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JUDGE DROPS CANTON FROM MOTHER'S MURDER LAWSUIT

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Edward Williams II and Patricia
"Katie" Williams

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit against Canton Township by the mother of Patricia "Katie" Williams, a 33-year-old Detroit police officer who was shot and killed by her husband in 2009 outside the Canton Public Library.

"I guess it just sort of supports the argument that the township really has no liability in this case," Kristin Kolb, township attorney, said.

However, the lawsuit filed by the victim's mother, Deb-

orah Ryan, is still pending against two Canton police officers, the city of Detroit and two Detroit police officers. Canton, which hired an

outside law firm to fight the case, refiled a motion Oct. 28 asking U.S. District Judge Mark Goldsmith in Flint to dismiss the case against the Canton police officers. No ruling has been made.

Williams was gunned down the morning of Sept. 22, 2009, by her 36-year-old husband, Edward Gordon Williams II, a Detroit police homicide investigator, who then fatally shot himself.

Williams left behind a son, now 13. She and her husband lived in Canton and had domestic problems.

Ryan has contended in court documents that Canton and Detroit police knew two days before Patricia Williams was killed that she already had been assaulted by her husband. The documents allege officers "did nothing to arrest or charge Ed Williams with a crime or detain him in any way, although they would have done both had he not been a police officer."

Bill Goodman, attorney for the Detroit-based firm Goodman & Hurwitz, said Thursday there was a failure to protect the victim's constitutional

right to equal protection under the law.

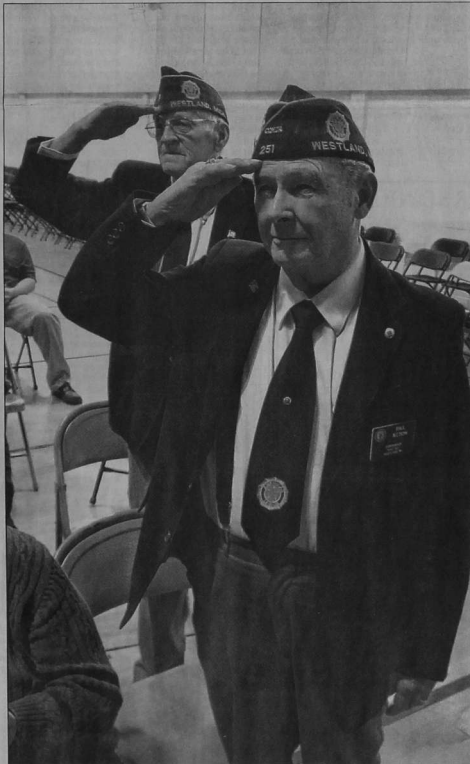
Canton authorities have vehemently defended local police actions.

"I am confident that the practices and the procedures in place and the actions by our officers were appropriate," Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler has said.

Kolb, meanwhile, said Patricia Williams reported she had previously been assaulted, but wouldn't give her husband's name or address. Kolb has said

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HONORING OUR VETERANS



U.S. Army veterans Bill Acton (front) and Larry Buchon, both of Westland, salute while the Pioneer Middle School choir sings the Army's theme song during a Friday ceremony honoring area veterans. The school held the ceremony for the second straight year. For the story and more photos, please turn to page A4.

Non-union pay hikes offset by furlough days

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's non-union employees will get a 1-percent pay increase Jan. 1 if the township board, as expected, approves the measure during its Tuesday meeting.

The proposed pay hike marks the first increase since 2010 for about 80 non-union employees, but Human Resources Manager Gwyn Belcher said it will be more than offset by a 3.8-percent decrease tied to yet another round of 10 unpaid furlough days next year.

"The employees are still taking a pay cut," Belcher said, just not as deep as in recent years as Canton continues to strike back against financial challenges.

Some non-union employees also will qualify for a one-time "step" pay increase tied to years of service.

The latest recommendations to the township board come from the Canton Merit Commission, which oversees non-union employees such as department heads, supervisors, administrative coordinators and executive assistants.

One of Canton's union groups, the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan, already had been scheduled to receive a 1-percent pay increase Jan. 1, but those workers also face another 10 furlough days.

"The bottom line is that every employee group has taken concessions and continues to do so in 2014," Belcher said, adding later, "We are turning over every stone to see where we can cut costs."

The local TPOAM union has 47 full-time and six part-time members, she said.

The only employees to avoid furlough days have been police officers and firefighters, but they have taken other concessions.

The latest developments come as Canton continues to wrestle with escalating retiree health care costs while awaiting a more robust rebound in property tax revenues.

Yet not all the news is gloomy. Belcher said Canton has received new projections indicating health care costs for active employees are expected to actually decrease "ever so

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Charged with armed robbery (from left) are Muhedin Danny Turkovic, 17, of Canton; Alexander James Shippey, 22, of Livonia; Clary DeJuan Scott Jr., 17, of Detroit; and Joseph Charles Holland, 18, of Canton.

CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY

Police nab four suspects in robbery at apartment

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Four defendants are facing a court hearing on charges of armed robbery after Canton police investigated an incident that happened shortly before 9 p.m. Nov. 2 at The Crossings, an apartment complex on the township's north side.

The charges came after two 18-year-old Westland men went to visit acquaintances, only to

face a hostile situation when suspects confronted them inside an apartment and demanded money and other property, a police report said. One of the victims was allegedly punched and kicked.

The incident ended Tuesday to two counts of armed robbery against Muhedin Danny Turkovic, 17, and Joseph Charles Holland, 18, both of Canton,

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4th Wall Theater set for Canton show

The 4th Wall Theater Co., a "mobile company" that brings theater programs to special-needs children and individuals in schools and therapy centers throughout the Detroit area, presents a special free performance beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, 50440 Cherry Hill

Road in Canton. Students from Canton Leisure Services Therapeutic Recreation program, who have worked together singing, acting and dancing for six sessions, will shine on stage performing an original production created from theater games and activities that encourage and strengthen life skills,

such as eye contact and etiquette. During these sessions, individuals with all special needs are given the opportunity to write their own plays, pick their characters and then perform their own shows, all while being introduced to theater protocol, stage terms and acting techniques. "Fourth wall" is a



The 4th Wall Theater Co. presents a special free performance Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse.

theater term that means the separation of the audience from the stage and this group aims to "break the fourth wall," encouraging students with special needs of all

ages and abilities to participate in a collaborative environment on stage. An afterglow party with light refreshments will also be held after the show in the Cherry Hill

Schoolhouse, where the performance is scheduled to take place. For more information, visit www.4thwallkids.com or call 734-394-5460.

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Alexander James Shippey, 22, of Livonia, and Clary Dejuan Scott Jr., 17, of Detroit.

During their arraignment Tuesday, 35th District Magistrate Frank Wren ordered each of the defendants jailed with a \$10,000 cash bond and set a Nov. 15 preliminary exam to determine if they should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, the men could face penalties up to life in prison.

The charges stem from allegations the two victims were robbed inside an apartment at The Crossings, southeast of Joy Road and I-275.

A police report indicated one of the alleged victims was punched in the face before he walked to the door.

The other alleged victim was assaulted and kicked by the accused assailants, the report said.

The victims were robbed of items such as money and a cellphone, police said. The report indicated that threats were made that at least one of the victims would be shot unless he cooperated.

According to the report, police received conflicting statements on whether the two victims had gone to the apartment to buy narcotics.

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Canton family plays role in mural unveiling

The Kresge Eye Institute unveiled the new mosaic art mural in its third floor pediatric waiting room Wednesday.

The installation, "Rainbow Man," is a visually striking 13 feet wide, 7 feet tall, and is made of more than 1,000 hand-sculpted clay pieces. The installation features 3-D details that provide low-vision or visually impaired children and adults an opportunity to experience art by touch.

"Kresge Eye Institute is more than just the home of excellent eye care," said Mark Juzych, director of KEI and chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Wayne State University School of Medicine. "Our physicians and staff understand that patients are not just appointments; each is a unique individual with special needs and deserves our best from the moment they come in. We now have a unique space where visually impaired young people can use their sense of touch to interact with a work of art through an installation made especially for them. It's a good example



Canton residents Christopher and Laurie Kight (from left) and artist Laurie Eisenhardt, at Wednesday's unveiling. MILLARD BERRY

of the way we at Kresge care for the whole person."

The mural was created by Royal Oak artist Laurie Eisenhardt with funding from the Sara Williams Parish Foundation. The project was completed with volunteers from Art & Soul, a mission of Birmingham First United Methodist Church in cooperation with the Networking, Organizing and Advocating for the Homeless program at Detroit's Central United Methodist Church. Art & Soul is designed to inspire pride and purpose in the homeless through self-expressive art. Many Art & Soul members are also patients at Kresge.

"The inspiring collaboration with the folks at Art & Soul on ideas for the development of Rainbow Man," Eisenhardt said. "Two main considerations in designing the mosaic were planning spaces in the piece that would be accessible for the visually impaired."

The pediatric waiting area where the mural is installed is called "Christopher's Corner" to honor a former patient, Christopher Kight, who lost sight in one eye as a result of an injury as an infant. Christopher is

now 11 years old and lives in Canton with his family.

"A few years ago, we were able to make a small donation and direct some additional funding to Kresge," said Jackie Kight, Christopher's mom. "This helped create a waiting area for the children. When Christopher was being treated, I noticed that there was not a space for the child to play quietly while they waited. Christopher's Corner was our contribution to give back to Kresge and provide a place for the kids to wait to see the wonderful doctors."

The Kresge Eye Institute is located at 4717 St. Antoine St. in Detroit.

CORRECTION

A story in the Nov. 7 Canton Observer should have stated that Canton Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr is retiring Nov. 14.

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Bank robbery suspect facing trial

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 35th District Court judge Friday ordered a 28-year-old suspect to stand trial on charges he robbed the Comerica bank branch inside the Kroger store near Ford and Canton Center roads.

Judge Michael Geronzi's decision came after defendant Nathan Michael Kuhn chose to waive his right to a preliminary exam, a decision that averted testimony.

Kuhn, whose addresses have included Livonia and Westland, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of bank robbery for an incident Canton police say happened

about 4 p.m. Oct. 24.

Police have said Kuhn was arrested the next day after authorities received a tip that he was seen at a Wayne motel.

Kuhn, charged as a habitual offender, remained jailed Friday with a \$500,000/10-percent bond that requires \$50,000 for his release.

A not-guilty plea has been placed in his court record as his case now moves to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said police had to force their way inside

the Wayne motel after the suspect tried to block officers.

"We rushed in without incident," Baugh has said. During the robbery, witnesses told Canton police that a man went to the Comerica branch, passed a note demanding money and implied he had a gun. He then left with an undisclosed amount of money.

Police received tips of Kuhn's whereabouts after releasing surveillance photos from the robbery scene.

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Kuhn

Library, Lions team to help visually impaired

Canton Public Library patrons who are visually impaired have a new tool, thanks to a gift from the Canton Lions Club.

A donation from the Lions Club has allowed the library to obtain new equipment for its new Low Vision Center.

"It's brand new," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications department head.

The Lions Club has allowed the library to purchase devices to help the visually impaired. The Low Vision Center houses 18 Optelec magnifying devices, ranging from a 2.5x 6D hand-held magnifier to a 10.75x39D stand magnifier. The devices may be checked out on a three-week loan period.

Librarian Megan Hathaway sees a growing need for such items.

"The Canton community has an active low-vision group that meets regularly and we foresee increased use of our existing low-vision resources, such as our large print books and audiobooks, based on demographics," Hathaway said. "We were also excited to work together with the Lions Club and this was a perfect opportunity."



Standing by the Canton Public Library's new Low Vision Center (from left) are Bill VanWinkle, Lions Club past president, Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, library Information Services Department head, Larry Wegryn, Lions Club president, Joyce Simowski, librarian, John Spencer, Lions Club member, and Megan Hathaway, librarian. CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

According to Lions Club president Larry Wegryn, it's a win for everyone.

"The Lions Club is involved in blindness and low vision impairment," Wegryn said. "We hope these magnifiers help the visually impaired in the Canton community participate in an active lifestyle."

The library also offers large print reading materials and audiobooks and an Optelec viewer for use in the library.

The low vision collection is located near the main entrance of the library. A librarian card is required to check out items.

Librarian Joyce Simowski said reading devices help connect library patrons to the world.

"For many people, reading connects them to the world and helps them maintain their mental acuity," she said. "To be unable to read because of vision impairment can be demoralizing. We are very grateful that the Lions Club has provided this resource for our community."

LAWSUIT

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Canton police "couldn't request a warrant under those circumstances."

Edward Williams killed his wife and himself with a .38-caliber snub-nose revolver. The couple had a troubled past.

Ryan's lawsuit has become entangled in Detroit's bankruptcy proceedings. It is unclear when the case might move forward.

Kolb has said Canton is arguing that, if the case indeed goes to trial, it should proceed with Canton and Detroit rather than having Canton go it alone while Detroit languishes in bankruptcy proceedings.

At the time of the murder-suicide, authorities said it was unclear why Patricia Williams and her husband drove in separate cars and met outside the Canton library. After the incident, Canton police said events unfolded as follows:

» Sept. 19, 12:30 a.m. – Patricia Williams came into the Canton police station to report an assault, but refused to file a formal complaint, nor would she provide her name or her

husband's.

» Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. – An anonymous caller reported a possible domestic situation on Wall Street, where the couple lived. Police responded and found no one at the residence. Officers found a note that prompted them to spread word to other agencies that Edward Williams was an endangered missing person. Canton police notified Detroit authorities of the situation.

» Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. – Canton police received a call from a Detroit Police Department command officer who said contact had been made with Edward Williams and he was safe.

» Sept. 22, 8:57 a.m. – Canton police received a call from an acquaintance of Patricia Williams stating she was on her way to the Canton Police Department to meet her husband in the lobby for a conversation. Sgt. Mark Gajewski said the caller was a boyfriend who had become worried.

» Sept. 22, 9:16 a.m. – Canton received a 9-1-1 call stating shots had been fired in the library parking lot.

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slightly" next year – a more upbeat scenario from earlier forecasts.

Canton's elected officials say they remain committed to prudent spending.

"We are continuing to be cautious in the decisions we are making," Trustee Pat Williams said, "and any (pay) increases are simply an acknowledgment of the sacrifices the employees have made in the past."

Williams said local officials still need employee support as Canton chips away at financial difficulties, which continue to linger from an economic downturn that damaged property values and taxes.

Canton's non-union employees were on the front end of employee concessions and, therefore, are positioned along with TPA AM members to see the 1-percent increase.

Trustee Steven Sniedeman has said he hopes to return as quickly as possible to providing some level of pay increases for employees who have taken a financial hit for years to help the township.

Officials have said some unions that already have locked in no pay increases in coming years could potentially see their wages revisited in 2015 and 2016, depending on how quickly Canton's financial position improves.

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Pioneer students celebrate, honor veterans

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Tim Lang remembers sighting some enemy combatants with his M-16. 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 date 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 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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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 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.

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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 the 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.

hand for the big announcement.

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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 Easter's," 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

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 both 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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Expenses:	\$61,176.64	Banners and Signage	\$1,049.76
Event Profit:	\$44,833.88		
2013 Non-Profit Donation:	\$30,000.00	Entertainment:	
3-year Donation Total:	\$58,000.00	Bands	\$4,070.00
Net Reserve for		Stage & Sound	\$8,550.00
2013 Brews, Blues, & BBQ	\$24,755.25	Emcee	\$1,450.00
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		Insurance/License	\$2,450.38
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2012 Non-Profit Donation	\$17,500.00	Total Expenses:	\$61,176.64
Total Event Donations to Date	\$58,000.00		

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. If you would like to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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,

friends and neighbors as the Indian community is showcased, the press release said.

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

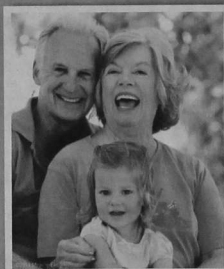
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Julius Rim points to a prototype of his Green Power exhaust gas recovery system that he's installed on a diesel Mercedes. Rim, whose system helps to scrub exhaust and use part of it to heat water vapor that's then added back into the combustion process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

Peter Leonard will be attending this weekend's Uptown Film Festival to accept the 2013 Michigan Film Festival 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 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 Wilnus, 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.

answers and other wittingnesses to the UFO sighting. Some might think she was imagining it or making this up, but she stands by her account.

"I'm not a liar and I'm not afraid anymore," Tremaine said during a recent visit to the place where it all happened.

Although he didn't see the UFO, former Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole, 93, is one such witness. He was on duty at the police station the night the incident occurred. He recalls hearing dispatch receive a call from an off-duty Novi police officer doing security at a

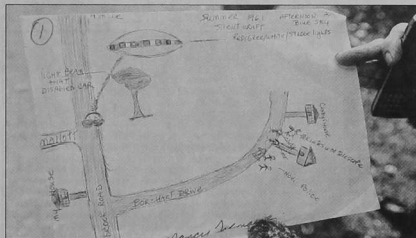
construction site off of Meadowbrook at the time. The site had equipment and materials stolen from it in the previous weeks, so the officer volunteered to watch it.

"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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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 catches 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 Cholee 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," 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

"Of course, I want to have that role of director, I really want to push myself past my boundaries."

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 headache 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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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 person'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.

Wayne County Lightfest kicks off holiday season

Wayne County Executive Robert Picano and Santa will flip the switch to light up more than four miles of Hines Drive for Hines Drive'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," Picano 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 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 Run

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

Dhivy 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 IT-tutoring 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 a one-on-one session after school 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



Dhivy 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://recreg.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 Teger 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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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 Malcom wanted to make sure she wasn't losing her magic touch as far as being on district champion volleyball teams.

Friday night, Malcom and her teammates were 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 Rooper-hosted regionals, playing 8 p.m. Tuesday against Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner (winner of the Saline Washtenaw Christian district).

For Malcom, 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 Malcom, 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.

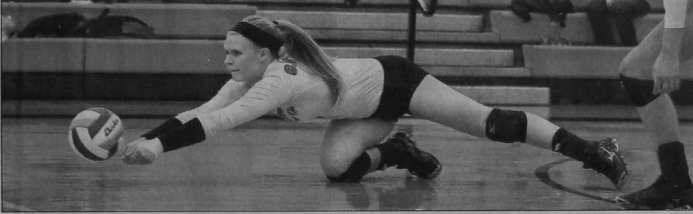
"They wanted it bad, you can tell by the way they played," Decker said. "But now we got some work to do on Monday to get ready for Tuesday's game. But they've definitely got fire in them. That's always a good

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

D1 VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS



Diving to save a ball Wednesday night is Canton senior libero Madison Kietly. 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 4 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 47-32-11 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.

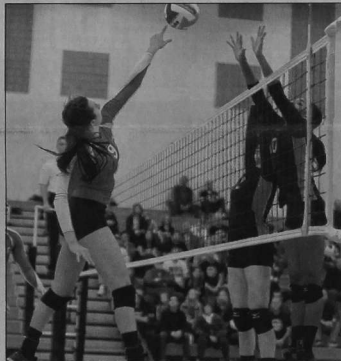
"And when it was happening we got quite a few blocks on her, but it wasn't enough tonight."

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."

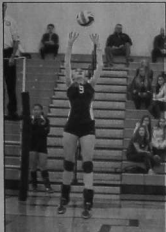
According to Abbott, who skied high above the net to slam the ball into holes on the Canton side of the court, the team wanted to fend off any challenges before they posed any



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

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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 standouts 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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YMCA hoops

The Plymouth YMCA is forming winter basketball leagues for boys and girls ages 4-11. The sessions will run 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.

Hole-in-one club

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth continues to be the place where golfers score holes-in-one.

On Oct. 1, 52-year-old Jean-Guy Deshaies of Tecumseh, Ont. used a 4-Hybrid club to ace the 167-yard No. 2 hole at the Lakes course.

On Oct. 3, it was Kathy Matusz' time for an ace. Matusz, of Dearborn Heights, registered a hole-in-one on the 99-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills course. She used an 8-iron for the feat.

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 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, Brittany 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 Lindblom.

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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 Clemens, 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 Meisen, 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 Meisen, Daniel Baldwin, Spencer Korch, Malcolm Clemens, Marco Johnson, Johnson, Kobe Kyle, Anderson, Preston Long, Garrett, and Tyrn Bond.

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 Carlton vs. Allen Park regional champion.)

at ALLEN PARK

Tuesday, Nov. 12: Westland John

Glen vs. Lincoln Park district champion, TBA

Thursday, Nov. 14: Championship

final, TBA. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Gibraltar Carlton 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. Easton 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.

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.

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)

Seminole, 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 Indiana Tech, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Sunday, Nov. 10

Madonna at Northern Mich., 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Nov. 15

Mississauga vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Sarnia vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

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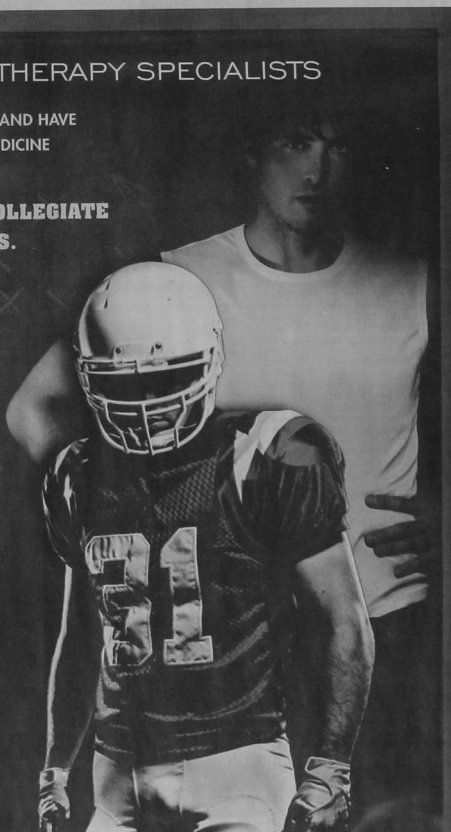
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CLASS B PREP VOLLEYBALL

Blazers fall in finals

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

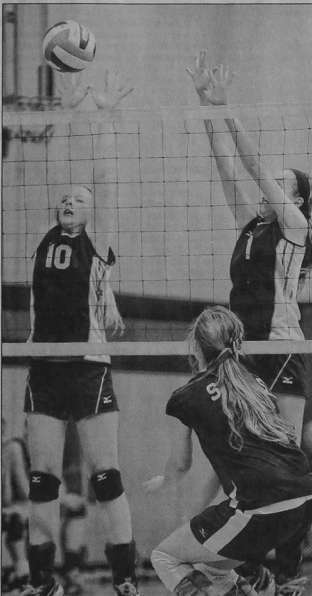
Livonia Ladywood's volleyball season came to an abrupt end Friday night against a nemesis from the Detroit Catholic League.

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

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).

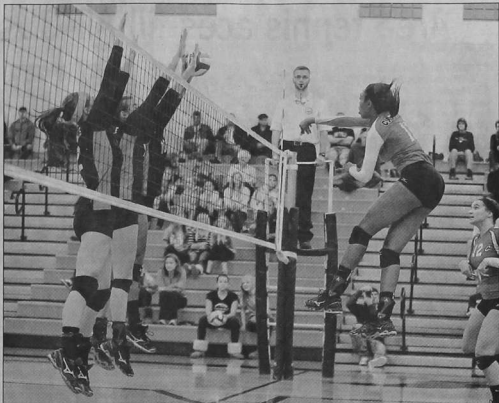
Also strong for PCA was senior defensive specialist Katherine Gibson, with 11 digs and four aces.

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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LOCAL SPORTS



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 Courtney Kurkie. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

SLAMMED

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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 33-13-1).

"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 Kietly (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.

"Kietly 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 Cueur (three kills) is certainly going to be a big loss for next year.

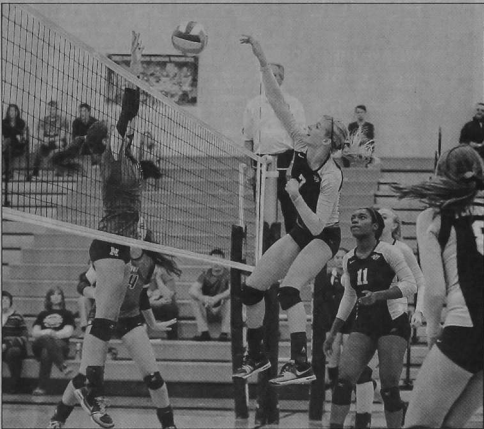
"And so will (middle hitter Lauren) Bedro, our other middle. But we have replacements already on the team and we have some nice replacements coming up. We're in good shape."

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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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 sparkled with 25 digs. Senior right-side hitter Emily Burkman and sophomore setter/outside hitter Dani Barille contributed 16 and 12 digs, respectively.

Burkman also tallied eight kills while Barille 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 Barille'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-time varsity player and junior is a repeat member of the all-area first team who compiled an impressive, 23-7 record this season.

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 Wasieleski 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 KLAAs 'B' tourney runner-up at N. 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-

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Moyar, Brian (Wendell, Trent)
Wallace, Redford (Udell, Patrick)

West, Michael (Wendell, Lee)
Markytha, Plymouth (Chapkin, Joe)
Canton, Sean (Lindauer, Salem)
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Chad Northey Stevenson Rohan Vaishnav Canton



Tom Cwikiek Stevenson Neal Adams Stevenson



Jordan Lu Plymouth Henri Medwed Farmington



Noah Garber N. Farm. Rob Chapakis N. Farm.

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

Tom Cwikiek, 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.

Cwikiek 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," McCarthy 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 attitude."

Noah Garber, Sr.; Rob Chapakis, 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 semifinals.

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

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

Soph., Canton: Vaishnav already is a force to be reckoned with to KLAAs 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 KLAAs 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 such as Clarkston, Lake Orion, Rochester and Stoney Creek. He also had key wins over some of the best 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.

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 in the first half, leading from Chas Sweney in a 101-52 non-conference victory at the EMU Convocation Center.

EMU, playing its season opener, outbounced the Crusaders by a whopping 67-19.

Other scorers in double figures for the Eagles, who led 57-30 at halftime, included Jay Moore (10), Desyre 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 Schmitz (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 15 in the latest NAIA Division II coaches poll.

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 I 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 Marceau.

"These ladies battled through the mud and slop (Nov. 2) with tremendous effort and gutsy performances," veteran head coach Dave Gerlach said. "The girls were 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 Millford (320).

Individually, junior Anya Cho had Salem's top showing. She placed 45th overall with the 52nd minute when she scored from the left side of 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

latch 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 Aiona 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 of 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 Timmer 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

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 bmcclain1@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 bmcclain1@aol.com.

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 Reymond Giropoulos, the Whalers responded with four markers in a 10-minute span — two by Carter Sandiak.

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 Sandiak and Francesco Villardi.

Then came Windsor (10-6-0), registering a shorthanded goal by Slater Koekkoek at 9:14 and an even-strength marker by Cristiano DiGiacinto at 16:21 to even things up at 5-3.

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

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

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

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 adrenalin 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 table top it visited, spinning a line of webbing as it walked. With poor vision, tar-



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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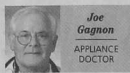


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Just like you, I get bits and pieces of what I think is important from our media and I keep my eyes and ears open to the subject of appliances. Recalls and warnings in the world of appliances I would consider my specialty and I pass on the information 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.sfl46s15.com you will learn a lot more about this issue. 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 apldr@twm1.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



PET PROJECTS

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.

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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 "Aww!" 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."



Pat Slayton decides whether to touch a discarded tarantula exoskeleton.



Professor Cara Shillington points out characteristics of tarantulas. Theresa Welch 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 "handful 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."

Party with a purpose



Enjoying the recent sixth annual CRUSH Wine & Food Classic are Desiree and Tim Wollen (left of photo), Iolana 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 VOLLES

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



Day



Bulkeley

Doris Cooney, Linda Day and Barbara Jones Clark. Trudy Bulkeley will serve as emcee. The Detroit Story League's mission is to keep the ancient art of

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.

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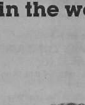
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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 VWV Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, includes beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks, along with music for dancing. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Attire is business casual. Admission is \$13. Bethany provides pre-event 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: 734-425-4221

CARD PARTY

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22
Location: SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Parkway, 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 SE 5th 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. Case Corridor Apartment Rehab, which rebuilds buildings to create affordable apartments in Detroit, and Brightmore Community Christmas Trees, 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 Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield
Details: Laurie Berkner will bring "The You & Me Tour" to the congregation. Tickets range from \$18-\$118 per person.
Contact: 248-737-5544; shaareyzedek.org/concert/laurie-berkner

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10
Location: Prents 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 Spice House in Farmington Hills. It will 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 734-968-8223

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Redford
Details: Deacon Tom Loeve, 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 Loeve's own words "a true prodigal son" to ordained Catholic deacon with the Diocese of Lansing
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniamichael.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 meditation is Waiting for the Savior
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3223

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 a 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 McKoon, 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 Marquette'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 are 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 needs. 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: Frick's Conely Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Details: John Shulenberg at 734-464-8691

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays
Location: 42200 Tully, 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 Tuesday
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Matyska leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniamichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learners' Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawwassee, 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 Ranya Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7:30-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3223

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 11:30-11:50 a.m. first and third Thursdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where women build friendship, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristin at 734-542-0762

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 backdoor
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-4966

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

Lauds: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333

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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@dw.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: 2000 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; contact: 734-464-8691

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays
Location: 14000 Middlebelt, 14 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 El
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
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SUPPORT

Apollon 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: 734-261-8000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 302

Details: Addition No More

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Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkview Support Group
Contact: 248-433-0141

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays
Location: 1055 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 fiancé, 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 23 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

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 was survived by her children: Timmy (Cindy) Blacklock of Hamburg Twp., MI, John (Amy) Blacklock of Plymouth, MI, and Verna Vincour of Farmington Hills, MI. Also survived by sisters Gloria (Jim) Labor of Florida, Sue (Ken) Turner of Georgia, Lynda (Nelo) Nichols of Elk Rapids, MI, and Kayli Walters of Westland, MI. A great-grandchild, one great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was a beloved mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt to many. In lieu of a memorial, we ask that donations in Barbara's honor go to Angela Hospice of Livonia, MI, or the hospice organization of your choice.

JANES, RICHARD J.
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KOWALCZYK, RICHARD J.
 November 6, 2013, Age 76. Husband of the late Shirley. Dear father of Debra Schaefer (Paul), Michael Kowalczyk (Deborah), Linda Geros (Kevin), Lorie Elie (Jeffrey), the late James Grandfather of Kevin, Nick, Aaron, Sarah, Kelli, Matthew, Jason and Jeffrey. Great-grandfather of the late Chester Kowalczyk. Sweetheart of Chris Buga. Jeanne will receive friends and family 8-8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (Between Maple & Big Beaver), 248-362-2500 with Scripture Service at 7:15 p.m. Funeral Mass Monday 9:30 a.m. at St. Rene Gospel Catholic Church, 19555 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights. Visitation at church begins at 9 a.m. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, Volunteer Auxiliary 4201 Dequindre Rd., Troy, MI 48065. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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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, mild 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 required, 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 Catholic 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., F.ACOI, 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., F.ACOI was honored in 2001 and infectious disease specialist Gerald W. Blackburn, D.O., F.ACOI was recognized for his work in 1998.

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While much remains unknown about multiple sclerosis (MS), researchers do know MS affects women in far greater numbers than men. *Wake Up For MS!* is an empowering and interactive program for women and their caregivers, focused on celebrating independence, learning, and facilitating friendships. Women will hear about emerging concepts in MS, the latest treatment options, MS and women's health, and the importance of ongoing therapies and exercise from Garden City Hospital Health Experts including Dr. Anne Pawlak, Neurology, Dr. Ingrid Wilson, OB/GYN, and Jennifer Holland, Rehabilitation.

This FREE event includes breakfast, lunch and prize drawings. To register, call 800.887.8100 or visit sharedsolutionspatientprograms.com. Seating is limited.

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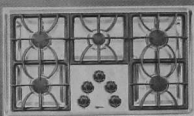
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By Robert Half

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 firstand potentially only months on the job.

Missing fit

Don't let a generous offer blind you to subjective factors such as cultural fit. How

An offer you can refuse:



When to turn down a job opportunity

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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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.

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

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Car Report

Advertising Feature

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 storage 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 renaissance



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

its resemblance to the "Boston Strong" slogan that arose after the Boston Marathon bombings last spring, so state 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.



The interior of the new Chevy Silverado meets both work and personal needs.

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