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Idol additions

BeckRidge Productions announced Canton Idol 2011 winners are joining them in the 39th annual area Christmas concerts.

Amy Zinn, a senior attending Plymouth Christian Academy, was the Canton Idol High School Division winner in September and will be a featured soloist in the BeckRidge Chorale Christmas concerts, "Night of Joy," Dec. 3-4 at Northville High School.

Jade Kuzak, an eighth-grade West Middle School student and the 2011 Middle School Division winner, will be a featured soloist in the Cherry Hill Singers "December Night" concert 8 p.m., Dec. 9, at The Village Theater in Canton.

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Canton beefs up radio system

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Beefing up its radio communications, the Canton Public Safety Department is expected to gradually switch during the next year to a new 800 MHz system that improves a critical tool used by police officers and firefighters, links to a statewide network and adheres to federal-level changes mandated by Jan. 1, 2013.

The new system also comes as Canton needs to upgrade its equipment as it inches closer to potentially consolidating its central dispatch system with at least

one other community, Livonia.

"It's the first step toward any consolidation," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said Tuesday as police and fire officials rolled out the 800 MHz plan to Canton's elected township officials.

The price tag is estimated at \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million and would likely be paid from sources such as federal Homeland Security and Byrne Justice Assistance grants, along with emergency 9-1-1 funds. The plan calls for shifting Canton from an aging VHF radio system to the far-superior 800 MHz that has

seamless, statewide coverage via the Michigan Public Safety Communication System.

"It's the largest system of its kind in North America," Fire Chief Tim Dunn said, though other states have similar tower-based systems.

Local officials don't anticipate that Canton would need to build a new communications tower but, rather, the township likely could rely on towers already built or planned in neighboring communities.

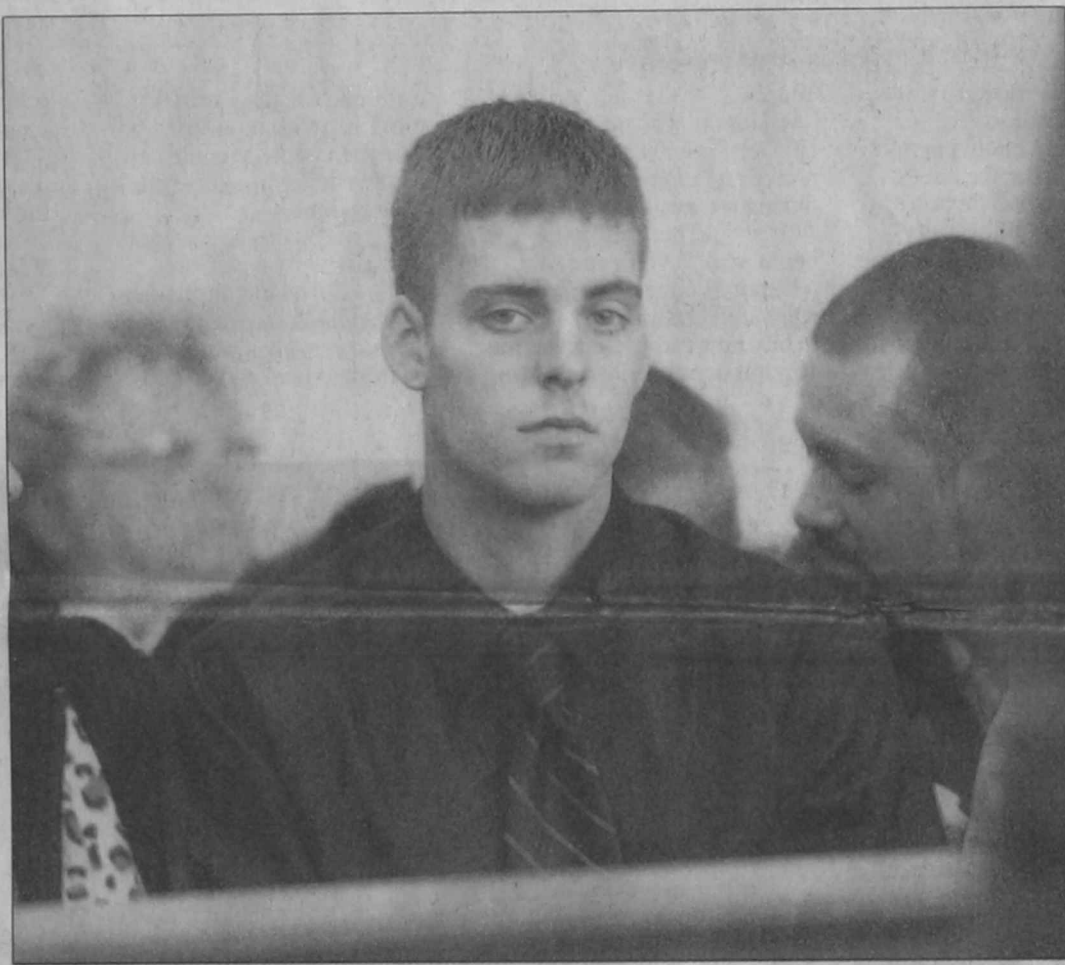
"Not having to supply (and pay for) a tower is big," Nemecek said, because that cost could be

an additional \$1 million.

Essentially, the new system would enhance the ability of police officers and firefighters to effectively communicate during emergencies — including those that can spill outside Canton during incidents such as high-speed chases. On occasion, Nemecek said, radio communication has dropped during such situations, hampering crime-fighting efforts and resulting in glitches he called "unacceptable."

Police Special Services Lt. Todd Mutchler said other town-

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Defendant Rodney Manning was ordered to stand trial for assault with intent to murder, operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious injury, felonious assault and reckless driving causing serious injury.

'It was horrible'

Victim testimony sends driver to trial

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland teen testified in gruesome detail Friday how a driver ran over him twice and dragged him a quarter-mile along a Canton road as he struggled to survive by clinging to hot pipes underneath the car.

Jahlil Wilson's testimony in 35th District Court indicated the July 2 attack followed a violent clash between two groups — one of them affiliated with a gang called Loyalty Before Respect — outside a house party near Woodlong and Beck. He denied gang involvement and said he was dragged until his buttocks were seared off and his spine was exposed.

"It was just horrible," Wilson, 19, said. "I never saw anything like this, and I don't know how someone could do this to someone who's innocent."

His testimony — much of it challenged by a defense attorney — prompted Judge James Plakas to conclude a preliminary hearing by ordering 20-year-old Rodney Manning of Westland to stand trial for assault with intent to murder, operating a vehicle while



Jahlil Wilson testifies about the night he suffered severe injuries when he was struck by a car and dragged for what he said was a quarter-mile.

intoxicated causing serious injury, felonious assault and reckless driving causing serious injury.

Manning, who is free on bond as he awaits trial in Wayne County Circuit Court, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if convicted.

Wilson testified he was among a crowd of 25-30 people who crossed to the west side of Beck Road after the car drove to a school parking

lot and one passenger got out with a baseball bat.

"It was all over a girl," he said, though he didn't elaborate.

Wilson said the baseball bat prompted the party crowd — some associated with the LBT gang, or Loyalty Before Respect — to pelt the car with cinder blocks and rocks. He said the crowd returned to the house before the car, some

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District eyes magnet school

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Shakespeare once wrote, "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Plymouth-Canton administrators might be putting that contention to the test with one of the district's biggest roses.

Supt. Jeremy Hughes Tuesday asked for, and received, permission to develop a marketing plan and details for a Magnet School for Talented and Creative he said would enhance, not replace, the district's Talented and Gifted program.

Hughes believes the popular TAG program, which houses nearly 150 students each year at Miller Elementary, could be expanded to draw nearly three times that number if the magnet school gets off the ground. It's an idea that has been bandied about recently, and Hughes believes the district has to run with it now if it's to start with the 2012-13 school year.

"We need to proceed with planning if we're going to have a magnet school," Hughes told the board Tuesday. "This is the time of year when we begin accepting applications. We need to let our community know we're going to be open to more applications than we have in the past."

The magnet school would start with five classrooms each in third, fourth and fifth grades and would hold some 445 students. According to Pete Kudlak, the district's director of elementary education, the curriculum would be diversified, with alternate curricula in content areas such as math and science. He said the magnet school's offerings in "specials" could stray from traditional offerings such as gym, music and arts to offer such things as chess, Chinese, technology and design.

Kudlak said the school wouldn't have any in-district boundaries, meaning students from anywhere in the district could apply.

Trustee Barry Simescu questioned the potential curriculum.

"I need to be convinced that gym and exercise, and music, should be eliminated," Simescu said. "I need to be persuaded on why we need not to have gym with the obesity issues we're dealing with in the United States."

Kudlak said the magnet school would cost the district some \$85,000 to set up, though \$14,000 would be saved in reduced costs for paraprofessionals. Administrators also believe the program could increase revenue by attracting students currently attending charter or private schools.

Hughes also noted some have questioned the timing of the idea, because the district just hired Plante Moran CRESA to conduct a facilities study, the result of which could be the elimination of a school.

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Suspect ordered to stand trial in assault

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Crying and visibly shaking, a Canton woman testified Friday that her former boyfriend hid in her house and sexually assaulted her when she came home Oct. 12 after visiting a friend.

The woman accused 43-year-old Kerenski Caldwell of Detroit of jumping out of the shower when she entered her bathroom. She said he asked where she had been and demanded sex.

"He grabbed me by the neck and pushed me against the (bathroom) wall," the woman



Caldwell

testified during Caldwell's preliminary examination in front of 35th District Judge James Plakas.

She accused Caldwell of pulling her jeans down, pushing her to the floor and sexually assaulting her as she tried to fight him off by punching and kicking him. She said he then dragged her by her hair and her arm to the bed, where he continued to force himself on her as she fought back.

The woman's testimony con-

vinced Plakas to order Caldwell to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count each of first-degree home invasion, stalking and domestic violence.

Caldwell could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted. He remains jailed with a \$1 million/10 percent bond as he awaits trial, meaning he would have to post \$100,000 for his release.

The woman testified that she suspected something was amiss when she entered her home and wasn't greeted by her dog, who had been moved to a sun porch. She said she had known

Caldwell over three years but they had split up.

"We had decided that it wasn't working, and we were going to try to remain friends," she said in court.

The woman said Caldwell attacked her in the bathroom and took her cell phone from her. She said he undressed and sexually assaulted her as she continued to try to fight him off after he dragged her to the bedroom.

At one point, she said he left the bedroom and she called 9-1-1 for help, hanging up the phone when he returned to the room.

She said a dispatcher called

back and confirmed that she needed help, and she said Caldwell began putting his clothes on. She said he tried to escape out the back door when police arrived and captured him.

The woman said she sought treatment at a hospital following the assault.

According to a Michigan Department of Corrections website, Caldwell has a criminal history that includes armed robbery, retail fraud, embezzlement, felonious assault and felony firearms. Some of the incidents date back as far as 1990.

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Suspect charged in sports complex shooting

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A 19-year-old man accused of firing shots outside the High Velocity Sports complex in Canton has been charged with carrying a concealed weapon and reckless use of a firearm.

DeMario Campbell could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if he is convicted as charged. He is facing a Nov. 28 preliminary



Campbell

examination in 35th District Court to determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Campbell was arraigned Wednesday by 35th District Judge James Plakas, who set bond at \$10,000.

The charges stem from

a dispute that erupted last Sunday inside the sports center on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road. Campbell has been accused of pulling a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun from a backpack and firing two shots after he left the facility.

Campbell told police he was a Canton resident, though his driver's license had a Westland address.

No one was wounded during the incident,

and Canton police took the suspect into custody after rushing to the scene of the 7:30 p.m. incident, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The dispute erupted between two opposing teams of friends who had been playing basketball inside the popular sports center in Canton's Victory Park, police said.

"We took reports alleging there was a skirmish between two basketball teams of young

adults," Schreiner said.

"One of the players allegedly went to a backpack, pulled out a handgun and wielded it in a show of intimidation."

Schreiner has said witnesses alleged the suspect ran outside and fired two shots in the air before tossing the gun into the trunk of a vehicle. Police confiscated the gun at the scene.

Darren VanHevel, who manages High Velocity Sports, has said employ-

ees there have stepped up security efforts in the wake of the isolated incident.

VanHevel has cited a "zero tolerance" for violence and weapons inside a facility used by youngsters for basketball, indoor soccer, flag football, dodge ball and volleyball.

"We're a very family-oriented facility," he said.

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ship entities, including Canton Leisure Services, the Municipal Services Department and the outdoor warning siren system, could come aboard the 800 MHz system, though at far less cost than Canton Public Safe-

ty, which would need to shift as many as 160 radios.

Canton would likely partner with Motorola for the necessary hardware and tie in with the Michigan Public Safety Communication System for the operating system.

"We anticipate a six-to-nine-month process," Mutchler said, "but we've allowed ourselves a

year."

Residents who need police or fire services aren't expected to notice any disruption of service during the gradual transition.

"It should not affect the residents at all," Nemecek said.

Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said Canton would have to buy new radios because the current ones cannot be repro-

grammed for the 800 MHz system. However, he said it's possible the township could sell the old radios and generate some income.

Nemecek said Canton could opt for other ways of complying with new federal mandates, though linking into Michigan's statewide system appears the most logical and effective

choice. That also puts future upgrades largely in state hands.

"We think the state system is the best," Nemecek said, adding that the major shift should be the last made in the foreseeable future.

"This is going to outlast all of us in this room," he said Tuesday.

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Gardener cultivates VIPS award

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

With tongue completely in cheek, West Middle School Principal Clint Smiley said he was somewhat "embarrassed" with his nomination of Christine Ethier-Turner for the Plymouth-Canton Volunteer in Public Schools award Tuesday.

Ethier-Turner was honored by the Board of Education for her efforts to beautify the courtyard at West Middle School. Ethier-Turner, a master gardener, spent more than 100 hours over the sum-

mer on the entrance courtyard at the school. The problem, from Smiley's perspective, was that to get the master gardener designation, Ethier-Turner needed to restore what Smiley called a "homely" area — and she chose West Middle School.

"She lovingly took a rather disheveled and rundown area and turned it into a school entrance which would impress anyone," Smiley said. "Even the students who enter and exit the building through this courtyard have commented on

the beautiful improvements."

In addition to improving the courtyard, Ethier-Turner trained West Middle School staffers on the care of the various plantings, and created a notebook that includes schematic drawings of the plantings and a care guide for each.

Ethier-Turner said she volunteered at the school for years and finally went in and asked if she could "prune your roses, because they're driving me nuts." She said her desire to fix the roses convinced her "I really do

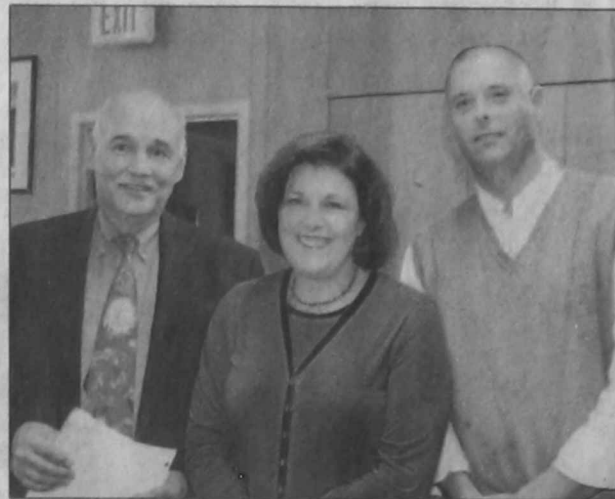
need a project."

"It's been a joy," Ethier-Turner told the board Tuesday. "I love it."

Board of Education Trustee Barry Simescu said Ethier-Turner exemplifies the criteria of the VIPS award.

"An outstanding parent who has been a very important cog in making the district what it is today," Simescu said of Ethier-Turner. "The middle school students noticed it, and appreciated it."

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Plymouth-Canton VIP Christine Ethier-Turner with Trustee Barry Simescu (left) and West Middle School Principal Clint Smiley.



Cub Scouts from Pack 834 put together 25 Thanksgiving dinner boxes.

Scout pack helps feed the hungry

Thanks to the efforts of scouts from Pack 834 Cub Scouts, more than two dozen people will have Thanksgiving dinner this week.

The scouts spent Tuesday night in the Tonda Elementary School cafeteria assembling 25 Thanksgiving dinner boxes in an effort funded

by donations from Work Force Network, Inc., and Pack 834, both of Canton.

Pack officials said the money donated stretched farther with a discount from the Canton Kroger store.

The boys decorated the boxes and then filled them with packages/cans of potatoes, stuffing, gra-

vy mix, corn, green beans, cranberries, cake, and frosting. Money or a gift card for a turkey was also included in the boxes.

The 25 food boxes were distributed to families through Highland Park Community Outreach, the Bridge Chapel, and Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

TAG screening

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will begin screening students for admission to its Talented and Gifted program for the 2012-2013 school year in December.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-CCS district boundaries and be in grades two to seven. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school principals or counselors by Feb. 6, 2012.

Nomination forms will be available online Dec. 1, at <http://tag.pccs.k12.mi.us> Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at: Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, or by fax at (734) 416-4801. Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing.

Band on parade

For the first time in the 85-year history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, a high school marching band from the state of Michigan will perform.

The P-CEP Marching Band received an invitation from the parade committee about two years ago and since then has been fundraising and working on their

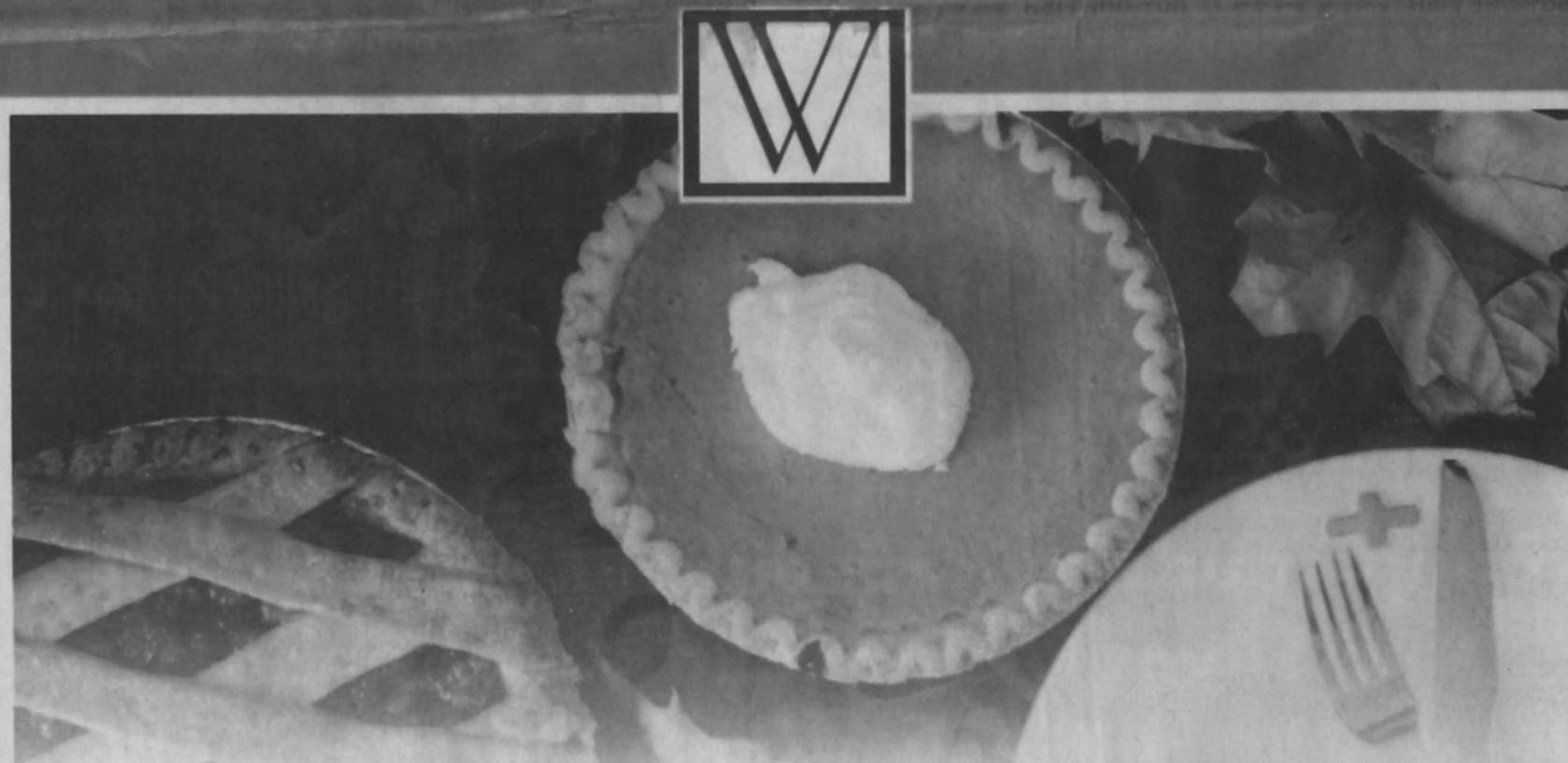
music for the big event. The P-CEP Marching band will be playing a variety of holiday favorites including several numbers from The Grinch who Stole Christmas.

Hands-on civics

High school students enrolled in Darrin Silvester's civics course will be performing a service learning project Nov. 23 at the Shearer Cemetery on North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township. Students will be at the cemetery learning about the community's first settlers and the preservation of their burial grounds. This is an ongoing project since the summer of 2005. In the past six years, students have created paths in the cemetery, cleared trees, helped to restore burial headstones and improve the site as much as possible.

Cultural learning

More than 300 seventh-graders at West Middle School will be learning about the Arabic culture in a special assembly provided by the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn Tuesday, Nov. 29. The museum is sending expert speaker Sonya Kassis to present two, one hour presentations at the school. Students will learn the countries of the Arab world, how the Arab world is different from the Middle East, who are Arab-Americans and students will get an introduction to Islam.



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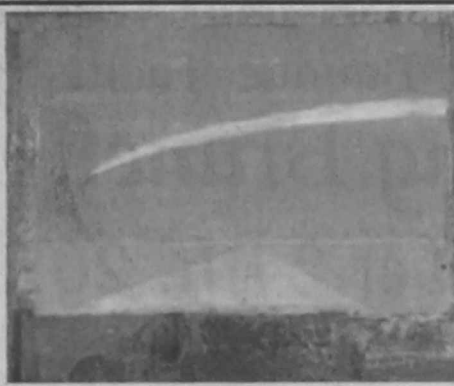
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W-W gets state's best practices money

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland schools officials got good news from Lansing in the district's most recent state school aid payment — an extra \$100 per student. The money is tied to the district meeting the benchmarks for best practices. It comes after the district sent a school board a resolution that certified that the district had met four of the five best practices needed to receive the incentive. "It's worth about \$1.2 million," Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, told the school board in seeking

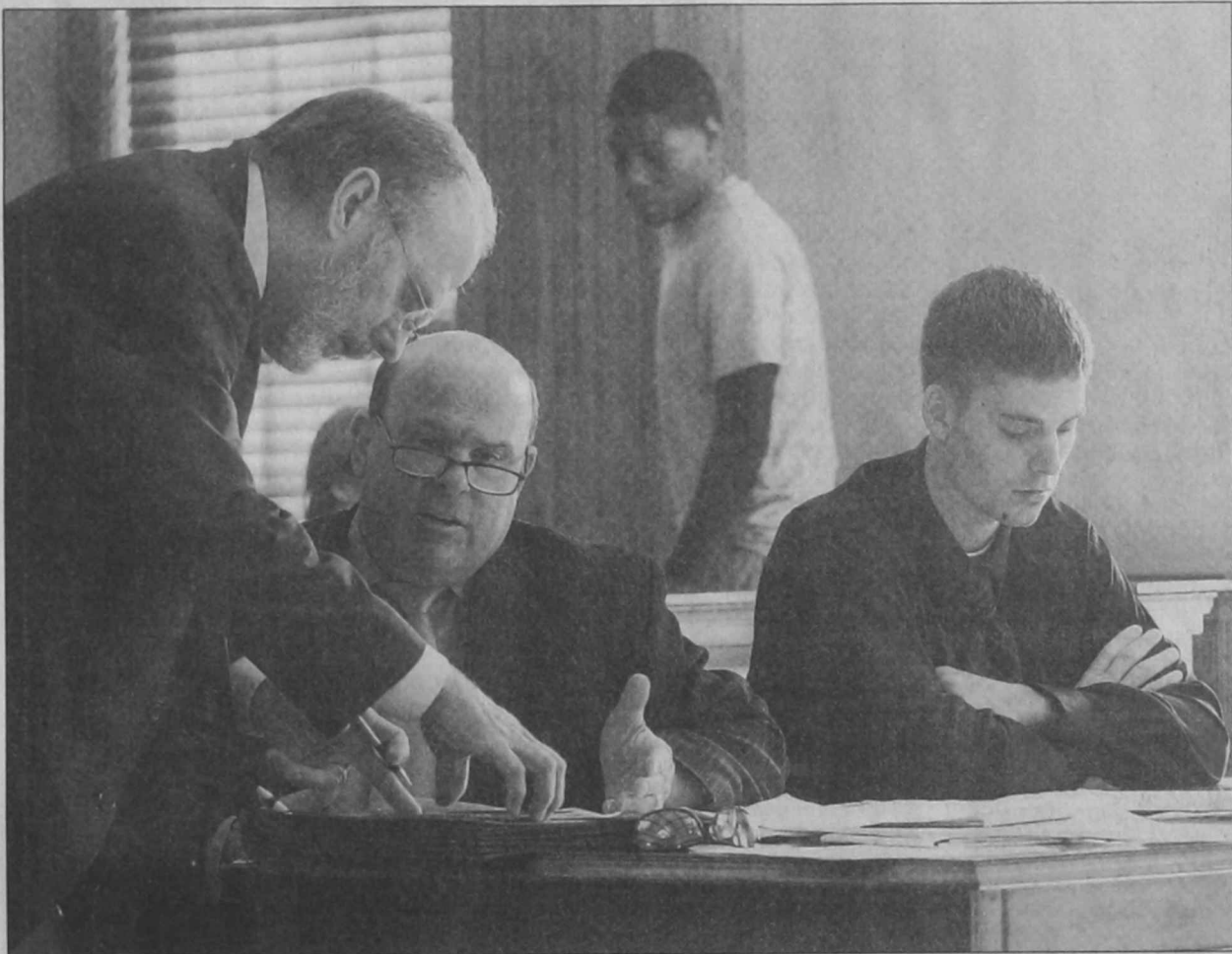
approval of the resolution. "We comply with four of five and I feel confident that we will meet all five with the development of a service consolidation plan." The incentive is one of two one-time \$100 state aid categories offered by the state to offset the rising retirement rate and massive losses in state school aid. Wayne-Westland saw its state school aid cut by \$470 per student this year and lost another \$238 per student when the \$6 million it received in lieu of millage disallowed at the start of Proposal A cut in it half this year. "This \$100 helps and we are grateful, but it is a drop in the

bucket to the \$750 per pupil we were cut this year," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. Schools districts received an additional \$100 per student this year to soften the jump in the percentage of payroll paid for retirement, and could get an additional \$100 per student, if they meet at least four of five of Gov. Rick Snyder's best practices. According to Martin, Wayne-Westland's four best practices include: • Employees contributing 10 percent to the cost of their health care. • The district as the policy holder for the health care policies.

• Having Aramark do the districts food services, done through competitive bidding. • Providing a link with the Michigan Department of Education for Michigan School Data, which meets a dashboard (or government transparency) requirement. "We have 99 percent of the (dashboard) information on our website, but they want us to go through the state," said Martin. "However, the state hasn't created the format yet." The fifth best practice is a consolidate service plan that the board also has approved. The plan spells out the steps Wayne-Westland has taken to consolidate services with other

districts. While the district has many consolidated services in place, Martin highlighted two in the resolution — the county-wide special education center program the district operates for six disability categories and the shared time agreements it has with districts like Crestwood and Melvindale-Allen Park to provide their students with career/technical classes at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "We have 10 in place," said Martin of the agreements. "This saves money for our district and for our sister districts."

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Prosecuting attorney Kenneth F. Simon confers with defense attorney Leon Weiss. Defendant Rodney Manning sits at right. The prosecution's witness, Jahlil Wilson, returns to his seat after giving testimony.

TRIAL

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of its windows broken, approached the party. Wilson estimated that 50 people stood outside as the car jumped a curb and drove toward him. "He charged at me. He floored it," Wilson said. "The car ran right over me. I was getting up and he backed up and hit me. That's how I got caught under the car." Wilson said he clung to hot pipes under the car as it drove onto Beck Road, while he and party goers yelled for the driver to stop. He described himself as a car-wash worker, student and cage fighter who didn't know Manning and who was caught up in a situation caused by others. Defense attorney Leon Weiss said what happened to Wilson was tragic, but he questioned whether Wilson was as innocent as he claimed during what Weiss described as "a brutal attack" by "organized gang activity" against Manning and his passengers. Wilson also conceded under questioning that he and others had taken some type of pills that acted as a stimulant. Wilson testified that the crowd approaching Manning's car shouted "LBR" as they pelted it with cinder blocks and rocks. The car then left the school parking lot and traveled along Cherry Hill and Beck Road to Woodlong. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Ken-



Rodney Manning watches his defense attorney, Leon Weiss, question Jahlil Wilson.

neth Simon said Manning could have chosen to drive away from the scene rather than toward the party. In response, Weiss indicated Manning had "a panicked reaction" after he and his passengers had come under attack. Weiss accused Wilson of trying to "sanitize his own behavior" during the incident. "It was a war type of thing." Plakas agreed Wilson made conflicting statements during his testimony, but he ruled that Manning could have driven off rather than continue an incident that Plakas said became "life-altering" for many people. Wilson said he is one of them. He said he spent two months in a hospital and had 11 surgeries. "I know my body will never be the same," he testified. "It's all burned. It hurts at night, and I have dreams about this."

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35th District Judge James Plakas asks the witness, Jahlil Wilson, to clarify his testimony.

MAGNET

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But Hughes believes the magnet school is a good idea regardless of the outcome of the study. "We believe so strongly in the kind of academic program that's represented here, the benefit this will be to our children, more of whom now will be able to have the challenge of this accelerated program," Hughes said. "We think we can have this program regardless of whether Plante Moran recommends we close a school or not." Kudlak said part of the start-up expense would be ordering new screening materials to use for applicants. He said the new testing materials would be ordered whether the magnet school is created or not. If there's no magnet school, TAG applicants will be screened using the new testing material, Kudlak said. Board Secretary Adri-

enne Davis questioned the rush to get the school in place, pointing out the district needs to make sure it's an attractive program to students outside the current TAG program. "It can't be the same program expanded," Davis said. "I'm not sure we're looking at the idea in a way our community will support." But Hughes said the magnet school will very much include current TAG criteria, but would expand the mold of students who qualify. "I wanted a door open for a parent or teacher to recommend a student be involved who has a talent that's not necessarily measured, but who could very much profit by it," Hughes said. "The TAG program has been a jewel for this district for a long time. I think offering it to more students is a marketing plus in this district."

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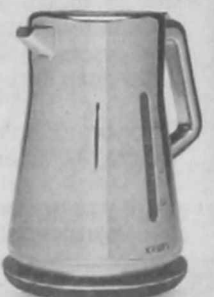
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Lotus Gallery closing but will keep online store

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The Lotus Arts Gallery, an exhibition and retail space in downtown Plymouth, is closing its doors after more than six years at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Walt Menard, who owns Lotus with his wife, Mary, said they had the opportunity to sell the building recently and did so. Lotus will continue to operate through its website, Menard said, but will have only warehouse space with no public showroom or retail space.

"When you own the building and you're paying rent to yourself, that's not bad," said Menard, who collects art at his own home. "When you do quite a bit of your sales on line and you accomplish the same thing, you don't need to have that extra expense, for sure."

Menard said the on-line portion of the gallery's business has been growing steadily.

Lotus, previously on Main Street south of Wing, opened on West Ann Arbor Trail in April 2005. The last day of business will be Friday, Dec. 23.

The building was sold



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The Menard grandchildren, Garrett and Gavin Meeks, in the gallery. The sculpture is "Nick" Guard, by Thomas Kuebler.

to Vince Mucci, of Mucci Food Products in Canton Township; records on the transaction weren't available. Mucci couldn't

be reached Thursday or Friday.

Menard said a tenant in the Lotus building, Kitchen and Bath by DeGiulio,

will remain.

Lotus had a good run in Plymouth, said Menard, who also owns a residential construction firm.

"I thought it was very good," he said. "We loved the location. People loved the gallery — they thought it was a fantastic space for an art gallery."

Artist Nancy Pitel, whose work is now on display at the Lotus as part of the Reckless Prophets show of work by 11 women, which opened Nov. 11, said she was saddened by news of the gallery's closing.

"The Lotus, in particular, is a beautiful venue in a beautiful city. Visiting the Lotus, with its large windows, beautiful architecture and wonderfully displayed art, is a relaxing experience that is needed in today's stressful life," said Pitel, who paints in acrylics and draws in several media and also does collages.

An on-line gallery, Pitel added, doesn't offer the same experience.

"My fear is that we are losing the beautiful things that give us such pleasure and contentment in our lives," she wrote.

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AROUND CANTON

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

HOSPITAL REUNION

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5-9 p.m.

Location: Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland

Details: The 27th annual holiday reunion for Wayne County General Hospital retirees and former staff. The cost is \$16, including tip, for a buffet dinner, featuring beef, chicken, fish, potato, vegetable, salad, dessert and beverage (coffee, tea or soda). Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Contact: For information and reservations contact Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or fightingirish316@scbglobal.net, Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or chknlit@wideopenwest.com or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com

THANKSGIVING TROT

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m.

Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: Start Thanksgiving Day off on the right foot and make a preemptive strike against Thanksgiving weight gain by running or walking in Canton's ninth annual Turkey Trot. Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 11 and under. Event day registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Summit Banquet Room. Participants can register online at <http://csc.canton-mi.org> now through Nov. 20. Register by November 16th to receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Contact: For more information, visit <http://csc.canton-mi.org> or call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600.

AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY

Date/Time: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8

Location: Hoben Elementary School (Saltz between Sheldon and Canton Center)

Details: The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its holiday party. Please bring a pound of something to share, such as coffee, flour, cookies, etc. and put it in holiday wrapping. Everyone will have a chance to bid on it with proceeds going to the AAUW Legal Advocacy fund. There will also be a monetary collection for First Step. Appetizers and desserts will be served. Please come and join us!

Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

MOPS MEETINGS

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

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

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

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Hating Hamlet

It's a love story, a ghost story and a comedy as Spotlight Players presents "I Hate Hamlet" Nov. 18-20 in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are going fast. The 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, Nov. 19, will feature two sign language interpreters for the hearing impaired community.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

For tickets or more information, call (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org.



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A ribbon cutting was held recently by Fitt Factory to announce their new location. Fitt Factory is located at 7246 N. Haggerty in Canton. Attending this event were customers, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and students under 19.

Holiday luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its

member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

December's Holiday Luncheon will feature Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir. We will be collecting toys and gifts for Canton Goodfellows' "No Child without a Christmas program." Each guest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift.

December's Holiday Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.



Santa lives

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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:00 P. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM, in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

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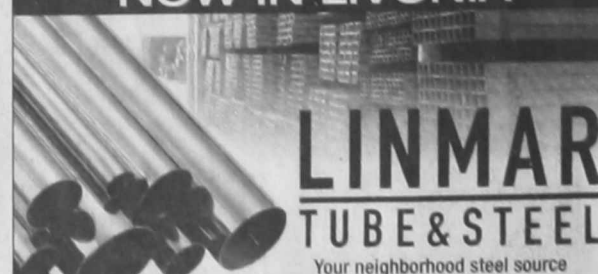
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Friends help cancer patient with their Sky Lights of Love

Hearing the words "You have breast cancer" once in a lifetime is more than enough. But to hear those words twice, it's life-shattering.

That's how wife and mother Amy Rauch Neilson described the news she received back on Jan. 12, 2011.

"I couldn't believe what my oncologist was telling me, I was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer – and this diagnosis came after I had already had a double mastectomy and had been pretty much declared 'cured' following my Stage 1 diagnosis in 2006," she said. "I looked at her and said, 'How is it possible to get breast cancer when I don't even have breasts anymore.'"

Sadly, it is possible in a small number of women who have undergone a double-mastectomy in the hopes of getting rid of their breast tissue – and any chance of a breast cancer recurrence.

"When I was diagnosed as a Stage 1 in 2006, our son was just six months old," said Neilson. "I told the doctors that I wanted to do everything possible to get rid of the cancer and ensure it would never come back."

A former *Observer & Eccentric* employee who lives in Belleville, Neilson learned she was a carrier of the BRCA 1



Amy Rauch Neilson is finding support in her battle against stage 4 breast cancer from her husband Don and son Theo.

gene and had opted for a double-mastectomy and four preventative rounds of chemotherapy – given to her as a type of "insurance policy" against any rogue cells that may have been floating around in her body. She was four years and 10 months clear of breast cancer when she found a lump in early January 2011.

"I couldn't believe it," she recalled. "It was wedged between my left implant and my skin."

Neilson began twice-weekly chemotherapy treatments Feb. 1, and has so far undergone 44 treatments. Her breast cancer, which spread into

her breast lymph nodes and lungs, has remained stable or shown signs of shrinkage in periodic CT Scans and MRIs.

Unfortunately, the reality is that, due to her ongoing chemotherapy treatments, Neilson, who is self-employed, has not been able to work a full schedule since her diagnosis.

While Neilson is "praying for the Lord's healing and remission," her friend, Kristi Kahl, is organizing a Dec. 3 benefit to help Neilson pay some of the medical expenses.

"The Sky Lights of Love Benefit is the way her friends and family

are coming together to help her and her family get through this crisis," Kahl said. "At first, Amy didn't want to accept the help. That's when I told her that asking for help doesn't mean you've failed, it means you're not in it alone."

A few weeks ago, Neilson's husband, Don, was driving home from work in his pickup truck when he first heard *I'm Gonna Love You Through It* by Martina McBride on the radio. He was so deeply moved by the song that he had to veer over to the side of the road afterwards and pull himself back together.

The next day, he for-

warded the music video to his wife with a simple message: You need to watch this, babe. Neilson did, and her reaction mirrored her husband's. Tears flowed and she found great strength in the knowledge that, like her husband, so many people everywhere stood strong in this fight together with their loved ones, right by their side, every day, every moment, every surgery and treatment.

"I can't imagine what it would feel like to have so many people gather around you to release lanterns of pure white light heavenward," Neilson said.

That's when Kahl decided it was time for her friend to experience it for herself. That was the inspiration behind Sky Lights of Love at the Van Buren Township Lookout Point in Van Buren Township.

Lanterns are \$10 each, with proceeds to go to Amy's Benefit for medical bills. To purchase a lantern, go to www.itsinthegenes.org, and click on the "Events" tab. Lanterns are available by advance purchase only, via PayPal, through Nov. 27. The event will be held 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the park at 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr., between Belleville and Rawsonville roads. Check-in will

begin at 4:30 p.m. Neilson will speak at 5:30 p.m. and the lantern release will happen at 6 p.m. sharp.

Neilson and her family are aiming for complete remission. "In between treatments, 'Amy lives life to the fullest,'" said Kahl.

"You'd never know by watching her on her off-chemo days that she has cancer," Kahl said. "She is out there, carving pumpkins with her husband and son, going on hayrides, riding tractors, hosting a barbecue – you name it. She is a true inspiration."

Neilson, who is a professional writer and editor, began blogging about her experiences in May 2009. But following her January 2011 diagnosis, hits and subscribers to her blog, www.itsinthegenes.org, skyrocketed. She now has thousands of subscribers in all 50 states and 18 countries.

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Positive Attitude Dance Academy of Farmington and Curtain Call Dance of Canton are joining forces to present Excerpts from *The Nutcracker* Ballet.

All proceeds from this production will go to benefit the Farmington Area Goodfellows Christmas food and toy drive for the needy. The production will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4

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Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the door, or at Positive Attitude Dance Academy, 23020 Power Rd. just north of Grand River or Curtain Call Dance, 41719 Joy Rd. in Canton. Tickets can be ordered by calling (248) 476-2099. Nonperishable

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Farmington Players bring twist to ‘A Christmas Carol’

The Farmington Players will bring Charles Dickens' classic ghost story to life in a whole new way Dec. 2-18.

This fresh approach to *A Christmas Carol*, finds Dickens himself hosting a Christmas Eve party in 1843 for friends and family. They ask him to tell a story, but he refuses to work — so, if they are to be entertained they will have to improvise their own tale.

They soon transform into the familiar characters of *A Christmas Carol*, to perform a play within a play. The story unfolds with 10 cast members handling more than 40 parts and Dickens doubling as Scrooge.

On the Farmington Players stage, Dickens/Scrooge is played by well-known Barn member Dorne LeFere, who most recently portrayed Max Bialystock in the Barn's spring musical, *The Producers*.

LeFere enjoys switching between Dickens, whom he calls a "fun loving full-of-life writer," and the crotchety Scrooge, who interacts with the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future on the road to redemption.

"I love the challenge of going between the characters, sometimes within the same paragraph," says LeFere.

He believes audiences will be captivated by the unique version of the familiar holiday fable.

"The story is so timeless and uplifting that you can't watch it without coming away feeling good," says LeFere.



'A Christmas Carol' cast members, from left, Amy Lauter, as Mrs. Stanfield; Laurel Stroud, as Catherine Dickens; Dorne LeFere, as Dickens/Scrooge; Tony Targan, as Clarkston Stanfield; Sarah Cooper, as Helen Hogarth and Ben Lauter, as Charley Dickens.

Director Nancy Cooper feels this version of *A Christmas Carol* is a real treat for families. She invites parents and children to visit the Barn and experience "the spirits" of Christmas.

"The *Christmas Carol* allows audiences to see within the heart and soul of Dickens," says Cooper. "Who would ever think of a ghost story at Christmas? But the story wasn't just scary. It was happy, sad, funny, joyful, remorseful, and above all, hopeful. How wonderful to think that you can wake up in the morning and truly be a better person!"

Tickets for *A Christmas Carol* are available now at farmingtonplayers.org or at the box office (248) 553-2955. Questions about the show may be e-mailed to Achristinascarol@farmingtonplayers.org.

Special events

- On Friday Dec. 2, patrons can mingle and share holiday treats with Dickens/Scrooge, and the rest of the cast and crew of *A Christmas Carol* during this Opening Night Afterglow.
- The Barn added two Saturday matinees on Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. to accommodate families who prefer to come during the day. Children will get to take photos with Scrooge after both shows.

Cast & Crew

- Charles Dickens played by Dorne LeFere, of Metamora
- The Child, played by Zachary Worthing, of Farmington Hills
- Mark Lemon, played by Jim Pierce, of Southfield
- Frederick Dickens, played by Armand Banoo-

- ni, of Farmington Hills
- Clarkston Stanfield, played by Tony Targan, of West Bloomfield
- Helen Hogarth, played by Sarah Cooper, of Farmington
- Charley Dickens, played by Ben Lauter, Farmington Hills
- Mrs. Stanfield, played by Amy Lauter, of Farmington Hills
- Catherine Dickens, played by Laurel Stroud, of Redford
- John Forster, played by Steve King, of Farmington Hills
- Director: Nancy Cooper, of Farmington
- Assistant Director: Amy Poirier, of Farmington Hills
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SHOW DETAILS

What: A Christmas Carol, by the Farmington Players

When: Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. - Opening Night Afterglow

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Since the completion of its state-of-the-art facility in 2003, the Farmington Players Barn Theater has expanded its mission, serving as the site for city-sponsored events such as youth theater camps in the summer, concerts with groups as varied as Blackthorn and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and as a meeting place for various groups.

The Farmington Players have been saving money over the years to enhance the onstage experience at The Barn. In November, 2009 they installed a new rigging system in the vast fly space. Show Directors are thrilled to finally have the ability to fly in flats and use drops to set scenes in a matter of seconds.

Hines Park lights up for the holidays

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

For more on lightfest, see Thursday's Observer

music notes."

Benjamin Lucas could have cared less about the fireworks. Ditto for the lights, the music and dancing. The two-week-old infant was too busy sleeping in a baby carrier against to mom Crystal's chest.

"It's his first fireworks," said the Garden City resident as she stood with family members in Merriman Hollow in Hines Park Thursday evening to watch the fireworks display that signaled the opening of Wayne County Parks' annual Lightfest. "This is my third year coming. All of us lived in the apartments behind this and never came out for this until we moved out."

Tim West pointed to Lucas, his sister, as the reason for his attending the ceremony for the first time.

"She made me come out," he said. "I like the idea of fireworks when it's cold. What other time of the year can you wear

a snow hat and gloves ..."

"And feel like it's the Fourth of July," added Maria Hanley of Westland. "Fireworks and hot chocolate, it's the best thing to mix together."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano was joined by Santa Claus in flipping the switch, carried live on Fox-2, to turn on the 4 1/2-mile long light show that stretches from Merriman Road in Westland to Warrendale in Dearborn Heights.

More than 100 people gathered beside the Hines Drive entrance to the light show, chasing the chill with hot chocolate and enjoying music and dancing by Dance Extreme.

Bryn McGuigan and his son, Troy, of Westland were in the crowd, there to watch Troy's friend perform.

"We've seen the lights before, but have never come to the opening," said McGuigan. "I want to see the new lights, the

Many in the crowd dressed for the near freezing temperatures, but Zackery Stephens and Brandon Burroughs of Garden City had to admit their sweat shirts weren't enough to keep out the cold.

"It's kind of cold, but we got hot chocolate," said Burroughs who likes "the fireworks, watching the lights and seeing people have a good time."

"I like to see all the lights and the fireworks," said Stephens.

Lightfest features more than 45 giant animated displays and more than one million lights and is the Midwest's largest and longest light show. The display is open 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. now through Dec. 31, except Christmas Day, when it will be closed. The charge is \$5 fee per vehicle.

Although Lightfest begins at 7 p.m., Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. nightly.

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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

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

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Businesses find out how to qualify for jail work

Wayne County recently held a third outreach session to help communicate the bidding process to companies interested in winning contracts for the construction of the new Wayne County jail.

Robert Ficano said. Last Monday's session at the Summit in the Park in Canton drew more than 50 companies specializing in mechanical equipment, iron works, security systems, glass and mirror installation, tile and ceilings, food service operations, full-body scanner systems, concrete and many other trades.

There is an emphasis with the construction project to utilize Wayne County businesses through the procurement process.

Session leaders from Wayne County, Walbridge and DAN TEAK fielded questions from contractors and explained the process of qualifying a business.

The \$300 million construction project is slated to be completed July 2014. One of the largest construction projects underway in the county, it is expected to create between 2,000 and 2,500 jobs.

The planned 714,000 square-foot facility, located at the corner of Gratiot and St. Antoine, will house 2,192 beds and be the new administrative offices for the Wayne County Sheriff's staff.

“These outreach sessions, we want to make sure we are communicating our process to you,” said Bill Lorelli, assistant vice president for Walbridge.

Wayne County, Walbridge and DAN TEAK LLC have collaborated to put on these outreach sessions. Previous sessions were held in Taylor and Detroit. Organizers estimate that a total of 160 companies have participated.

Owners can still pre-qualify their company with Walbridge, the general contractor for the project, at www.walbridge.com. They must also register with Dan Teak LLC at www.danteak.com.

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Canton man pens children's yule book

Children's author Brian Webster of Canton will publish a Christmas book in December, *Santa's Elf*.

Santa's Elf is a story about Santa while delivering presents on Christmas Eve accidentally leaves behind one of his elves and three kids must find a way to return him to his North Pole home before he loses his elfish powers. Webster is personally publishing the book through IdeaWorks LTD.

As with his *Snowville* book last year, Webster plans to donate some books to Children's Hospital of Michigan and do a reading at Tonda Elementary School in Canton where wife Cathy teaches second grade.

Megan D. Wellman is the illustrator. *Santa's Elf* will be her 12th book. She will be present at Webster's open house/book signing 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at his condo, 464 Cherry Hill Pointe Drive in Canton. Davis will also hold a book signing noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Plymouth Panera's, Ann Arbor Trail and Main in downtown Plymouth.

This is Webster's second book for children, following his *Snowville*. His dream is for *Santa's Elf* to be made into a holiday movie.

Illustrations depict the family's children growing up — Ryan, 10, Hailey, 8, Christopher, 6, and the golden retriever dog, Bear.

Wellman did her illustrations for *Santa's Elf* from actual photos of Webster's three kids and family dog.

Santa's Elf was a finalist in last year's Holiday Screenplay Contest.

Kris Yankee, who introduced the author to Wellman last year, edited *Santa's Elf*.



Children's author Brian Webster of Canton wrote 'Santa's Elf,' being published in December. Megan D. Wellman is the illustrator for the book, copies of which will be signed at upcoming local events.

Kris Yankee and Webster have co-written *Black Ice*, a young adult novel and screenplay which will be completed in early December. *Black Ice* is a hockey story about an inner city black kid who becomes a winner on the ice.

Megan D. Wellman lives with her husband, daughter Kylee, and pets in the Michigan area. She holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Eastern Michigan University with a minor in children's theater. Her books include *Lonely Teddy*, *Grandma's Ready*, *This Babe So Small*, ... and that's why we teach, *Being Bella*, *King of Dilly Dally*, *Read to Me, Daddy!*, *Does This Make Me Beautiful*, *Halle and Tiger and their bucket-filling family*, *My Guy in the Sky*, and *Liam's Luck and Finnegan's Fortune*.

Webster's next book for kids will be *Recipe for a Monster*.

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Variable annuities can be costly and restricting

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I have a variable annuity that is maturing. I started with about \$75,000 and now it's only worth about \$65,000. I know what you think of variable annuities and I wish I would have listened to your advice. Since I'm under 59½ and the annuity is maturing, can I cash the money out? The agent is suggesting that since it's in an annuity, I have to move it into a different annuity. If I can cancel the annuity, what are the tax consequences? Can I write my losses off?

A: Unfortunately, you're dealing with a salesperson as opposed to an adviser. It seems to me that your salesperson is only looking at generating another commission vs. doing what's appropriate for your situation.

No, you do not have to roll the money into another annuity. It doesn't mat-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

It may make sense in certain situations, when one annuity contract matures, to transfer it into another annuity, however, you are under no obligation to do so.

In addition, sometimes the annuity salespeople won't tell you that even though your annuity no longer has any penalties, you can still leave your money in the current annuity. Too many annuity salespeople don't want you to know that because they're only interested in

selling you another annuity. In fact, in many situations because of penalty provisions and lower minimum rates of return, it makes more sense for people to leave their money in the current annuity as opposed to transferring into a new annuity.

Some annuity salespeople like to entice you with the bonus programs that many annuities offer; however, many of these programs are very gimmicky and you have to be very careful. Sometimes when you read the fine print you realize that the bonus is not really a bonus at all. Therefore, just because someone tells you that if you move money from one annuity to another you'll get a bonus, that does not mean it's a good deal for you.

As to the tax consequences, unfortunately, you cannot deduct

your losses. This is one of the downsides of variable annuities. They have adverse tax consequences for most investors. The reason for this is, you cannot write off losses. If you had purchased those same investments outside of a variable annuity and you had losses, those would be eligible to deduct.

Another downside of variable annuities, from a tax standpoint, is that if you do have a profit, when the annuity is cashed out that money is taxed at your ordinary tax bracket and not the favorable capital gains rate. Most Americans are in a 28-percent ordinary income tax bracket, but their capital gains rate is only 15 percent. Therefore, even though variable annuities grow tax-deferred, they defer you into a higher bracket. Most people find that

their taxes are nearly doubled by investing in a variable annuity.

Besides the adverse tax consequences of variable annuities, another reason that I'm not a fan of them is because of the costs. Variable annuities are typically stuffed with high fees. Every year you own a variable annuity, you end up paying these high fees which make it difficult for an investor to make money.

Variable annuities also typically will limit your investment options and have very high penalty provisions. I believe that investors need flexibility and variable annuities do not allow much flexibility.

There are situations where a variable annuity may be appropriate. These are limited situations and in those cases, the variable annuities I recommend will be ones

through Fidelity or Vanguard. These variable annuities have very low fees and no penalties. In other words, if after year one or two you decide to exit the annuity, you can do so without penalty. In most other variable annuities, if you left an annuity after a couple of years, you could pay a penalty as high as 10 percent.

If you have a variable annuity or any other that no longer has a penalty period, don't automatically roll it over into another annuity. Review your options and then make the decision that works best for you. Good luck!

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



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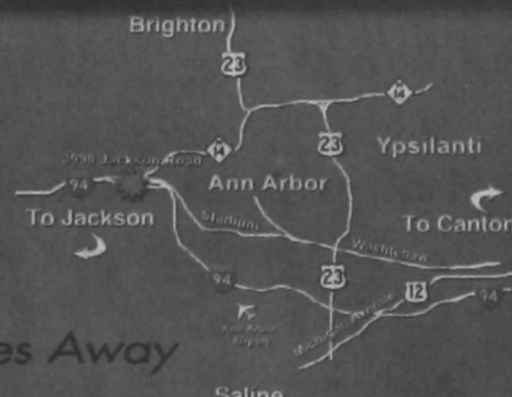
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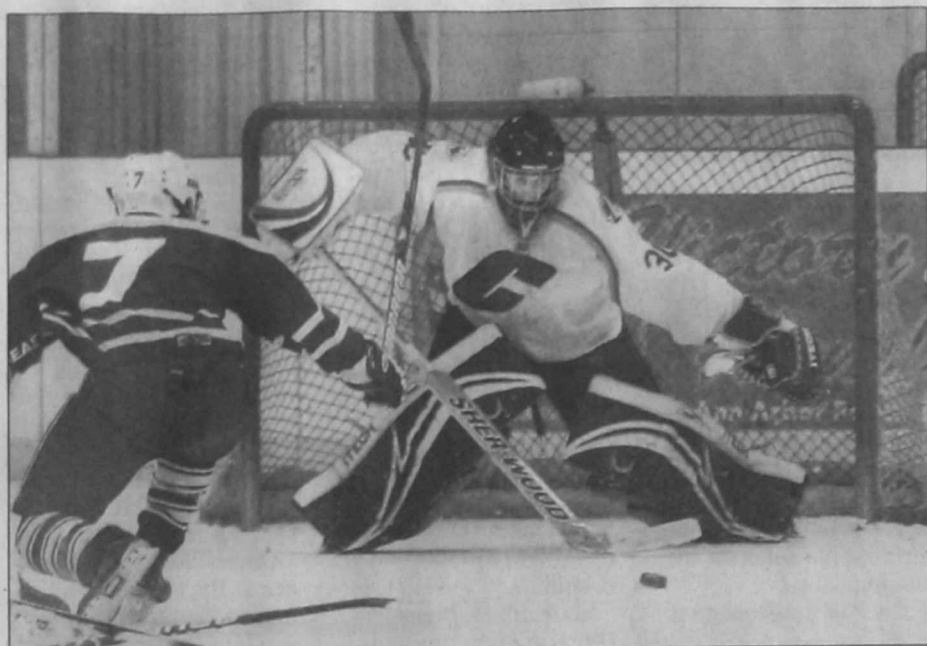
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Canton senior goalie Spencer Craig (No. 30), shown from last season, looks to build on his record-setting junior season. He set a new school mark for shutouts.

Breaking the ice

Chiefs could gain momentum as team meshes

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Jeremy Majszak is mixing and matching, figuring out how he's going to roll out the 2011-12 Canton varsity boys hockey team.

He knows he has a stud goaltender in senior Spencer Craig, who set the school mark for shutouts last winter.

But the first couple weeks of the new season will find third-year head coach Majszak deciding on the best line combinations and defensive pairings.

"This isn't going to be like last year's team by any means off the get-go," said Majszak, whose Chiefs finished 16-7-2 in 2010-11. "Last year's team brought a ton of returners and a lot of size and we came out of the gate just hammering people. 'This is a team that's going to get better and better with every game.'"

Majszak stressed that most of this year's players — even those back from last season — are getting used to new roles.

"Our go-to guys this year are guys that last year played on the third or fourth line," he said. "And all the other guys are brand new ... everybody's kind of finding themselves, jumping into their role and they're going to grow."

Learning curve

During that learning-curve period, the Chiefs will lean heavily on Craig, who posted eight shutouts and 15 victories last year. "It's going to be huge for us, he's going to be able to win games on his own," said Majszak, when asked about how key it was to have Craig back between the pipes. "Having a goalie like that allows us to learn from our mistakes."

But sophomore goalie Robbie Beydoun is looking ready to steal away some of co-captain Craig's playing time.

"Robbie's playing well," the coach said. "He's got very good positioning, good quickness and reflexes."

Meanwhile, Canton does have some returning forwards and defensemen

who Majszak expects to have solid years.

The top two lines have experience, grit and speed, which should lead to balanced scoring.

Majszak has not designated a No. 1 line yet.

As the season began, senior winger and co-captain Duggan Tear was set to play on a line with senior center Shawn May and promising sophomore newcomer Ian Fagan.

"He (Tear) brings some size and great playmaking skill," Majszak said. "He's looking to step up on the scoresheet."

Fagan is new to the varsity level, but he brings plenty of experience playing with AAA teams through Victory Honda and Compuware.

Ready to step up

Senior Brandon Grillo will center another top line, with wingers Taylor Baker and Matt Cox.

A player to watch is Grillo, who's finally getting healthy after suffering a broken arm during summer hockey.

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'Cats ready to go to work

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Last year from his perch behind the Livonia Stevenson bench, coach Gerry Vento liked how the Plymouth varsity boys hockey team went about its business.

Now, he'll get an even closer look at the Wildcats as the team's new head coach, taking over the job from Paul Fassbender.

"Having played them a couple times, they're always a hard-working team," said Vento, a former Detroit Catholic Central player who was with Stevenson's hockey program for four seasons. "I know they had great support from the booster club and I just wanted to be a part of it."

The no-nonsense Vento expects the Wildcats to continue bringing their hockey hard hats to the rink.

"We're going to be a hard-working team," Vento noted. "Like I told the boys, I don't know how many games we're going to win but I know we're not going to be outworked any night."

New home rink

The Wildcats also will be going to work at a different place this winter.

PART 2

Look for Salem boys hockey preview in Thursday's Observer.

They left Compuware Arena for the Canton Arctic Edge, where there was room after another team folded.

At Arctic Edge, players will have more of an intense prep hockey atmosphere with their fans jamming a much-smaller seating area than the spacious Compuware. Their first game at Arctic Edge as the home team is 7 p.m. Wednesday against Canton.

Vento and Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak do not expect any carryover from the brawl between the teams late last season that resulted in several player suspensions.

"I believe we turned the page," Vento said. "I mentioned it once at the beginning of the season. Nobody in our locker room is really proud of that moment."

"I wasn't here for it, obviously I heard about it. But I don't expect any issues whatsoever."

Several players back from the 2010-11 team that finished 7-9-8 in the KLAA South Division will

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MICHELLE BAUER

Expected to lead a young Plymouth team in 2011-12 is senior captain Zach Gambrell (No. 25, left), shown from a game last season.

Salem hockey food drive

The Salem Rocks Hockey Canned Food Drive is slated for Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Spectators are asked to bring a canned food item, or non-perishables, to the PCC for that evening's Salem-Canton varsity boys hockey game, which begins at 8:30 p.m.

All donations will be delivered by Salem's varsity boys hockey team on Dec. 15 to the Open Door Ministry located on S. Lilley Road off of Michigan Ave. Also Dec. 15, the Rocks will volunteer at the ministry to hand food to the community.

Moose to face DRW alums

The Canton-based Detroit Moose hockey team and Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association will face off at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at Canton Arctic Edge in a charity hockey game.

Tickets are \$10. All proceeds benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

For more information, visit www.detroitmoose.org.

YMCA winter hoops

The Plymouth Family YMCA announced that winter basketball leagues are forming for ages 4-11.

Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The annual registration fee is \$91 or \$123 for community participants. Registration continues until Jan. 2, 2012.

After teams are formed, they will practice once a week and play on Friday evenings from Jan. 16 through March 23.

For more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org or call (734) 453-2904.

Gerou in softball showcase

Elaine Gerou, a junior pitcher for Plymouth's varsity girls softball team, was recently selected to compete in the Queen of Diamonds Showcase North on Jan. 7-8, 2012 at Kent State University.

The event, part of the largest fastpitch softball showcase in the U.S., continues to attract athletes from more than 30 states and two Canadian provinces. More than 2,000 applicants applied, of which 264 (including Gerou) were selected.

Gerou pitches and plays shortstop for the 16U Vengeance Black team.

CLASS D VOLLEYBALL QUARTERFINAL

Despite loss, PCA has season to remember

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy came out strong Tuesday against defending Class D state champion Battle Creek St. Philip in a quarterfinal at Bronson. But the Eagles could not sustain their early level of play and wound up falling 3-1 to the No. 1-ranked Fighting Tigers — the same team that beat PCA in the 2010 Class D final.

"We came out in the first set with guns blazing," Eagles head coach Kelly Blackney said, about PCA's 25-21 win in Game 1. "We totally controlled that game. Our passing was incredible and our offense was able to put the ball down."

Then the Eagles, ranked second in Class D, hit the wall.

One reason might have been not having one of their best players (senior outside hitter Amy Zinn) at full strength because of illness.

Tough to sustain

"We realized going into the second game that it was going to be difficult to maintain such a high level of performance and energy, and we were proved right," Blackney said. "St. Philip had two outside hitters that we just couldn't stop."

"They made it difficult to set up our offense, and thus we lost the next three sets."

St. Philip finished off the Eagles with wins of 25-14, 25-13 and 25-12.

The loss marked the end of senior middle blocker Kristin Malcolm's outstanding career. She tallied 20 kills along with five digs.

Other key seniors included Zinn (six digs), libero Jessica Rich (seven digs) and Sarah Howard (eight kills). Sophomore setter Jenny Malcolm contributed 29 assists.

The PCA careers of seniors Katelyn McCormick and Leah Manning also came to a close with the defeat.

Blackney saw the positives in the loss to the perennial powerhouse, namely that the Eagles won a game as opposed to being swept (the 2010 result).

"We didn't go down without a fight," she said. "And winning that

first set proves that we, as a team, improved throughout the season."

She's proud

The coach said she is "incredibly proud" of the team and that she wouldn't trade coaching "such a Godly group of young women who love volleyball and each other" for a handful of state championships.

PCA finished with a record of 43-7-4 and collected conference, district and regional crowns along the way.

St. Philip (57-4-2) squared off Thursday afternoon against Crystal Falls Forest Park at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

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JON VESPAZIANI

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team show off their trophies after winning Sunday's Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl at Westland John Glenn High School.



Another title for JV Steelers

The "Steel Curtain" came down on the Redford Rangers Sunday afternoon in the Western Suburban Junior Football League's junior varsity Super Bowl.

Fueled by an inspired defensive effort in the second half, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers claimed their second consecutive WSJFL title when they upended the Redford Rangers, 43-28, at Westland John Glenn High School.

After the Rangers battled the

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Steelers to a 28-all halftime deadlock, the Steelers' punishing defense asserted itself during the final 24 minutes, shutting out the Rangers thanks in large part to strong play from defensive ends Matthew Poet and Vinny Convertino; and linebacker Ryan Young.

The winners' "Steel Curtain" defensive line of Jacob Miller, Nick Saker and Joey Ahearn also stepped

up big-time in the pivotal second half.

Offensively, Dylan Stackhouse was a scoring machine for the Steelers, racking up five touchdowns. Isaac Emminger also found a lot of success on the ground for the Steelers, scoring a TD. Scott Gregor, Vincent VanDerRoest and Chase Willis opened up sizeable holes for the Steelers' running backs.

The head coach of the Steelers is Angelo Lanava.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Naubert's 13 assists sparks Madonna win

Make it two in a row for the Madonna University men's basketball team.

Sophomore point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) dished out a career-high 13 assists as the Crusaders cruised to a 76-48 win Friday night over Olivet College in the WHAC/MCC Challenge hosted by the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Sophomore guard Travis Schuba led MU (2-4) for the second straight game with 16 points, including 4-of-8 from three-point range.

Matt Jenkins added 11 points, while Fred Williams came off the bench to added 10 points and six rebounds.

Eoghann Stephens, Quentin Simmons and Donald Owens contributed eight points apiece as the Crusaders jumped out to a 41-16 halftime lead and never looked back.

Jaren Edsall finished with 16 points for the Comets (0-2), who shot only 16-of-63 from the field (25.4 percent). Matt El contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds.

MU closed out the WHAC/MCC Challenge on Saturday against Alma College at UM-Dearborn.

MU wins big

Schuba connected on eight 3-pointers en route to a career-high 28 points to propel the Madonna to a 90-64 victory Wednesday night over visiting Marygrove College at the Activities Center.

Sophomore point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) added 17 points, while sophomore redshirt Williams chipped in with 12 points and a team-best seven rebounds as MU snapped a four-game losing skid.

A layup from Williams and another Schuba triple made it 41-31 MU with 26 seconds left in the half.

Omar Thomas hit a runner in the lane as time expired in the half to send the two teams into intermission with Madonna on top 41-33.

A 17-5 run out of halftime by the Crusaders - sparked by 11 points from Schuba - put MU on top 58-38 with 15:37 left in the game.

The Madonna lead ballooned to as many as 30 during the second half as all 12 Crusaders in uniform scored.

Thomas paced Marygrove (2-2) with 15 points. Darryl Dixon and Marcus Hopkins added 13 apiece.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Ocelots stop Raiders, 91-78

The unranked Schoolcraft College women's basketball team extended its NJCAA record home court winning streak to 65 in a row with a 91-78 triumph Wednesday night over Grand Rapids Community College.

Schoolcraft overcame a 36-point outburst by Grand Rapids forward Janelle Ellis-Johnson to improve to 4-0 overall.

Sophomore forward Shawnicka Thomas led the Lady Ocelots with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Domonique Jones contributed 15 points and eight boards, while Diamond Tolliver also contributed 15 points and five assists. Charlise Slater added nine points and five assists.

Ellis-Johnson made 13-of-18 shots from the floor, including 8-of-11 from three-point range to go along with six rebounds and four assists.

Tinisha Elliott added 12 points, while Caitlyn Patterson had a game-high 13 rebounds. Kristina Cousins also dished out 10

assists.

It was 36-all at halftime before Schoolcraft opened the second half on a 17-5 run to take a 53-41 advantage with 16:13 remaining.

Grand Rapids (2-2) would get no closer than nine the rest of the way.

The Raiders shot 51.8 percent from the floor and committed 39 turnovers on the night.

Schoolcraft shot .48.8 percent (39-of-80) and had 19 steals.

Crusaders fall

Four players scored in double figures Friday as host Indiana Wesleyan improved to 5-0 with a 67-52 triumph over Madonna University in the opening round of the WHAC/MCC Challenge at Luckey Arena.

Krystal Stoneking and Stephanie Burtch led Indiana Wesleyan with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Claire Freeman added 15 points, while Paige Smith came off the bench to add 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats.

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ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM
Derek Gielarowski, Sr., Plymouth: It's an impressive list of accomplishments racked up by Gielarowski this season.

He had a personal best time of 15:50, tied for the second best in school history. Then he earned all-state honors by placing 12th at the Division 1 state meet.

Gielarowski is the first Plymouth runner to make the state meet all four years of his prep career.

He also was the first-place finisher at the D1 regional with a 16:09 mark and came in second at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet at Huron Meadows (16:08) and Wayne County Championship with a time of 16:15.

"Derek is an amazing runner and is very coachable," coach Jon Mikosz said. "He showed all year he was one of the top runners in the area and the state. He will be hard to replace next year."

Miles Felton, Sr., Canton: The senior and four-time, first-team, All-Observer selection capped an outstanding prep career which included a school record (15:59) and twice being named team MVP.

Felton again made first-team All-KLAA and owns Canton marks for the fastest freshman, sophomore and junior.

At the Wayne County Championships at Willow Metropark, his time of 16:51 was good for sixth place and an all-county medal (top seven).

"Mike is arguably the most talented runner in school history," coach Bill Boyd said.

Mitch Clinton, Sr., Canton: Another senior who put together an incredible high school career at Canton, Clinton earned his third selection to the All-Observer and All-KLAA teams. Like Felton, he collected two team MVP awards.

This season his personal best of 16:37 at the KLAA meet enabled the Chiefs to finish third. Boyd said his consistency sparked Canton's KLAA South Division title.

He came in 22nd at the Wayne County Championships with a mark of 17:18, which earned him an honorary all-county medal (places 22-35).

"Mitch is one of the greatest runners in school history," Boyd said. "His hard work and consistency make him a leader admired by his coaches and teammates."

Zane Berlanga, Soph., Plymouth: The sophomore had a breakout season, with his personal record of 16:33 at the KLAA conference meet earning him sixth place — not to mention it being seventh best in school history.

Berlanga was 32nd at the D1 regional (17:16), but he has two more years to rise in the charts.

"Zane is just starting to realize his full potential as a runner," Mikosz said. "Once he figures it out, he should constantly be one of the top runners in the area."

Brandon Dalton, Jr., Plymouth: A "true lead-

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er on and of the course" according to his coach, the junior finished 11th at the conference meet.

Dalton also had a personal best of 16:56 and finished 26th at the D1 regional with a time of 17:10.

"He got in his groove midway into the year and never looked back," Mikosz said. "He was one of the most consistent runners that we had on the team this year. We are looking for big things from him next season."

Ryan Wise, Sr., Churchill: The senior was Churchill's first Division 1 state qualifier since 2007 after placing 179th overall in 17:13.9.

He qualified by taking 13th at the Willow Metropark regional (16:43.9) and also added a ninth at the Kensington Conference meet (16:40) and a seventh at Wayne County (17:07.5).

Wise was also Livonia city meet champion (17:08), fifth at the KLAA Invitational (16:47.7), sixth at Monroe Jefferson (17:07.5) and eighth at the MSU Spartan Invitational Green race (season-best 16:20).

"Ryan had very good season and was our number one runner all year," coach John McGreevy said. "He has been an absolute joy to coach. Ryan was our hardest worker in practice and was an excellent leader. He was well liked and respected by his teammates, who appreciated his love of running and enjoyed his good natured spirit."

"Ryan is a bright and creative young man who has the ability to succeed



Derek Gielarowski
Plymouth



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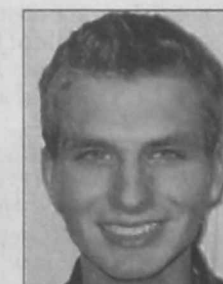
Drew Lindman
Farmington



Steven McEvilly
Salem



Stephen Fenech
Stevenson



Jacob Colley
Stevenson

academically and athletically at the next level."

Drew Lindman, Jr., Farmington: The junior and first-time state qualifier finished 116th at the Division 1 meet with a time of 16:47. He was 10th in the Waterford regional (16:56), fourth in the OAA White Division (17:00) and 18th in the Oakland County race (17:00). Lindman ran his best time of 16:46 to win the Farmington city meet at Oakland Community College.

"Drew sets an excellent example for everyone on our team," coach Charlie Stambouljian said. "Not only is he tough, but he works hard and earns everything that comes his way. From each season to the next, he has improved steadily, and I'm excited for what the future holds for him."

"Drew had a great year. He was the No. 1 guy in every single meet, and we had a good team. That's a credit to his dedication and work ethic."

Steven McEvilly, Jr., Salem: The junior picked up this year where he left off in 2010, as Salem's go-to guy, said coach Steve Aspinall.

McEvilly had his season's best time of 16:34 at the KLAA meet which enabled him to make first-team all-conference. At the regional, he finished 16th (16:50) to barely miss qualifying for the state meet.

The 11th best runner among juniors in school history (16th overall) will look to push up into the top 10 next year and get his name on the Salem record board.

His time of 17:11 at the Wayne County Championship was good for 17th, and a third-team, all-county medal (places 15-21).

"Steve has been our vocal leader and our leader by example for a couple of years," Aspinall said. "He puts in more miles than any other member of the team during the off-season, and his performances indicate that."

Stephen Fenech, Soph., Stevenson: The sophomore placed 19th at the tough Division 1 regional at Huron Meadows (16:06.5) after finishing 10th in the Kensington Conference (16:50.8).

Fenech, who ranks fifth on Stevenson's all-

time best time list, also placed fifth at Wayne County (16:41) and was runner-up in the White Lake Lakeland Invitational for ninth and 10th graders.

"Stephen had a solid sophomore season," coach Chris Inch said.

"His performance at the Brighton regional would have easily qualified him individually for state meet in any of the other eight Division 1 regions. Stephen is motivated. He will continue to progress; he is only going to get better."

Jake Colley, Jr., Stevenson: The junior ran 16:41.3 at the Brighton regional (36th) and was 12th in the Kensington Conference meet on the same Huron Meadows course (16:59).

Colley also placed fifth at the Wayne County Invitational (17:26) at Willow Metropark.

"Jacob had a breakout cross country season,"

Inch said. "His success in track is translating to improved cross country times. He is proving to be a versatile distance runner. We knew he could run a tough 800 and 1,600, and now you can add 5,000 meters to that list."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Lemieux, Ply. Christian:

The boys cross country program as a full-time entity is only two years old. Yet Lemieux guided her squad to second in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, followed by a victory in the Division 4 regional at Willow Metropark.

The Eagles finished 21st at the state meet. Because the program had been dormant for several years, it was the first time in more than a decade that PCA made it to the finals.

PCA also boasted four of the top 10 finishers at the regional in Jimmy



Jennifer Lemieux
PCA coach

Parks (fifth, 18:34), Trevor Baloga (seventh, 18:51), Ethan Levack (eighth, 18:56) and Ian

Rose (10th, 19:02).

On the girls side, sophomore Terra Crown (who runs with the boys team during the season) finished fifth at the regional to qualify for state, where she was 52nd (20:35).

"The boys ran their hearts out for their teammates," Lemieux said. "I am incredibly proud of them. Last year, Jimmy Parks and Trevor Baloga qualified individually. It was the team goal to go together to states this year, and they have worked together to achieve this."

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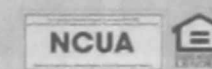


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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Ocelot spikers earn plaudits

Several players from the Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team earned postseason honors led by sophomore defensive specialist Lauren Macuga (Canton), who made first-team All-NJCAA Region 12, All-MCCAA and All-Eastern Conference.

Macuga also earned All-District E Tournament honors as the sixth-seeded Lady Ocelots (29-14) reached the semifinals before losing to second-seed Owens Tech (Ohio), 3-0.

Sophomore outside hitter Amber Aldrich (Fowlerville) was named second-team All-Eastern Conference, while setter Nicole Kempinski (Livonia Churchill) earned

third-team All-Eastern Conference and was also selected to the All-Conference Freshman team.

All-Eastern Conference honorable mention selections included sophomore outside hitter Chrissy Maleske (Churchill) and sophomore setter Kelly MacDonald (Salem).

CANTON

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Baker, a senior, benefited from playing on one of Canton's top lines last season.

"Taylor is able to make plays happen as well as score occasionally," Majszak said.

Looking to make his mark is junior Cox, who impressed Canton coaches over the summer with his improved offensive game.

"He showed us he can put the puck in the net," Majszak said. "He wants to step into that role this year."

Knocking on the door for equal time is the third forward trio, featuring seniors Andrew Gorski, Derek Voight and Jon Rizzo.

"On any given night, you can take those lines and really toss them up," the coach said. "It's not a huge drop-off between the three (lines) as of now."

Other forwards are seniors Michael Conklin, Charlie Steslick and sophomore Christian Flack.

Spearheading Canton's defense are senior co-captains Zach Cox and Brandon Schlieger. "Both of them bring a lot of stability back there, and size."

Promising newbie

Majszak is enthusiastic about the upside for sophomore D-man Collin Smith, the younger



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After Canton scored a goal last year, teammates Duggan Tear (No. 8), Matt Cox (left), Josh Dickson and Jimmy LaFontaine (right) celebrated. Returning players Tear and Cox will look for more such celebrations this winter.

brother of Jordan Smith (a 2011 grad). Collin Smith, like Fagan, comes to the Chiefs with AAA experience at Victory Honda and Compuware.

"We're going to look for him to jump in right away and get things done for us," Majszak said. "He's a big, strong kid as well (and) he's played AAA his whole life."

"So he's coming from playing in a lot of the big AAA tournaments. From that, he's going to bring a lot of experience on that blue line."

Returning defensemen Brad Ceci (junior) and Zack McArdle

(senior) will form another unit. Senior Taylor Greenshields and junior Chandler Berlin are also available to help out on the blueline.

Although it might take a little while for all the ingredients to jell, Majszak is confident the new-look Chiefs will compete in the KLAA South.

"We have some speed, we have some size, we have some talent," he said. "But it's putting it all together as a team and being able to do that."

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PLYMOUTH

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bear the brunt of the offensive load.

Leading the way

At the top of that list is senior forward and team captain Zach Gambrell.

"I think Zach Gambrell is going to be our leader offensively," Vento said. "He's the guy that's got to get it going for us. There's quite a few guys."

He listed senior forwards and assistant captains Sean Smiatacz, Matt Goertz and Cody Staub.

"It's just a hard-working bunch of players and a great group of senior leadership," Vento continued. "You start with that, good things can happen."

Other senior forwards include Jeremy Cigile and Richie Mitchell, with juniors Spencer Godin, Mitch Claggett, Joe Burke and sophomores Conor Browne, Michael Schultz and John VanDenBeurgeury round out the front line.

Of those younger players, Vento said VanDenBeurgeury has been looking strong in pre-season workouts and scrimmages.

On the blueline, the new coach said freshman defenseman Jake Zaborowski is showing promise. "We're looking for big things



MICHELLE BAUER

One of the returning Plymouth Wildcats who will be looked upon for offense is Sean Smiatacz (No. 23), shown from a 2010-11 game.

from him," Vento said.

Veteran defensemen such as seniors Nate Stemberger, Nick Durak and juniors Dean Gunther and Cam Nadell will help guide Zaborowski and sophomore D-man Kyle Bauer — the younger brother of Justin Bauer (2011 grad and former 'Cats captain).

In net will be senior newcomer Rich Guglielmi and senior returnee Peyton Wilburn (who backed up Mike Justus).

Guglielmi is making his Plymouth High School hockey debut. He played youth and travel hockey until eighth grade, but focused on baseball his first three years at Plymouth.

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Brighton spoils debut for new Plymouth coach

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The Gerry Vento era for Plymouth Wildcats boys started Wednesday night against host Brighton at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

It wasn't the kind of beginning the former Livonia Stevenson coach might have envisioned, as the Bulldogs parlayed four power-play goals into a 6-1 victory.

But Vento said the Wildcats will immediately go to work on some of the problem areas that the Bulldogs exploited.

"We got into penalty trouble

and our penalty-killing wasn't the greatest tonight," Vento said. "But Brighton's a solid team. They're big, they're physical."

"We knew we were going to have our hands full tonight, but we'll get better."

Vento added that the Wildcats will be "a much different team come February, when it matters. We're just starting out now. Guys are learning their roles and taking their lumps."

Brighton jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the Kensington Conference crossover tilt when Daniel Bosio (two

goals) scored against Plymouth senior goalie Rich Guglielmi.

Less than three minutes later, Scott Schueneman tallied the first of his two goals and Brighton enjoyed a 2-0 lead.

At 2:03 of the second period, the Wildcats sliced that lead in half as junior forward Spencer Godin beat Bulldogs goaltender James Milletics. Junior forward Mitch Claggett made a perfect centering pass that Godin, standing near the right post, one-timed into the cage. Drawing the other assist was senior forward Jeremy Cigile.

But a Plymouth double-minor for cross-checking just 38 seconds after the goal curtailed any momentum.

Brighton went up 3-1 during the second half of that advantage. Guglielmi made a pad save, but the rebound bounced right to Troy Marrett and he hit the mark.

Then another Brighton power play led to another goal at 7:16, when Schueneman also deposited a rebound past Guglielmi.

Brighton tacked on goals in the third by Alex Sauchuk and Joseph Borst.

The game was Guglielmi's

first since he played travel hockey as an eighth-grader, having focused on baseball throughout high school.

But Vento didn't blame Guglielmi, who showed a quick glove and solid positioning.

"I thought he was outstanding," Vento said. "There were no issues in net for us tonight. You give up four power play goals it's tough. Playing 5-on-5, it's 2-1."

Next up for the Wildcats is Wednesday's contest against Canton at the Arctic Edge. The puck drops at 7 p.m.

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For the cause: Churches serve dinner, fellowship on Thanksgiving Day

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Forget the frozen dinner for one this Thanksgiving Day.

You can eat a turkey meal with all the trimmings for free and find good conversation to boot at local churches on Thursday, Nov. 24.

Volunteers are gearing up to ensure that individuals don't have to eat alone on Thanksgiving. Some churches also welcome couples and families to their traditional feasts.

"They want everyone to come together and have fellowship and a Thanksgiving Day meal as well," said Ingrid Anderson, who helps coordinate Good Hope Lutheran Church's role in the annual joint meal held at St. Mel Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. "They have a real good time. There are prizes and we get a lot of seniors."

Volunteers from both churches donate foods, time and effort to the cause. Children and teens help usher and serve at the meal.

"We have around 100-125 people who end up serving turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, pies, cheesecake ... everything," Anderson said. "We're appreciative of St. Mel's having it at their church. They have a larger facility."

The meal, served at noon on Thanksgiving Day, is billed as a dinner "for persons dining alone," although Anderson said the church

doesn't turn anyone away.

Both Our Lady of Loretto in Redford and Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia open their Thanksgiving Day feasts to individuals, couples and families of any size.

Our Lady of Loretto has welcomed the community to its free turkey dinner for nearly a dozen years. Newburg United Methodist Church will serve a free Thanksgiving Day feast for the first time on Thursday.

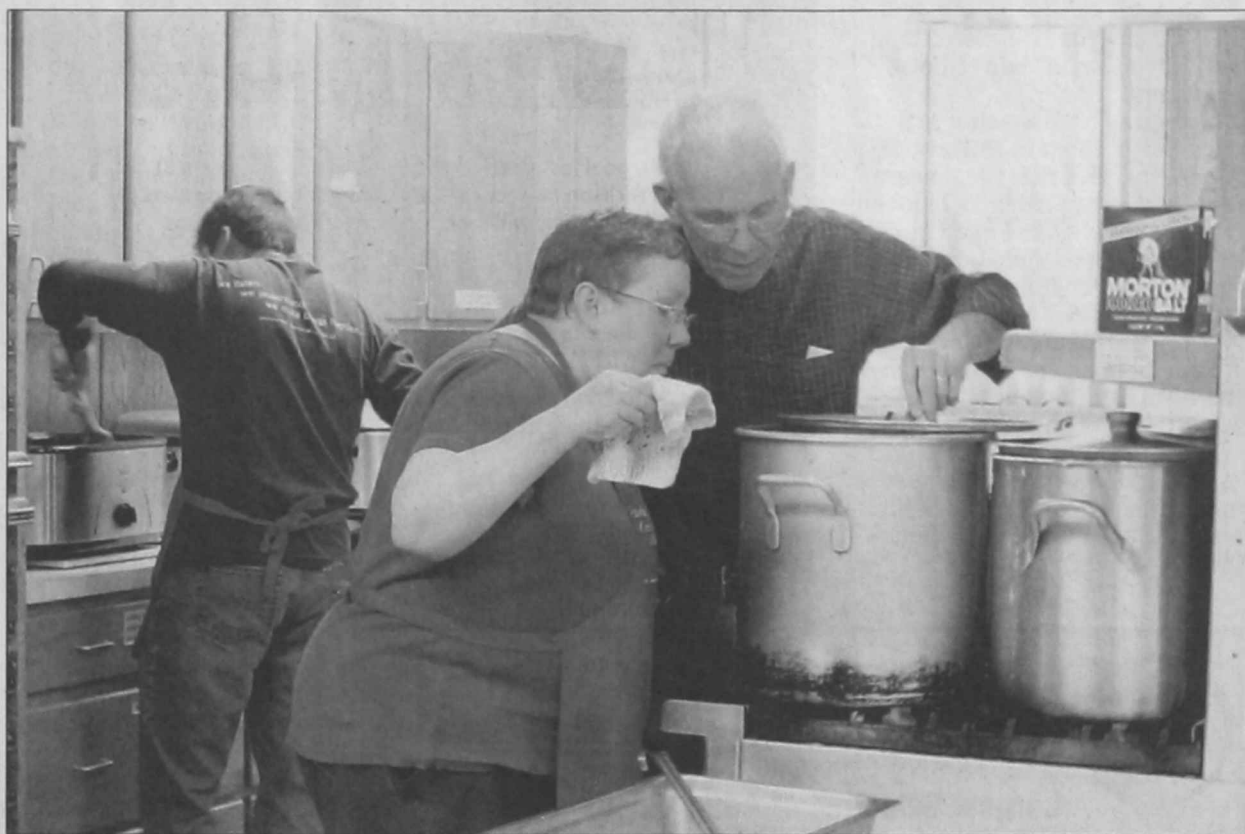
"Last year we found that more people were hanging around and there was less going out of town for Thanksgiving," said Sarah Nadeau, Newburg's youth and young adult ministry coordinator. "With the economy, a large dinner is out of the picture for families. With the amount of church folks we have around and the economy, it was a good year to try something like this."

"Hopefully it will be a success and will meet the needs of the community."

The church will provide the turkey, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce and rolls for the meal. Volunteers have donated pies. Nadeau expects 30 volunteers will help with set up on Tuesday and Thursday, with more pitching in on Thanksgiving Day.

Nadeau said the dinner is open to all and not just the needy.

"We're even having whole families come from the church just to be in fellowship and community," she said.



Daughter-father team, Betsy Galligan and Jim Galligan tend to cooking pots earlier this month at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Church members will be busy in the kitchen again when they serve free Thanksgiving Day meals on Nov. 24.

"It doesn't matter what your marital status is or income. Everyone is welcome."

The church will accept donations for the meal. Estimated cost is \$3 per person.

Newburg United Methodist Church will serve at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. RSVP for the dinner by calling the church at (734) 422-0149.

Good Hope Lutheran in conjunction with St. Mel will serve at noon, at 7506 Inkster Road, in Dear-

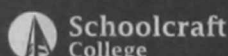
born Heights. For reservations, call (313) 274-0684.

Our Lady of Loretto will serve Thanksgiving Day meals from 2-5 p.m. in the church family center, 17116 Olympia, north of Six Mile and east of Beech Daly. Monday, Nov. 21 is the final day for reservations at (313) 274-0684.

Karen Schiffman, (left) Audrey Greenleaf, Lee Wilkin-son and Diana Oatley make pasties earlier this month at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.



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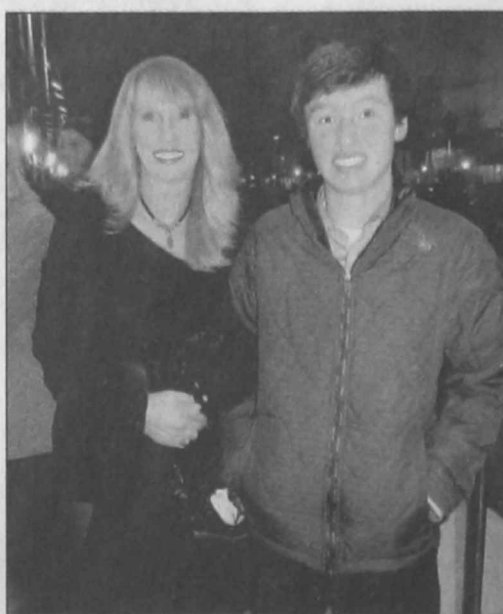
By Julie Yolles
Correspondent

If you want it produced, they will come — to Michigan, that is.

When the Hallmark Hall of Fame wanted to make Mitch Albom's New York Times best-selling book, *Have a Little Faith*, into a made-for-TV movie to air on ABC and the Hallmark Channel, Albom said it had to be on his terms.

Instead of pow-wowing in a ritzy board room in Hollywood, Albom insisted that the powers-that-be come to Albom's beloved turf — Detroit. And even more beloved, he had them come to the central "character" of the book — and the eventual catalyst for the formation of Albom's A Hole in the Roof Foundation — the I Am My Brother's Keeper Ministries/Pilgrim Church.

They met Senior Pastor Henry Covington who is portrayed magnificently by Laurence Fishburne. Sadly, Covington died last December at the age of



Plymouth residents Monica and Heith Jacobson at the red carpet premiere of the film.

attended the VIP Charity Red Carpet Premiere Have a Little Faith, along with all of the stars from the movie.

The Hallmark Hall of Fame production of *Have a Little Faith* will air at 9 p.m. EST, Sunday, Nov. 27 on ABC, WXYZ-TV. The film will also air the week of Dec. 4 on the Hallmark Channel.

The gala was held at the Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak and raised \$60,000 for the Rabbi Albert Lewis Fund and the A Hole in the Roof Foundation, founded by Albom. Both charities are associated with the two heroes in Albom's non-fiction book.

For more about the I Am My Brother's Keeper Ministries/
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Livonia resident Laura Dardini of event corporate sponsor CoopersStandard, attended the VIP Charity Red Carpet Premiere of Mitch Albom's "Have a Little Faith." Dardini is with Academy Award winner Martin Landau who stars as Rabbi Albert Lewis in the upcoming Hallmark Hall of Fame production.

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Volunteer and help feed hungry neighbors

Editor's note — This is the first in a series of stories about volunteer opportunities at organizations in the community.

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Got a spare Thursday and a heart for giving? Open Door Ministry's food bank in Canton always needs helping hands.

The food distribution center draws about 75 volunteers every Thursday to help sort canned goods and fresh produce, box the items and deliver them to waiting cars. A small crew also gathers on Wednesday to divide large deliveries into smaller-sized bags. Earlier this week, for example, volunteers sorted frozen chicken patties into 550 freezer bags and braced themselves for the busiest distribution day of the year — the Thursday before Thanksgiving. The food bank is closed Thanksgiving Day and will reopen for its next weekly distribution on Dec. 1.



Open Door Ministry's food bank bustles with activity every Thursday, when food is distributed to families and individuals in need.

"We don't need nearly as many volunteers on Wednesday, maybe 15 or 20. For the rest of the year we've got groups coming in every single week," said Steve Darr, food bank director. "Thursday is our busy night. It takes at least 50 volunteers. We distribute about 30,000 pounds of food a week. We do that in three hours. It takes a lot of hands."

Distribution starts at 4:15 p.m. at the ministry's warehouse at 4301 S. Lilley. Some volunteers arrive earlier to help begin placing foods in boxes. Food comes from larger banks, such as Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest, as well as organizations that collect food for the ministry. "Sometimes stores have food drives and we get that. There's

also an organization in Romulus that gives us their surplus. They manufacture pizza items, like calzones and personal pizzas. They used to have a surplus store, but now they give it to us," Darr said, adding with a laugh, "and they deliver."

Working smoothly
From 4:15-7:30 p.m. volunteers work

receive food are from Westland and Canton. Volunteers — both individuals and groups — come from other churches, civic organizations and schools. Many help out on a regular basis.

"We can train someone in about 30 minutes," he said. "A lot of people want to volunteer this time of year, but we also need help all year round."

Open Door, now in its 11th year, is an offshoot of Connection Church in Canton. Individuals who are interested in volunteering can stop in from 4-9 p.m. on Thursdays. Groups should schedule a visit by calling Darr at (734) 397-1777, Ext. 201, or by e-mailing him at stevendarr@sbcglobal.net.

Foundation president earns board seat

Melinda Conway Callahan, president of the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation, recently was elected to the Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) board of directors.

GIA is a national organization dedicated to promoting and strengthening grantmaking for an aging society. GIA, an educational nonprofit membership organization for staff and trustees of foundations and corporations, is the only national professional organization of grantmakers active in the field of aging.

Callahan joined Presbyterian Villages of Michigan in 2004. Under her leadership, the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation has raised more than \$20 million for innovative projects and programs for Michigan seniors. Among those projects the Foundation has funded is Mich-

igan's first Green Houses, an alternative to the traditional medical-model skilled nursing homes. The Foundation raised \$2.6 million to support this new model of caring for the most frail seniors and has sparked a national movement to open hundreds of Green Houses throughout the country.

The Foundation has supported many other projects and programs for Michigan seniors including wellness programs, parish nursing programs and support for benevolent care to meet the growing needs of seniors. In 2010 alone, the Foundation provided more than \$3 million in support for innovative projects and programs.

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The uncertainty of location that the body feels translates into an unsteady, strained, and uncoordinated gait. If the person suffers from worn out knees, the ability of the knees to accommodate to the strain is compromised. Even worse, because of the strain, wear and tear on the knee accelerates.

For treatment of the knee arthritis to succeed, the physician caring for the patient needs to control two conditions: stopping the neuropathy and limiting progression of the arthritis. Treating the diabetes is key to preventing the arthritis. As a result, the physician finds himself limited in using steroid injections into the arthritic joint, usually an important therapy in treating knee osteoarthritis.

The reason is that injection of steroids raises the patient's blood sugar levels, but in a diabetic the goal is bring down blood sugar levels as close to normal as possible.

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ATON, LARRY

68, formerly of Plymouth, passed away Sunday, November 6, 2011, with his family by his side, in Rock Hill, SC. Larry was born November 3, 1943 in Plymouth, Michigan to John and Edith Aton. Larry married Shirley Ann Cole on August 14, 1965. They were blessed with three sons. Larry loved the Lord, his family, baseball and telling corny jokes. Larry is survived by one son, Kendall (Kimberly) Aton, of York, SC. Four grandchildren: Candice (Frankie Starnes) Aton, Brittany (John) Wyrick of Rock Hill; Kendall Aton and Randall Aton of York. Three great-grandchildren: John Wyrick, Bayleigh Wyrick and Payton Starnes, all of Rock Hill. Brother, Johnny, of Texas, and sisters, Sherry and Rhonda, of Plymouth. Larry was predeceased by his parents, John and Edith; his wife, Shirley; sons: Randy and Scotty; In-laws: Roscoe (Buck) and Crystal Cole, and his faithful dog, Dusty. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, November 26th at 11:00 AM at the Garden City Church of God, 1258 Middlebelt Road, with Rev. George Aton officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge.

BALL, DORIS LECLERC

March 14th, 1931 to November 9th, 2011. Doris Valma Marie LeClerc was born in Ontario and moved to Michigan in 1939. She taught at Seaholm High School and practiced as a psychologist. She and her husband George moved to Rancho Bernardo in 1993, where she recently authored her book "Revolutionizing Education in America." She passed away Wednesday in La Jolla due to pneumonia. www.legacyfuneralcare.com

BAXTER, MARGARET C.

November 17, 2011. Age 96 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Harold. Dear mother of Betty (William) Makowski, William (Elizabeth), Daniel (Beverly), Karen Morley, and Thomas (Linda). Sister to Jean Eggermont, and Richard and Raymond Johnson. Also survived by eleven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and one gt. great grandchild. Funeral services at The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Monday 1pm. Visitation at the funeral home Sunday from 1-9pm and Monday from 9am till time of service. Burial will take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

BRODERSEN, HAZEL IONA

Age 79, November 12, 2011 of Westland. Beloved wife of George. Loving mother of Ronald (Trish) and Donna Brodersen. Dear grandmother of Joshua and Daniel. Sister of Louise (Jim) Balderas and Bettie (Windell) Phillips. She was preceded in death by grandson Caleb, brother Robert & his wife Helen, nephew Larry Basham & niece Linda Paraham. Funeral Services were held in Tennessee



BRUMM, DAVID J., SR.

Age 49, of Flat Rock, Michigan died on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Southshore Medical Center in Trenton, Michigan. Friends may visit in the Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home, Flat Rock Chapel on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 4 to 8 PM and Sunday, November 20, 2011 from 12 to 8 PM. Funeral Services will be held at St. Roch Catholic Church on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 10:00 AM. He will lie in state from 9 AM until time of service. Father Richard A. Hartmann will officiate the service. Cremation is to follow. Born on March 29, 1962 in Livonia, Michigan, he was the son of Donald and Betty (Tonkeil) Brumm. On December 6, 2005 he married Beth Mathews. David worked for Farmer Jacks for 29 years then became a Motorcycle Lab Tech Instructor Assistant for Washtenaw Community College. He was a member of H.O.G. Harley Owners Group. He loved anything you could put gasoline into and all outdoor activities. David enjoyed watching Football and other sports. He was a 1980 graduate of Bentley High School and recently attended Classes at Washtenaw Community College. He lived in Flat Rock for 14 years. He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving is his wife, Beth Brumm of Flat Rock; 2 sons, David J. Brumm Jr. and Joshua P. Lushnat of Flat Rock; brother, Donald C. Brumm Jr. of Port St. John, FL; 2 sisters, Sandra K. Rockwood of Livonia, and Cheryl J. McDonald of Garden City and many nephews & nieces. Memorials may be made to Washtenaw Community College Motorcycle Service Technology. Condolences @ www.arthurbobcean.com



BURR, RUTH A.

Passed away, November 15, 2011, at the age of 82. She is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her husband Sanford. She is the beloved mother of Robert Burr and Charles Burr. Ruth is the daughter of the late Robert and Mildred (Clark) Hollowell and the sister of the late Robert Hollowell. She is the dear sister-in-law of Margaret and Brian Kidston. Dear aunt of Sue (David) Jensen and Katherine (Paul) Renberg. Also survived by 6 great nieces and nephews. Ruth was born and raised in Ypsilanti where she owned a horse named Molly. She moved to Plymouth in 1953. Ruth met her husband to be while attending Albion College and later married Sanford Burr in 1951. She taught a year in Skokie, Illinois and then returned to teaching, and earned her Masters Degree from Eastern Michigan University, after her boys graduated from High School. She was teaching at West Middle School at the time of her retirement. Ruth was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth where she sang many years in the choir. She was very active at the Plymouth Historical Museum. She especially loved the school program there. She was a very accomplished story teller and loved spoonerisms. Ruth was a wonderful homemaker and especially loved spending time with her family. Funeral Services will take place Monday 11AM, November 21, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Friends may visit at church Monday beginning at 10AM and at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Sunday from 1PM until 8PM. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth Choir or to the Plymouth Historical Museum. To leave a condolence or share a special memory www.schrader-howell.com

DOBREFF, JANE E.

November 15, 2011, age 64. Beloved wife of Carl. Dear mother of Eric (Traci) and Jason Dobreff. Grandmother of Cayden and Carleigh. Sister of Elayne Flemming. Memorial gathering Sunday, 1pm until time of Memorial Service at 4pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Contributions suggested to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201.



ELLIS, NANCY JEAN (BUIST)

Age 45, passed away November 13, 2011. Loving wife of Scott. Loving mother to Robbie Boerner, Sydney and Ben Ellis. Beloved daughter of Donald and Glenda Buist. Devoted sister of Suzanne Danilek. Nancy will be greatly missed by the Ellis and Boerner families, her Aunt Jean, her nieces, nephews and cousins and many dear friends. Nancy graduated from Northville High School and was a graduate of Central Michigan University. She also received her Master's Degree in Education at Eastern Michigan University. Nancy taught elementary education in the Livonia School District for 21 years. She was an outstanding teacher and was loved by her students and fellow teachers. Nancy will be dearly missed and affectionately remembered by all those who knew her. A memorial service will be held on December 4, 2011 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1841 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220 on Nine Mile Road about three blocks west of Woodward. Reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Robert Donald Boerner Memorial College Fund at any Fifth Third Bank or through the family.

FISHER, NANCY

Age 54, of Traverse City, passed away peacefully Sunday, November 13, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. Nancy was born in Detroit on Friday, January 11, 1957, the daughter of Edwin T. and Mary E. (Stevens) Pfeiffer. She graduated from Plymouth-Canton High School in 1975, having lived in the Detroit and Plymouth areas until she moved to Traverse City in 1978. On Saturday, May 19, 1979 in Northville, she married Edward A. Fisher. She is survived by her husband Edward; her daughter Shannon Fisher of Traverse City, teaching in Stavanger, Norway; her son, Mitchell Fisher of Traverse City; her mother Mary Pfeiffer of Plymouth and her sisters Anne Marie (Richard) Klene of Belleville, IL and Mary (Michael) Genrich of Plymouth. Nancy was preceded in death by her father Edwin "Ned" Pfeiffer and her father-in-law Alex Fisher. A time of celebrating Nancy's life was held Wednesday, Nov. 16 in Traverse City. Burial was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. The family asks the memorial contributions in Nancy's name be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please visit Nancy's online guest book at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to record your favorite memory of Nancy for her family. The family is being served by The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

HOERLE, OTIS K.

84, beloved husband went home to his heavenly Father on November 16, 2011 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He leaves behind his loving wife of 33 years, Angela Dodd Hoerle, daughters, Debra Dean (Brian), Cheryl Patricolo, Terri Martin (Greg), Sons, Tom and Mark Hoerle, ten grandchildren, three great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and great great grandchildren. Otis attended MacKenzie High School in Detroit, Michigan and served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific at the end of WW II. He became an optician and contact lens technician and was very active in the Optician Association of Michigan and was voted Optician of the Year in 1978. He owned Hoerle Sedgwick Opticians in Birmingham, Michigan and served on the Board of Director for the Opticians Program at Ferris State College. Otis was an avid snow skier and was a ski instructor for Blizzard Ski School for many years. He also loved to golf and swim. He was very active in his church in Michigan, Beverly Hills United Methodist Church. Otis retired to Morris, AL and was a member of Mt. Olive UMC. He was beloved and caring, gentle husband and father. He touched the lives of many people and will be greatly missed. A special thanks to Evercare Hospice, the VA, and his caregivers. Visitation will be Friday, November 18, 2011 from 6-8PM at Gardendale Funeral Home, 2214 Decatur Highway, Gardendale. Funeral service will be Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 11:00 at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, 2451 Mount Olive Rd., Mount Olive, AL 35117. Family will receive friends at the church at 10:00 until time of service. Burial will follow at Oakwood Memorial Gardens.



MILLARD, FREDERICK EUGENE "FRED"

December 25, 1930 - November 10, 2011, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Barbara. Dear Father of Robbin (Lera) Millard, Dawn Lee Millard Sholtz, and Kim Lawrence Millard. Grandfather of James Edwin Sholtz, Mary Constance Leona Millard, Justin Eugene Kim Sholtz, and Jaclyn Rae Millard. A Funeral Service was held on Monday Nov. 14th at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, MI. Those wishing to make a contribution in Fred's name are asked to consider the Ward Presbyterian Church, Deacons Fund. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia was in charge of the arrangements. Please share a memory at: www.rgrharris.com

MONDOUX, YVONNE M.

101, of Westland, died Wednesday, November 16, 2011. Mrs. Mondoux loved to dance, play pinochle, reading & singing. Yvonne most recently attended St. Raphael Catholic Church, Garden City. Mrs. Mondoux is survived by children: Andre (Deb) Mondoux, Jeannine (Paul) Smith, Gerard (Bernadette) Mondoux, Gilbert Mondoux, Denise (Edward) Stork, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; Alphonse Mondoux, son; Paul. A memorial mass is pending check www.muirbrothersapcc.com. Memorial contributions made to the hospice of your choice.

PELCHAT, MARY HELEN (WELSH)

84, of Derry, NH died November 9, 2011 at home surrounded by family. She was born in Detroit and lived for many years in Livonia. Mary Helen was a graduate of Marygrove College, an avid gardener and active in her church. She is survived by her husband, Louis W. Pelchat, three daughters Patricia Newman and her husband Paul, Christine Pelchat Miller, Amy Pelchat and her husband Jim Dychak, three grand daughters Joslyn, Jaclyn and Jeanette Cruz, one great grandson Hunter Cruz Scheublin, her brother Richard (Marge) Welsh and many nieces and nephews. There will be no calling hours. A funeral mass will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry, NH.

SOVA, JOHN H.

November 13, 2011 Age 81 of Westland. Beloved husband of Margaret and the late Joyce. Dear father of Mary (William) Lefler, Judy (late James) Hall, Tammy (Mark) Olson, Terry (Brian) Wiltse, Gordon (Shelly), David, and the late John H. Jr. Brother to Dolores Stevens, Marie Palmer, Ruby Dinkens, and Grace Severn. Grandfather to twenty four, Great Grandfather to fifty three. Funeral services were at First Baptist Church of Garden City, on Friday. Visitation was at The Uht Funeral Home, Westland, on Thursday. Burial to take place at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery. Family Requests memorials to D.A.V., Detroit Rescue Mission, or the homeless shelter of your choice. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



TRUMBULL, GEORGE T. JR.

Of Lansing, MI passed away October 30, 2011 after a brief illness. He leaves to mourn him his loving wife Jan Alleman of twenty-five years, two siblings Nancy and Elliot, and other family members including, Debbie, Sebastian, Emily, David, Lee, Christopher, Amy, Teresa, Tracy, Rhonda, Brenda, Kyle, Jessica, Colin, Emily, Drew, Ashton, Isaac, and Ryan; his mother-in-law, several brothers and sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, George T. Trumbull, Sr. and Florine (Elliot), a brother-in-law, and his father-in-law. Born May 20, 1929, George's early childhood was spent in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of the Cranbrook School, he went on to earn a B.A. in journalism from Michigan State University where he was a Beta Theta Pi fraternity brother. After graduating from MSU, he served as a first lieutenant in the army anti-aircraft artillery. In 1955, he started his career in journalism as a reporter for the Pontiac Press (now The Oakland Press), and in 1962 he was invited by former Governor George Romney, a man he greatly admired, to serve on his campaign staff and later as his assistant press secretary. He left politics in 1969 and consulted for a short time for Ernst & Ernst. He then worked for Panax Newspapers. In 1974, George made the transition from journalism to the world of public relations and athletics when he became the Midwest director of marketing and public relations for Adidas athletic shoes and apparel. George was a lifelong member of the MSU Alumni Association, a member of the MSU Snyder Society, University Club member, and an avid football, basketball, and hockey fan. The Olympics were also his passion. He was a patron of the arts, supporting and regularly attending performances at the Wharton Center. He served on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement, the Board of Directors of the MSU College of Communication Arts Alumni Association, and was an active member of the Rotary Club of Delta Township. George was a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church and participated in numerous other organizations. He was known for his dignified demeanor, his creativeness, his sharp wit, his love of MSU, his passion for politics and sports, and his quest for adventure. He traveled to more than twenty-five countries including five trips to the African continent. He attended several Olympic Games, Final Fours, Big Ten Tournaments, and the Rose Bowl. He took great pride in his extensive book collection and his beautiful red corvette. He lived each day as a celebration of life. A Celebration of George's life will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 218 W Ottawa, Lansing on Sat., Dec. 3 at 11:00 am. A reception at the church will follow. In lieu of flowers, Jan asked that gifts be made to two of George's great passions: MSU Men's Basketball Scholarships and Wharton Center's Seats 4 Kids program. Checks should be made out to Michigan State University and sent to University Advancement, 300 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824. Please note that your gift is in memory of George Trumbull. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home, East Lansing. On line condolences may be at: www.greastlansing.com



WELLS, IRENE

Age 80 November 14, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Paul G. Loving mother of Paulette (Frank) Wilson, Gary (Vicki), Jeanne (Norm) Frazier & Barb (Billy) Lankford. Dear grandmother of 16. Great grandmother of 26. Beloved sister of Evelyn, Johnny, Gregory, Rosemary and the late Rita, Dorothy & Jerry. She will be dearly missed by many family members and friends. Visitation was Thursday. Funeral service was held Friday at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, in Garden City. Family suggests memorials to Vitas Hospice. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

Milestones



Tadajewski-Novrocki

Stephanie Tadajewski and David Novrocki announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ralph and Patricia Tadajewski of Livonia. Stephanie is a graduate student at Madonna University and is employed as a nanny in Northville.

Her fiancé is the son of Alan and Mary Novrocki of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth. David is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed as a loan officer at Chase Bank in Plymouth.

A September 2012 wedding is planned in Milford.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Nov. 20-23

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 20
Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield
Details: Call the American Red Cross to make an appointment
Contact: (313) 549-7051

BREAKFAST

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

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP, DINNER

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The church will provide mashed potatoes, gravy and canned cranberry sauce. Volunteers are needed to prepare turkeys, side dishes, salads, dressing and desserts. The worship will include gathering songs led by the church's Contemporary worship ensemble and sharing of Holy Communion
Contact: RSVP at (734) 464-0211

Nov. 24-30

PRAYER OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28
Location: Harvest Bible Chapel, 6420 N. Newburgh, Westland
Details: Open to all who want to drop in and pray or be prayed with
Contact: (734) 895-3280; www.harvestdetroitwest.org

VENDOR DEADLINE

Time/Date: Friday, Nov. 25
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: The last day for crafters/vendors to turn in rental applications for craft fair on Dec. 10
Contact: Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822

Dec. 1-7

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4
Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Fort and Third in downtown Detroit
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Start holiday season with a healthful Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving doesn't have to kick-off a month of unhealthy eating. The holiday season provides the perfect opportunity to make healthier choices for your family meal.

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, offers these tips to ensure a healthy and delicious Thanksgiving meal:

1. Bake, mash and smash: Sweet potatoes are a fantastic source of energy and one of the most nutritious vegetables around. Bake 'em, smash 'em, mash 'em, or stuff 'em. Toss them in salads, or in with other baked veggies.

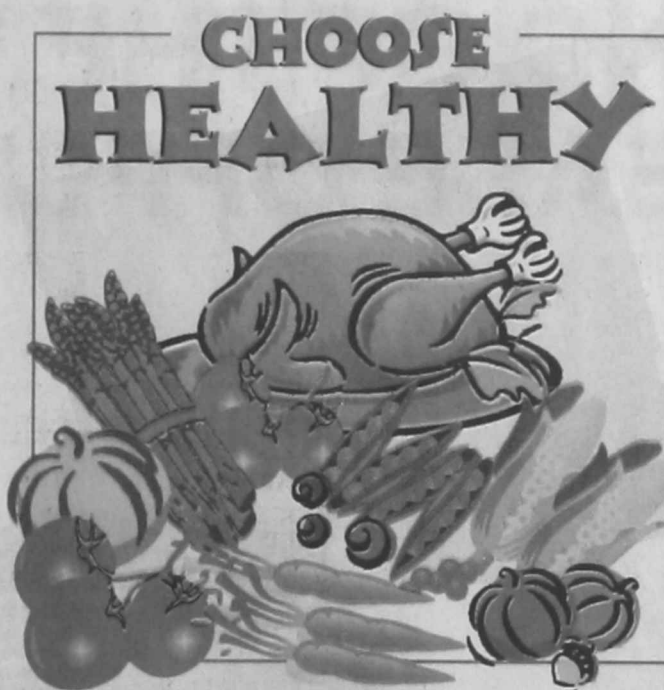
2. Talking turkey: Turkey is a great source of lean protein and is healthiest if you skip the skin and go for the white meat. If you prefer the dark meat, mix and match in order to get a little extra flavor without adding too much fat.

3. Don't forget the fruit: Baked apples or poached pears are perfect, healthy ways to end any autumn meal. 4. Stuffed with nutrition: Try adding fresh veggies and whole wheat bread to stuffing for a delicious, nutritious traditional dish.

5. Add some color: Fall vegetables such as radishes, carrots, squash and green beans are great side dishes that can add color and variety to the meal.

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The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is a national non-profit founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation to combat childhood obesity. The Alliance aims to reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity by 2015, and to empower kids nationwide to make healthy lifestyle choices. For more information on tips and tools to help you serve more healthful holiday meals, visit www.HealthierGeneration.org.



Stay safe, avoid cooking fires

The number of home cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day was three times the national average of fires per day in 2009, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA.) NFPA is urging the public to keep fire safety in mind when preparing holiday meals.

"Thanksgiving can be a whirlwind of cooking and entertaining guests," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "With so much multitasking taking place, fire hazards around the oven or stovetop can easily be overlooked. Cooks should be conscious of fire safety this Thanksgiving whether the menu is meant to serve two or 20."

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and related injuries. In 2005-2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 155,400 home fires per year involving cooking equipment. These fires caused an annual average of 390 deaths, 4,800 injuries, and \$771 million in direct property damage.

To reduce the risk of cooking fires this holiday, NFPA recommends the following safety tips:

- Keep anything that can catch fire such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains away from the stovetop.

- Always stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you have to leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- When simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

- Stay alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

If you have a cooking

fire:

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.

- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear path to your way out of the home. Make sure someone has called the fire department).

- Keep a lid nearby when cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

- For an oven fire, turn

off the heat and keep the door closed.

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- **Michigan Bariatric Institute Seminar**

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

- **Fall Prevention**

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

- **Michigan Bariatric Institute Seminar**

Guest speaker Tallal Zeni, MD
Thursday, January 5, 6 p.m.
Call 877-WHY-WEIGHT to register or for more information.

- **Keeping Your New Year's Resolution**

Be successful at keeping your exercise and nutrition goals.
Guest speaker Kevin Moore, OTR, MSA, WCC
Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m.
Call 734-655-8950 to register or for more information.
Location: Bailey Center in Westland

- **Center for Joint Replacement Seminar**

Guest speaker David Mendelson, MD
Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m.
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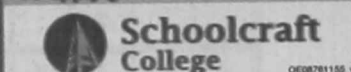
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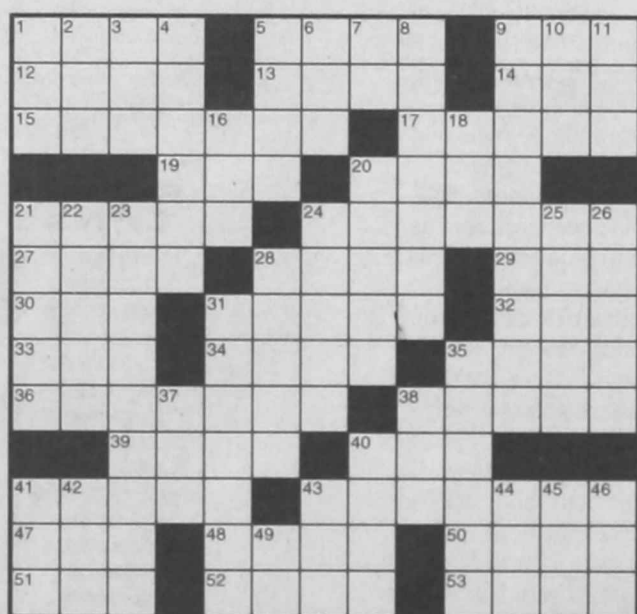
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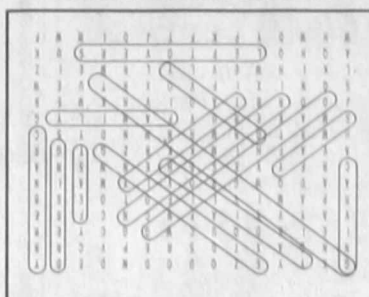
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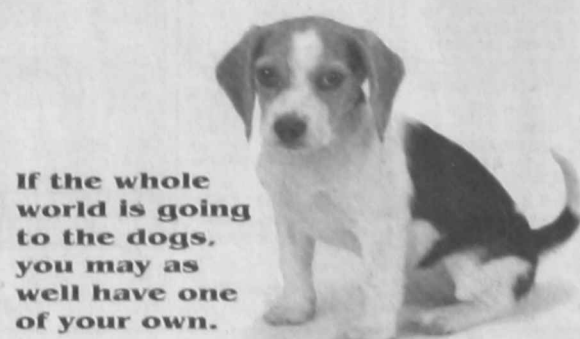
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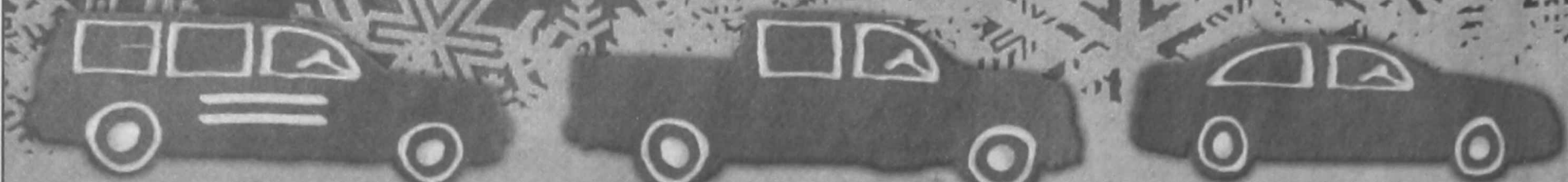
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