treasures portion (a rummage sale but with no clothing sold) will be

held separately this year from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 9, at the church.

The Bizarre Bazaar will include such companies as Mary Kay, Avon and Pampered Chef. Also sold will be jewelry, candles and soap.

"So there's a little bit of everything," Kwek said. "We always have our bake sale." Bizarre Bazaar admission charge is \$2, with those admitted Friday advised to save their ticket stub for Saturday admission.

More information is available at the church,

248-349-1144, or on the Bizarre Bazaar page on Facebook. "It's a very informative page," Kwek said.

About 400 people attend each year, she said. "Simply that it is a fundraising effort and 100 percent of the money goes to helping people," she said of its appeal. "We're helping others."

About two-thirds of the micro-loan recipients overseas are women. The First UMC of Northville women don't have direct contact with them, but have a FINCA contact.

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# Youth Theatre debuts Broadway show 'TARZAN' Nov. 15

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Children — and some adults — will bring a touch of Broadway to the local community with the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre's production of *TARZAN, the Stage Musical*, beginning Nov. 15.

"We were restructuring the Youth Theater and we wanted a full script," said Nancy Coumoundouros, Farmington Hills cultural arts supervisor. "This is a full-fledged Broadway script vs. a junior script."

To the music and lyrics of Phil Collins, the cast will relive the famous story of Tarzan, the boy who was raised by a tribe of gorillas in West Africa.

"The message of this production is so appropriate for today. It is about tolerance and of being different," said Mel Sheatzley, youth theater director. "This is our first full show and that is exciting."

With a cast that ranges from 6 years of age to high school students and adults, patrons will see an amazing display of

## TICKETS AND SHOWTIMES

*TARZAN, the Stage Musical*, will open at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15. Other times and dates include:

- » Sunday, Nov. 17 at 1 and 5 p.m.
  - » Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.
  - » Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23 and 24 at 2 p.m.
- Tickets are \$10; children 3 and younger are free. Discount rates for groups of 10 or more are available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at <https://re-reg.fhgov.com>, or charged over the phone at 248-473-1848. For more information, call the Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1857.

vocal and dance talent as the story unfolds.

Based on Disney's 1999 animated film, *TARZAN, The Stage Musical*, is a heartwarming story full of fun and adventure, that starts when a human baby is orphaned on the shores of West Africa. Taken in and raised by a



West Bloomfield residents Joe Rankin plays little Tarzan, while Cameron Klein plays Little Terk.

tribe of gorillas, young Tarzan strives for acceptance from his ape father while grappling with his own uniqueness. His life changes when a human expedition enters their world and both hilarity and acceptance play a strong part in the conclusion of the conflict.

"The script deals with the issues of differences, peer pressure and family love with sensitivity and understanding," said Rachel Timlin, Farmington Hills Cultural Arts coordinator. "It's truly a gorgeous play that appeals to all ages."

In the past week, the cast has been in dress

rehearsal getting ready for the debut at 7 p.m. Nov. 15. The production will run through Nov. 24 at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The decision to stage a full-production Broadway show came out of a change in the youth theater program. Previously, the program was contracted through a company. A decision was then made to make it an exclusive city-sponsored effort, Coumoundouros said.

And Sheatzley — an accountant bitten by the theater bug — is leading the program in new di-



Darryl Tregar and Blake Velick of Farmington Hills and Tony Sharpe of Farmington play humans in 'TARZAN, the Stage Musical.'

rections, such as the large, musical Broadway show. "The set is amazing and wait until everyone sees the dancing. We lowered the cast amounts, which means every kid is highlighted throughout the show," she said.

*TARZAN*, which was only released for performance in early 2013, is not about the leads. It's about everyone, Sheatzley said in September before auditions opened for the show.

"It's a new spin on the old classic," she added. "It will be much more contemporary."

The stage will be filled

with animals. In fact, Sheatzley plans to make the audience part of the jungle setting. "The costumes will be phenomenal. On the animals, the hair will move as you see them go through the jungle," Sheatzley said.

Farmington Hills Youth Theatre productions have involved thousands of children in performances over the last 11 years, with two full productions a year, special classes, including "Small Stars" for younger children ages 4-6 and extensive summer theater camps at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre.



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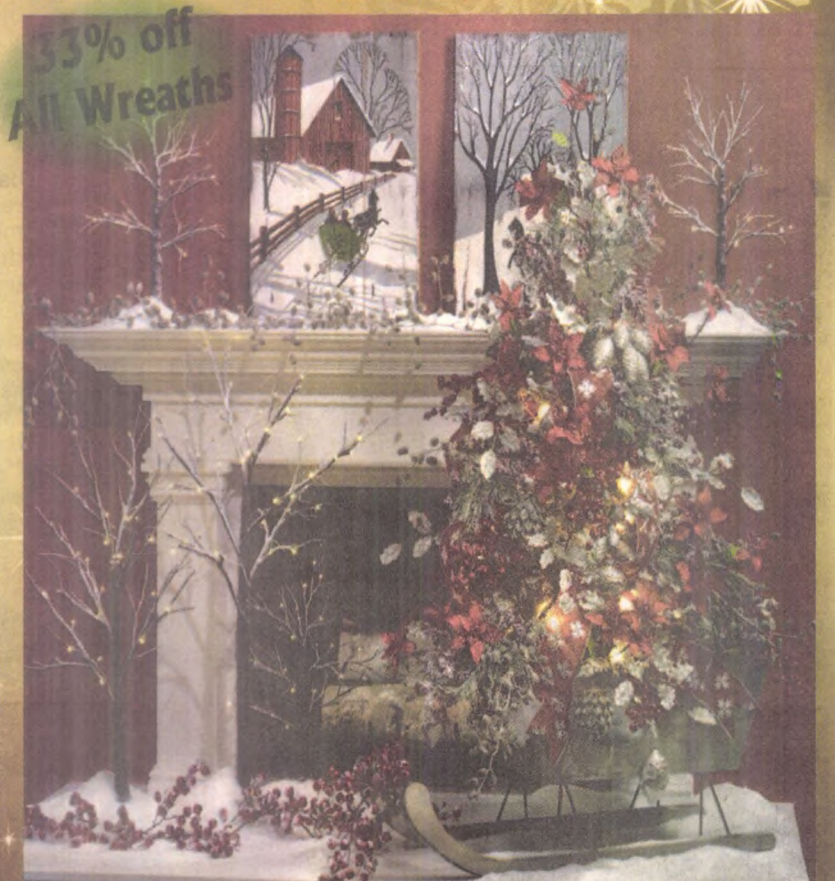
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## D4 VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT FINAL

## Regionals on deck for Plymouth Christian

Eagles stay strong, go on to capture district title

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy senior Jen Malcolm wanted to make sure she wasn't losing her magic touch as far as being on district champion volleyball teams.

Friday night, Malcolm and her teammates were bound and determined to get back to the Division 4 regionals after a one year absence. The Eagles did

just that, scoring a 3-1 win over Newport Lutheran South in the district final at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

With the victory, PCA (18-15-7, including tournaments) advanced to the Bloomfield Hills Roper-hosted regionals, playing 8 p.m. Tuesday against Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner (winner of the Saline Washtenaw Christian district).

For Malcolm, a combo middle hitter/setter who spearheaded the Eagles' offense with 26 assists along with seven kills, it will be her third time in four seasons to reach the regionals.

"Definitely, we wanted it really badly," said Malcolm, asked about the redemption factor.

That extra motivation among the veteran players was noticed by PCA head coach Katie Decker, making her first trip to the regionals.

"They wanted it bad, you can tell by the way they played," Decker said. "But now we got some work to do on Monday to get ready for Tuesday's game. But they've definitely got fire in them. That's always a good

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PCA coach Katie Decker is flanked by players Jen Malcolm (No. 9) and Rachael Fuller after winning the district trophy.

## YMCA hoops

The Plymouth YMCA is forming winter basketball leagues for boys and girls ages 4-11. The sessions will run from from Jan. 20 through March 14.

Registration now is open for both leagues. There will be one practice per week along with one Friday night game per week.

Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is Jan. 10.

Contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904.

## D1 VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS



Diving to save a ball Wednesday night is Canton senior libero Madison Kielty. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## Chiefs' hopes slammed

Northville puts hammer down on Canton to end season

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Before Wednesday's Division 1 district girls volleyball semifinal between Canton and Northville, Chiefs head coach Steve Johnson knew he had to find a way to keep Symone Abbott from literally hammering his team.

That included shuffling his lineup, assigning the job of defending the 6-0 Abbott to juniors Kayla Buford and Courtney Kurkie.

As hard as they tried, they were unable to keep Abbott from making clutch plays all night as the district host Mustangs prevailed 25-18, 25-16, 25-20. Northville improved to 47-12-11 entering Friday's district final against Novi.

"She's hard to stop," Johnson said. "Our game plan was to try and slow her down at least to-

night. That's why I switched our lineup around, to have Buford and Kurkie against her.

"And when it was happening we got quite a few blocks on her, but it wasn't enough tonight."

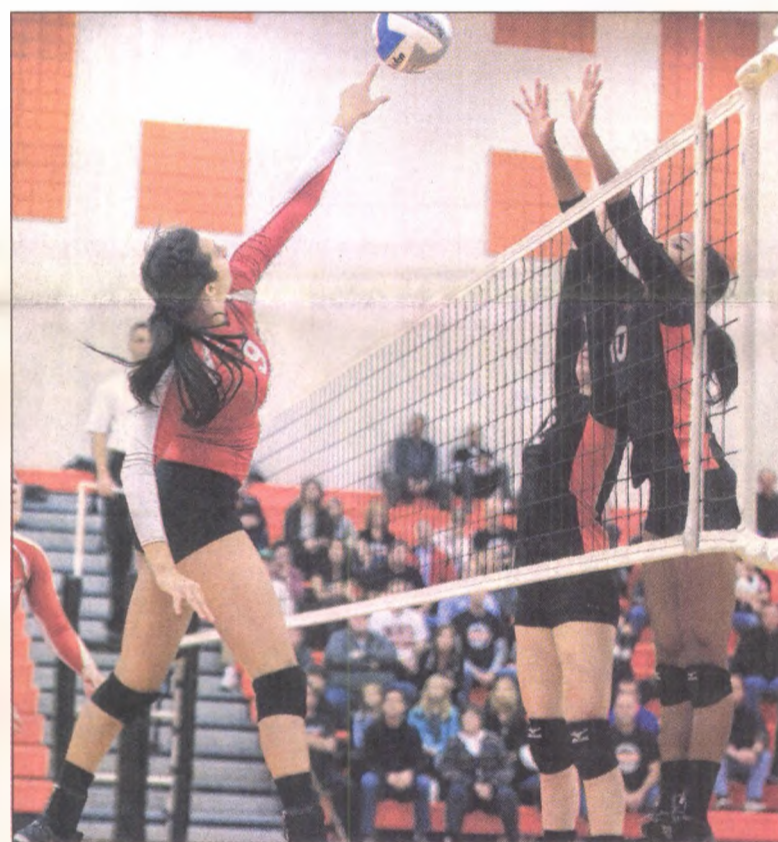
Abbott dominated with 13 timely kills — many following on-a-tee sets by senior Rachel Zawodny (19 assists) — coming up big whenever Northville found itself in the slightest bit of adversity at Northville High School.

She added eight digs and three aces. Her stats line did not fully detail how key she was to the Mustangs' win.

"Outside she (Abbott) has such a quick snap," Johnson added. "We weren't planning on stopping her, we were just trying to contain her just a little more than we did tonight, obviously."

According to Abbott, who skied high above the net to slam the ball into holes on the Canton side of the court, the team wanted to fend off any challenges before they posed any

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Canton's Courtney Kurkie (No. 9) tries to tip the ball over Northville's defense, including stalwart senior Symone Abbott (No. 10).

## D1 VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS



Plymouth's Jennifer Gunther sets for a spike. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## Plymouth spikers run out of gas

Gutsy effort falls short against Novi in districts

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Coming off their first-ever postseason win, the Plymouth Wildcats entered Wednesday's Division 1 district semifinal contest against Novi with plenty of confidence.

And they fought tooth-and-nail against Novi in the first two sets at Northville High School, falling 27-25 in Game 1 and leading for most of the second set.

But the air was let out of the

balloon late in Game 2 as Novi rallied for a 25-23 win and Plymouth never really was in the third set, losing 25-14 to bow out with a record of 28-15-2.

"I think the last game we were kind of tired and we couldn't fight," lamented senior setter/outside hitter Shayla Smalls, one of Plymouth's stand-outs with 21 assists and 15 digs. "We couldn't push as much as we should have. We kind of let them come back."

Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody concurred, noting that "our girls just ran out of steam. They played their hearts out. I know it is frustrating when

you're so close and you play so hard.

"You have to really work hard to score points against Novi because they have such a scrappy defense."

For example, junior middle hitter Olivia Beyer led Plymouth with 17 kills, but those came on 54 attempts (31 percent), meaning it was tough to get balls to land for points.

Many times, acrobatic Novi players found ways to keep volleys alive.

Plymouth also showed those same hard-nosed, never-say-die

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## PHS lax meetings

» Parents of all athletes interested in playing for the Plymouth High School boys lacrosse team in 2014 are encouraged to attend an important meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. It will take place in the school's media center. For more information, contact coach Brian Walsh at bwalsh015@gmail.com.

» The Plymouth girls lacrosse team is holding an informational meeting 7 p.m. in the media center for anyone interested in playing next season. For more, go to lacrosse.plymouthwildcats.com.

## Winter Games

The Meijer State Games of Michigan's 2014 Winter Games will be played Feb. 14-16 in the greater Grand Rapids area. The inaugural event is expected to host more than 2,000 athletes.

The sports lineup includes basketball, indoor BMX, bowling, fatbike, ice hockey, racquetball, speed skating, skiing and snowboarding, snowball softball, snowshoe/trail run and wrestling.

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## High-kicking JV Saberettes capture title



The Plymouth Saberettes junior varsity pom squad earned first-place honors Nov. 3 at the Mid-American High Kick Championship at Saginaw Valley State University. Following weeks of hard work, the Saberettes performed as presidents to a medley of patriotic and presidential music. The Saberettes also earned several first-place finishes in July at their summer camp at Davenport University. Their winning performance can be found by searching "Plymouth JV Pom High Kick 2013 Champs!" on Youtube. Pictured are (front row, from left): Marin Engstrom, Gabby Olsen, Olivia Dillaha, Sarah Gamble, Urara Kaneko and Kara Timko; (second row, from left) Izzy Bologna, Nina Pascua, Brit-tany King, Kenzie Jones, Emma Belanger, Alyssa Salloum and Haley Kowalski; (third row, from left) coach Jillian Covault, Anastasia Pikow, Kelsey Connell, Jordan Kelley, Michelle Zydeck, Haley Shawver, Ali Bologna and coach Taryn Holowicki; and (back row, from left) Erin Berger, Chelsea Justice, Megan Baker, Kaytlyn Glud, Emily LeBlanc and Emily Lindbloom.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL



Canton Lions freshman running back Darrell Johnson scores one of his four touchdowns last Sunday against the Redford Rangers. Giving him blocking support are teammates Jaden Williams, Malcolm Clements, Brandon Owens, Tyler Klabunde, Xavier Walker and Aidan Garrett.

## Canton Lions freshman team still undefeated after 33-9 win

The Canton Lions freshman team continued to roll over opponents, scoring a 33-9 victory last Sunday over the Redford Rangers to remain undefeated.

The big gun for the Lions was running back Darrell Johnson, who scored four touchdowns.

Chipping in with a TD and three extra point conversion runs was Ray

Anderson.

Both players found plenty of enticing holes to scoot through, thanks to the O-line of Derik Watson, Aidan Garrett, Radwan Mheisen, Tyler Klabunde, Evan Lambrix, Jaden Williams and Gabe Alexander.

Not to be overlooked was the Lions' defense, keyed by an interception by Malcolm Clemens and

fumble recoveries by Jeffrey Shipp and Garrett.

Helping the cause with strong tackling were Xavier Walker, Radwan Mheisen, Daniel Baldwin, Spenser Korroch, Malcolm Clements, Marco Johnson, Johnson, Kobe Kyle, Anderson, Preston Long, Garrett, and Tyrun Bond.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL DRAWS

#### CLASS A at FARMINGTON

Tuesday, Nov. 12: Farmington Hills Mercy vs. Grosse Pointe North, 5 p.m., Livonia Stevenson vs. Detroit Cass Tech, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. Allen Park regional champion.)

#### at ALLEN PARK

Tuesday, Nov. 12: Westland John Glenn vs. Lincoln Park district champion, TBA; Temperance Bedford vs. Southgate Anderson district champion, TBA.

Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship final, TBA. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. Farmington regional champion.)

#### CLASS B at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Tuesday, Nov. 12: Livonia Ladywood district champion vs. Dearborn Divine Child

district champion, 6 p.m.; Carleton Airport district champion vs. Monroe Jefferson district champion, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship final, 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Chelsea vs. Eaton Rapids regional champion.)

#### CLASS D at BIRMINGHAM ROEPER

Tuesday, Nov. 12: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 6 p.m.; Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Mt. Morris vs. Bay City All Saints regional champion.)

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

##### Friday, Nov. 15 (WHAC Playoffs at Madonna)

Madonna vs. 8-9 winner, noon. N'western Ohio vs. 5-12 winner, 2:15 p.m. Davenport vs. 7-10 winner, 4:45 p.m. Cornerstone vs. 6-11 winner, 7 p.m.

##### Saturday, Nov. 16 (WHAC Playoffs at Madonna)

Semifinals, 10 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Championship final, 6 p.m.

##### MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Wednesday, Nov. 13 Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Sinclair (Ohio), 4 p.m.

##### WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Sunday, Nov. 10 Madonna at Northern Mich., 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13 Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at Sinclair (Ohio), 2 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

##### Friday, Nov. 15

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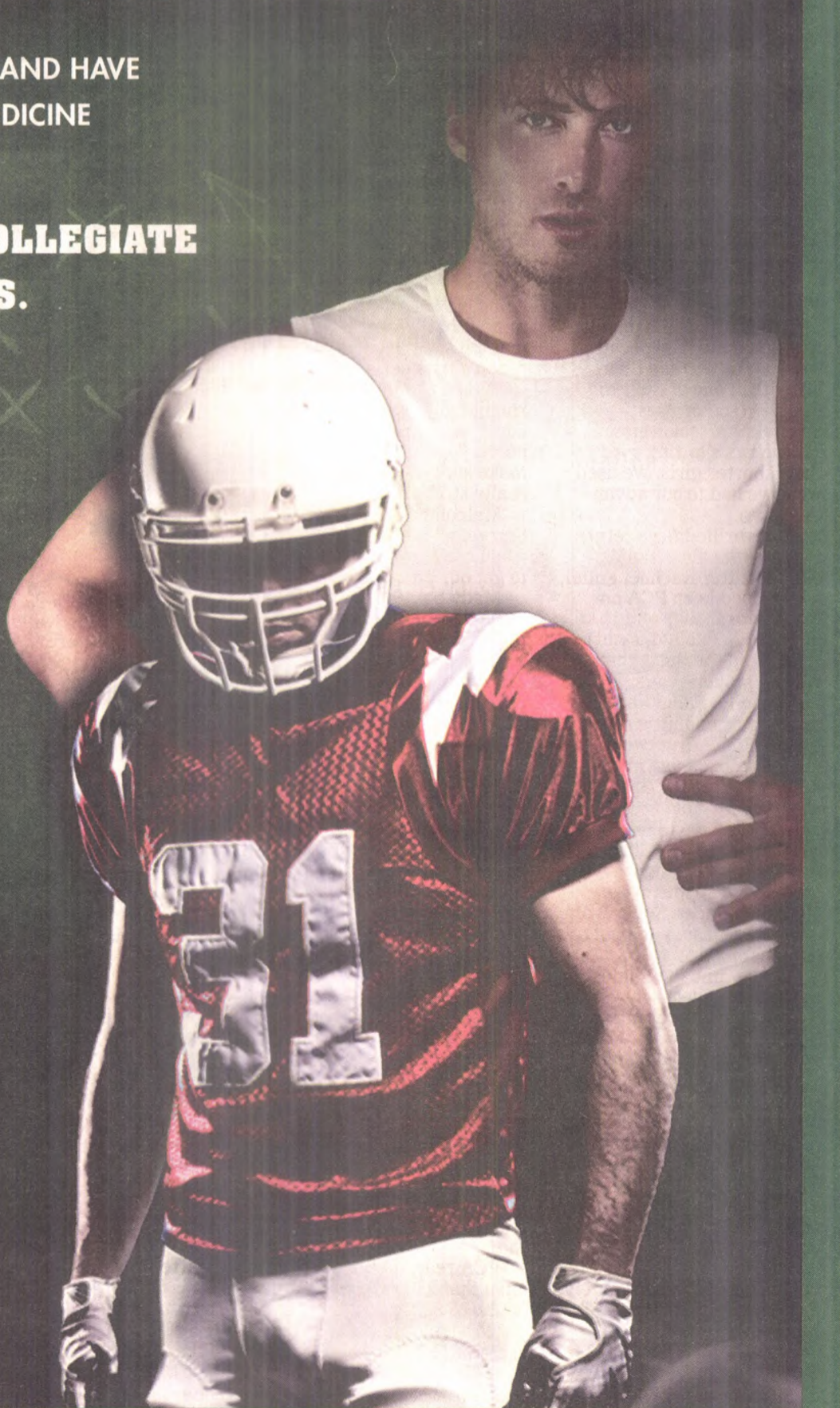


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CLASS B PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Blazers fall in finals

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

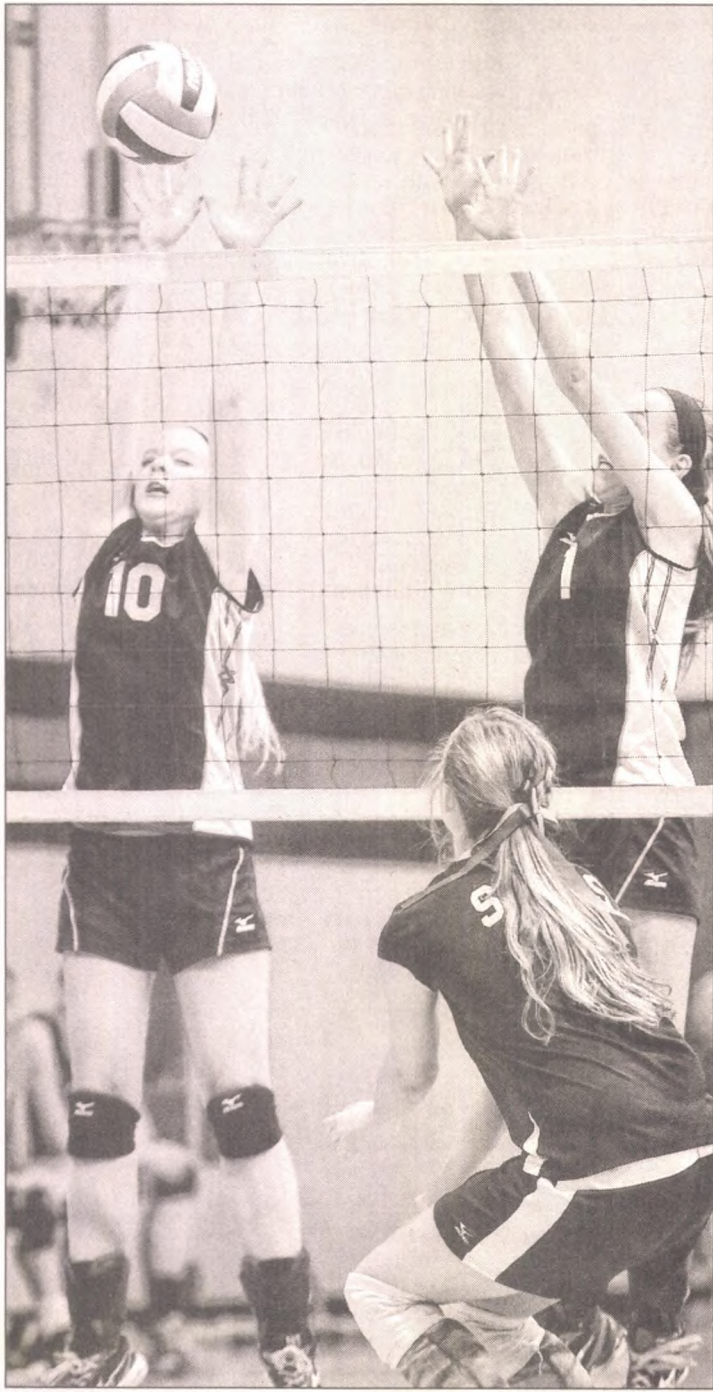
Livonia Ladywood's volleyball season came to an abrupt end Friday night against a nemesis from the Detroit Catholic League.

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard moved into Tuesday's Class B regional semifinal at Livonia Clarenceville by defeating the host Blazers in three sets for the district championship, 25-22, 25-22, 25-15.

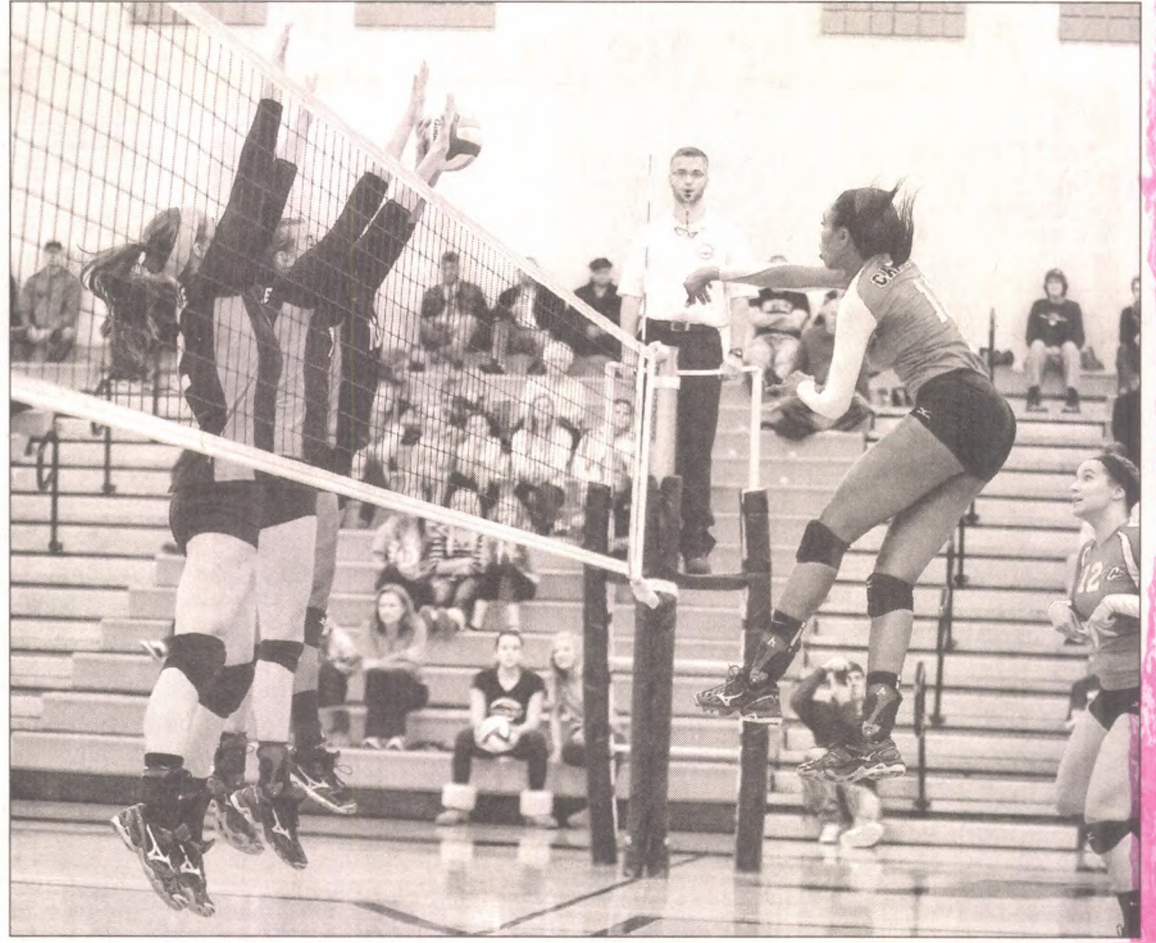
Ladywood, which finished its season at 21-17-3 overall, beat Redford Union on Wednesday, 25-11, 25-19, 25-11 as senior Sabine Hutter had eight kills in the semifinal triumph. Sophomores Kayla March and Jaclyn Mullen each added six.

Emily Fradette chipped in five aces, while sophomore setter Abi Gluchowski added 13 assists for the Blazers.

Richard beat Detroit Community, 3-0, in the other semifinal.



Up to block the ball Friday night are Plymouth Christian's Josie Postma (No. 10) and Kelsey Williamson (No. 1) against Newport Lutheran South. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Slamming the ball over the net for Canton is junior Kayla Buford (No. 11). Attempting to block for the Chiefs are senior Rachel Buzenberg, left, and junior Courtney Kurkie. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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serious problems.

"It's like a thing for us," the senior outside hitter noted. "You can't let them get more than three points at a time or else it's, ... like payback. Can't let them get any more than that."

### Road woes

Johnson said Northville also benefited from the boisterous student section at one end of the gym, which perhaps negatively impacted his team (which finished with a record of 31-13-1).

"I think we were just tight, we came in real tight," Johnson noted. "It's a home court advantage here, a lot of the crowd's in it. We just came out playing not to lose instead of playing relaxed ball. But I'm proud of my kids. They played well tonight."

Abbott smiled when asked about how important it was to have the home crowd standing and chanting all night.

"It's huge," Abbott said. "They make all the noise for us and sometimes when we get down on ourselves they just pick us right back up."

Strong serving by Northville put the Chiefs behind the 8-ball early. In the opening set, Abbott reeled off five points in a row, including three aces. That opened up a 10-5 lead for Northville and the Mustangs were off and running.

Canton battled for much of Game 2, tying things up 7-7 on a point served by junior outside hitter Lauren Schornack (10 digs).

But her next serve was long to put Northville up again and Katherine Boss followed with five service points to pad that to 12-7.

In the third set, the Chiefs showed some spunk when they rallied from a 17-10 deficit to close the gap to 17-16 following four points served by senior libero Madison Kielty (12 digs).

One of those points was secured on a nifty tip by Kurkie.

Once again, Abbott put a stop to that. Her spike kill on defense kept the Mustangs up 18-16 and she did the same with a sideout slam the next time Canton served to make it a 21-17 advantage.

### Future's bright

Despite the season-ending defeat, Johnson praised his senior class and saw plenty to

be optimistic about in 2014.

"Kielty is one of our seniors that we'll be missing for sure next year and our two main setters are (leaving) next year," said Johnson, referring to Chelsea Janice (10 digs, 10 assists) and Rachel Buzenberg. "(Right-side-hitter) Sasha Cucuz (three kills) is certainly going to be a big loss for next year."

"And so will (middle hitter Lauren) Bedro, our other middle. But we have replacements already on the team and we have some nice replacements coming up. We're in good shape."

Having players such as Buford (five kills) who are growing in promise is another reason why Johnson is enthusiastic about the future.

"I think Buford had a good night, she had some good blocks in there tonight," he said. "And she's really starting to connect with her setters. She's got some good skills."

Other Canton players who made contributions Wednesday included junior outside hitter Haley Diedrick (nine digs, four kills) and junior setter Carleigh Vela (four assists).

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## EAGLES

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thing."

With Malcolm, freshman outside hitter Olivia Mady (21 kills) and junior setter Raina Postma, the Eagles exploited a height advantage at the net for many of their points — which keyed a pair of 25-19 wins in the first two sets.

### To their advantage

"We worked a lot on hitting down the line, because we were taller than them other than one of their big middles (senior Kristi Smrycka)," Decker noted. "So we were hitting over their shorter girls. We used what we had to our advantage."

Also thrilled for a return to the regionals is senior outside hitter Rachael Fuller, who helped keep PCA on track with 15 digs and 14 kills.

"I am so excited, I can't wait," said the third-year varsity player.

Malcolm, Fuller and their teammates had little adversity during the first two games, but got into trouble in Game 3 largely because of Smrycka's slugging serving.

Trailing 2-1 with no tomorrow for the Saints, Smrycka went on a blistering run from the service stripe that included five aces. Several of those were lasers, too hot to handle for PCA.

By the time the Eagles managed a sideout it was a 8-3 edge for Lutheran South.

"She (Smrycka) is a really good player, a really smart player, she has a great serve," Saints head coach Missy Woodfill said. "They (Eagles) didn't have many holes tonight. Normally, she finds holes all over the place and she can get us a lot of points. They had really good defense tonight."

PCA did cut the deficit to a couple points, but ultimately fell short 25-22 to force a fourth set.

### Not over yet

Before starting Game 4, Decker reminded her team

not to get overconfident.

"You can get the attitude 'Oh, we won the first two, we can relax a little,'" Decker said. "And I think we relaxed and weren't quite as clean as we should have been. The first thing I said (before the fourth set) was do not be overconfident."

"Play with confidence, but don't play like the game's over because it's not."

Keeping Smrycka (21 digs, 17 assists, seven kills) from going off again was top of mind for the Eagles as far as making sure the match didn't reach a fifth set.

"When a team gets on a run like that it's really hard to come back from," Fuller noted. "So we just needed to make sure we started off really strong."

Malcolm added that Smrycka "had big blocks and a hard swing so we just had to get our blocks up on her."

Mady helped give PCA some breathing room in the fourth game, scoring two service points (one on a nice Malcolm-to-Fuller set) including an ace to make it 6-2.

The Eagles would not let Lutheran South get momentum going the rest of the way, helped out by defensive sideout points from Malcolm, Postma, Fuller and junior middle blocker Kelsey Williamson.

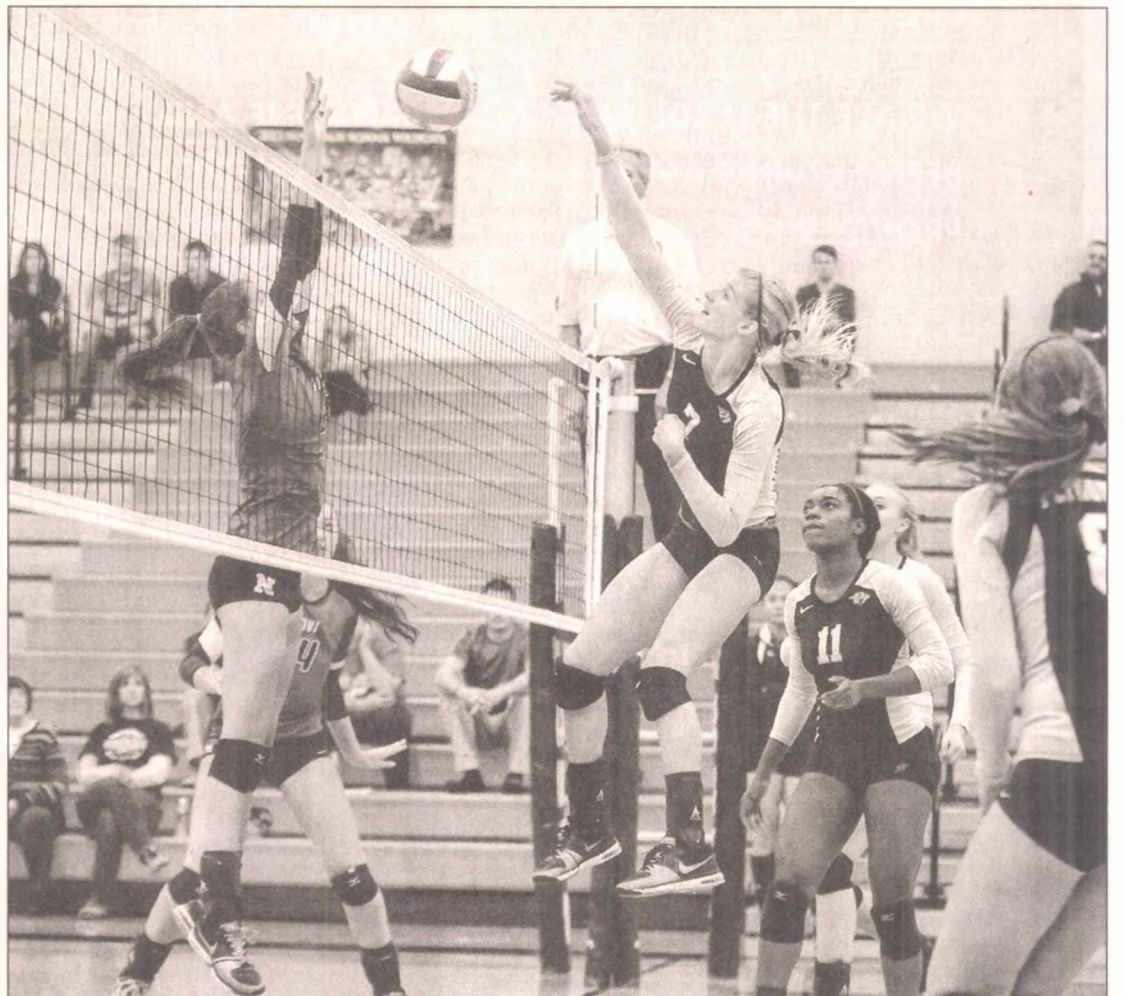
Junior libero Callie Morby's four-point service run turned a 15-9 game into a 19-9 one, and that pretty much finished off the Saints (21-11-4).

Also strong for PCA was senior defensive specialist Katherine Gibson, with 11 digs and four aces.

Other Saints with solid performances included senior setter/outside hitter Marie Frank (13 digs, eight kills, six assists) and junior outside hitter/defensive specialist Alexis Starman (13 digs, 10 kills).

PCA reached the district final thanks to Thursday's 25-10, 25-5, 25-16 victory over Taylor Trillium in a semifinal match.

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Plymouth's Olivia Beyer (No. 7) drives the ball over Novi defenders during Wednesday's district volleyball game. At right for Plymouth is Shayla Smalls (No. 11). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## GUTSY

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characteristics.

Senior libero Haylee Weber sparked with 25 digs. Senior right-side hitter Emily Burkman and sophomore setter/outside hitter Dani Barile contributed 16 and 12 digs, respectively.

Burkman also tallied eight kills while Barile chipped in with 13 assists.

"One or two points here or there," Marody said. "They could have gone either way and that would have been the difference. We had a couple missed serves that were unfortunate."

"And we only lost by two those first two games."

Marody, however, praised her team for having a record

season.

"I'm sad that the third game ended like it did for them (seniors Weber, Smalls, Burkman), but they left a legacy here," Marody said. "Three or four years on varsity, they set some school records (most victories, collecting a district win) and made new goals for our younger girls to aspire to and they're surely going to be missed."

### Early spark

For a while, Plymouth looked like it could live to play another match.

Novi led 19-10 in the opener before Plymouth stormed back, fueled by Barile's run at the stripe (featuring an ace) to make it 19-16.

Plymouth kept clawing and finally evened things up 24-24 and 25-25 (on a spike by Beyer).

Novi edged ahead on a de-

fensive point and clinched the win when Plymouth misfired on an attempted spike.

In the pivotal second set, Plymouth led by as much as 21-17 but served the ball out of bounds to give Novi a sideout point and some hope.

Still, the Wildcats enjoyed a 23-22 lead and had the ball ready to serve, with the chance to close out the win.

No dice. Beyer fired a ball that just fell out of bounds along the right sideline to make it 23-23 and Novi managed to score the set-clinching points on spikes by Brooke Laney and Isabelle Glancy.

The final set proved anticlimactic as Plymouth quickly fell behind 8-2 following five service points by sophomore Victoria Iacobelli.

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# Area tennis aces fill All-Observer honor squad

## FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

**Griffin Mertz, Jr., N. Farmington:** The three-year varsity player and junior is a repeat member of the all-area first team who compiled an impressive, 23-7 record this year.

Mertz is a regional champion and was the No. 3 seed (quarterfinalist) at the Division 2 state tournament. He also finished first in the Portage Central Quad and North Farmington Invitational; he was a finalist in the Northville tournament.

"Griffin has made a lot of growth and improvement over the past three years on varsity," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "He has continued to be a huge asset to the team, especially with his growth in maturity on and off the court."

**Jonathan Martin, Jr., Churchill:** The junior finished with a 21-5 record en route to an individual berth in the Division 1 state finals after taking runner-up honors at the regional.

Martin was also KLAA 'B' tourney runner-up at No. 1 singles. He also excels academically in Churchill's MSC program.

"His play improved as the season went along," Churchill coach John Webster said. "He had several solid wins this season. Jonathan is looking forward to his senior season and continued success."

**Chad Northey, Sr., Stevenson:** The senior and four-year letter win-

## 2013 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TENNIS

**FIRST-TEAM SINGLES**  
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ner finished with a 15-10 record this season, while helping the Spartans earn team runner-up honors at the regional.

The scholar-athlete played No. 1 singles three straight years and was MVP his sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

"Chad has had a stellar career at Stevenson," coach Don McCathney said. "He is a very dedicated and hard-working athlete. He has the skills to play at the next level and he possessed great leadership traits."

**Rohan Vaishnav,**

**Soph., Canton:** Vaishnav already is a force to be reckoned with in the KLAA despite being only a sophomore.

He finished 12-3, including strong wins against Livonia Stevenson, Brighton, Monroe while also earning victories at the Brighton and Monroe quads.

"Rohan is a great player with a strong sense of singles strategy," coach Barb Lehmann said. "He is a confident player and maintains a strong sense of focus when pushed to the back fence. He has an all-around solid game from his powerful serve to his net game."

**Jordan Lu, Fr., Plymouth:** The savvy freshman quickly showed his mettle, racking up a 13-9 record against top opponents in the KLAA and earning Most Valuable Player accolades in the process.

His leadership skills also were very apparent,

enough so that the team already voted him one of the captains for 2014 — showing how much his teammates respect him.

"Jordan has become competitive with the top players in the state and is committed to putting in the hard work to continue to improve his skills," coach Tom Kimball said.

**Henri Medwed, Sr., Farmington:** Medwed held his own against tough competition in the OAA White Division while facing elite opponents from such schools as Clarkston, Lake Orion, Rochester and Stoney Creek. He also had key wins over some Observerland players at No. 1 singles.

As a junior, Medwed was undefeated at No. 4 singles in the OAA Blue Division, helped lead the Falcons to the division championship and was named the team's most valuable player.

"Henri plays with passion and determination, using heavy doses of top spin on his ground strokes," coach Tom Kuskowski said. "He combines that with a soft touch on his volleys to earn his place on the all-area team."

## FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

**Colin Halow, Sr.; Danny O'Neill, Sr.; N. Farmington:** The senior duo makes another appearance on the all-area first team after an outstanding season. The Raiders earned all-OAA and all-state honors and won a regional championship. Halow and O'Neill were seeded fifth at the D-2 state tournament and advanced to the quarterfinals, losing to the No. 4 seed.

"These two have played together all four years, and their chemistry on the court is part of what makes them so successful," Wasielewski

said. "Their work ethic and dedication to the team and program is amazing. They were great role models on and off the court."

**Tom Cwiek, Sr.; Neal Adams, Jr.; Stevenson:** The two-time varsity letter winners compiled a 19-7 record this season while earning Division 1 regional runner-up honors.

Cwiek and Adams, both scholar-athletes, also captured the Livonia City title at No. 1 doubles.

"Tom and Neal teamed together for the first time this season and had great success," McCathney said. "The made an excellent team playing very focused and competitive tennis, which made them very difficult to beat. They were very coachable and had great attitudes."

**Noah Garber, Sr.; Rob Chapekis, Sr.; N. Farmington:** The Raiders posted an 18-7 record at No. 2 doubles, were OAA Red Division finalists, regional champions and Division 2 state semifinalists.

"Rob and Noah were a very successful and tough team that had a great season," Wasielewski said, adding they were the sixth seed in the state tournament.

"They upset the No. 3 seed from Forest Hills Central before losing in the semifinals to the No. 2 seed (from Forest Hills Northern) in a heart-breaking, three-set match, (3-6, 7-5, 6-1)."

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# EMU women cagers crush Crusaders

The Madonna University women's basketball team had a rough afternoon Friday against NCAA Division I foe Eastern Michigan University.

The host Eagles got 25 points on 10-of-17 shooting from Cha Sweeney in a 101-52 non-conference victory at the EMU Convocation Center. EMU, playing its season opener, outrebounded the Crusaders by a whopping 67-19.

Other scorers in double figures for the Eagles, who led 57-30 at halftime, included Haley Moore (15), Desyree Thomas (13) and Olivia Fouty (10).

Sara Stone and Fouty also grabbed 12 and 11 rebounds, respectively.

The Crusaders did not have any scorers in double figures as Rachel Melcher had a team-best seven points, while Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin), Erin Menard (Livonia Churchill), Justice Dean (Garden City) and Carrie Kloster added six apiece.

MU shot only 19-of-69 from the floor.

## MU men cruise

Travis Schuba poured in 23 points on 4-of-6 shooting beyond the arc as the Madonna University men's basketball team notched its first win of the season Friday with a 103-53 triumph over Clearwater Christian (Fla.) in the Dick Versace Tip-Off Tournament in West Palm Beach.

Four other players scored in double figures for the Crusaders (1-2), who led 57-16 at halftime, including Jeff Schmitz (12), Salem's Tyler Stewart (11), Derek Lennen (10) and Fred Williams (10).

Senior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) dished out seven assists, while Zach Wedesky added five.

MU shot a blistering 62.3 percent from the floor (38-of-61).

Clearwater Christian (2-2) got 15 points from Tristan Shore and 12 off the bench from Erik McRae.

The Crusaders played Saturday against Northwood University (Fla.), ranked No. 5 in the latest NAIA Division II coaches poll.

## OHL HOCKEY

# Whalers let big early lead evaporate, 6-5

Plymouth stormed out to a 4-1 lead after one period Thursday night at Windsor, but could not hang on for the Ontario Hockey League victory, losing 6-5 at WFCU Centre.

Three of Windsor's six goals were netted by Kerby Rychel, including the game-winning marker at 18:43 of the third period.

Victimized by Rychel and the Spitfires was Whalers goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who faced 44 shots.

Early on, it looked Plymouth (7-12-0) would be in for a laugh. After Windsor went up 1-0 at 4:46 of the first on a power play goal by Remy Giftopoulos, the Whalers responded with four markers in a 10-minute span — two by Carter Sandlak.

It only took Rychel 55 seconds of the middle stanza to start bringing back the Spits, netting an unassisted goal on the power play.

Rychel made it a 4-3 Plymouth lead at the 13-minute mark, and that's how the score remained until the third.

The Whalers got one back at 5:59 of the final period, with Ryan Hartman tallying his 10th of the season from Sandlak and Francesco Vilar-di.

Then came Windsor (10-6-0), registering a shorthanded goal by Slater Koekoek at 9:14 and an even-strength marker by Cristiano DiGiacinto at 16:21 to even things up at 5-all.

With overtime looming, Rychel finished off the Whalers with his third of the contest.

Making 38 stops for the victory was Windsor goalie Dalen Kuchmeyer.

Both OHL West Division teams will renew acquaintances 7 p.m. Saturday, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Despite tough sledding, Salem again cracks top 10

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity girls cross country team overcame sloppy conditions at Brooklyn's Michigan International Speedway to finish 10th overall at the Division 1 finals on Nov. 2.

It marked the third time in the past four seasons that the Rocks reached the top 10 and capped outstanding prep careers by seniors Kayla Kavulich, Natasha Stevenson and Emily Marcero.

"These ladies battled through the mud and slop (Nov. 2) with tremendous effort and gutsy performances," veteran head coach Dave Gerlach said. "The course was running at least 20 seconds slow. There were spots on the course that were under water and filled with six inches of mud."



Cho



Arquette



Kavulich

Salem tallied 338 points, trailing Northville (107), Saline (139), Hudsonville (164), Birmingham Seaholm (165), Rockford (169), Traverse City Central (170), Grosse Pointe South (236), Brighton (255) and Milford (320).

Individually, junior Anya Cho had Salem's top showing. She placed 45th overall with a time of 18:58.2. Trailing her were junior Lauren Arquette (67th, 19:12.0) and Kavulich (70th, 19:13.3).

"Anya breaking 19 minutes in these conditions shows that she is among the elite," Ger-

lach continued. "Lauren and Natasha also stepped up on the big stage ... along with a gutsy performance by Kavulich, as she battled through the final mile of the race."

Also finishing for the Rocks were Stevenson (110th, 19:44.3), sophomore Kayla Hughes (144th, 20:09.3), junior Elizabeth Tripp (171st, 20:36.5) and Marcero (177th, 20:38.8).

It was a challenging season for Kavulich, who was hampered by an illness for several weeks in September and early October yet continued to strive for excellence.

"I am proud of these young ladies for persevering through a lot of adversity this season and ending on such a high note," Gerlach said.

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## WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

# Capoccia spurs MU women, 3-0

Kelly Capoccia notched her eighth and ninth goals of the season Wednesday as the host Madonna University women's soccer team opened the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs with a 3-0 quarterfinal victory over Siena Heights.

The Crusaders, who improved to 10-8-1 overall, will travel Saturday to Grand Rapids and take on Davenport University (16-2), the NAIA's 10th-

ranked team, in the WHAC semifinals. (On Oct. 19, host Davenport won the first meeting in double-overtime, 4-3.)

Capoccia, a sophomore transfer from Grand Valley State, broke a scoreless tie in the 52nd minute when she scored from the left side off a cross from Katlyn Krysiak.

The Livonia Ladywood grad then made it 2-0 in the 56th minute on free kick from 25 yards out on a shot that just

made it under the crossbar. Morgan Himanek then put the game away during the 71st minute on another unassisted free kick from 25 yards away. Goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg made five saves to post the Crusaders' sixth shutout of the season.

Crystal Wilcoxon played the first 80:06 in goal before giving way to Ashley Elliott for the Saints, who finished 8-8-3 overall.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Rock the Clock

The first Rock the Clock 5-kilometer run-walk will be at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Race proceeds will benefit the Gerard Meteyer Foundation, which helps support Camp Midicha for juvenile diabetes.

Each participant will receive a long-sleeve tech moisture wicking race shirt if registered before Dec. 1.

A Rock the Clock pint glass will go to the first five finishers in each age group.

For more information or to register, visit rocktheclock-run.com.

### MU volleyball

And open tryout for the Madonna University women's volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon Sunday, Nov. 24 at the MU Activities Center.

The tryout is open to any high school senior or college transfer interested in Madonna University and in competing for a spot on the volleyball team for the 2014 season.

For more information contact assistant volleyball coach Brian McClain at 248-495-5307; or via email at bgmclain1@aol.com.

### AAU Jr. Crusaders

Tryouts for the AAU Junior Crusaders will be at the following at Madonna University Activities Center, 36600

### Schoolcraft Road, Livonia:

Girls 12s and 13s — noon-1:30 p.m.; 14s and 15s — 1:30-3 p.m.; 16s, 17s and 18s, 3-4:30 p.m. Players born before Sept. 1 are in the older age group. (A player born on Aug. 30, 2001 would be in the 13-year-old age group.)

Practices for the 2014 season begin Tuesday, March 4, 2014. All practices Tuesdays and Thursdays. Practice times are TBA at this time.

The program cost is \$565 (five tournaments including the state AAU).

For more information, contact the MU volleyball office at (734) 432-5612; or assistant coach Brian McClain at bgmclain1@aol.com.



## LOCAL GARDENERS MEET SPIDERS, SCORPIONS

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Andrea Millar held a live scorpion in her hand Tuesday night.

She didn't flinch. She didn't move. And she didn't regret one minute of the experience.

"It was cool and scary at the same time," said Millar, a Livonia resident and member of the Livonia Garden Club. "It was lighter than I thought and it felt stiff. It was definitely an adrenaline rush."

She and other club members got a close-up view of the animal during a presentation on spiders and other arachnids Nov. 5, at the Civic Park Senior Center. Cara Shillington, Ph.D., a biology professor at Eastern Michigan University who researches tarantulas and teaches a course in spiders, showed slides, told stories and unleashed a few of her creepy, crawly friends. Scorpions aren't spiders but both are arachnids, a class of eight-legged creatures that also includes mites and ticks.

Only Millar accepted Shillington's offer to hold the black-colored emperor scorpion, which glowed green in the dark when lights were dimmed.

"I know I'd never hold one otherwise," Millar said.

Shillington was more protective of her fragile black widow spider and her tarantula, prohibiting the audience from touching while she walked throughout the room with them. The black widow sat inside a jar lid and then scurried over Shillington's hand and coat sleeve before being returned to its habitat. The female tarantula walked along each tabletop it visited, spinning a line of webbing as it walked. With poor vision, ta-



Livonia Garden Club members Shirley Ziemba (left) and Judy Miller listen as Cara Shillington, Ph.D., a biology professor at Eastern Michigan University, talks about her favorite subject, spiders. The plastic box contains discarded exoskeletons from molting tarantulas. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

rantulas sense movement and vibrations through the hair on their bodies.

"I'm more afraid of what people might do to my animals than what the animals might do to them," she said, explaining that sudden movement or blasts of air can scare a tarantula. "They are so fragile. If she is dropped and punctures her abdomen, she dies."

### Passionate about spiders

Shillington said she was more interested in cats and horses as a child, but took an interest in tarantulas as a college student after receiving one as a pet. By that time, she had earned a degree in engineering.

"I really don't know why but it was a life-changing event



Professor Cara Shillington brought one of her research assistants, a Black Widow spider.

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# Knowledge is power for appliances, rest of life

Just like you, I get bits and pieces of what I think is important from our media and I keep my eyes and ears open to the subject of appliances. Recalls and warnings in the world of appliances I would consider my specialty and I pass on the information via this column. I have some friends who work in this industry and they clue me as what they see and repair on appliances.

Recently I have been getting emails from unknown technicians who send me more information to pass on and ask me not to reveal where they work for fear of being fired. I have promised to keep their employment confidential and I commend these



**Joe Gagnon**  
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

technicians for really caring about consumers who they feel should know the secrets that are kept out of the public eye. I have recently signed a contract with DTE to be a consultant, spokesman in regards to their Home Protection Plan and will be working alongside some very professional people in the appliance repair industry. I expect to have a bigger stage in helping homeowners gain more knowledge about appliances.

Today's big tip: I am

always complaining that our media doesn't do enough informing their viewers on dangerous aspects of appliances. They're short and usually one-timers.

### Refrigerator problems

The following comes from Canada which is much more stringent on codes when it comes to appliances. They work through their association of fire marshals across the country and I think that is great for reaching out to homeowners. Here is the example of how it works. The office of the fire marshal has been made aware of concerns relating to the interior light bulb in certain bottom mount, French-door

LG refrigerator models and similar Sears Kenmore refrigerator models, manufactured by LG between 2004 and 2007. In the affected models, the interior light bulb can remain on when the refrigerator door is closed. The heat generated by the continuously lit bulb can lead to the melting, charring and smoking of the plastic light fixture and interior lining located at the top of the refrigerator. LG has attributed this light fixture problem to a faulty relay in the refrigerator's circuit board. Approximately 145,000 affected refrigerators were sold in Canada throughout this period. Now this is quite a story isn't it? Do you ever remember hearing

about this in the U.S.A.?

### Check website

Well, it doesn't apply only to Canada and if you go to the website, [www.sf/46/515](http://www.sf/46/515) you will learn a lot more about this issue. I hear that Sears might even give you a new refrigerator because of this issue, God bless their souls. I hear that there are lifetime warranties being given to customers that wake up to a smoking refrigerator. This listed website will open your eyes to just some of the things we do not hear about.

Wouldn't it be something if we had a way of making every homeowner aware of such problems with a major home

appliance? It surely would save lives and prevent many fires and stem the tide of insurance pay-offs. I know it can be done, there has to be a way. A little red warning light installed at the manufacturing level that is activated by a red telephone in the office of the company president—that could be the way. If you have any suggestions, my email address is listed. I would like to hear from you. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).

## Meow mixer: Cat rescuer will show her furry 'kids' at pet expo

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Ann Grenier will help add a feline touch to the entertainment at Novi Pet Expo next weekend.

"A lot of people there are just going to know about the dogs. The expo is dog-oriented. I want exposure for the cats," said Grenier, founder of The Country Cat & The City Kitty Cat/Kitten Rescue in Livonia.

Grenier and other cat lovers will show their felines, who will vie for top ranking, at The International Cat Association event during the expo.

"People will say, 'We've heard of dog shows and what they do ... what tricks do cats do?' They don't do anything but look good. It's like a beauty contest."

The cat show, presented by The Buckeye Ohio Rollers Cat Club and TICA, is the only cat-oriented entertainment for the weekend and will



include judging of both purebred and household cats and kittens. Four dog-related acts, a bird show and a horse that does tricks, round out the rest of the entertainment lineup. Exhibitor booths, rescues, a petting farm and guest speakers also will be on hand.

Volunteers from Grenier's organization will offer cats for adoption in the animal rescue portion of the expo, while across the exhibit room, Grenier will present her cats, Flint and A Moment in Tyme at the TICA show.

Grenier rescued Flint after seeing a posting on Craigslist.

"He was flea infested and you could see where the fleas were biting him. I got him home and took him to the vet. He's a sweet guy."

At his first show last month in Indiana, Flint took second best. Tyme was awarded a first best in the same event.

"The last I heard she (Tyme) was the No. 4 household pet cat in our region."

She hopes the pair do well in the upcoming TICA show, which will offer some tough competition. Judging in the household category is subjective because there is no breed standard to use as a guide. Grenier said judges often use feather toys and bells to gain a cat's attention and watch how they play.

"For this show in Novi, people are flying in from all over the world. I am hoping my kids make it



Flint will compete in the cat show at the Novi Pet Expo.

through. To me, every kitty has a chance. I cheer on every kitty."

The expo runs noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Beck and Novi Road, Novi. Admission is \$10 for adults and children, 12 and over; \$5 for children, 6-11, free for children, 5 and under. Parking is \$5. Tickets are available online and at the door. Leashed, well-



Ann Grenier's cat, A Moment in Tyme, strikes a formal pose.

behaved dogs are permitted at the show. Maximum leash length is 6 feet. No retractable

leashes will be allowed. For more information, visit [novipetexpo.com](http://novipetexpo.com).

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Mon. - Thurs. 7 p.m.-10 p.m.  
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Nov. 19, 26 and Dec. 3, 10 and 17.  
Bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the \$5 vehicle fee. Toys will be donated to the Wayne County Family Center.
- **Live Entertainment**  
Santa's workshop on Dec. 4 and 11!
- **Photos with Santa**  
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# SPIDERS

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and I went back to get a biology degree and study tarantulas," she said. "I never grew up with spiders. I had never handled spiders. I think if you can get someone over their fear a little, you can get them interested."

If there was any fear among Livonia Garden Club members, it quickly turned to sympathy for the tarantulas as Shillington told stories about following the animals in the wild with radio tracking devices.

"It's so tough for them. They got eaten by everything. One day I knew it was a possum. As I was getting close I heard a slight change in the (radio) beep. I turned the corner and there was a possum sitting there with a tarantula in its paws, eating the tarantula," Shillington said, eliciting a chorus of "Oh, no!" and "Aw!" from listeners.

In Michigan, she and her students find wolf spiders, jumping spiders and other species when they visit a field station in Lapeer.

"The problem is not everybody likes spiders, but the ones that do, boy, we have a lot of fun."



Professor Cara Shillington points out characteristics of tarantulas. Theresa Welling keeps her distance. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## SPIDERS

Cara Shillington, Ph.D., who teaches a spider class at Eastern Michigan University, offered these insights into spiders and spider lore during her visit to the Livonia Garden Club:

» "There was a real Miss Muffet. She was the daughter of Dr. Muffet and probably one of the reasons she was running away was that he used to dose her with spiders to cure ailments."

» An old medicinal recipe from Kentucky called for eating "handfuls with bread and butter."

» All spiders have fangs, used to grab their prey, but not all use venom. The smaller the spider, the more the venom it has.

» Black widow spiders and brown recluse spiders are considered particularly venomous. "The only one we get here is the black widow. The brown recluse, I've had many people try to tell me they are around here, but nobody has brought me one that is a brown recluse."

» "The nice thing about spiders is they will eat anything. If they are thriving in your basement they must be eating something. Leave them where they are and they will take care of whatever it is they are eating."



Pat Slayton decides whether to touch a discarded tarantula exoskeleton.

# Party with a purpose



Enjoying the recent sixth annual CRUSH Wine & Food Classic are Desiree and Tim Wolk (left) of Utica, Ioana and Phillip Ben-Ezra of Farmington Hills, Lisa and Jason Curtis of Macomb, Michelle Pusta of Keego Harbor, and Dave Curtis of Detroit. The black tie gala, held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, benefited the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. JULIE YOLLES

# Storytellers to perform in Livonia on Nov. 15

Tellabration: A Night of Storytelling for Adults returns Friday, Nov. 15, to the Livonia Civic Center Public Library auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

The annual program is a worldwide event, established in 1988 to promote storytelling and to share stories. The Detroit Story League presents Tellabration locally, with a silent auction from 6-7 p.m., storytelling at 7 p.m. and refreshments and final auction bids at 8:45 p.m. Proceeds from the silent auction support the organization's scholarship fund. Admission is \$5 at the door. Tellers this year are



Clark



Cooney



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Bulkley

storytelling alive, provide an opportunity for the study of storytelling and to furnish storytellers for performances.

The group meets from noon to 3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month, except July, in a variety of locations. Its next meeting is Nov. 16 at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, in Farmington. The theme of the meeting is fruit baskets.

For more information about the Detroit Story League and its programs, visit [detroit-storytelling.org](http://detroit-storytelling.org).

Doris Cooney, Linda Day and Barbara Jones Clark. Trudy Bulkley will serve as emcee.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER BETHANY

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16

**Location:** Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City

**Details:** Friends of Bethany bi-monthly breakfast

**Coming up:** Bethany Together Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 30, Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks, along with music for dancing. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Attire is business casual. Admission is \$13. Bethany provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. It's an organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit

**Contact:** www.bethanysemi.org or 248-988-0454

BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

**Contact:** 734-425-4421

CARD PARTY

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

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

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

**Contact:** 734-722-1343

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10

**Location:** St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** "Thanksgiving Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help Livonia Cares, a group that provides utility and rental assistance to residents in need; Cass Corridor Apartment Rehab, which rebuilds buildings to create affordable apartments in Detroit; and Brightmoor Community Christmas Store, which enables needy families to create an affordable Christmas celebration

**Contact:** 734-422-6038

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

**Location:** Congregation Shaare Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

**Details:** Laurie Berkner will bring her "The You & Me Tour" to the congregation. Tickets range from \$18-\$118 per person.

**Contact:** 248-357-5544; shaareyzedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

POMEGRANATE GUILD

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10

**Location:** Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park

**Details:** The group studies and creates Judaic needlework. At its next meeting, members will prepare a Purim table for the Holiday Tables event, Nov. 23-24 at Spicer House in Farmington Hills. They'll also complete Chanukah table runners

**Contact:** Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

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

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13

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

**Details:** Deacon Tom Loewe, co-host of EWTN's *Notes From Above* and development director of Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, will share the story of his reversion from Catholic school boy to, in Loewe's own words a "true prodigal son" to ordained Catholic deacon with the Diocese of Lansing

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

WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

**Location:** St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** Mass, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Widowed Friends is a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit

**Contact:** Pat at 734-895-6246

DECEMBER ADVENT SERVICES

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

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** The theme for meditations is Waiting for the Savior

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

CONCERT

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

**Location:** St. Aidan, 17500

Farmington Road, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-425-5950

GIRL'S NIGHT FOR ADVENT

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

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

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

**Contact:** 734-455-5910

GUY'S NIGHT FOR ADVENT

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

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

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

**Contact:** 734-455-5910.

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

Our Lady of Loretto

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

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

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

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

Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

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

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

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

**Location:** The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

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

**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

**Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at 248-478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

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

**Contact:** 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

**Location:** 7000 Sheldon, Canton

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

Loca

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

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

Song Circle

**Congregation Beth Ahm**

**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibro-group.com

MILESTONES

ENGAGEMENT

Bohdan-Hartmann

Meredith Bohdan and Brian Hartmann announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dr James and Nancy Bohdan of Milford, is a 2005 graduate of Milford High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 2009 from Michigan State University honors college and a master's degree in environmental policy and planning in 2001 from the University of Michigan. She is employed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Her fiance, son of Carl and Debbi Hartmann of Farmington Hills, is a 2003 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. He earned bachelor's and



Meredith Bohdan and Brian Hartmann

master's degrees from the University of Michigan, including an M.B.A. from Ross School of Business. He is employed by McKinsey and Company.

A December 2013 wedding is planned in West Bloomfield.

WEDDING

Panko-Grevell

Kimberly Josephine Panko and David John Grevell were married Feb. 21, 2013, at Le Kliff Restaurant in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The bride, daughter of Richard and Margo Panko of Canton, is a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, and 1997 graduate of Salem High School in Canton. She currently works as the Queensland State Government account manager for Pitney Bowes in Brisbane, Australia.

The groom, son of Paul and Lynne Grevell is from Brisbane, and works as an electrical engineer for Aquarius Technologies.

The bridesmaids were Cathy Roberts, Becky Lechowicz, Grace Overlander and Lora Montgomery.



Kelly Panko and David Grevell on their wedding day

Receptions were held in the Westin at Puerto Vallarta in February, Sails in Brisbane in March, and at Jeff Panko's house in August.

Their honeymoon included a Disney cruise through the Caribbean, a week at Disney World and a stay on a private island in Turks and Caicos.

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BLACKLOCK, BARBARA JEAN (ZAGERS)

Age 84 from Cadillac, Michigan, resident of Naples, Florida, passed October 31st in Livonia, MI. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Thomas Allen Blacklock of Elberta, MI. Barbara is survived by her children Timothy (Cindy) Blacklock of Hamburg Twp., MI, John (Amy) Blacklock of Plymouth, MI, and Verna Vinocur of Farmington, MI. Also survived by sisters Gloria (Jim) Labar of Florida, Sue (Ken) Turner of Georgia, Lynda (Nels) Nichols of Elk Rapids, MI, and Kayl Waters of Westland, MI; six



## Study: Use better blood pressure guidelines for treatment plans

A new way of using blood pressure-lowering medications could prevent more than a quarter of the heart attacks and strokes that occur while using less medication overall, according to new research from the University of Michigan Health System and the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

The study found that using patients' risk of heart disease, while also considering other factors such as age, gender and smoking history, to individualize treatment plans is more effective than current treatment methods.

Current medical guidelines use a one-size-fits-all treatment approach based on target blood pressure values that leads to some patients being on too many medications and others being on too little, the authors say.

Blood pressure medication is used to prevent associated heart disease and stroke. Researchers found that a person's blood pressure level often is not the most important factor in determining if a blood pressure medication will prevent these diseases. However, the common practice is to base treatment strictly on blood pressure levels.

"Drugs that lower blood pressure are among the most effective and commonly used medications in the country, but we believe they can be used dramatically more effectively," said lead author Jeremy Sussman, M.D., M.Sc., assistant professor of internal medicine in the Division of General Medicine at the U-M Medical School and research scientist at the Center for Clinical Management Research at

the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

"The purpose of these medications is not actually to avoid high blood pressure itself but to stop heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular diseases. We should guide use of medications by a patient's risk of these diseases and how much adding a new medication decreases that risk — not solely on their blood pressure level. We found that people who have mildly high blood pressure but high cardiovascular risk receive a lot of benefit from treatment, but those with low overall cardiovascular risk do not."

Authors say new blood pressure guidelines could help patients make informed decisions about their care. For example, if patients knew that medication only slightly reduced their risk of a heart attack or stroke they may decide medication is not the right choice for them.

"In addition to resulting in more positive health outcomes for patients, this approach provides the type of information we need to guide individual decisions tailored to the patients' preferences and priorities," said senior author Rod Hayward, professor of Medicine and Public Health and senior investigator at the VA Center for Clinical Management Research. "Our research shows how we can estimate how much taking more blood pressure medicine will reduce an individual's risk of heart disease and strokes, so that they and their doctor can make the best decision for them."

## Support: Memory loss program combines arts, socializing

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor offers a new monthly program in a cafe setting for individuals with Alzheimer's and memory loss. Joe's Memory Arts Cafe meets 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month on the St. Joseph Mercy campus at the Towsley Health Building, lower level, located at 5361 McAuley Drive, in Ypsilanti.

The free social gatherings provide a social outlet and stress relief for individuals with memory loss living in their own homes, their care partners, family and friends. The cafe is designed to be a safe, supportive and engaging environment where everyone can interact and have fun with their loved ones as well as find support and resources.

"Our focus is to relieve the stress and isolation felt by those dealing with this disease, which can cause tremendous burnout on the part of the care partner," stated Sandy Schmunk, dementia specialist and cafe coordinator. "Often, for those who are not in a residential care setting, old friendships dwindle,



St. Joseph Mercy Health System offers a new memory loss program the second Sunday of the month in this cafe setting.

it becomes more difficult to get out for social functions and there are fewer locations that feel comfortable and safe to take a loved one who has early, mid or late stage dementia."

The program includes activities centered on art and music, such as interactive musical performances, art therapy, dance movement, and more. Information pertaining to Alzheimer's and dementia will also be available. Each gathering will include a light meal in a cafe setting.

Registration is not re-

quired, but helps organizers with planning. For more information or to register, contact cafe coordinator Sandy Schmunk at 734-649-6806 or schmunks@trinity-health.org. More information also is available at stjoeshealth.org/huron-woods.

The cafe is a pilot program of Huron Woods, St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor's residential dementia care community. Collaborators include the Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and Washnet Social Service of Washtenaw County - Older Adult Services.

## Doctor earns honors as top teacher

The American College of Osteopathic Internists recently named Armen A. Korkigian, D.O., FACOI, Teacher of the Year for the major contributions he has made to osteopathic medical education.

Korkigian is an internal medicine specialist on the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and a longtime professional instructor in Botsford's Medical Education Department.

"Armen has always been his own man — extremely knowledgeable, loves to teach, never a doubt where he stands on any issue," stated

Vance Powell Jr. D.O., director of Botsford Hospital's Medical Education Department. "Armen's clarity of



Korkigian

mind is one reason why people want to be on his service. He teaches his students so much and holds them accountable for everything. I admire his unfettered ability to 'tell it like it is.

"Armen is one of the best clinical teachers we've ever had at Botsford and is one of

the top reasons why Botsford is considered among the leading osteopathic teaching hospitals."

In the 17 years since the ACOI began seeking nominations for this award, its member internal medicine specialists have selected Botsford physician trainers three times. In addition to Korkigian, hematologist-oncologist Harold M. Margolis, D.O., FACOI was honored in 2001 and infectious disease specialist Gerald W. Blackburn, D.O., FACOI was recognized for his work in 1998.

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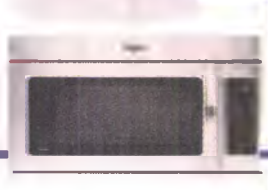
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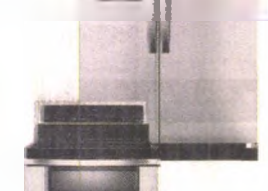
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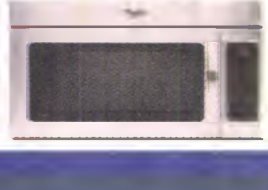
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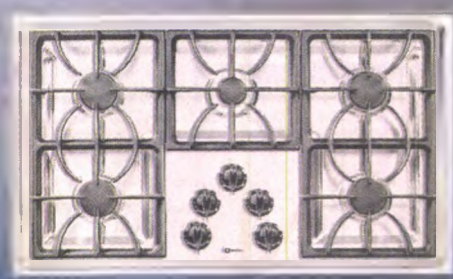
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Turning down a job offer can seem risky and reckless. No matter how long you've been on the hunt, saying no to a steady paycheck just seems wrong, especially with the job market still struggling to reach full recovery.

In the long run, however, accepting the wrong position can hinder your career more severely than passing up a viable opportunity. Here are several reasons why turning down a job offer might actually be your best move:

### Opportunity blocks

Saying yes to an offer means saying no to any others that might be just around the corner. Especially if you recently started your search, passing up a reasonable but uninspiring opportunity might turn out to be, in effect, a very wise investment. On the other hand, if the offer is the only nibble you've had in months of determined searching, rejecting it is a risk.

If you're considering accepting an offer despite serious misgivings, thinking that you can always bail out after a few months, for example, don't bother. Doing so not only creates a question mark on your résumé, but it also subjects you to the challenges of starting a new job without yielding the benefits of sticking around.

### Waning excitement

Ask yourself which job you're really considering: the one you imagined when you first learned of the opening or the one that you've since learned much more about? Has your enthusiasm intensified or faded over the course of the hiring process? Any loss of interest is likely to intensify during your firsthand potentially only months on the job.

### Missing fit

Don't let a generous offer blind you to subjective factors such as cultural fit. How

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comfortable have you felt during your visits to the office and in your interactions with your potential boss?

Don't overestimate your ability to adapt to work and communication styles that don't match your own. In the long run, such intangibles are likely to be much more important to you than the exact number of hours you work, vacation days you enjoy or dollars you earn.

### Dead-end ahead

An otherwise suitable job might not advance you along a satisfying career path. If the apparent potential for advancement leaves you feeling claustrophobic, you're likely better off continuing your search. After all, the most important aspect of your next position might be the breadth and qual-

ity of the jobs it prepares you for. Make sure you understand the advancement, training and development opportunities your prospective employer will provide.

### Old hat

Do you find yourself focusing on everything about the potential job, the commute, compensation, schedule, culture, dress code; except the work itself? Take a closer look at the duties that will make up a typical day.

In some cases, a role that seems like a perfect fit won't provide enough fresh challenges. A role that doesn't require you to keep learning and growing might not keep you engaged for long. If no element of the prospective position makes you at least a

little bit nervous, in a good way, you might want to wait for a stiffer challenge.

### When in doubt, ask

Don't hesitate to talk to the hiring manager about any issues that are getting between you and a decision. Some job candidates, fearing that any misgivings could insult the employer, keep their concerns to themselves. All that does is keep them from making a fully informed decision about the offer and, if they decide to accept it, gets their new professional relationships off to a secretive start.

If the company values you enough to have made you an offer, it will likely be eager to address your concerns. Employers are often willing to negotiate starting salary, for example, if you're hoping for a few more bucks.

If you still have trouble making a decision after following up, forget for a moment about the position in question. Write down the most important qualities of your next job. Then re-evaluate the position with those aspects in mind. Doing so might help you cut through distracting factors and get closer to an opportunity that suits your needs and goals, whether that's the offer at hand or the next one that comes along.

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**ACROSS**

1 Relay-race part  
4 Hindi cousin  
8 Boarded up  
12 Unwell  
13 Any thing (2 wds.)  
14 Fictional plantation  
15 Zoo cuties (2 wds.)  
17 Economist — Greenspan  
18 Major no-no's  
19 Gothics, e.g.  
21 Prior to  
22 Stein filler  
23 White mineral  
26 Prepared fowl  
30 Leo mo.  
31 Electric swimmer  
32 Nay opposite  
33 Nutty confection  
36 Palette adjunct  
38 Halloween mo.

**DOWN**

39 A-Team member (2 wds.)  
40 Frolicsome one  
43 Cleopatra's adornment  
47 Tanker or ferry  
48 Rough  
50 Tarzan's transport  
51 Severe emotional distress  
52 Meditation practice  
53 Frog habitat  
54 Whiskey measure  
55 Hill builder

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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APACHE	BAN	
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	NAE	ACROSS
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HEAP	MARATHON	
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MAIN	BEDS	DDT

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**6** Add sound effects  
**7** Disentangle  
**8** Fends off  
**9** Comet — Bopp

**10** River in Russia  
**11** Pantyhose shades  
**16** Caroler's tune  
**20** Flamenco shout  
**23** Upper limit  
**24** Ben-  
**25** Turkish title  
**26** Sandra or Ruby  
**27** Airline to Stockholm  
**28** Scrutinize  
**29** Tierra — Fuego  
**31** Catches in a sting  
**34** Pruned  
**35** Freezer stuff  
**36** Kind of knight  
**37** They need a PIN  
**39** Mr. Andretti  
**40** Host's plea  
**41** John Glenn's state  
**42** Northwoods st.  
**44** Judy Garland's daughter  
**45** Two to two  
**46** Bivouac sight  
**49** Humbug preceder

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4	3	2	1	8	7	6	5	4
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4	3	2	1	8	7	6	5	4
3	2	1	8	7	6	5	4	3
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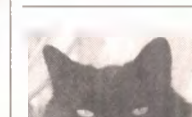
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## New Chevy Silverado Totes Many Reasons for Being No. 1



By Dale Buss

Back in the good old days of the American vehicle market, the Detroit Three makers would sell 1.5 million pickup trucks a year. They're only on a pace to return to about two-thirds of that level this year, their best in a long while—but it sure feels like old times the way buyers are returning to the cabs of trucks.

And heading the renaissance of the industry's highest-profit vehicles is the new 2014 Chevrolet Silverado. It has been extremely well received by consumers, and the reasons are several: It has a larger cargo bed than Dodge Ram, can tow a heavy trailer and delivers best-in-class fuel economy of 16 mpg overall. Silverado's 5.3-liter V-8 engine, six-speed automatic transmission and four-wheel drive even returns 23 mpg on the highway.

On a recent trip up north, Silverado also showed off its comfortable and spacious ride as a leisure vehicle and, for this driver, the advantages of a high ride and a huge "greenhouse" for navigating Michigan traffic. Multiple power and USB connections don't leave Silverado short in the increasingly important area of digital connectivity. And the extra stowage space under the rear seat can be a trip-saver for a vehicle that might not seem all that travel-worthy at first glance.

And in proving an able yardwork assistant, Silverado's rear bumper steps and low step-in height proved an invaluable back-saver. That's all the more the case for the contractors and other professionals who comprise the most important segment of the resurgent



The new High Country version of the Silverado arrives just in time for winter.

pickup-truck market.

In fact, Consumer Reports rated Silverado over the new Ram 1500 in a recent evaluation of the two freshest full-size pickups; Ford will introduce a new F-150 next year. GMC's new sibling pickup, Sierra, also has impressed reviewers.

As a result, sales of the new 2014 Silverado and Sierra increased a combined 62 percent last month from the previous month. They accounted for about 76 percent of GM's light-duty deliveries, per plan.

"We are particularly pleased with our truck momentum," said Kurt McNeil, GM's vice president of U.S. sales operations. "Chevrolet and GMC have the newest and best light duty trucks, sales are accelerating and we are gearing up for the second, third and fourth phases of our strategic truck plan."

In November, the premium Chevrolet Silverado High Country and GMC Sierra Denali will hit showrooms, followed by a redesigned range of heavy-duty pickups

in the first quarter of 2014.

It's true that GM has hit a couple of discordant notes in the marketing of the new Silverado. Its planned "Silverado Strong" promotion during the World Series ran afoul of Bostonians who didn't like

its resemblance to the "Boston Strong" slogan that arose after the Boston Marathon bombings last spring, so Chevy marketers had to pull it at the last minute.

And Chevy has been taking advantage of strong initial demand for the new Silverado by boosting prices by \$1,500. That was enough to pay for a \$1,500 rebate that recently has been offered on most models, and dealers like it because they can use it to help get customers qualified for a loan. But it does tend to undercut GM's strategic plan to let its brands and products do the talking in the showroom.

Still, Chevy's overall marketing campaign for Silverado has represented a welcome return to an approach that tugs at heartstrings and recalls some of the best truck advertising that Chevrolet has done over the decades, such as its long-running "Like

a Rock" positioning.

"What we're trying to do is emotionalize a category that has gotten pretty rational," Tim Mahoney, Chevy's chief marketing officer, told MarketingDaily.com. "It's as much a brand campaign as a Silverado campaign."

Or, as Chris Perry, head of Chevy advertising, put it to Advertising Age, the goal for the campaign—Chevy's largest in years—is to take "back the soulfulness of the category... That segment is one of the most steeped in values and imagery." Yet those values are largely missing from truck ads now, and "we want to reflect those customer values."

The Chevy execs' assessment of the state of truck marketing is instructive. Certainly Ford has taken a more rational route lately with its F-150, the nation's best-selling vehicle, by heavily promoting the availability of a fuel-efficient yet powerful-enough EcoBoost six-cylinder engine that now attracts about half the buyers for the nameplate. On the other hand, Ram certainly appealed to emotions with its evocative Super Bowl ad in February that was an ode to the American farmer.



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