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State Sen. Patrick Colbeck will be continuing his series of town halls on the statewide proposals for the Nov. 6 election. The next town hall will be:

- Monday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. at Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rivin Drive, Northville.

- Monday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

- Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile, Northville.

Each town hall will feature an overview of each proposal including a summary of the arguments in favor of each proposal as well as those against each proposal. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Colbeck's office at (517) 373-7350 or senpcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov.

Bridge work

The ongoing bridge work along I-275 continues to affect local travelers.

Michigan Department of Transportation officials announced northbound I-275 will be reduced to a single lane at Warren from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Work shifts to the other direction the next morning, when traffic is reduced to a single lane at Warren from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 30.

MDOT officials said the lane closures are needed for the ongoing bridge work along the busy expressway.

Taco time

Taco Bell fans are rejoicing after watching San Francisco Giant Angel Pagan steal second base in Game Two of the World Series Thursday night.

Pagan's theft means everyone in the country gets a free Doritos Locos taco at participating Taco Bell restaurants.

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MDOT rule slices Canton snow costs

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's snow-plowing costs have plunged 50 percent as the winter season looms, following a Michigan Department of Transportation decision that sticks Lansing with the bill.

MDOT's decision to declare cer-

tain heavily traveled roads as primary, rather than secondary, means the state pays the snow-removal tab formerly shared by Canton and Wayne County, though county crews will continue to perform the work.

The roads had been the county's jurisdiction, but Canton for two decades had shelled out half

the snow-plowing costs to prod the county to place a higher priority on areas where motorists might otherwise have had difficulty driving.

"We were essentially bribing Wayne County with extra money to do the job they should be doing," Canton Trustee Pat Williams said. Canton last year paid \$47,479 to share snow-removal costs with

Wayne County. This winter, the tab plunges to \$4,966.

"That's a good savings," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said.

No more split

Canton used to split costs with Wayne County for 17.5 miles of

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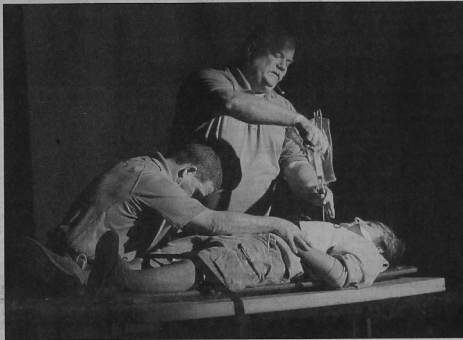
Interactive show portrays perils of poor decisions

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Early on in their presentation on the perils of poor decision making for youngsters, Street Smart master of ceremonies Greg McCarty asked the 1,000 students sitting in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School how many of them frequently went without seat belts, and senior Mitchell Marshall raised his hand.

By the time the 45-minute presentation was over, Marshall was swearing he'd never ride without a seat belt again.

That's how powerful the message delivered by the two-man firefighter team from Stay Alive from Education was. Their "Street Smart" presentation, given to some 3,000 students in three different ses-



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Ronny Garcia and Greg McCarty simulate emergency procedures on student volunteer Mike Schultz during a Street Smart demonstration hosted by SADD Thursday at Salem High School.

sions Thursday, is designed to help prevent underage drinking, drunken driving and illegal drug use, while encouraging seat belt use.

McCarty and his partner, Ronny Garcia, used Marshall as a test subject, strapping him to a gurney to demonstrate the consequences of making poor decisions relative to driving. After being strapped down and watching the various needles used and hear-

ing trauma procedures described, Marshall was convinced.

Right response

"That sucked," he said honestly after spending about 20 minutes on the gurney. "I've had surgery before, but this (the demonstration) was a lot worse. When they

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On the prowl!



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The Plymouth Wildcats celebrate after beating cross-campus rivals, the Canton Chiefs, 40-28. Friday night's contest is the first step on the road to Ford Field and the state high school football championship. See today's sports section for game coverage.

Canton cashes in on lower rates

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton taxpayers will save \$1.1 million after township trustees swapped out old bond debt for new, cashing in on lower interest rates.

"It's another example of how our township employees have not stopped looking for opportunities to reduce the cost of doing business as a township," Trustee Pat Williams said. "We're looking under every stone."

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin likened the

decision to refinancing a home mortgage to save money on a long-term loan.

Nearly a decade ago, township officials had issued the capital improvement bonds and incurred \$23 million in debt for an addition to the township administration building, Supervisor Phil LaJoy said, with payments due every October from 2004 through 2023.

Some of the debt already has been paid off, but the township board's sweeping decision Tuesday reduced the bond amount to no more

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Expo showcases businesses, groups

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

An upbeat throng of people jammed Summit on the Park's grand ballroom Thursday afternoon for Consumer Expo, a Canton event that showcased over 70 companies and community organizations during a one-stop event.

Canton residents Ginny and Chuck Mott made their way among the travel agents, restaurants, floral designers, banks, home-care agencies, fitness centers and other companies that filled the ballroom and spilled out into the main hallway.

"We try to come every year," Ginny Mott said. "I like to come here to see what new businesses we have and what they have to offer. It's really worth it. Sometimes you don't know these places exist." That's exactly why the Canton Chamber of Commerce rolled out the four-hour event Thursday that marked that largest Consumer Expo since 2007. It's not so much a shopping outing as a place where consumers get ideas for businesses they might want to visit.

"Our goal is to be able to give our businesses a platform where they can showcase their services for the Canton community," chamber President Thomas Paden said.

He predicted 300 patrons and businesses had mingled within the first hour of the event. Visitors also learned how organizations such as the Plymouth Community United Way help area residents.

Joanne Darga, community liaison for Plymouth-based Comfort Keepers, touted services such as housekeeping, meal preparation, transportation, grocery shopping and home visits for seniors and other of the places such as Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Redford and Detroit.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Jamie SanFilippo of Killer Crowns talks with Debbie Stewart of Holiday Inn Express.



Canton Chamber of Commerce holds the Consumer Expo at the Summit.

"We want to be known in the community," Darga said. "Everybody knows somebody who needs us now or will in the future."

Canton resident Joyce Balnaves displayed her Allen Park-based company, Water Gait, a veterinary rehabilitation company that helps pets in pain, whether they have arthritis or need help recovering from an injury. The company offers everything from medical acupuncture to ther-

apeutic laser therapy to water-based exercises. "I came her to get the word out to people," she said.

Canton resident Brandon Dent, a distributor for Usana, a company that offers nutritional supplements and skin-care products, said he hoped to teach people how to avoid using items that can be toxic to their bodies. Usana partners with Dr. Mehmet Oz and counts Olympians as its customers.

"We had 60 Olympians participating this summer (during the London games)," Dent said.

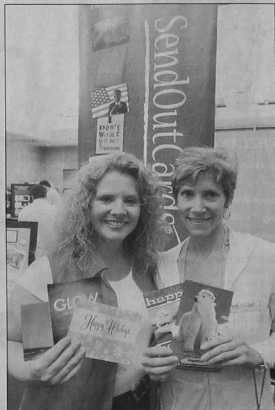
Gary Bigos, Canton manager for Community Financial, offered

information on everything from auto loans to mortgage loans and other financial services. He said Consumer Expo offers a prime spot to promote business.

"It's a good (reflection) of the community," Bigos said. "It is the community."

Chamber board member Denise Staffeld had a triple role in Consumer Expo. She worked to promote the chamber, Huntington Bank and the Spotlight Players, a group that performs at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"This is really a good way for us to promote all of Canton," Staffeld said. Kathleen Salla, Can-



Tamara Jaros and Colleen Kilpatrick of SendOutCards.com represented one of the many vendors showcased at the Canton Consumer Expo.



Laura Gring, community liaison/social worker for United Home Health Services, speaks with Phyllis Gallatin.

ton's Downtown Development coordinator, came to promote the ongoing Shop Canton campaign and its fall brochure, packed with business listings, coupons and community information. She said Shop Canton started a few years ago, when IKEA chose this community.

Even businesses that haven't yet opened showed up. Menchie's Frozen Yogurt offered samples of what it plans to sell when it opens

sometime this fall at Hanford and Canton Center.

Kim Scartelli, Canton chamber board chair, said this year's Consumer Expo seemed to draw a more diverse age group than in the past.

"We're seeing a wider age range," she said. "This really gives the businesses a chance to promote themselves and network."

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W-W names two new assistant principals

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Sheri Grove attended John Glenn High School and has been a teacher there. Now she's wearing a new hat as the Westland school's new assistant principal.

The Wayne-Westland school board recently approved the Canton resident's appointment to the position, replacing Adam Martin who is now principal at Stevenson Middle School.

"Thank you for believing in my capabilities and according me this great opportunity to continue to share in this incredible student experience at John Glenn," said Grove.

The appointment was one of two recommended by School Superintendent Greg Baracy and approved by the school board. Garden City resident Lindsay

Rousseau was appointed assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School.

Grove has a bachelor of science degree in communication and theater arts and a master of arts degree in educational leadership, both from Eastern Michigan University, as well as a master in the art of teaching degree from Marygrove College.

She has been the drama teacher and director at John Glenn since 1993 and was the 12th-grade ELA co-teacher since 2008. She is a Galileo Academy representative and an International Center for Leadership in Education building leader.

"You leave big shoes to fill," board President Carol Middell told Grove. "You've brought that theater program a long way to what it is now. You're going to be missed."

Rousseau has a bachelor of science degree in English and business from

Central Michigan University, a master of science degree in teaching and learning from Nova Southeastern University in Florida and a master of education degree in educational leadership from Concordia University in Portland, Ore.

She joined the school district in 2004 and was a seventh-grade ELA teacher at Franklin and Stevenson Middle Schools before moving to Wayne Memorial in 2005 to be a ninth- and 10th-grade ELA co-teacher.

"The past eight years I've spent as a classroom teacher, now I will be able to reach more students and prepare them for a life outside these walls," said Rousseau. "I'm incredibly proud to be able to continue on the staff at Wayne Memorial and I will continue to strive to bring out the best in the students."

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roads, amounting to 37.8 miles of actual lanes. MDOT's new ruling reduces that to 5.9 miles of roads, or 10.1 miles of lanes, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

MDOT will now pay snow-removal costs for Lilley between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Sheldon between Ford and Michigan Avenue, Lotz from Ford to Warren, and three sections of Denton from Geddes to Cherry Hill. Mott to Geddes and Cherry Hill to Ridge.

"It's a win-win for Canton and Wayne County," Williams said. "These are clearly primary roads."

Williams, a longtime critic of Canton's snow-plowing costs, credited Faas for spearheading efforts with the county to convince MDOT to reclassify the roads.

"This is because of you," Williams told Faas during a Tuesday night township board meeting.

Williams had repeatedly voted against sharing the county's costs, and Tuesday marked the first time he supported the effort after Canton's price tag plunged to just \$4,966.

Roads redesignated

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he believes several factors, such as increased traffic and Canton's 18.1-percent population spike last decade, helped convince MDOT of the need to reclassify certain roads as primary.

Canton will continue to split costs with Wayne County for snow maintenance along Joy Road west of Grove, Cherry Hill from Ridge to the west county line, Lotz between Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill, Saltz from Canton Center to Ridge, and Warren from Beck to a half-mile west of Ridge.

Local officials conceded MDOT isn't likely to reclassify those roads as primary anytime soon.

Without the shared Canton-Wayne County costs, local officials say those roads would be placed on a priority list similar to those of residential subdivisions, even though they are heavily traveled.

The latest road developments come as Canton continues to work with MDOT on the year-round issue of addressing traffic problems along bustling Ford Road. MDOT is expected by next spring to announce what it considers to be a possible solution.

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Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: Forever After Productions youth theater company will present *Annie Jr.* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. It tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents who abandoned her years ago at one of the doorsteps of a New York City orphanage. Song favorites include "Maybe," "Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street" and "Tomorrow." Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. The 2012-2013 season includes A Christmas Carol in November/December, Les Misérables School Edition in February and Disney's Little Mermaid in

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March. Log on to foreverafterproductions.com for more information about auditions and performance schedules. Purchase tickets at www.foreverafterproductions.com. Tickets are also available at Forever After Productions, 50429 Independence Street, Canton, MI 48188 or at Dance Beat, 1100 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. All tickets are \$15.

Contact: www.foreverafterproductions.com or call (734) 547-5156.

OLGC CRAFTS

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: OLGC Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth

Details: Our Lady of Good Counsel hosts its Craft Show

and Home Party Extravaganza, featuring crafters, Christmas shopping, jewelry, skincare, home decor and gift ideas. Admission is \$2 per person, with proceeds going to reducing parish debt. Food will be available for purchase, with a raffle for a chance to win one of many gifts donated by vendors.

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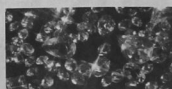
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Radio station celebrates 40 years

The hits keep on coming for WSDP, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

A slate of the station's volunteers were honored Tuesday with the Board of Education's Volunteer in Public Schools award for their efforts in keeping the award-winning station on the air.

The honor — which went to volunteers Jake Bugiea, Todd Chatman, Rick Grezebik, Scott Herrold, Elaine Kirchgatter, June Kirchgatter and Mike Schulte — came on the heels of a successful 40th anniversary reunion at Schoolcraft College, an Oct. 13 event that served as part of a weekend of networking and fundraising activities.

The reunion was attended by alumni now living as far away as San Diego and Boston. The reunion festivities began Friday night as several of the alumni participated in WSDP's first Euchre



Board of Education Treasurer Barry Simescu (from left) with volunteer engineer Rick Grezebik, volunteer Elaine Kirchgatter and WSDP station manager Bill Keith at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, where the volunteers were honored with the district's monthly VIP award.

tournament. Several of the founding staff members from the 1970s visited WSDP's Studios on Saturday morning for an open house. The reunion festivities were capped off with a banquet celebrating the station's 40 years of using the practice of community radio to invest in the lives of young people and serve the Plymouth-Canton Community.

The event provided alumni with an opportunity to visit with old friends and share favorite memories of their time at the station. The alumni enjoyed a dinner provided by Schoolcraft Community College's Award Winning Culinary Program followed by a special program which looked back at the station's history, shared the efforts of the station's



The founding staff of WSDP with original faculty adviser John Seidelman, at the radio station's 40th anniversary dinner at Schoolcraft College.

advisory board and challenged alumni to support WSDP financially.

"Our reunions always remind me of the important role that WSDP has played in the lives of so many people," station manager Bill Keith said, noting more than 700 students have served as reporters, broadcast-

ers, writers, engineers, and student directors at the station over the past 40 years. "At this year's reunion many former students underscored the significant impact the station has had in their careers, whether they continued in broadcasting or not."

In her comments during the evening's program, June Kirchgatter

(Salem '83) echoed the importance of the station to alumni.

"WSDP has impacted the lives of countless students who left high school with direction, confidence and broadcasting and leadership skills," said Kirchgatter, who now serves on the station's advisory board. "We determined that the station was too important to fail. So we created a series of committees to help raise the profile of the station in the Plymouth-Canton community and to better facilitate fundraising activities in the future. Part of our efforts included a new music format which would be more appealing to the residents of the community that the station serves."

The new Top 40 format was launched in January and the new name and logo debuted in August. WSDP is now known as 88.1 The Park. More information is available at 881ThePark.com.

District saves \$9 million by refinancing bonds

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

It was tough to tell which development made Brodie Killian smile wider while delivering two pieces of good news to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education this week.

The first piece of news was the savings the district got from refinancing a pair of outstanding bond issues. The sale of \$64 million in 2012 refunding

bonds, which refinance bonds left from 2003 and 2004, saves the district \$9.3 million over the next 17 years.

The other news flash: The district keeps its credit rating at AA2, the third highest rating it could get from Moody's. Killian said that was crucial to getting the bonds refinanced.

"Despite all the fiscal challenges and tough decisions we've had to make relative to (budget) reductions, we were able to hang onto our bond rat-

ing," Killian said. "It shows our district has been fiscally responsible."

The Board of Education approved the sale of the 2012 refunding bonds, which reduces the interest expenses for the 2003 and 2004 bonds and lowers the district's debt payments through 2029.

The 2003 bonds were refinanced from a 4.5 percent interest cost down to 1.295 percent. The 2004 bonds, with an original interest expense of 4.9

percent, are now being paid at 2.8 percent.

Killian said the interest rates were simply too good to ignore. "Just like a homeowner who refinances a home mortgage when interest rates fall, our district acted in a similar fashion to refinance our taxpayer-backed bonds," Killian said.

"Historically low interest rates paired with the district's strong credit rating were key factors in this successful refinancing," Brenda Voutyras, managing

director with Stifel Nicolaus, the brokerage firm handling the financing, said the district's bonds were "well-received" by the market.

"We saw a high level of demand and were able to take advantage of current low rates that exceeded the goals of the district, as well as producing a very nice level of savings for its taxpayers," Voutyras said.

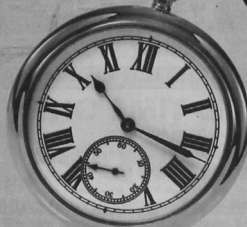
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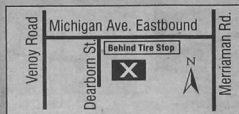
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Students travel Gallimore's haunted hallways

Thursday night Gallimore students and their families were lined all the way out to Sheldon Road to participate in the first-ever Haunted Hallways trick-or-treating. The turn-out even surprised the Canton Police Department, members of which were on hand to help with traffic control.

After much discussion, staff decided to try something new and celebrate Halloween in the evening to allow families to be able to participate in the event together. Teachers and staff decorated the hallways and dressed up in all kinds of kooky costumes to pass out candy and other fun treats to their students. The inviting hallways were filled with spooky music, strobe lights, and fog.

When families were done parading through the hallways trick or treating, cider and donuts were waiting for them thanks to the Gallimore PTO. Students also had the opportunity to vote for their favorite decorated classroom! Denny's restaurant and Walmart also helped sponsor this exciting event.

Diane Sterling brought her two daughters, Sarah, who is in fourth grade and her middle schooler, Hannah.

"Everything looks great," she said. "Thanks so much for doing this for the kids."

"We have received so much positive feedback from families," Principal Kimberly May said. "The staff really had fun seeing all our students and families come tonight."

Joelle Zourab is already thinking about what she will be for next year. Even though her older brother Joseph will be in middle school, he said he plans to come back and check out the hallways ... and maybe get some candy, too.



The staff, parents and students crowded the hallways of Gallimore Elementary School Thursday for the school's first "Haunted Hallways" trick-or-treating event.



Gallimore student Joseph Zourab was ready for Haunted Hallways with his big hair and even bigger smile.



Gallimore Elementary Principal Kimberly May and resource teacher Erin Allen got into the spirit.



The parade through the hallways was a big part of Gallimore Elementary's trick-or-treating event Thursday.

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than \$18.9 million. Finance and Budget Director Wendy Trumbull said Canton will save \$1.1 million — or about \$100,000 a year — by approving and issuing what are called general obligation limited tax refunding bonds.

Township officials applauded the savings, which come as Canton continues efforts to rebound from an economic downturn that ushered in sharply lower property tax revenues.

"It's just a really, really positive thing to do," Trustee Greg Demopoulos said, "and I'm all for it." As LaJoy said, "If we could do this with everything, we'd be in great shape."

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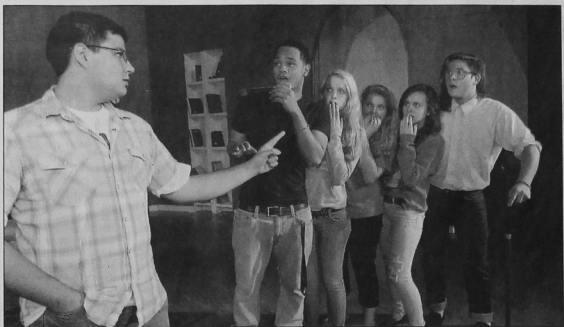
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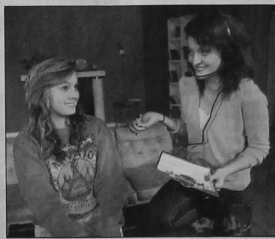
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Officer Evan Biddle, played by Matt Karpiuk, talks to Geoffrey Chance, played by Marcus Allen Jr.; Olivia Anderson, played by Alyssa Weeks; Alice Oldacre, played by Abbey Orzech; George Styles, played by Morgan Gratwick, and Oscar Fairfax, played by Kyle Scott, in a scene from "The Understudy."

PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'The Understudy' is actually a play within a play. It's the story of an understudy who is tired of playing second fiddle to the star.



Morgan Gratwick as Georgia Styles and Chloe Sparkman as Janet Duncan rehearse their lines.

Antique trunk plays itself in 'The Understudy'

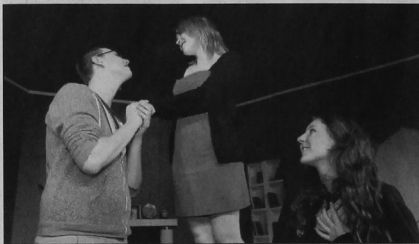
By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

This week's production of *The Understudy* at John Glenn High School is a first for Kevin Gidley.

The new drama teacher at the high school, Gidley has taken over directorial duties from his wife, Sheri Grove, who has given up the footlights to be in the spotlight as an assistant principal at the high school.

"I've learned from the best," said Gidley. "The first day I transitioned into the job were the auditions for this play."

Gidley and Belinda Walakonis are directing the play, a murder mystery with a dash of comedy. Helping are students directors Olivia Junk, a junior, and seniors Alyssa



Steven Mirabatur as Howard, Kayla Hills as Delores and Olivia Junk as Beverley in John Glenn High School's production of "The Understudy" which opens Thursday.

Weeks and Kayla Hills.

The Understudy is actually a play within a play. It's the story of an understudy who is tired of play-

ing second fiddle to the star. Hills plays Delores Gordon, the understudy who decides the only way to fulfill her dream of

stardom is to kill the star, Guinevere Black, played by Summer Warren, and hides her body in a trunk that is the front and cen-

ter throughout the show.

The trunk is an antique that Gidley found at the Goodwill Store in Canton.

"I knew I had to find something good, and I did, it had the original travel tag in it and a newspaper lining the tray from 1912," said Gidley. "I went on ancestry.com and found out the owner was here in 1893. The chest is an antique, it's over 100 years old."

"It was a really neat find and it's pretty cool to have a real antique travel trunk in the play," he added.

According to Gidley, the play is a spoof of Agatha Christie and Alfred Hitchcock mysteries, and while Guinevere is dead, she's still in the play as a figment of Delores's imagination, according to Gidley. Delores becomes

suspicious of her fellow cast members and thinks they know something. When she checks to see that Guinevere's body is in the trunk, she discovers she's gone.

Gidley, who has taught at Glenn for 10 years and handled overflow drama classes on occasion, is enjoying his new assignment. He also admits that Grove has popped in a few times to see how it is going.

"She wants to get down there, but she's so busy," he said. "She did help with one scene. Sheri knows what a scene should look like, she's great with visualization. Belinda and I have to see it and then decide how it should look."

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pulled those needles out ... It was scary. I couldn't imagine going through something like that."

That's exactly the response McCarty and Garcia are looking for. Street Smart reminds teens — and adults, for that matter — of the dangers of poor decision making. Taught by certified paramedics, the program, which McCarty said reaches some 100,000 students every year, helps audiences better understand the consequences of their actions.

They do it by using hundreds of graphic photos and video footage of accident scenes and, especially, of accident victims. The presentation is so graphic, it comes with its own warning disclaimer at the beginning. It starts with a four-minute montage of accident-scene photos and finishes with the 20-minute recitation of the various surgeries an accident victim would have to endure if he survived. That's where Marshall came in.

"The graphic pictures drive the point home," Garcia said. "Seeing one of their own (on the gurney), and the dissertation of what you go through, is very powerful. This age group often doesn't think about that part of it."

Better choices
The program was developed 12 years ago by Miami-Dade firefighter Vince Easevoli. Two-person teams travel the country talking to stu-



Student volunteer Mike Schultz has a cervical collar fitted by Greg McCarty.

dents about the dangers inherent in poor decision making. McCarty tells the story of a group of kids watching the TV show "Jackass," and deciding — after a night of drinking and partying — to go car surfing. One man stood atop a moving car while his friends rode in a car behind him with a video camera rolling. Predictably, the story ends with the man being thrown from the top of the car into the path of oncoming traffic. He was killed.

"Do you think that decision gets made if they're not drinking?" McCarty asked the crowd.

McCarty and Garcia, both firefighter/paramedics, hope they can impart enough wisdom to help youngsters make better decisions when it comes to wearing seat belts — "You're 25 times more likely to be killed in an accident if you're ejected from the vehicle because you weren't wearing seat belts," Garcia points out — and drinking and driving.

"We're trying to make a difference in the poor decisions people make," McCarty said. "We try to give (students) as much information as we can so they can make better decisions."

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Hitting the stage



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Barbara (Emily Gedert, of Canton) is menaced by zombies (Lela Lofton of Dearborn and Barret Kaltz of Canton) in Dearborn Heights Civic Theater's production of "Night of the Living Dead" by George Romero. The production is playing at Livonia's Grantland Playhouse. Shows will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at <http://dhct-stage2.ticketleap.com/>.

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Newcomers' house a diamond in the rough

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Scott and Alison Jones see a lot to love in their "new" house in Old Village.

They're looking past the carpeting that covers hardwood floors, past the drywall over original plaster and the shingles over the cedar siding — and years down the road — to see the character, charm and solid construction of a Plymouth house built more than a century ago.

"We went looking for an older house," Alison Jones said during recent a tour of their house on Starkweather. "We really wanted a fixer-upper."

The Joneses, who both grew up in Plymouth, also were looking to buy



Alison Jones plans to have the original clawfoot bathtub refinished. The grate in the floor is for heat, fed by an ancient gravity furnace.

in the city. Character and living in Plymouth were at the top of their list.

"We love the fact that we can walk downtown," she said. The Old Village

shops and restaurants a block or two away are also a draw, she said.

This old house

City records date the Joneses' house from 1900, but Mark Oppat, a longtime Old Village resident and neighborhood historian, says it's probably a little older, maybe around 1890, judging from certain characteristics, like the windows.

The Joneses are among the latest to join what Oppat said is a long trend of Old Village home restoration.

Oppat bought his first home on Carter Street in 1984 and started working on it that year; he has since renovated or restored about a dozen houses in the neighborhood.

Oppat tries to bring those houses back to their original state to the extent possible, but that can vary greatly, as many have been remodeled, chopped up and turned into apartments over the years.

That was the cases with the Jones' house, which had been two separate two-bedroom rental units, with even the front porch split into two.

Their long-term plan is to make it one house again.

"We want to kind of bring a lot of the details back into the house," Scott Jones said. They're

living on one side now and working on the other, and when that side is finished, they'll move there and redo the other side.

"We've been reading



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Alison and Scott Jones are taking on a big job, but they're ready for it.

books and learning as much as we can about how they did things," said Scott Jones, who said he picked up handyman skills from his parents.

Decorative details

The details that attracted the Joneses aren't hard to find, especially on the house's southern half, where there are wide moldings, a claw-foot tub, and a working pocket door in the living room. There is also an old gravity furnace — it originally burned coal and was converted to gas — in the basement that the Joneses say is from the early 1920s and still heats up nicely.

"I like the differences, where every house wasn't cookie-cutter," Alison Jones said.

The house also has lath-and-plaster walls, single-pane windows with sash weights (the Jones are opting for greater energy efficiency in replacing them), decorative trim on the edges of the roof and a stone foundation rather than cinderblock or concrete block.

"I love the look, I just

love it," Alison Jones said of the stone walls in the basement. "It's original."

"Some poor guy had to move all the stones at some point, mortar them together," Scott Jones said.

Scott Jones said he has respect for the commonsense building practices of years ago. The roof, for example, has no gutters, but was designed to shed water away from the house, and leakage hasn't been an issue.

There were some initial problems, though, like squirrels in the attic and the raccoon in the crawl space under an addition.

Neighborhood comeback

Oppat said there have been a few prominent Old Village home restorations in recent years, including a couple of others on Starkweather, and one on North Holbrook of a house that may date from the early 1830s.

When he moved there in the 1980s, Oppat said, the neighborhood was ripe for renovation.

"This was pretty run down here and it was an area where you could buy a house pretty cheap," he said. "This used to be quite the wrong side of the tracks."

The trend is slowing, though, he said, as houses get bought up and renovated or even get torn down.

"Most of the really bad ones were torn down or renovated," Oppat said.

The Joneses say they're in it for the long haul, and haven't lost their enthusiasm for their house, despite having to extend what was originally a five-year plan.

"Some day we'll get there," Scott Jones said.

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Below is a listing of the offices and proposals that will be on the November 6, 2012 State General Election. Sections are Partisan, Nonpartisan, and Proposal.

Partisan Section:

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Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States
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Representative in State Legislature – 20th District
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Justice of Supreme Court – Incumbent Position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2015
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Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit – Incumbent position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2015
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Judge of Probate Court – Incumbent Position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2015
Judge of District Court – 35th District – Incumbent Position
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Board of Trustees Member Schoolcraft Community College – Partial Term Ending 12/31/2014
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Proposal Section:

State Proposal 12-1,

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 – THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved?

State Proposal 12-2:

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved?

State Proposal 12-3,

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.
- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers in order to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved?

State Proposal 12-4,

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved?

State Proposal 12-5,

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

This proposal would:

Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.

This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved?

State Proposal 12-6,

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
- Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved?

County Proposals,

FORM OF THE WAYNE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5.120 AND TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 5.134 TO AUTHORIZE THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION RATHER THAN THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ESTABLISH THE FORM (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LUMP-SUM AND LINE-ITEM) OF THE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH THE FORM OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY DECEMBER 7, 2012 AND TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THIS FORM AT LEAST TEN MONTHS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF A FISCAL YEAR AND TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR, AND TO ALSO AMEND SECTION 5.121 TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE FORM ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION?

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR

SHALL SECTION 3.119(E) OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION THAT PROHIBITS AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR FROM PROVIDING AUDIT SERVICES TO THE COUNTY FOR MORE THAN EIGHT (8) CONSECUTIVE YEARS, AND FURTHER TO REQUIRE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITORS BE SELECTED BASED ON A COMPETITIVE PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE?

MEMBERSHIP ON THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION

SHALL SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO EXPAND THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM 8 TO 9, ADDING AS A MEMBER THE WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, AND ALSO TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION, TO APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE AS HIS OR HER DESIGNER ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION, AND TO FURTHER ALLOW EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR AND SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION (WITH NO MORE THAN ONE MEMBER BEING AN AIRPORT EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE); UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES ITS OWN RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION PLAN?

REMOVAL OF THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR

SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 4.124 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO REMOVE THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE FOR THE SAME REASONS AND WITH THE SAME DUE PROCESS AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE SHERIFF, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS, AND COUNTY TREASURER?

THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION'S POWER TO APPROVE COMPENSATION

SHALL SECTION 3.115 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, WHICH SETS FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION, BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE POWER AND DUTY TO APPROVE ALL COMPENSATION OF EVERY EMPLOYMENT POSITION IN THE COUNTY, UNLESS THE COMPENSATION IS ESTABLISHED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW?

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On Monday, November 5, 2012 qualified voters may be issued an Absentee ballot in person, and shall vote them in the Clerk's Offices until 4:00 p.m.s

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

Reattached hand puts man in medical history books

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Todd Nadeau, 51, of Northville Township holds a place in medical history. Nadeau was working a summer job at a downtown Northville car wash site, a summer job when an industrial accident severed his hand. "I had just turned 18" and was a Detroit Catholic Central High senior, the psychologist recalled. "The saw was still moving. The next thing I knew my hand was severed."

Young Nadeau was rushed to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and from there to Harper Hospital in Detroit "where they had a team of hand surgeons."

His first operation was 15 hours, with more surgeries to follow. "It was the first successful reattachment," Nadeau said. "I've had 22 major surgeries (since), about 120 hours of surgeries."

He has about 20 percent use of the injured right



Nadeau severed his right hand in a 1979 accident. He continues to wear a special sleeve to protect the limb.

hand, and can grip with it. Nadeau engineered braces approved by the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) to allow him to play basketball at a Wayne State University and Albion College student.

The accident was Aug. 12, 1979, said Nadeau, who didn't set out to make medical history. "That wasn't my goal. You go through something like that, you're just gripping the steering wheel as tight as you can."

His great family and school helped, "a lot of encouraging people. It helped me to weather the

storm."

Nadeau had been in several sports at CC but focused on basketball as a senior. "Most people didn't give me a whole lot of respect" as an injured athlete, he recalled.

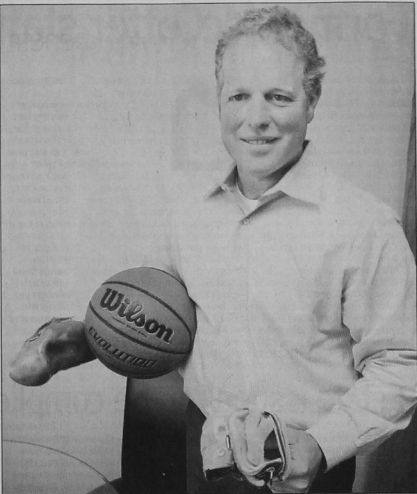
He still plays basketball at Our Lady of Victory in Northville and St. James in Novi.

Nadeau works with traumatic brain injury patients, who also must learn to cope. "Now all of a sudden you have a tragedy. You've got to cope and deal with it."

He gets a lot of questions about his injury. "It was a miracle to have it saved. I was blessed to have strong family."

Nadeau earned a B.S. in biology from Albion along with a B.A. in psychology there. He also holds an M.A. from Western Michigan University in psychology.

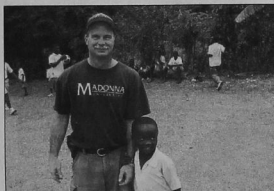
He works out of Novi and Grand Blanc offices as a psychologist. Nadeau is married to Julie and dad to two daughters in 10th and ninth grades and a son in first grade.



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Novi psychologist Todd Nadeau severed his right hand in a 1979 accident and was one of the first successful reattachments of a limb in the state of Michigan. He went on to play basketball in college using a padded brace that he designed himself. Nadeau wears the padded brace in this photo and also holds another brace he developed for weight lifting.

Retired firefighter heads Madonna program



Paul DeNapoli on one of the mission trips he led to help the rebuilding efforts in earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

New to Madonna University's College of Science and Mathematics is Paul J. DeNapoli, who retired as senior captain/paramedic after 27 years with the Livonia Fire and Rescue Department.

As director of Madonna's fire science, emergency management and occupational safety and environmental health programs, DeNapoli will be responsible for recruiting and advising students and ensuring the growth and success of the

programs.

"Paul brings incredible passion and energy to the position," said Ted Biermann, Ph.D., dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. "His enthusiasm, work ethic and dedication will, no doubt, serve him well as he works with students."

DeNapoli earned a fire science bachelor's degree and an MBA at Madonna University, and a bachelor's degree at

Eastern Michigan University. He is a certified fire department safety officer.

For more than 20 years DeNapoli has been committed to the mission of Madonna University serving on the University's Alumni, Mission Effectiveness, and Haiti Outreach committees as well as being a member of the Madonna University Foundation Board.

An active member of

Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, DeNapoli leads construction/medical mission trips to Haiti to support rebuilding in the city of Jeremie (120 miles west of Port au Prince, where Madonna has launched a distance learning business degree program). DeNapoli and his wife Debbie are lifelong Livonia residents and they have two children, Danielle and Christopher.

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Voting open in 'friendly' pumpkin election

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan may not have early voting, but that's what is happening at the VCA of Garden City where a decision as big as selecting the president of the United States is taking place: The winner of the Crystal Pumpkin.

For 18 years, the veterinary clinic has held a pumpkin decorating. It's a "friendly, but intense" competition where the prize is ice cream, the winner's name on the Holy Grail of pumpkin contests, the Crystal Pumpkin, and yearlong bragging rights.

"The excitement is that I won last year and everyone is happy that I'm going to win again this year," said a confident Brad Davis. "It was a very proud moment to see the joy on their faces that I had won."

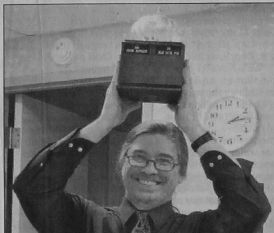
A veterinarian, Davis started the contest in 1994 to show off his superior pumpkin decorating talents. He buys the pumpkins, and gives them out to staff who come up with their own designs. They're displayed in the lobby of the clinic on Inglewood Road from Oct. 21 to Oct. 31, when Davis counts the votes. The announcement is made at the November staff meeting which this year happens to be on Election Day, Nov. 6.

The voters

The voters are the clients and anyone who stops by — one woman comes in from Chicago each year to visit her parents and to cast her vote. There's no need for photo identification, and the one person-one vote rule



The ballot isn't quite as lengthy as the one in the Nov. 6 general election, but according to Dr. Brad Davis at VCA of Garden City, selecting the winner of the veterinary clinic's annual Crystal Pumpkin Award from the nine "nominees" is just as important. The pumpkins were decorated by members of the staff.



Dr. Brad Davis hoists the Crystal Pumpkin in the traditional Stanley Cup pose after being the top vote getter in the 2012 Pumpkin Contest.

is enforced although voters are "allowed to come back and vote every day, if they're voting for my pumpkin," Davis said.

How voters know which pumpkin is Davis's is a

mystery since each one is assigned a number. A clue, however, might be his penchant for electronics. His pumpkin has it this year, but he hasn't used it.

"Mine is so much better than the others that I don't need to," said Davis.

When he first started the contest, pumpkins were on display for two weeks, but it's been cut to 10 days to minimize the rotting pumpkin smell. In the early days, "you could smell the pumpkin in the parking lot" by the time the contest was over. He suspects there will be a problem with one entry this year.

"Rookies don't know how to keep their pumpkins from rotting, and it appears that No. 9, the Cheshire Cat, may have problems," he said. "All that may be left by Halloween is the smile."

Davis has also turned to social media to promote the contest. Pictures of the entries can be found on the VCA Garden City 2012 Crystal Pumpkin Contest page on Face-

book. People can cast their votes with the like buttons, but Davis isn't certain how that will factor into the contest.

"We offered it online last year, and now that we know Facebook works, it's more like a Florida election with a lot of electronic hanging chads," he said.

By the rules

Over the years, Davis has developed a two-page list of rules for the contest which staffer Denise Toney has said relates to her "because I've been here the longest." She's right since the subtitle for the rules is "To keep Denise from cheating."

Toney has done better than Davis in the contest. She's won at least four times.

The rules determine the amount of display space per pumpkin — 12 inches wide by 22 inches deep

by 32 inches high — and prohibit the "selling/lending of pumpkin space for the competition." A drawing determines the order in the display, and the assigned space "cannot be traded or altered."

Davis doesn't know if the pumpkin contest is bigger than the presidential election, but "it's more important."

He's considering how to accommodate the media like NBC and CBS when they show up to cover it.

"I assume the media will be calling us, but I'm worried that our parking lot isn't big enough for the news trucks," he said.

And he hopes the newsies realize there's a color difference in this election.

"In the presidential election, you have blue states and red states, but in the pumpkin election every state is an orange state," he said.

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Lighthouse Home Mission looks for more hot water



Pastors Ruby Beneteau and Michael Enerson are looking for help in getting a source of more hot water for the Lighthouse Home Mission housed at Enerson's Full Gospel Temple in Westland.

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Pastors Michael Enerson and Ruby Beneteau are hoping someone can help them solve a problem. With winter approaching, they would like to replace the Lighthouse Home Missions' hot water heater with a tankless heater.

The mission has a 50-gallon tank but it's not large enough to meet the needs at the mission. Laundry and dish washing leaves little water for the homeless who stay overnight at the Warming Center during January, February and March, and even limiting showers to 15 minutes doesn't help. Many times, the hot showers are anything but hot, Beneteau said.

"We'll have 35 people shower, we do dishes and run the washer, all with the 50-gallon tank," said Beneteau. "I'm in my office and I'll hear them in the shower when the water gets cold. This would prevent that from happening. We wouldn't have to worry about running out of hot water."

"It would be so right for them to come in and have a hot shower," added Enerson. "The critical thing about this is the Warming Center. We're getting ready to open, we have to wash the bedding."

Enerson called Flame Heating and Cooling to get an idea what it would take to purchase and install one. The company determined the mission needs a 199,000 BTU tankless commercial hot water heater. Installed, it would cost \$4,358, quite a bit more than the \$1,500 Enerson thought it would be, especially for the mission which relies on donations from others to help

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For pastor Ruby Beneteau, it is notes like the following that reaffirm what is being done at the Lighthouse Home Missions in Westland is the right thing to do:

"This is the first time I have had to make use of a soup kitchen. I'm writing this in thanks to the services you provide and the welcoming and concern shown by your volunteers. I have always known, 'Go to church when you need help.' But making that step to finding one close by, contacting them and stepping inside the doors was a difficult one. Once inside, I see these fears were unnecessary. I greatly appreciate what you are doing!"

those in need.

Now Enerson and Beneteau are hoping the community will help out either through donations of money or even the tankless system.

"We don't survive on big gifts but on many small offerings," said Enerson. "It's rough when you come in from the cold and can't get a hot shower. Anyone who showers, we take their clothes and give them fresh clothes."

Beneteau has been serving the needs of the homeless for more than 27 years, first at her small home as the House of Refuge and now in facilities provided by the Full Gospel Temple on Palmer in Westland. The mission operates a food pantry, clothing bank, a soup kitchen that provides hot lunches 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and a warming shelter for the homeless open 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. in January, February and March. The mission also works with the people who come through the doors, finding them the resources to get back on their feet.

Last year, the mission served 5,941 meals in the soup kitchen and provided for more than 100 people in the Warming Center. The food pantry feed 13,240 people and another 3,985 people received

clothing. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, 346 people received food baskets.

The mission is supported by other churches in Westland, Inkster, Garden City, Livonia, Canton and Plymouth. It serves as a satellite center for Gleaners Community Food Bank and through Churches United Against Hunger, a collaboration of 27 churches in the area, has helped feed 86,855 people.

Enerson is hoping to acquire a vacant Wayne TV Lab shop beside the church and turn it into a resale shop. He also would like to add on to the building to create a warehouse where donated items could be repaired. Proceeds would go to the food bank.

"The need is greater and we're doing everything we can to meet the needs," he said.

People interested in helping can send donations to the Lighthouse Home Missions and designate them for the hot water tank. They can also call (724) 326-3885 for more information, or even stop by to see what's being done.

"I think people would be impressed with what we're doing," said Beneteau. "When someone falls on hard times, they don't have to go downtown for help."

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CROSS COUNTRY

Warriors are best of MIAC

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland is on top of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference cross country world once again.

The Warriors successfully defending both crowns last week by winning the boys and girls team titles in a meet hosted by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest at Spencer Park.

The Lutheran Westland girls, led by freshman Jenna Wiener, scored 37 points, well ahead of runner-up Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liget's 82.

Rounding out the team scoring was Taylor Baptist Park, third (116 by tiebreaker); Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, fourth (116); Birmingham Rooper, fifth (122); Southfield Christian, sixth (134); Lutheran Parkway's Taylor Siegel and Plymouth Greenhills, eighth (153).

Wiener's first-place time on the 5,000-meter course was 19 minutes, 47.8 seconds. Parkway's Taylor Siegel and Plymouth Christian Academy's Terra Crown placed second and third, respectively, with times of 20:49.9 and 20:43.5.

Rounding out the scoring for Lutheran Westland was sophomore Michelle Greening, eighth.

Please see **RUNNING, B4**



Plymouth's Mike Kennedy (No. 2) scores in the fourth quarter Friday to make it a 33-21 game. Trying to stop Kennedy is Canton's Matt Suppelsa (No. 45).

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Cats knock out Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

There was a lot for Plymouth football head coach Mike Sawchuk to like about Friday's 40-28 victory over Canton in the first round of the Division 1 state playoffs.

There was a 300-yard rushing performance by Plymouth junior running back DJ Russell, four touchdowns by senior Mike Kennedy and tackles all over the turf by sophomore Shane Raymond.

Throw in a 57-yard punt by Brenton Zuzo and key fumble recoveries by senior sparkplug Nate Emminger and Russell and you get the picture.

But in order for the Wildcats to

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duplicate what they did in 2010 — when they knocked out the Chiefs in the second round and went on to reach the D1 finals — Sawchuk knows there are some wrinkles to iron out.

Things to fix

"I said at halftime we left 11 points on the board," Sawchuk said, referring to two trips to Canton's red zone where the Wildcats either lost the ball or settled for a field goal. "We can't afford to do that if we want to make a run. We got to really clean it up and get better and stop the mental mistakes."

Plymouth (8-2) will need to shore things up because next on the playoff schedule is undefeated Livonia Churchill (10-0).

Still, at least for a day or two, the Wildcats will enjoy ending Canton's season — a payback for 2011, when the Chiefs prevailed in the pre-district encounter.

"It just stinks we have to knock each other out," said veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose team finished with a 6-4 record. "I think we're pretty good football teams year in and year out. It just stinks one of us has to stop playing so fast, so quick."

The loss also meant the careers

Please see **PLAYOFF, B3**

Spiker slams adversity to enjoy senior season

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Abigail Dworzanin jumped up to block the volleyball during a May 2011 tournament in Grand Rapids.

After she landed, her left knee was shot and hopes and dreams to be a student-leader her junior season at Salem High School were shot down.

Now fast forward 16 months after surgery to repair her anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus, the latter which had two tears to fix.

She did make it back for her senior season and this week, the 5-11 outside hitter and co-captain will lead her teammates onto the court at the Novi-hosted Division 1 districts with new hopes — to be a key contributor to playoff success.

It would be nice for the Rocks to come out on fire, the way they did in Dworzanin's first game of the season. Her return that early September

evening was in a five-game thriller against Canton and she showed she could leap, dive and hit with the best of them.

"My personal highlight would be our very first game of the season against Canton," said the 17-year-old scholar athlete. "I thought my team did great. I'm hoping for that energy to come back through districts."

"We didn't win, but it was a fun game, high-spirited by both teams, intense play, no one giving up, everyone giving it their all."

She made it

Dworzanin did get some games under her belt during the summer, too, once her 10 months of post-surgery physical therapy at University of Michigan Med Sport in Ann Arbor finally ended.

But her performance against the Chiefs validated and verified her comeback efforts.

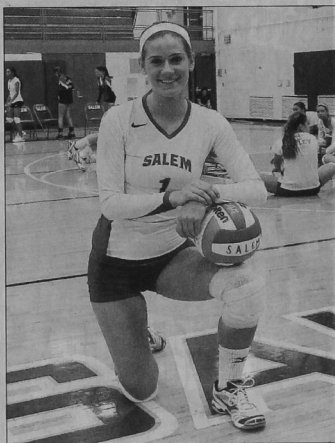
"Being back in my home gym definitely made me nervous but it was so much fun," said Dworzanin, during a recent practice.

Having fun is something Dworzanin is taking out of every workout, team meeting and contest simply because she wondered for a long time whether her volleyball career would ever get going again.

She said her family (including parents Lynn and Michael and older sister Lauren) and friends on the Rocks such as (co-captain) Emily Lipa, Nikki Manser and Julie DiMichele provided constant encouragement during those endless weeks and months of PT as 2011 stretched into 2012.

"They were always there for me and always telling me, every time people heard about my injury, it was always 'You have your senior year,'" Dworzanin noted. "Everyone was there for me, pushing me to make sure I'd be able to play my senior year."

Please see **SENIOR, B5**



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Abigail Dworzanin's comeback from a devastating knee injury gives her every reason to smile. The Salem senior outside hitter returned after missing all of her junior season.

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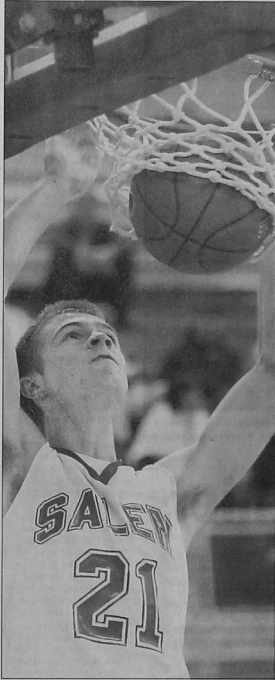
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Crusaders ready to cruise



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Tyler Stewart, shown during a Salem game last season, looks to make an immediate contribution with Madonna's men's basketball team.

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Could the time be now for the Madonna University men's basketball program?

Maybe it's already arrived.

The Crusaders return seven of their top players from last year's 18-13 team led by the dynamic junior backcourt duo of Bobby Naubert and Travis Schuba.

Madonna is starting to gain respect after being picked fourth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference preseason coaches poll ranked only behind defending champion Davenport, an NAIA Final Four team, along with Cornerstone and Indiana Tech, both of which are also ranked in the top 25 nationally.

The 5-foot-10 Naubert, a first-team All-WHAC selection and NAIA Division II honorable mention All-America, will once again orchestrate the MU attack from his point-guard position where he averaged 15 points per game and set a school record with 6.4 assists per game.

Schuba, a 6-foot shooting guard from Rapid City, shattered an MU record last year for three-pointers while averaging a team-best 15.2 points per game. He earned second-team All-WHAC honors.

"Between Naubert and Schuba, we're going to expect a lot of out them," MU fourth-year coach Noel Emehiser said. "Both are tremendous young men that work very hard and are great at their craft."

"Naubert's speed, his ability to break a guy

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down off the dribble, get penetration, get to the free throw line and his constant improving ability to set other guys up and put them in position to be successful, are really what make him go."

"And with Schuba, his ability just to knock down shot after shot, whether he's open or not, it's such a deadly weapon for us. We're really expecting a lot out of both those guys this year on both ends of the floor."

Expectations are as high as they've ever been for the Crusaders, who finished 12-6 last year in the WHAC.

"I feel like this is the closest team I've ever been a part of," Naubert said. "I like the intelligence to this team, which I think will play to our advantage this season."

And Naubert has nothing but high praise for his backcourt mate in Schuba, who shot an impressive 43 percent (117-of-272) from beyond the arc.

"He's a great shooter, first of all," the co-captain said. "I can complement each other really well. When I get to the basket, somebody has to help out and usually he's wide open for a three-point shot. He definitely helps me out and it's great to be out there with him."

The rest of the starting lineup will consist of 6-7 senior co-captain Eoghann Stephens, who averaged 6.2 points and a team-best 5.4 rebounds per outing; 6-4 junior guard Matt Jenkins (6.6 ppg); and 6-6 junior forward Fred Williams (7.6 ppg).

Key reserves off the bench include 6-8 sophomore center Donald Owens and 6-6 junior forward Derek Lennen, both

of whom appeared in all 31 games last season.

"The interior of our team, we're going to count on a lot of them defensively," Emehiser said. "With Eoghann Stephens and Donald Owens, we need them stop drives, alter shots and ultimately get offensive rebounds — they're really the key to our defense."

"In that (number) four position, that's where we lose the most production last year graduating Tyler Coker, who was a great leader and hard worker for us, but we have the guys who have stepped into that position and hoping to fill his shoes and be able to do a nice job. Certainly we're going to expect more out of those guys offensively, and their role defensively has never been more important than it is now."

In the mix

Meanwhile, sophomore Jordan Short will back up Naubert at the point with 6-4 freshman Tyler Stewart (Salem) vying for time at guard along with fellow freshmen Jack Ocobock, Zak Lewis and Richard Katkic, and sophomore Zach Wedesky.

Sophomore Jeff Schmitz and Alex Bedan will also look to earn playing time up front.

"We're not 100 percent healthy, but overall we're happy where we are health-wise heading into the season," Emehiser said. "I think this year one of our strengths is that we have a better understanding of what it takes to be successful. Our guys really believe in what we're doing in our system defensively and understand better the concept offensively."

"Just that experience of having a taste of success and better understanding of what we're trying to accomplish here ... I think it just gives us a lit-

tle bit better of an advantage over teams in our own program history."

The Crusaders open their season Friday and Saturday with a pair of games at Purdue-Calumet.

This year's WHAC features a 22-game schedule, 11 games home and 11 away, with two conference bids on the line for the NAIA Division II National Tournament in Branson, Mo. The WHAC regular season champion along with either the conference tournament champion or runner-up will head to the NAIA's.

"This year we're going to definitely take it day-by-day, but our goal is to get to the national tournament," Naubert said. "It's never been done in school history and we're definitely trying to change the culture around here. I'm 100 percent, ready to go, I'm excited about it."

Meanwhile, it's been a long climb for Emehiser, who suffered through 7-23 and 8-22 seasons before the Crusaders finished 18-13 last year.

"Our philosophy coming in, whether we knew it at the time or not, is to try and build a program rather than assemble a team on a year-to-year basis," the fourth-year coach said. "If you look at our roster, we have just not gone out and looked for transfers and try and piece something together in the short term. We've really tried to recruit the high schools. We've tried to build having guys in our program three or four years, so ultimately they have a deeper connection of what we're trying to accomplish here. It has been a long process. We took a lot of lumps in our first couple of years and I think we appreciate that position now."

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Lady Crusaders stopped in four

Plagued by its lowest hitting percentage of the season, the 16th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team fell Wednesday night to host Northwestern Ohio in four sets, 25-11, 24-26, 25-21, 25-22.

MU and Northwestern Ohio are now tied for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with identical 8-1 records.

Casey Paces paced the

victorious Racers (30-3) with 22 kills and 10 digs, while setter Lauren Maxwell added 38 assists and 11 digs.

Ellie Comes paced the defense with a team-best 19 digs, while Lauren Macuga (Schoolcraft College/Canton) added 10 digs.

Stacey Catalano paced the Crusaders (28-7) with 10 kills and 18 digs. Samantha Geile and Nastija Baranovska each added nine kills,

while Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) contributed eight, but MU made 33 attack errors and hit a season-low 0.84 percentage.

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 40 assists, while Breanna Geale had 16 digs as coach Jerry Abraham's career win total is still holding at 998.

MU returns to WHAC action 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 at home against Indiana Tech.

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PLAYOFF

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of a number of outstanding Canton seniors came to a close.

When standout senior lineman Cameron Dillard walked past Baechler on the field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park following the game, the coach slapped the Florida-based player on the shoulder pads.

"I've had teams that were undefeated and just couldn't wait until they were gone," Baechler said. "This team, it didn't matter what their win-loss record was, these seniors gave everything they had. In the off-season, our chemistry was great."

"That's what I'm really sad about is we got to say good-bye to those guys tomorrow. I love those guys, they're a great senior class."

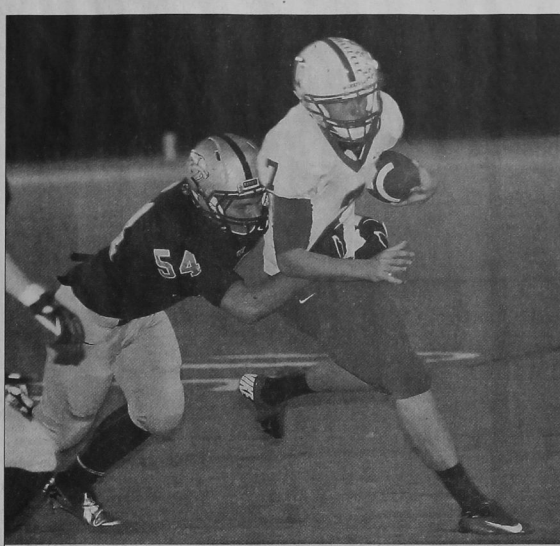
One of those seniors, 5-5 running back Malcolm Hollingsworth (19 carries, 123 yards, one TD) rushed over to congratulate Kennedy, who completed 202 all-purpose yards—including 167 rushing in 20 carries.

"I love my team, they battled hard and so did Plymouth," Hollingsworth said. "We're all brothers around this. I'm proud of them, too, and hope they make it to state. I tried my best, we all tried our best and that's all I could hope for tonight."

Had to be perfect

Baechler said his team knew it had to play a perfect game on offense to extend the season, and the first series of the night indicated that would be the case.

Having driven down inside Plymouth's 20-yard line, senior running



Canton quarterback Greg Williams (No. 7) can't elude Plymouth sophomore defender Shane Raymond (No. 54), who registered 6.5 tackles and three assist (tying for team honors with senior Matt Janke).

back Kendall Scott (seven rushes, 37 yards) carried the ball to the 14, only to have it knocked loose by Emminger.

"We fumbled twice inside their red zone, that was the difference," Baechler said. "We weren't going to stop them, we had to hopefully outscore them and be perfect on offense and we just weren't." Plymouth fumbled it

right back, with Canton senior Matt McCoy recovering the ball at the Chiefs' 3-yard line.

Backed up, the Canton offense could not move the ball. Senior Connor Shennan tried to punt, but Kennedy brought him down just in front of the goal line.

On the next play, Kennedy scored in to put Plymouth up 7-0. The Wildcats opened

up the second quarter with another TD, this time on senior quarterback Jamaril Eiland's 11-yard toss to junior wide-out Connor Stella, who caught the ball deep in the right corner.

Setting that score up was a 44-yard sweep by Rossell, who rushed for 300 yards on just 20 carries before leaving early in the fourth due to a minor leg injury.

"They (Chiefs) saw him the first time (Oct. 5)," Sawchuk said about Rossell. "I don't think they were too surprised, they know what he can do. He's one of the toughest little kids I've ever seen."

Canton cut the lead to 14-7 with 6:07 to play in the second. Sophomore quarterback Greg Williams scored on a 7-yard keeper. Setting up the

26-yard march was a shanked punt that only went 5 yards.

Zuzo immediately made up for that, however. He nailed a 28-yard field goal with 2:07 to go to increase Plymouth's lead to 17-7.

The Chiefs found the end zone just before the end of the quarter to make it a 17-14 contest at halftime. Williams (9-of-18 passing, 162 yards, two TDs) led an 80-yard drive with passes of 34 yards (to Scott), 25 yards (to senior tight end Scott Gring) and 8 yards (to McCoy for the score).

Momentum lost

Canton finally took the lead, 21-20, thanks to Hollingsworth's 89-yard run up the middle with 3:04 to play in the third. Shennan's extra point actually cracked the tie.

The next defensive series by the Chiefs is what Baechler lamented. Instead of his defense getting a stop and enabling the momentum to stay on Canton's side, the Wildcats regained the lead 27-21 on a 35-yard scoring strike from Eiland to Kennedy (with 11:53 left in the game).

"We took the lead in the third quarter 21-20, and we just needed to step up and get it going," Baechler said. "We just didn't. Playoff football, you have to have a great defense."

The teams traded touchdowns the rest of the way. Kennedy scored on runs of 27 and 27 yards, Suida to Kennedy (with 11:53 left in the game).

On the previous play, Williams connected with Gring (four catches, 99 yards) for a 27-yard completion.

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Churchill fends off Spartans, 49-35

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson made a significantly better showing in its rematch Friday night with unbeaten Livonia Churchill.

The visiting Spartans threw caution to the wind, but it's the Chargers who are moving on in the Division 1 football state playoffs following a 49-35 victory.

In the regular season finale just a week earlier, Stevenson found itself trailing 42-3 at halftime before falling 49-10.

And when Tom O'Brien booted a 29-yard field goal with only 6:46 to play in the final quarter, Stevenson trailed by only one score, 35-27.

But the Chargers' potent offense never blinked, scoring three more times during the final 5:38 to secure the Region 2-District 2 triumph.

Churchill (10-0) will face Plymouth (8-2) for the district title, beginning at 7 p.m. next Friday at home. The two teams met in Week 3, with Churchill prevailing, 35-31.

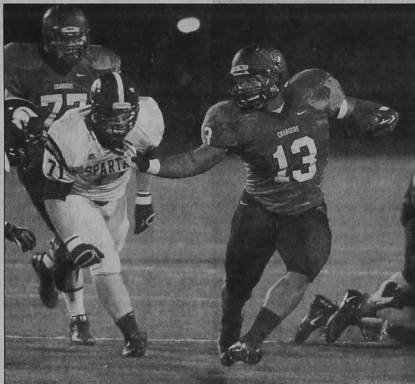
"The first game, they just moved the ball up and down the field on us. We kind of realized we needed to take care of the ball, even if it's on fourth down and going for it," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said. "We went back and tried to tighten up what we were doing. We limited a little bit what we could do, and tried to do it well. I think we executed pretty well offensively."

The Spartans gained an even 400 yards in total offense, but gave up 429 in return and had no answer again for 5-foot-11, 246-pound senior tailback Robert Foster Jr., who finished up with 198 yards and scored four touchdowns, including an over-the-shoulder grab of a Seth Suida 22-yard TD pass with 6:24 remaining.

Brown, who sat out nearly five months with a torn Achilles heel, seems to be improving on his cuts and moves each and every week.

"He's been more patient," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said of his star running back. "And I think noticeably in the last six games or so, he's getting in better shape. He really didn't have any spring or summer because of his (Achilles heel) injury. He plays a lot more, he's more sudden in his moves. He's got good burst. He's playing in top form. I don't know how many times were gave it to him, but it feels like we sure gave it to him a lot."

Stevenson opened the game with a 14-play, 76-yard TD drive that con-



Churchill's Romello Brown (13) sheds Stevenson tacklers Matt Rodey (71) and Matt Skibinski (77) during Friday's Division 1-Region 2-District 2 playoff clash.

sumed 6 minutes, 49 seconds of the clock, capped by Dom Ferrara's 3-yard run.

But on Churchill's second play from scrimmage following a Stevenson false start, senior quarterback Seth Suida hit Hunter Rimatzki on a bomb over the middle for a 79-yard TD to even the count at 7-7.

"Our offense is good, we can score," Filiatraut said. "That's how we've done all year. Sometimes I wish we could put together some time-consuming drives that ended with touchdowns, because you want to make some adjustments with your defense and give them a blow. We put them back out there and had trouble getting off the field. Sometimes that quick-strike offense is difficult to answer on the defensive side."

With 9:39 left in the second quarter, Churchill went ahead for keeps when Malik Johnson scored on an end-around from 18 yards out.

Johnson, a 5-9, 161-pound junior, then jarred the ball loose on the ensuing kickoff and recovered it on the Stevenson 17 to set up Suida's 22-yard scoring strike to Robert Foster Jr. for a 21-7 advantage just 13 seconds later.

But Stevenson would not go away, marching 80 yards in 15 plays, resulting in an 8-yard TD run by C.J. Weiss (74 yards on 18 carries) with 1:54 left in the half.

A 31-yard return on the ensuing kickoff by Jeremy Lewis set up Churchill's fourth TD of the first half, this time on a 3-yard run by Brown, with only 39.3 seconds left for a 28-14 lead (following Brian Alsbrooks' extra point).

But after Churchill tried a short kick, Stevenson senior quarterback Joe Mims, who was 22-of-30 passing for 243 yards, competed two quick passes to put the Spartans in field goal range. And O'Brien converted from 42 yards out by sneaking the kick on top of the crossbar, and over, to cut the deficit to 28-17.

Filiatraut said he didn't see many new wrinkles in Stevenson's offense, but "personnel-wise, they got after us."

"We lost a lot of one-on-one battles in the first half and that's really to their credit," the Churchill coach added. "The (Devin) Kelly kid, number 31, and their two guards that were rolling on that sweep did a great

job of getting body on body, and getting on blocks. And they blocked us tonight. They were much better than they were last week, much better."

Churchill punted on its first possession of the third quarter and Stevenson decided to go for it on fourth-and-six at its own 50.

Mims rolled out and hit Billy Bonanno in the flat, who made a one-handed grab, cradling the ball on his hip, gathering it, and racing 50 yards for a TD to trim the Churchill lead to 28-24 with 8:28 to go in the third.

The Spartans then tried an onside kick that was recovered by the Chargers and, just seven plays later, Suida hit Brown with a 24-yard scoring pass to put the Chargers back up 11 with 6:24 to go in the third to make it 35-24.

Brown then shed two Stevenson tacklers on his way to the end zone with 5:38 remaining in regulation for his third TD of the night to put the Chargers ahead 42-27.

He then added another TD with 2:29 to go on a 15-yard run to give Churchill a 22-point cushion.

"My coach told me, 'It's time for the leaders to show up,' and I just took myself in a leader's position, and I felt like I had to come out and do something for my team," Brown said.

Stevenson got one more score for good measure during the final minute, when Mims connected with Bonanno again on a 6-yard TD pass, followed by the two-point pass to Weiss.

Brown, who also plays linebacker, saw a new-and-improved Spartan offense in the rematch.

"We just came down to see if we could get another win, but we knew it would be a leader's position, and I really play that they didn't so well last week," he said. "They were way more aggressive. They blocked harder than they did last week. Last week they gave up, but this week they stuck their chests out and played hard. I give them credit."

Suida also had a strong night throwing hitting 13-of-16 passes for 204 yards and three TDs.

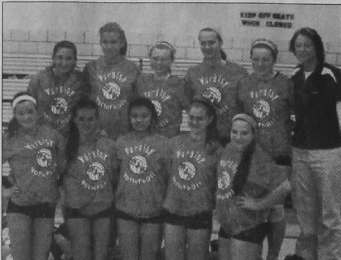
Stevenson, making its first playoff appearance since 2008, finishes its season with a 6-4 record.

"That senior class, give them a lot of credit for putting Stevenson back in the playoffs," Fielder said. "(Central) division co-champions, it's just a great group of kids who wanted it and really worked hard. They did everything that I asked of them."

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Division champs!

St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton completed their third volleyball season by bringing home the division championship title in the Detroit Archdiocese CVO Program. SJN's Varsity No. 1 team went undefeated with a 8-0 record in their division and progressed to the sweet 16 in the CVO playoffs. The 13-14 year-old girls are from the Plymouth-Canton area and have been playing together since mid-August. The team is coached by Sue O'Connor and the players are: eighth graders Alexia Granowicz (captain), Adelene Renzi (captain), Cassie Doutsas (captain), Allison Hurley, Katelyn Page, Makayla Helmer, Maeve McMaster, Rebecca Barrie, Madison Girdama (not pictured), seventh graders Sophia Pantino and Gabby Mazzuca.



THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A at NOW!
Tuesday, Oct. 30: (A) Canton vs. (B) South Lyon, 5 p.m.; (C) Salem vs. (D) Novi, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 1: Northville vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m.; Plymouth vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Brighton vs. Skyline district champion.)
at LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Tuesday, Oct. 30: (A) Livonia Franklin vs. (B) Garden City, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 1: Livonia Stevenson vs. Redford Thurston, 5 p.m.; Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2: Championship final, 5 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Farmington vs. Detroit King district champion.)
at ROMULUS
Tuesday, Oct. 30: (A) Taylor Truman at (B) Inkster, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Belleville vs. (D) Romulus, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 1: Westland John Glenn vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Wayne Memorial vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Temperance Bedford vs. Dearborn District champion.)

CLASS B at SOUTH LYON EAST
Tuesday, Oct. 30: (A) Detroit Communication & Media Arts vs. (B) South Lyon East, 4 p.m.; (C) Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. (D) Detroit Community, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 1: Livonia Ladywood vs. A-B winner, 4 p.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. C-D winner, 6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Livonia Ladywood vs. Adrian district champion.)
CLASS D at WESTLAND
HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Tuesday, Oct. 30: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Detroit Westside Christian Academy, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 1: Southfield Christian vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Bellevue vs. Bellevue district champion.)
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (MHSAA Finals at MIS)
Saturday, Nov. 3
Division 4, 10 a.m.
Division 3, 10:30 a.m.
Division 2, 1:30 p.m.
Division 1, 2 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (MHSAA Finals at MIS)
Saturday, Nov. 3
Division 4, 11 a.m.
Division 3, 11:30 a.m.
Division 2, 2:30 p.m.
Division 1, 3 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Friday, Nov. 2
Kensington Conference Prelims at South Lyon East, noon.
Saturday, Nov. 3
Kensington Conference Finals at South Lyon East, noon.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Oct. 31
Indiana Tech at MU, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2
MU at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.
MEW'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Thursday, Nov. 1
St. Clair at Craft, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2
MU at IU Northwest, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3
MU at Purdue-Calumet, 3 p.m.
Craft at Lorain (Ohio), 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday, Nov. 1
Craft at St. Clair, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3
Craft at Lorain (Ohio), 1 p.m.

RUNNING

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(21:28.6); junior Alana Hill, 17th (23:12.0); senior Angela Morrison, 19th (23:18.7); and junior Megan Heil, 22nd (23:35.9). Sophomores Rachel Wiggins and Allison Johnson placed 23rd and 28th, respectively, with times of 23:36.9 and 24:05.7. Meanwhile, the Lutheran Westland boys scored 60 points to capture the team title, while PCA beat Greenhills in a second-place sixth-runner tiebreaker after both teams scored 116. Rounding out the field was Southfield Christian, fourth (119); Oakland Christian, fifth (130 by tiebreaker); Liggett, sixth (130); Roeper, sev-

enth (131); Northwest, eighth (133); and Taylor Baptist Park, ninth (173). Southfield Christian senior Evan Carter ran 16:16 to take individual boys honors. Greenhills' Ashwin Fujii was second in 17:18. Senior Eric Smith paced the Warriors' first-place effort in sixth with a clocking of 17:37. Other Lutheran Westland scorers included senior Daniel Bunge, 12th (18:19); freshman Hunter Riedel, 13th (18:27); senior Pete Silanpaa, 17th (18:36); and sophomore Ian O'Banion, 23rd (19:24). Freshman Wesley Warren (20:20) and sophomore Josiah Massey (21:26) took 45th and 56th, respectively.

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET Oct. 25 at Nankin Mills BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 11-12): 1. Walled Lake Northern, 56 points; 2. Salem, 60 (won tiebreaker); 3. Livonia Churchill, 60; 4. Northville, 64; 5. Canton, 129; 6. Livonia Franklin, 152.
Individual winners: Colin Murphy (Churchill), 17:57.9 (5,000 meters).
Churchill finishers: 3. Brian Duskevich, 18:14.4; 4. Sam Yurgill, 18:38.6; 27. Josh Perez, 19:36.2; 30. Dan King, 19:40.5; 31. Austin Villanueva, 19:56.38; 32. Aristotle Zarkin, 20:01.4.
Franklin finishers: 29. Michael Elrod, 19:37.4; 36. Bryan Fetter, 20:10.3; 40. Spencer Opte, 20:41.9; 45. Ian McCracken, 20:47.7; 46. Graham Tyrell, 20:52.0; 49. Francis Mina, 21:19.4; 50. Kevin Kerpet, 21:19.4.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 11-12): 1. Northville, 23; 2. Salem, 39; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 99; 4. Canton, 137; 5. Livonia Franklin, 142 (won tiebreaker); 6. Livonia Churchill, 142; 7. Warren Regina, 148; 8. Livonia Ladywood and Lutheran High Westland, no team scores.
Individual winner: Grace Doolittle (Northville), 20:39.3 (5,000 meters).

Franklin finishers: 23. Sheila McKinley, 23:00.7; 32. Jane Modes, 23:42.5; 35. Natalie Desautel, 24:04.3; 37. Alyssa Edwards, 24:22.8; 48. Andrea Wickens, 24:50.3; 56. Michelle Wilson, 25:30.7.
Churchill finishers: 19. Jenna Hickson, 22:52.5; 21. Rachel Tomassi, 22:56.1; 40. Alyssa Keeling, 24:29.2; 43. Emma Kirk, 24:38.2; 51. Abigail Hagood, 25:09.8; 62. Carlene Severson, 26:11.4; 69. Lyndsey Terberg, 27:47.9.
Ladywood finishers: 39. Pilar Furlong, 24:26.1; 54. Megan Talty, 25:27.7; 76. Brenna Wright, 26:37.0.
Lutheran Westland finishers: 63. Annalee Khur, 26:17.7; 70. Chelsea Kovacs, 27:53.2.
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 9-10): 1. Northville, 26; 2. Salem, 43; 3. Livonia Churchill, 92; 4. Canton, 94; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 111; 6. Lutheran Westland, 175; 7. Livonia Franklin, no team score.
Individual winner: Connor Lepish (Northville), 18:04.6 (5,000 meters).
Churchill finishers: 9.

Steven Kruppa, 18:44.8; 15. Clint Cowen, 19:06.9; 21. John Sas, 19:35.2; 37. Nathan Guzowski, 20:27.6; 47. Tyler Loeck, 21:17.0; 56. Jack Brooks, 21:55.9; 64. Leo Paul, 22:25.3.
Lutheran Westland Finishers: 62. Josiah Massey, 22:19.0; 65. Brandon Cook, 23:23.8; 69. Alex Coker, 23:29.0; 75. Adam Kohtz, 23:07.5; 76. Ray Morrison, 28:48.4; 77. Garrett Frank, 30:40.9; 78. Ethan Frank, 37:51.2.
Franklin finishers: 61. Finn Newcom, 22:19.0; 66. Eddie White, 23:30.2; 70. Jonathan Quecke, 25:13.1.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 9-10): 1. Northville, 30; 2. Salem, 36; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 69; 4. Livonia Churchill, 94; 5. Livonia Franklin, 128; 6. Canton, 145; 7. Lutheran Westland, 193; 8. Livonia Ladywood, no team score.
Individual winner: Paige Zimmer (Northville), 20:38.6 (5,000 meters).
Churchill finishers: 7. Lauren Bernhardt, 21:31.0; 11. Alexis Lombardo, 22:00.8; 22. Erica Krupsky, 23:29.0; 23. Sediqua Nedam, 23:58.6; 35. Alexia Smith, 24:58.0; 45. Leah Strayhorn, 26:23.4; 48. Susana Ristola, 27:15.4.
Franklin finishers: 20. Jennifer Jaynes, 23:21.3; 24. Kaitlyn McWilliams, 23:30.6; 25. Hyres McKelvey, 23:32.4; 30. Julie Worch, 24:11.7; 32. Alexia Orosz, 24:15.6; 41. Hannah Drinkert, 25:38.6; 47. Nicole Kosowski, 27:04.1.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 38. Allison Johnson, 25:19.3; 44. Gwen Ulrey, 26:23.0; 56. Lis Ivry, 28:26.4; 60. Vanessa Voetberg, 29:38.2; 62. Allison Crawford, 30:35.1.
Ladywood finishers: 49. Mackenzie Darr, 27:24.7; 63. Janelle Erlingis, 30:56.6.
CATHOLIC LEAGUE A-B DIVISION MEET Oct. 20 at Kensington GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Warren Regina, 38 points; 2. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 55; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 74; 4. Dearborn Divende Child, 81; 5. Livonia Ladywood, 133; 6. Birmingham Marian, 136.
Ladywood finishers: 16. Sarah Wilson, 22:15.76; 24. Kait Taylor, 23:18.59; 28. Carlee Barber, 23:44.24; 31. Erica Mucci, 23:58.29; 34. Hannah Pereira, 24:20.75; 35. Kat Gaffka, 24:23.36; 37. Sinead Cox, 24:34.45.

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Gaining confidence

At first, however, her confidence was a bit shaky, not knowing if the next sudden movement might cause another injury.

"That trepidation didn't last, however.

"In the beginning I was staying far away from the net," she said. "I was really hesitant about being close, ... landing, diving and having my full motion. Now, in intense games I rarely think about it."

"Sometimes it's always in the back of your mind, 'Be careful.' But when I'm in the play I'm not thinking 'I can't get this ball because of my knee.' I'm thinking 'That's my ball.'"

Throughout her junior season, Dworzanin would have given anything to have such thoughts come to play. But when you have an injury, when you know you could be on the court but cannot, it's awful.

Soaking it in

But given her options as an assistant coach, she made the best of the situation.

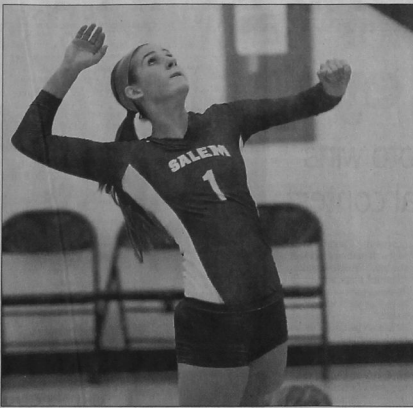
"You don't realize how hard it is to be on the bench," Dworzanin emphasized. "Maybe like when you don't get a chance to play. But when you have an injury, when you know you could be on the court but cannot, it's awful."

"And watching your team struggle and seeing that, seeing your team do great and wishing you were a part of that ... you just have to support them and help them out."

"My coach (Amanda Nies) said I became sort of an assistant coach. I was always watching things on the floor and helping them out."

Nies credited Dworzanin for the way she stayed part of the team, attending every practice and match — plus observing and communicating what she saw to teammates.

"She was really good for the players off the bench," Nies said. "She started to see the game differently than as a player, recognizing what the



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Getting ready to hit the volleyball during a recent match is Salem's Abigail Dworzanin.

THE DWORZANIN FILE

Who: Abigail Dworzanin, 17, Salem High School senior co-captain and outside hitter on the varsity volleyball team.

Surgery/rehab: The Canton resident missed her junior season after tearing the ACL and meniscus in her left knee in May 2011. The injury occurred while playing in a tournament for the Ann Arbor-based A2 club team. Surgery took place in June 2011 and she underwent physical therapy for 10 months before returning to return to practice during the summer.

Miscellaneous: Owner of a 3.97 grade point average, Dworzanin is a member of the National Honor Society and is a student ambassador.

Beginnings: Abigail began playing volleyball during fifth grade at All Saints Catholic School in Canton, where her mom (Lynn) was her coach. Lynn also coached Lauren, a few years older than Abigail.

No. 1: Abigail followed Lauren as a Salem volleyball player wearing uniform No. 1. "I was always looking up to Lauren, wanting to be the kind of volleyball player she was. When she left I wanted to carry on her number. We're best friends."

College: She looks to study actuarial science in college and perhaps play club or intermural volleyball. She has applied to the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and DePaul University in Chicago.

girls needed to do.

"She would have her way of talking to the girls, like an assistant coach almost."

Her message

The coach also said she knew how much Dworzanin missed playing and how hard she would ultimately push it to make it

back as a senior.

"It took a lot longer, but I think that's what really made the difference for her to bounce back as well as she did," Nies said. "She needed that therapy and all of those things to get strong. Now it's not a major issue. Her determination to come back is definitely show-

Rockets win Ladywood quad

The Westland John Glenn girls volleyball team closed out the regular season Wednesday by going 2-1 in the Livonia Ladywood Quad.

Host Ladywood beat Glenn in the opener, 25-16, 25-8. The Rockets then bounced back to beat Hartland (21-25, 25-23, 15-11) and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (25-16, 26-24).

Glenn, now 12-30-3 overall, got a team-best 28 assist-to-kills and five ace serves from senior setter Claire Truskowski.

Bri Robinson added a team-high 26 digs and added five aces, while Hannah Staples and Kelly Epperson led the offensive attack with 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

"It was a great way to end our regular season and get us ready for the postseason," Glenn first-year coach Krista DePoy said. "A lot of our girls had really great nights like Courtney Schaber, who had an amazing night playing the net."

"We have a lot of girls banged up and Val Ernatt took a pretty big spill last night after an amazing play, so we are hoping that everyone can take the next week to recover and get well before we start districts (Nov. 1) at Romulus."

"I would say never give up and always think you're going to make it through," she said, with a knowing nod. "Because if I thought I wasn't going to be here for my senior year I wouldn't have been here."

"I had my eye on playing my senior year and I did it."

Abigail Dworzanin definitely did, with every successful spike doubling as an exclamation point.

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Plymouth Christian Academy lost in three sets to Oakland Christian, despite contributions from Mary Anleier (five aces, five kills), Rachael Fuller (11 digs, eight kills), Jen Malcolm (two blocks, six kills) and Kelsey Williamson (four kills).

Trojans triumph

Livonia Clarenceville celebrated Senior Night Thursday with a 25-20, 25-23, 25-20 victory over visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The Trojans, who improved to 19-17-4 overall, were led by seniors Jodi Ankiel (11 digs), Ashley Murphy (seven kills), Tonya Vernier (three blocks, two aces), Justine Bateman (14-for-14 serving, three aces) and Tayla Heller (defense).

Also chipping into the Clarenceville cause was setter Nicole Kurdziel (21 assists), Ayanna Buckley (eight kills, three blocks) and Christine Hurmiz (10 digs).

"The girls came to play," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "Three really good games from both teams. Our blocking and passing was so much stronger tonight."

"We have been really working hard on defense. They played as a unit tonight and really played some exciting volleyball."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association volleyball is open and will last through mid-November for the following age groups: 9-10 (freshman), 11-13 (JV) and 14-17 (varsity).

Cost is \$130 (includes volleyball jersey with neon colors, shorts and knee pads).

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You can register online at wyaa.org.

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Youth wrestling

Registration for the Westland Bottle Rockets Wrestling Club (ages 4-14) will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the John Glenn High School (wrestling room), 36105 Marquette, Westland. The membership

fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt).

Beginners meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and advanced wrestlers from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Nov. 27.

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Creative eye

Livonia native's photo wins finalist slot in national contest

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Photographer Rob Woodcox is waiting for his first big break.

He hopes his surrealistic images will catch a fashion designer's eye, generate work for an advertising agency, or land on the pages of a national magazine.

"I'm still in pursuit of that. But I'm doing well. I'm not suffering," said Woodcox, 22, a Livonia Churchill High School graduate. "I do a lot of small jobs, family portraits and senior portraits, an occasional author or musician."

"A lot of what I've done has been portfolio-building. I'm still in a very transitional phase of my life. I haven't gotten that big break per se."

The Livonia native might not have to wait much longer for it. His image, "Blue Ridge Mountains," is a finalist in Canon's Project Imagination contest and is in the running for a chance to inspire a film. The contest challenged photographers to submit images in 10 storytelling themes, such as character, goal and mood. Movie producer-director, Ron Howard, is judging panel and the public whittled the entries to 10 per category. Woodcox's moody, blue-



Rob Woodcox spends hours in nature location scouting and taking photographs.

toned landscape of sky, mountain, and lake with a man and woman locked arm in arm, earned a finalist designation in the setting category.

In the final phase of competition, five celebrities — musician James Murphy, fashion designer Georgina Chapman, Twitter co-founder Biz Stone, actor Jamie Foxx and actress Eva Longoria — each will select one winner from each of the 10 storytelling theme categories to help inspire the movies they will write, direct and film. Woodcox's "Blue Ridge Mountains" could inspire the setting for one of the films.

"Imagination defines my images. When I came

across the Canon contest ... it seemed perfect for me," Woodcox said. "Movies inspire me a ton. To see a part of that process was very enticing to me."

"I saw the film that was made last year in the first Project Imagination. One of my friends won last year. It was cool to see the process and see her image become recreated in the movie."

Woodcox hopes his image, if it's chosen, will inspire a film with "magical," style, along the lines of Tim Burton's work or the surrealistic 2001 *Dorian Darko*. But he'd welcome interest from any of the celebrity directors.

"They all have very interesting backgrounds," he said, adding that "the photographer in me" puts Chapman at the top of his list. "She's in the fashion industry. She's involved with an industry I want to go into."

Photographing people

Woodcox moved to Ypsilanti when he became interested in photography in 2009 and started taking courses at Washtenaw Community College. Before that, he took photographs as a part of the year-book staff at Churchill,



Rob Woodcox shot this photo — a finalist in the setting category of the Canon Project Imagination contest — while on vacation in Vancouver, British Columbia.



"Explosions in the Mind"

where he also played French horn in band, was involved in plays, honors classes and the Creative and Performing Arts program.

"I was very much a people person," he described his high school years. "I've always been fond of nature. I've always loved camping and all of those things. At first I thought maybe I'd shoot landscapes. I ended up loving shooting people even more. People are always different. They are constantly changing."

He chooses mostly location shoots for his photographs, which often "tell stories" and allow the individuals in them to

engage with the environment.

"I spend a lot of time location scouting. Whether it's a leafy forest or pines with no underbrush or a dilapidated building, I have places in mind. One recent shoot was an apocalypse theme fashion shoot. The final image in a field with an abandoned building behind it. It was shot in Detroit by the Fisher body plant. The lot next to it is a concrete rubble field. It looked like the apocalypse."

On the spot

Although he carefully plans most of his work — taking into consideration props, characters and location — he snapped his winning Project Imagination entry during an impromptu shoot while on vacation with other photographer friends in Vancouver, British Columbia. As the day wound down and the sun began to set over a lake nestled in the mountains, Woodcox noticed the blue cast on the water,

land and sky started to shoot. He noticed one of his friends was wearing a blue dress. Another sported a blue shirt. He asked them both to wade into the water to become the two lone figures in his image.

"A lot of my work I spend months thinking about and planning and coming up with material. This shot felt natural and meant-to-be."

In addition to photography, Woodcox also is involved with children's programs at Northridge Church, Plymouth.

He coordinates a team of volunteers who work with youngsters at Northridge's satellite location in Saline. "Above anything else, God is my biggest inspiration. He's awesome," Woodcox added.

See his work on his website, robwoodcoxphotography.com or on Facebook. He also teaches workshops at Photo Studio Group in Ann Arbor, www.photostudiogroup.com.

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Some agitation: Washer articles stir the pot

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

Here are just a few of the many e-mails I have received on the subject of today's washing machines. They are typical of the comments I receive in person. Patrick writes: "Can you recommend a reliable washing machine manufacturer that really washes clothes. I purchased a top loader a few years ago only to discover that its sole purpose is to be a federal government agency mirage. It doesn't clean but does knot and wrinkle everything. This is a fraud! How do they get away with it? These are Rube Goldberg machines that take an hour

to do nothing, but they sure do save water. Where are the class action lawsuits to sign up for?"

Mary writes: "Your recent article in the O&E newspaper was so informative! We are about to purchase a new washer and dryer but have some serious doubts about their quality. We have talked to salesmen in stores, and researched each machine online and we are more confused than ever. The dryers are so large now that we will have about 2 inches from the wall when the door to the dryer is open! You have written about the lack of water in the new washers. That scares me a lot. I don't have time to redo laundry that comes out of a washer still dirty. Also, one of the big things with the new washers is the locking lids! Whose 'not so bright' idea was that? I hope that my husband will be able to take that lock off the new washer."

Diane Armstrong, a noted author and columnist in Tim-

mins Ontario dedicated a whole column to the subject of clothes washers. She writes: "About ten years ago, the Green Movement came into being. We were told to cut back on water usage and electricity or natural gas. Why, in the interest of saving water and utilities, don't the manufacturers go back to the Suds Saver? They already have the blueprints. But this would be logical. Good Grief!! Consumers must buy and use a product to clean a machine whose initial purpose is to clean? What's wrong with this picture?"

Testing a product

A few columns back I informed you about this recent invention that mounts on the wall behind the washer where you hook up your cold water line. This product allows you to wash clothes with little or no soap and use only cold water. There is a whole video presentation on this product and if

you're interested you can go to greentechenv.com. I saw the video, didn't believe it but had one shipped to me. I have been washing clothes for two weeks now and that's a new venture in my life. I just can't believe it but it works. It's made washing clothes an experiment for me and the results give me the confidence to write about it. This may be the best invention since the microwave oven. I took a 6-year-old Carhart jacket that has never been washed and it came out clean as can be using no soap and only cold water.

I washed several other jackets and I was pleased. I took a green T-shirt and covered the backside with blueberry juice and mustard. I let that dry for 4 hours and then washed it with no soap and cold water. All that stuff just plain disappeared. I did about 10 of my own shorts and they came out clean, too. Not only that, but the clothes smell so good and fresh. Suffice it to say that this old guy

who is such a skeptic has been made a believer and it will take a team of horses to remove this from my home.

To my knowledge I don't know if there is anyone selling this product in the area and even if it was sold around here, this column cannot be used as an advertising format. I can tell you it will be soon available at retail locations in the appliance business. I expect this product can save between \$300-\$500 annually, depending on how many wash loads you do per week. Isn't it a shame that the appliance manufacturers couldn't build this product directly into the design of a new washing machine? I bet that sure would stop a lot of complaints from unhappy consumers.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appld@twm1.com.

Alternative yule fair offers gifts that change lives

If you're looking for holiday gifts that serve a dual purpose, head to the 12th annual Alternative Christmas Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

More than 40 organizations will sell items for gift-giving that also raise funds and awareness for non-profit charities,

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Winter coat drive is under way

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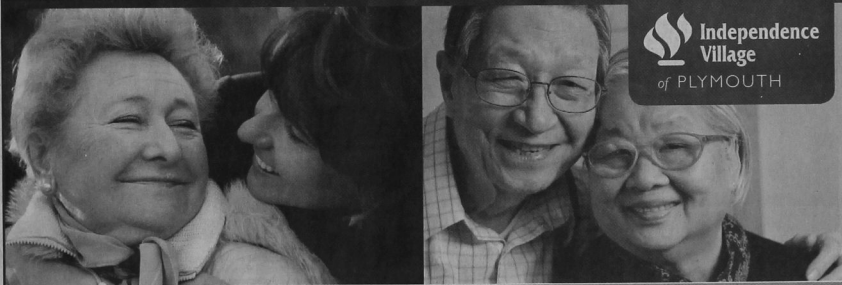


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Commission seeks brand designs, slogans

The Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage is accepting entries for a design and slogan contest, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP). Michigan residents may submit original designs with slogans that will aid in strengthening and clarifying the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage's brand identity as an arts organization.

Submissions must be original designs that should be immediately identifiable, compelling artistically, and appropriate for a wide range of applications, including possible use on letterhead, newsletters and website. Computer-generated and non-computer-generated artwork may be entered but must be submitted electronically at www.cantonfun.org. Only one entry per person will be accepted. The winning entry will receive a \$500 cash award, provided by Health Alliance Plan (HAP).

"This design and slogan contest gives

participants an opportunity to showcase their originality and creativity while promoting the arts," stated Sharon Dillenbeck, Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage chairperson.

"We're looking for a design and slogan that is concise, easy to remember, and serves to advocate the arts in the Canton community."

The Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage serves the Canton Community by leading efforts to foster cultural arts through progressive, innovative practices and planning, making the Commission a nationally recognized model for regional arts and heritage advocacy.

Contest deadline is 4 p.m., Nov. 30. Complete contest rules, entry forms and artwork submission are available online at www.cantonfun.org. For additional information, see the official contest rules online or e-mail to mfalzon@canton-mi.org.

Caregiver help is phone call away

The Alzheimer's Association, Senior Helpers and Botsford Commons Senior Community are launching a new, monthly telephone support group to help caregivers of individuals struggling with memory loss, Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

Beginning Nov. 6, the call-in support group will be held from noon-1 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. Experts from Senior Helpers and Botsford Commons will moderate the

group. The program is free, but callers must register in order to receive a dial-in number for each session.

The "lunch hour" time frame is intended to make the conference calls convenient for working caregivers. A different topic will be covered each month with time for questions and answers.

"Providing support for caregivers is key in helping to maintain healthy and nurturing relationships with

loved ones," stated Diane Zide, executive director of operations at Botsford Commons.

"We hope our community members will take advantage of this opportunity to receive important information, get answers to questions and share experiences."

To RSVP, call (248) 865-1000 or visit alz-dialin@seniorhelpers.com. Visit the Botsford Commons website at www.botsfordcommons.org.



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Richard Martinez and Scott Cosnowski from Redford worked together to plant trees at Redford's community garden took root.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Lisa Steinkopf, who is a houseplant guru from Steinkopf Nursery, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Senior Center, located at 5 Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Her presentation will focus on the care and cultivation of indoor houseplants, pests, diseases, soils and fertilization. Steinkopf is a certified indoor landscape technician, certified nursery-

man and a member of the Garden Writer's Association. Refreshments will be served; www.orgsites.com/livoniagardenclub.

English Gardens

• Santa arrives at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 and will be on hand for photos until 5 p.m. Free photos will be available or bring your own camera. The annual holiday open house will include caroling and refreshments.

• Third annual Ladies Night will run 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Royal Oak store and Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Ann Arbor store and will include music,

shopping, decorating advice from experts and displays of professionally-decorated trees. The event is free but registration is required. Register at www.englishgardens.com.

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

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Class of 1972 will celebrate its 40th reunion, Friday, Nov. 23 at the Marriott Hotel - Laurel Park, in Livonia and invites

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL

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30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsclubert@bcglobal.net.

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McCULLOUGH-ROZMAREK

Lesa Rozmarek and Brian McCullough wed Sept. 22, at The Whitney in Detroit, Michigan. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Leigh Greden, friend of the couple.

Lesa, formerly of Canton and MacLeith, is the daughter of Henry and Janet Rozmarek of Manistee. Brian is the son of Steven and Ann McCullough of Ft. Myers, Fla.

Melissa Gibson, served as a maid of honor. Bridal attendants included Julie

Milestones

Bonfiglio, Bradley Cambridge, and Levi Hillger. Mark McCullough, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsman attendants included Justin Schwinghamer, Werner Stocker, and Mike Dushane.

Lesa, who will keep her maiden name, graduated with a bachelor of science in architecture and a master of architecture from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. She also earned a master of science in archi-

ture from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. She is an architectural designer and historic preservation specialist with CWB Architects, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brian graduated with a bachelor of arts in English with a concentration in film from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. He is the CEO of ResumeWriting.com. He was also the founder of the job search start-ups, ResumeWriters.com and WhoToTalkTo.com.

A spring 2013 honeymoon is planned to visit Iceland and Norway. The couple currently resides in New York, N.Y.



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BUCHANAN, BERTHA RA.

Age 88, October 23, 2012, formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Lee. Loving mother of Regina (Steve) Dougan, Robert (Polly), Nancy (Ken) Mantay, Edward, Charles, Kathy (Ted) Dougan, Joe (Joel) Goudreau, and Darlene Horen. Dear sister of Billie Hillen. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. Visitation Thursday, 3-9 p.m. at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City where funeral services will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. Please see the on-line guestbook at www.rgharris.com

CAVES, ELIZABETH JANE

Age 99, of Belleville, died October 16, 2012 at Heartland Health Care Center University of Livonia. She was a member of Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. She was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed baking and spending time with her grandchildren. Survived by five children Barbara Jane (Larry) Atkin of Covington, VA, Mary Lou (Ken) Hazelwood of Dayton, OH, Susan (Mery) Auslunger of Holland, MI, Timothy Caves of Belleville, MI & Terry Jay (Kim) Caves of Plymouth, MI, 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Preceded by her husband of over 73 years, Thomas Caves, Jr., August 13, 1938. Burial at Oak Hill Cemetery. Services were October 19, 2012 at Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. Interment at the Church of Christ in Livonia. Angela Hospice assisted.

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LOTT, JEANNE MARIE

Jeanne Marie (Emma) was the youngest of four children born August 19, 1928 to Emma Nellie Hampton Loftis and Latta Conway "Tub" Loftis. Emma and Latta met while Jeanne was in high school. Her siblings were Marianna (Nan), Richard (Dick), John (Jack), Jeanne was born in Detroit, MI and raised in Dearborn, MI. Jeanne graduated from Dearborn High School in 1946 where she was the first cheerleader. Jeanne loved life and loved to learn, read, played the piano, sang, danced, was a beautician and painter, liked sewing, gardening, lawn and airplane and sailed. Jeanne loved people and was a Christian. She volunteered as a secretary at the board office. Jeanne married Donald Eugene Miller they have three children MaryEllen Sanok (Rick), Ron, Donald "Gus" Stazak (Tom), three grandchildren, Joe Christina Sanok-Great Grand Daughter Lucia, Peter Sanok, and Nicole Pottinger (Kevin). Don and Jeanne designed and built two homes for the family in Livonia, MI and Dearborn, MI. Don and Jeanne designed and built two homes for the family in Livonia, MI. Jeanne changed her name to Jeanne Marie Long, June 16, 2012 she died after a long illness. We miss her and also know she is living in Heaven. We love our dear sweet Mom to much.

RILEY, THOMAS B.

October 23, 2012, of Mt. Airy and Germantown. Tom passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family. He was born in Royal Oak, Michigan and graduated from George A. Dendrinos H.S. in Royal Oak. Tom was a loving father and an active member of his community. He is survived by a son, Thomas (Andrea), two daughters, Andrea and Elise, two parents, Francis and Patricia, and three siblings, Timothy, Paul (Buron) (Rick) (Nashan) (Julie), David Cavanaugh (Shawn) and Nicholas Cavanaugh (Kevin). Also survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Tom was preceded in death by his brother Andrew. A Memorial Meeting for Worship was held for him on Thursday, October 25, 7pm at Germantown Monthly Meeting, 47 W. Coulter St., Phila, PA 19144. McVane F.H. 215-844-0222

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LUTE, WILLIAM S.

Age 87, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2012 at his home in Livonia, right next door to where he was born on April 3, 1925, son of Charles and Bertha (nee Christ) Lute. He was united in marriage to Mary Rose Lute on September 1, 1951, and they spent 60 loving years together. William grew up on a farm in Livonia and later worked as a Heavy Machine Operator for Superior Products in Taylor. He is described by his family as a simple farmer, who was born 100 years too late. He was a passionate collector of anything that had to do with farm life, including a huge collection of antique John Deere Tractors from the 1930's, one of the largest collections in the state of horse drawn vehicles, as well as hand tools, traps, washing machines, and lanterns. Many of his treasures were found at the farm auctions he frequented on the weekends.

William was a volunteer with Greenfield Historical Park in Livonia, where he operated some of the antique equipment he donated and advised the Livonia Historical Commission on the history of Livonia. He also volunteered with Henry Ford Village during Harvest Festival. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary Rose Lute, his daughters, Cathy (Edward) Klockner, Debbie (Robert) Shaw, and Peggi (Anthony) Ignagni, his siblings, Celesta Van Hellemont, Donald (Agnie) Lute, Bernice (Otha) Baggett, and Alice (Frank) Caldwell, his grandchildren, Sean, Ian, Halle, Dawn (Jason), Brantley, Nicholas, Vincenzo, Blaise, and Noelle; and his great grandchildren, Makenna, Breille, and Greisha. He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers and sisters. The funeral service will be held Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at The Newburgh Church of Jesus Christ, 2000 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48152. Mr. Lute will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery, PO Box 27718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or Livonia Historical Commission, 2000 Newburgh Rd. Arrangements entrusted to Catherine Funeral Home of Northville.

MIELKE, DONALD L.

October 23, 2012. Loving husband of the late Debra. Beloved father of Bruce (Jennifer), and Janet (Stephen) Pinkham. Proud grandfather of Matthew (Angela), Andrew (Hannah) Mielke, and Alyssa Pinkham. Member of the Telephone Pioneers Society, PO Box 27718, Livonia, MI 48152. To share a memory, please visit vermueldefuneralhome.com

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MILLER (nee HYDE), MARGARET

July 14, 1922 - Sept. 12, 2012. Wife of the late Joe Miller, mother of Mary Miller (Mike Swallow), Barbara Staniszewski (Garry), Katherine Miller (Jim Stiff), and Ann Anderson (Gary). Grandmother of Katherine, Daniel (Lauren), Samantha, Monika, and Kalena. Sister of the late James Hyde and the late John Hyde. Former editor, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. Memorial service to take place Sunday, October 28, 4 PM, Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia.

PAUL, WILLIAM ROBERT "BOB"

Age 85, of Livonia, retired Ford Motor Co. employee, died October 20, 2012. He is the dear father of Rick (Lynn), John (Linda) and Lee (Jamie), god grandfather of Christopher, Alexander, Michael, Stephanie, and Justin. Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bernice. Funeral Service Wednesday, October 24, 10 a.m. at the Honey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (Rw. 9-10) E. Rd.s, just N. of Grand River, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Tuesday, 2-8 p.m. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice, honey-sundquist.org

SELLMAN, BERNARD L.

Age 84, Kalamazoo, MI. Passed away early in the morning of Monday, October 22, 2012 at Tendencie in Kalamazoo, MI. Barney was born January 9, 1928 in Detroit, MI. He was the late of Tendencie in Kalamazoo, MI. Barney was married to Maybelle (Humpert) Sellman. After graduating from St. Leo's High School in Detroit, he went on to serve his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. Barney's passions were gardening and wood working and he also enjoyed sports, especially his Detroit Tigers. Above all else he loved spending time with his family. On January 21, 1956 in Detroit, Barney was united in marriage to his loving and devoted wife of 56 years, Carolyn (Ridley) Sellman. They had four children, John (Linda) Sellman, Jeanne (Jim) Sellman, and John (Dawn) Sellman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maybelle. He was preceded in death by 3 siblings, Mr. Geraldine, Fran & Delmar. Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. Family will receive friends from Saturday (11/3) from 12-1 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church (new location, 412 Cedar St., Paw Paw), where a memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church (P.O. Box 307, Paw Paw, MI 49079) or Eleanore (P.O. Box 64, Paw Paw, MI 49079) Arrangements will be by Adornments Funeral Home, a memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church (P.O. Box 307, Paw Paw, MI 49079) or Eleanore (P.O. Box 64, Paw Paw, MI 49079) Arrangements will be by Adornments Funeral Home, a memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church (P.O. Box 307, Paw Paw, MI 49079) or Eleanore (P.O. 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U-M research looks at obesity, weight loss

Joint research between the University of Michigan and the Argentina-based National Council of Science and Technology (CONICET) has shed light on one of the most frustrating mysteries of weight loss — why the weight inevitably comes back.

Research using mice showed that the longer rodents remained overweight, the more “irreversible” obesity became.

Over time, the static, obese state of the mice reset the “normal,” body weight set point to become permanently elevated, despite dieting that initially worked to shed pounds.

“Our model demonstrates that obesity is in part a self-perpetuating disorder and the results further emphasize the importance of early intervention in childhood to try to prevent the condition whose effects can last a lifetime,” stated Malcolm J. Low, M.D., Ph.D., professor of molecular and integrative physiology and internal medicine. “Our new animal model will be useful in pinpointing the reasons why most adults find it exceedingly difficult to maintain meaningful weight loss from dieting and exercise alone.”

The lead author of the study was Viviana F. Bumaschny, M.D., assistant investigator of CONICET.

Obesity affects more than 500 million adults and 43 million children younger than age 5, while related illnesses are the leading preventable cause of death.

Individuals who are overweight have a much higher risk of type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases.

The research used a new model of obesity-programmed mice that allowed weight loss success to be



tracked at different stages and ages by flipping a genetic switch that controls hunger.

Turning on the switch right after weaning prevented the mice from overeating and ever becoming obese. Mice that remained at a healthy weight into young adulthood by strict dieting alone were able to maintain normal weight without dieting after turning on the switch. However, chronically overfed mice with the earliest onset of obesity never completely returned to normal weight after flipping the switch, despite eating less

and increasing activity.

The new findings may raise questions about the long-term success rate of severe calorie restriction and strenuous exercise used later in life to lose weight.

“Somewhere along the way, if obesity is allowed to continue, the body appears to flip a switch that reprograms to a heavier set weight,” Low said. “The exact mechanisms that cause this shift are still unknown and require much further study that will help us better understand why the regaining of weight seems almost unavoidable.”



The Salem Rocks varsity volleyball team sports pink shirts and socks while raising funds to pay for mammograms for women in the Canton area. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month wraps up Oct. 31.

Students raise funds for mammograms

The Salem Rocks varsity volleyball team looked pretty in pink when it recently took on the Wayne Memorial Zebras.

Students were decked out in pink socks, pink shoelaces, pink headbands — even a pink volleyball — as they took part in their first “Digging for a Cure” fundraiser to generate donations and raise awareness of breast cancer.

The team sold T-shirts before the game and donated money from the concession stand for the cause. Students raised more than \$700 which will be donated to Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. to provide free mammograms to uninsured or under-insured women in the Canton area.

“I wanted to make sure the money stayed in the community,” said Lynn Dworzanin, president of the volleyball booster club. A breast cancer survivor, she helped coordinate the fundraiser.

Dworzanin, whose daughter, Abigail, is a senior on the Rocks’ varsity squad, was diagnosed during a routine screening in February and said she understands the value of catching the disease early.

“I was forever grateful that it was caught early; I was very fortunate,” she said. “Breast cancer screening is so important. It’s critical to diagnose it early.”

An early detection leads to faster treatment and quicker recovery times and, ultimately, a better outcome. About 90 percent of women who are diagnosed with the disease are still living cancer free five years after their treatment.

“The goal is to catch it early, before you can feel it,” said Majd Aburabia, MD, an Oakwood-affiliated surgeon specializing in breast care.

Dworzanin said the event received such positive feedback that the students hope to build on it next year.

“We’ll continue this tradition for the next several years,” she said. “It’s not going to just be a one-time thing.”

Nancy Gray, administrator of women’s health services for Oakwood, said she was impressed with the thoughtfulness of the students and appreciative of the donation.

“It is great to see young people so active and engaged in this important issue,” she said. “We’d like to extend our thanks to everyone involved. This could help save lives.”



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Choosing a nursing career is fulfilling

If you are searching for a career that offers many opportunities, take a close look at the nursing profession. Nursing is projected to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2020, as reported in the 2012 Occupational Outlook Handbook, from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The BLS attributes this expansion to technological advances and greater awareness of preventive care, in addition to the rising health care demands of the aging baby boomer population. A degree in nursing offers more options than you may think. Wendi Jakubiak, registered nurse and program administrator for Academic Affairs at Brown Mackie College - Oklahoma City, offers insight into the professional options available.

Jakubiak worked as a nurse for 25 years before becoming a certified nurse educator. "I have watched changes happen over the years. Nurses are more involved than taking vital signs, giving medications and bathing patients."

A more team-oriented approach has evolved in hospitals, says Jakubiak. "Nurses don't simply follow doctors' orders. Critical thinking skills are required. Their patient loads are bigger, and patients are more complicated now."

Idiosyncrasies occur in the care of individual patients. All members of the medical team rely on one another. "Nurses must be able to work through problems that don't have a recipe solution," Jakubiak adds. "If a life-



threatening problem occurs, the nurse must take action within their scope of practice to save a patient. Nurses must have the ability to think on their feet and assure patient safety." Nurses often go the extra mile to help their patients.

Many people, especially the elderly, are reluctant to take a medicine prescribed by a doctor other than their regular doctor. "I often call a patient's regular doctor to explain this type of obstruction to the patient's current health care needs," Jakubiak says. "Usually a word from that trusted source will help the patient comply. There are a lot of things a nurse can do other than work at a hospital," Jakubiak says. "Not all aspects of nursing require physical, hands-on care."

One employment option, which appeals to those who don't necessarily want to touch every patient phys-

cally, is to become a case manager or care coordinator. This position involves managing outpatient care to make sure needs are met and health is maintained when a patient leaves a medical facility. The home health care coordinator's job is broadly based on patient education. Good health assessment skills and good nursing skills are necessary elements of care. These skills, plus teaching skills, help keep the patient as independent as possible. The care coordinator's position at an insurance company is similar to one employed by a hospital. "They work with an eye toward keeping treatment aspects in line with guidelines," says Jakubiak. "A knowledge base is essential to perform the job. One must be able to be a manager, have a broad understanding of the body and a scientific background."

Education is another option for those with a nursing

degree. A shortage of nurses, widely reported since 1998, has abated somewhat, due to a large number of nurses delaying retirement in a down economy, according to a recent report by Bloomberg. As the economy improves, another shortage of nurses is anticipated.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, enrollment in entry-level baccalaureate nursing programs increased 5.1 percent in 2011. "I literally run into people who remember me taking care of them 20 years ago. They often stop me to say, 'Thank you,'" Jakubiak says. "The profession can be what you make it. We have the ability as nurses to show compassion and caring - on top of all the technological stuff - to impact someone's life when they are most vulnerable. This opportunity is a huge gift to make a positive impact."

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Accounting Clerk
Growing multi-company manufacturer/wholesaler looking for accounting clerk. Must have 5 years experience, preferably in a small office. Must have QuickBooks experience, must be able to problem solve, work independently, processing vendor invoices, customer invoicing and collection calls. Great opportunity for the right person. Fair resume to: 734-338-7282

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Westland, Michigan. A rehabilitation Center, a leader in providing, consistent, professional service, has an immediate opening for a Rehabilitation Assistant. FT position w/ flexible hrs. A some weekends (not required). Must be reliable, exp & some computer knowledge helpful. Email resume to: info@angels-hospice.org

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Help Wanted - General

DIRECT CARE
If you have a caring heart and love to work with people who need your help, we may be the one for you. CLS trained is preferred but we will train the right person. Must be flexible and have a 5.0 diploma or equivalent. Good driving record required. Must be past criminal history background check and drug screen. Starting wage is \$7.81. CLS trained starting wage \$7.86. Interested parties may contact Debbie, Mon-Fri, 10a-5p ONLY at: 734-341-1628

DIRECT CARE STAFF
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DIRECT CARE WORKER
PT position in a home care setting. Must be clean driving record. Starting \$7.01/hr. 734-341-1628

DRIVEN/ STOP PERSON
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Heavy Truck Mechanic
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HOUSEKEEPING/ JANITORIAL
at retirement community in Westland. Apply to: 31701.Jay.R.E.O.E

Contract Management Services
Company has immediate openings for both full and part time staff at a Detroit College. Experience a must. Must be able to work evenings and weekends. Email resume to: info@contractmanagement.com

HVAC Service Tech
For residential service. Must be a "Musty" a commitment. Licensed dealer - Livonia 734-521-1800

PERSONAL CARE ASSOCIATES
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