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## Discovery exhibit

The William P. Faust Public Library is hosting a Teacher's Discovery Traveling Exhibit, featuring the American Civil War, during the week of Nov. 8-12. Filled with stories, letters and amazing photographs, the Civil War exhibit is a thought-provoking and beautiful homage during the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War.

The opening gala is 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. After the reception, the library will hold a showing and discussion of the Civil War epic, *Gettysburg* (PG-13), hosted by local historian and teacher, Jeff Koslowski (Part I on Nov. 8, Part II on Nov. 10). The public is invited to attend the exhibit and movie.

## Photo contest

There's still time for ghosts, goblins, witches and warlocks to participate in our second annual Halloween photo contest. Last year's winner, Just visit our website, Hometownlife.com. Prizes include free Buddy's pizza and tickets to Imagine theatres.

To enter, go to the Don't Miss module on our home page or visit us on Facebook. You can vote once a day and encourage your friends to vote too. The contest ends Nov. 8, so you'll have plenty of time to share photos from Halloween night, and compete for prizes via Facebook.

## UM tickets

Michigan Wolverine fans who always wanted to see a game at the Big House but couldn't get tickets now have a chance. Our website, Hometownlife.com, is giving away two prime tickets to the Nov. 19 game against the Nebraska Cornhuskers through a special Facebook promotion.

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# 3 ex-library employees return to work

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Two of three former employees involved in pending labor litigation returned to work Monday at Westland's William P. Faust Public Library.

A return date has been scheduled for the third employee as the library board moves to minimize the potential finan-

cial damage from a Michigan Employment Relations Commission lawsuit that is awaiting a decision from an administrative law judge.

"The employees are returning to work. It has nothing to do with the previous time period, back pay or anything," library board President Mark Neal said. "There is still a legal case. We're not

looking at more back pay. Financially, it can't get worse than it was (before the workers returned to work)."

The lawsuit was filed by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 25 charging the three employees — librarians Deborah Cooper and Lisa Hausman and maintenance staffer

Edward Rybski Jr. — lost their jobs in retaliation for protected union organizing activities. Cooper and Rybski are back working at the library, while Hausman, who is currently interim Garden City Library director, has a Dec. 1 return date scheduled.

"For the good of the library and citizens, it is best to bring this to

an end. Talking with our attorney, this could take seven years," Neal said. "It has been two years and it could be another year for a decision. Either side could appeal the decision and that could take two or three years."

Depending how long it took to finally resolve the litigation and situation

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# Senate adds teeth to TIGER

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Amid strong, bipartisan lobbying by local and regional officials, the Senate Transportation Committee capped a visit Tuesday night to Canton by approving a pair of resolutions imploring federal authorities to provide \$20.3 million to improve the traffic-snarled I-275/Ford Road area.

In another boost to a nine-year battle to revamp the beleaguered interchange, Michigan Department of Transportation officials indicated the state will support efforts by Canton to secure federal dollars from a third-round grant program dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

Canton, publicly backed Tuesday by leaders from neighboring communities such as Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville Township and Wayne, made an impassioned plea for help by portraying Ford Road as among Michigan's most accident-prone thoroughfares.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy described himself as "cautiously optimistic" after the Senate Transportation Committee concluded a three-hour public hearing attended



Senators Tom Casperson (right) and Geoff Hansen listen to the Ford Road issues.

by an estimated 125-150 people inside Summit on the Park.

"I believe they heard the message," LaJoy said.

## Message ignored

It's a message he and others implied has been largely ignored by the state even though a consultant hired by MDOT in 2006 suggested a three-pronged effort to ease traffic congestion:

- Install a new ramp, or slip, allowing motor-

ists exiting southbound I-275 to access northbound Haggerty without traveling on Ford.

- Install another ramp to allow drivers on the same exit to access southbound Haggerty, also without using Ford.

- Build a service drive along the east side of I-275 from Cherry Hill Road — one that would allow motorists to drive past Ford and merge onto the interstate.

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Westland Mayor William Wild and State Rep. Richard LeBlanc testify before the Senate Transportation Committee.

# Teens face charges after prank ends in injury

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland girl was seriously injured and three other teens are facing charges after a prank at a home went wrong.

Around midnight Oct. 21, three 16-year-old girls went to a home in the 400 block of Barchester, south of Cherry Hill and west of John Hix, and began draping toilet paper around the property, Westland police Officer Matt Bobby said. The girls also sprayed shaving cream.

At some point, the intended victim of the vandalism, also 16, noticed the other three girls outside. The girl came outside, joined by a friend, 15, who was visiting, to confront the other three girls, according to police.

"The three girls were having a dispute over a boy with the girl who lives at the home," Bobby said. "The three girls got into the car to flee and one girl tried to stop them."

The 15-year-old girl got on the hood of the car as it was driving away, he said, holding on to the top of the hood and the windshield wipers. The car drove around several blocks in the subdivision before the 15-year-old fell off the vehicle and suffered a fractured skull.

"When she fell off the car, they (the three girls in the car) said she was moving, so they thought she was OK," Bobby said. "The other girl (the resident) saw the car leaving the subdivision without

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# 1 write-in candidate in LPS election

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

No write-in candidates have joined the race to fill four seats on the Westland council during the Nov. 8 election.

However, Westland residents who live in the Livonia Public Schools District will have one write-in candidate seeking a partial term on the board of education.

The deadline to file an affidavit to run for as a write-in candidate on the Nov. 8 ballot was Friday. Under state law, only candidates who file the affidavit are eligible to receive votes.

"When ballots are fed into the tabulator, all of the write-ins (ballots) fall to the right side of the bin. The election workers pull them out and count the write-ins throughout the day," said Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof. "We



count it only if an affidavit has been filed. If the affidavit isn't filed, it's like they didn't vote."

In the Westland council race, voters will fill four council seats — the top three vote-getters earning four-year terms while the fourth place candidate receives a two-year term — from among seven candidates.

Incumbent James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Michael Kehrer are seeking reelection. First-time candidates in the race are Richard Ciaramitaro, Kevin Coleman and Peter Herzberg.

The city's only elected clerk, Schoof is seeking her third four-year term without opposition.

Voters in the Livonia school district are filling three board of education seats. Four candidates are seeking to win two four-year terms on the board — incumbent Lynda Scheel, Dianna Laura, Eileen McDonnell and Lee Yesh.

Incumbent board member Randy Roulier is the only candidate who will appear on the ballot running for a two-year partial term. Lloyd Romick, a frequent school board critic, is running as a write-in candidate for the two-year term having filed the affidavit.

Roulier was appointed to the board in February to replace Trustee Dan Lessard, who resigned.

The clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to issue and accept absentee ballots for the election.

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### Candy screening program draws dozens

Sixty residents took advantage of 12th annual candy screening Halloween night at Westland's 18th District Court. The program, which began in 1999, allowed parents and children to bring their candy to the court and

have it pass through the metal detector and then hand checked for any opened or tampered packaging. The program was monitored by court security staff with the assistance of the Westland Police Explorers program.

There were no reported problems. The one interesting item found was a jar of peanut butter in a trick-or-treater's bag. Court security also found that Snickers and Kit-Kat bars remain the most handed out treat.

### LIBRARY

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of the individual workers, Neal said the lawsuit could put the library at risk for more than a \$1 million liability. It's unclear what the library's liability could be, but that number would stop growing when the three workers are back on staff.

"We're trying to stay afloat and this had a chance of shutting the library down," Neal said. "These people had good work records. They seemed to be good workers. We can stop the bleeding. It seemed to be a good thing to do."

AFSCME's complaint before MERC also charges that the organizing effort, which was not successful, had been illegally interfered with, specifically by then-library Director Cheryl Napsha, who left the post nearly a year ago.

"Cheryl Napsha violated several labor laws in the process of the (union organizing) election. You can't threaten employees or pull them into a one-on-one meetings," said James

Neblett, director of organizing for AFSCME Council 25.

When there is an organizing effort, Neblett said both sides have legal obligations on how they conduct themselves.

"I can't go to the library and disrupt their operations," he said, adding it was his impression that Napsha had been directed to contact employees regarding the organizing. The complaint filed with MERC attached letters signed by Napsha sent to employees at their homes, informing them they would lose pay and benefits if they agreed to organize.

"The union vote and everything got mixed up with other issues. Once I heard about the letters — they gave the impression to the employees that they would lose everything if they voted for the union," said Neal, a former Westland firefighters union official. "I think we have some culpability on the board and administrative side. We needed to end the bleeding."

Regarding the three individual employees, two of whom were fired and one who had scheduled working hours reduced to

zero, Neblett said the goal is for the workers to be made whole.

"That means returning them to the status they had before the firing," said Neblett, adding that could mean lost wages for periods of unemployment, the difference between their previous wages and any work they did in the interim and medical expenses, if they had no insurance.

Neblett described the reasons for terminating the three employees as flimsy, based on trial testimony from Napsha.

When a ruling on the lawsuit is issued, the judge has several options, including ordering another election on union representation. As far as the current library board is concerned, whether to unionize is strictly up to the library employees, something that won't be a problem however it turns out, Neal said.

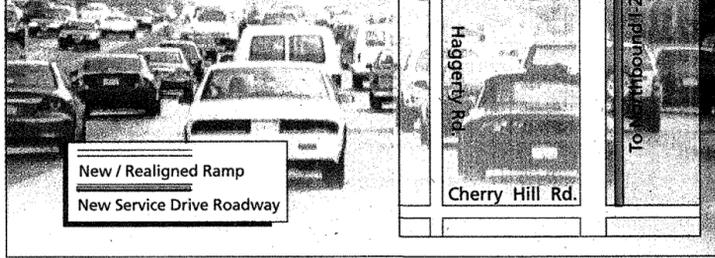
"This case is unprecedented in length and the number of days of hearings. It's all new territory," Neblett said when asked if he expected a ruling.

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### TIGER

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Canton has twice been rejected for a TIGER grant, and MDOT came under fire Tuesday amid accusations state officials haven't strongly fought for it. But MDOT officials Tony Kratofil, metro region engineer, and Kelly Bartlett, governmental affairs office director, indicated the state will join the push for the third-round grant.

"MDOT supports this TIGER grant," Kratofil said.

#### Needing support

Bartlett pledged he will relay to state Transportation Director Kirk Steudle the contents of Tuesday's hearing. Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, said the latest TIGER proposal needs strong support from Lansing.

"We need the director (Steudle) to pick the phone up and say (to federal authorities) that this is a priority," Casperson said. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, appeared encouraged after the Senate panel voted 5-0 Tuesday to approve two separate pro-TIGER resolutions he introduced — one which he said could go to Washington, D.C., within days and another that still needs a state House vote.

"It's a major safety issue," Colbeck said during the hearing. Project supporters say

the federal grant would improve traffic flow, ease traffic hazards and generate as much as \$45 million for the local economy.

#### Local voices

Among the highlights of Tuesday's hearing:

- LaJoy questioned why the project "was not on anyone's radar" despite the earlier MDOT study that cost \$450,000. Traffic congestion has skyrocketed since I-275 was built in the mid-1970s.

- Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the stretch of Ford Road from Canton Center to the Westland city limit had 2,411 accidents during the last six years — with 815 of those occurring between Haggerty and Lilley. Moreover, he said fixing the I-275 interchange would be far less costly than a new \$200 million interchange at Cherry Hill or Warren.

- Westland Mayor William Wild called the project critical for drivers trying to reach destinations such as the Westland Shopping Center, the new MJR Theaters complex on Wayne Road and the city's industrial parks. Appearing with state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, Wild lobbied for the project and said anyone "who travels the logjam that is Ford Road depends on it."

- Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, approaching the speaker table with Northville Township Supervisor Chip Snider and Wayne Mayor Al

Haidous, drew laughs when he called Livonia "a suburb of Canton." More seriously, he said motorists need the ability to move among neighboring communities without "a horrific problem" of traffic-snarled roads that threaten their safety.

- Bryce Kelley, interim project manager for the Aerotropolis Development Corp., said hoped-for development centered on Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports will spill over to communities such as Canton, creating an even bigger need for better roads.

- State Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, jointly addressed the Senate panel, with Heise calling the I-275 corridor "the economic backbone" of western Wayne County.

- Kratofil, MDOT's region engineer, said the state has tried to fix roads within severe budget constraints. He said officials have tried to maintain what already is built rather than pay for costly new projects, though he said Canton has received help with certain intersection improvements.

Moreover, Kratofil said officials need to face difficult decisions, such as weighing a fuel tax increase, if roads are to get the attention they need. Colbeck, however, said he believes gains can be made without higher taxes by prioritizing spending.

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her friend on the hood, so she got in her car and went looking for her."

The 15-year-old was found several blocks away from the home on Barchester laying unconscious in the street and bleeding profusely from a fractured skull, Bobby said.

"She (the 16-year-old

friend) thought she was dead. She got the 15-year-old up and into her car, she drove her (the 15-year-old) to her home. Her mother called 9-1-1," Bobby said.

The 15-year-old was treated at the scene and transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital by Westland Fire Rescue, then later transferred to Children's Hospital.

"She didn't want to go the hospital and was combative. She has staples

and a four-inch fracture. Her brain went forward on the impact and she has a brain bleed the hospital was having trouble controlling," Bobby said. "It's a miracle she's alive. She has lost her sense of smell. Monday (Oct. 31) was her first day back at school."

All of the girls are students at Westland John Glenn High School and at one time were friends, Bobby said.

At the request of the homeowner, the two passengers in the car have been charged with littering, he said. One girl returned and cleaned up the mess, he added.

A juvenile petition seeking charges against the driver has been filed with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"No one had the intent to hurt this girl, they wanted her off the car. It was bad that they never called the police or went to check on her," Bobby said.

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## WESTLAND

### Computer among items taken from storage unit

#### Larceny

On Oct. 31, a resident in the 7200 block of Farmington Road told police that someone had stolen a 6-foot by 10-foot black and wooden trailer. The owner said the lock had been cut to steal the trailer, valued at \$1,500.

#### Larceny

A Dearborn Heights woman told police Oct. 31 that someone cut the lock off her storage unit at Storage Pros Self Storage, 29180 Van Born. Reported missing were a computer, a duffle bag containing hair styling gear and SCUBA diving equipment valued at \$5,600. The woman said she had last been at the storage unit on July 28.

#### Break-in

Just before 4:30 a.m. Oct. 27, police responded to an alarm call at SNM Market, 34243 Palmer. Officers reported finding the front door had been pried open and the glass was broken. An interior gate prevented entry into the business.

#### Vandalism

A Pinckney man told

Oct. 24 police that a home he owns in the 32000 block of Avondale has been renovated in preparation for being sold. When he arrived at the home, he said the front entry door of the garage was kicked in and a kitchen window had been smashed out. Nothing was missing from the garage and no entry had been made to the home.

The owner told police he thought a disgruntled contractor might be responsible for the damage. He said the man did not complete the work and was angry when the homeowner refused to pay him.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

On Oct. 26, a resident in the 36000 block of Manila told police that someone took a portable tool kit and his cell phone from the bed of his pickup truck. He said he began looking around and located his cell phone, broken in half, under the window of a neighboring home.

By LeAnne Rogers

## GARDEN CITY

### Resident reports broken window pane

#### Broken windows

A resident in the 27700 block of Cherry Hill on Oct. 31 reported that a pane of glass, valued at \$100, had been damaged by a small rock that had apparently been thrown. The victim told police she had no idea who the culprit might be but that the very same thing had happened exactly one year ago.

• A resident in the 33700 block of Donnelly called police Oct. 31 after discovering someone damaged two windows of the home with a projectile. The homeowner told police the incident occurred sometime in the last 24 hours and estimated the damage at \$700.

#### Stolen vehicles

Employees at Auto One, 30639 Ford, told police someone stole the company's red 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck from the lot of the business Oct. 31. All keys were accounted for and no broken glass was found at the scene. The truck, valued at \$2500, was entered into the police international database.

#### Vandalism

A 2007 Kia parked on the street in the area of Leona and Moeller on Oct. 31 was damaged when a projectile shattered the rear window. There were no suspects and the vehicle owner estimated damage at \$400. Nothing was taken from the car.

• A resident in the 31900 block of Barton called police Oct. 31 after discovering the

back window smashed and a tire slashed on his van. The victim said the event occurred overnight and estimated damage at \$400.

#### Retail fraud

Police are looking for a woman who allegedly grabbed a case of beer from 7-Eleven at 28205 Ford Road and fled the store without paying. Witnesses provided a description of the vehicle and police plan to review a videotape of the incident.

#### Larceny from vehicle

A resident in the 28900 block of Balmoral reported to police her purse and contents, including credit cards, personal documents and a digital camera, were stolen from her unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the street Oct. 30. There were no suspects, and the victim cancelled all her bank cards.

#### Warrant arrest

A 17-year-old Canton man was reportedly arrested near Cambridge High School on an outstanding felony warrant for criminal sexual conduct when an officer stopped to interview the man and his female companion Oct. 30 after suspecting narcotic activity, police said. The man was taken into custody and turned over to Canton Police.

#### Retail fraud

A 59-year-old Dearborn Heights man was arrested Oct. 30 after allegedly stealing a bottle of Jes-

sica Simpson perfume, valued at \$19.99, from K-Mart, 29600 Ford. Officers responded to a call from Kmart loss prevention officers who had the man in custody. The suspect was transported to Garden City PD where he was processed, cited for retail fraud, and released to appear in court later. The perfume was recovered.

#### Attempted break-in

A resident in the 28400 block of Marquette called police Oct. 30 after discovering a screen had been removed from her home and two handprints were visible on the interior glass. Investigators recovered the prints and submitted them for forensic examination. The victim had no suspects, but a neighbor reported hearing an unusual noise at about 6 a.m.

#### Vandalism

The driver's side mirror was reportedly broken off a 2009 Chevy Cobalt while parked overnight Oct. 30 on the street in the 29600 block of James. There were no suspects reported and damage was estimated at \$350.

• A vehicle owner in the 6400 block of Gilman reported the driver's side mirror of her 2004 Mercury was broken off while her car was parked in the street in front of her home Oct. 30. Damage was estimated at \$300.

• The owner of a 2001 Oldsmobile called police

after discovering the driver's side mirror had been broken off during the overnight hours of Oct. 30. The damage, estimated at \$100, occurred while the vehicle was parked in the street in the 6000 block of Harrison.

#### Drunken driving

A 35-year-old Garden City man was arrested for operating while intoxicated after he allegedly rear-ended another vehicle while in the drive-thru lane at Taco Bell, 28893 Ford, on Oct. 30.

When officers arrived to investigate the accident, they reportedly observed signs of intoxication. Field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test were administered and the man was taken into custody. He was also found to be wanted on a warrant from Hazel Park and he was driving on a suspended license, police said.

The man was lodged at the police station, pending a felony charge as a three-time offender, police said.

Approximately two hours later, a 23-year-old Westland man was arrested for allegedly operating while intoxicated after patrons at Taco Bell reported a man slumped over the wheel in the drive-thru lane. The driver struggled with police officers who arrived to investigate and was taken into custody for drunk driving, resisting an officer, driving on a suspended license and possession of marijuana, police said.

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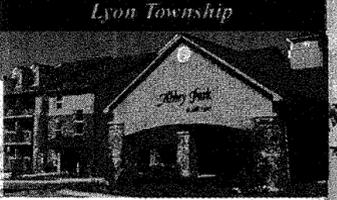
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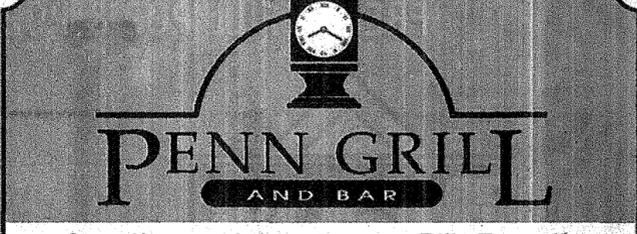
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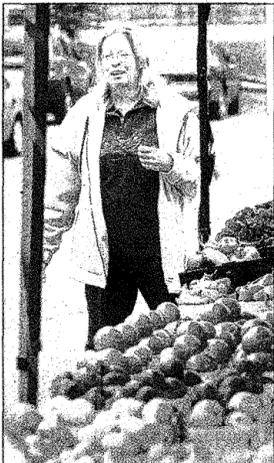


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# Farmers find Westland folks 'genuine' and 'caring'



Shelley Arreola of Westland had just discovered the farmers market a week before it closed, thanks to a neighbor.

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The Westland Farmers Market may be closed for the season, but the vendors who were there week in and week out are already making plans for 2012.

"Westland and Allen Park are the best markets," said Tish Branham of Scott-Tish Bee Honey and caring. "They have the nicest people here. They're down to earth and caring. They're the kind of people you want to know and bring into your home."

The market season ended last week and despite gloomy weather, shoppers were out taking advantage of the fresh produce, breads and popcorn being sold by vendors.

Branham, a Livonia resident, was marketing her all-natural honey products, including jars of bee pollen.

"My whole goal here is to make people healthy," said Branham, offering samples of her honey products. "Everything I do is about health not about flavor. Each type of honey does something different for your health."



Tina DeWulf of DeWulf Farms puts out more of the squash that was brought to the market for the final day.

Branham's booth was next to Vic the Breadman where Nancy Clapham was helping Elaine Cockrum of Westland with her bread selections. She pointed to Branham as the reason the Breadman was at this year's farmers market.

"This is a very nice market, people here are very genuine," she said. "We've been coming almost since it opened."

Westland is the farthest west the Breadman strays from the Royal Oak Farmers Market which is open year-round. For the final market day, there was a variety of breads, including cinnamon raisin with and without glaze, and cornbread pizza and cornbread pizza crusts for the gluten intolerant.

"I come every week to get bread. I like the bread," said Cockrum. "My favorite is the onion rye."

Bill Besso has been serving up his barbecued pulled pork

sandwiches, chicken and baby back ribs to shoppers. Foot traffic picked up at the market as people discovered its new location, he said. For the first year, the farmers market was set up in the parking lot of Westland Shopping Center.

"It's taken time for people to find us," he said. "It's progressively got better. I've got a steady clientele or I get people who see the barbecue sign from Ford Road and come in. I think I'll be here next year."

Shirley Arreola was a late comer to the market. She discovered it when she came to the market with her neighbor the week before it closed.

"I would come if it was open next week," she said. "I bought squash, cabbage, tomatoes. Everything is huge here."

That was certainly the case at the DeWulf Farms booth. Cabbage and cauliflower that were the size of soccer balls, shared the tables with toma-

atoes that had been picked a week earlier and kept to ripen for the market.

"They've been stored, but there not as pretty as they were earlier," said Tina DeWulf who was at the market with her father Tim DeWulf.

She offered shoppers cupcakes her daughter Amanda Potter had made. They were decorated with crushed cookies, made to look like dirt, and carrots and cabbage.

"Business has been pretty steady as more people learn about us," said DeWulf who admitted that this is her favorite time of the year. "I love cooking stuffed cabbage and squash."

Bob Beaudette had plenty of corn — popcorn — to sell. President of Kettle Corn of Michigan Inc., he does 14 farmers markets as well as the popcorn at Greenfield Village where someone mentioned how good it was and suggest-

ed he sell it at the Westland Farmers Market.

"The people in Westland support their market," he said.

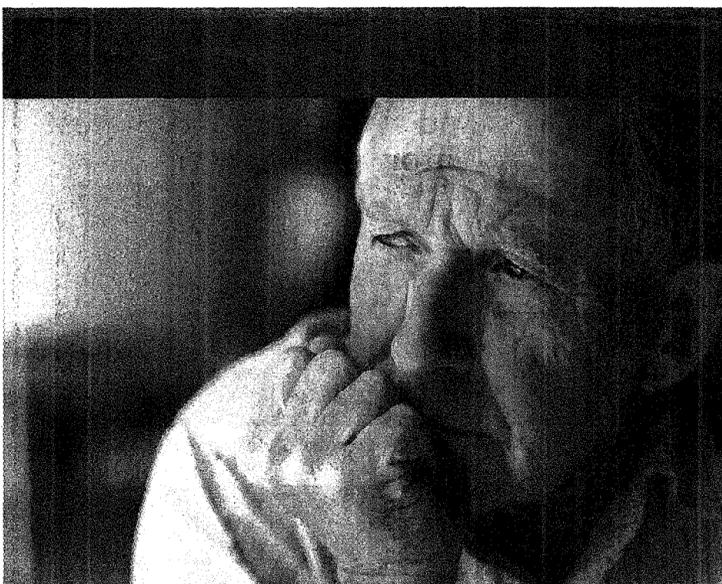
"This will end up growing and become a better market every year. It's a real farmers market and it helps the farmers in Michigan."

Jason Sutherland of Kapnick Orchards said he sees the same customers all the time, but there are people who see the awnings and walk over to see what it is. For the last day of the market, he sold a variety of apples, cider and doughnuts.

"We get a lot of new customers who are here doing court stuff," he said. "We'll be back next year."

The market will open for the 2012 season in May. Information about it will be available at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

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Former Wayne County Community College trustee Ted Scott poses with his wife Sharon, a current trustee, in the Environmental Garden dedicated to him at the Belleville campus.

# WCCCD dedicates garden to ex-trustee Ted Scott

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A ceremony dedicating a garden at the Wayne County Community College District's Western Wayne County campus to former trustee Ted Scott drew many old friends and colleagues.

"It was very nice but it's a little like going to your own funeral," said Scott, a Westland resident, after the ceremony. "It was an extremely nice event. It was nice to see people. I appreciate their showing up."

Scott served on the WCCCD board of trustees from 1989-99, so he said he was quite surprised when he learned he was being honored by the college. His wife Sharon is currently midway through her first term serving on the WCCCD board.

"There was a very nice turnout from the City of Westland where I worked for years," said Scott, who worked for the Westland Fire Department before retiring as a Westland firefighter in 1985 after nearly 30 years service.

The garden dedication at the Belleville campus drew current and past officials, including former Westland mayors Thomas Taylor and Charles "Trav" Griffin.

"It was nice to see people I've known for a lifetime. My family

was there. It was well-attended and that was nice," said Scott, who also worked in occupational safety for Wayne County.

The garden provides a pleasant spot where students can take a break from their studies.

"It is a pleasant spot to walk in. There is a fountain — it's nice to hear the water running," Scott said. "There is a spot to buy sandwiches and things. It's on the west side of the building. It's a pleasant location. I hope they enjoy it."

It was during Scott's tenure on the board of trustees that WCCCD Chancellor Curtis Ivery was hired filling a spot that had been open frequently.

"He (Ivery) has been here about 16 years. That's extraordinary considering the history long ago. He's done an extraordinary job," Scott said. "The student population has increased to 70,000. About 15 years ago, it was 7,000. You don't meet anyone there who doesn't treat you right — they don't know who I am anymore."

Another benefit of the dedication ceremony, Scott said was getting people out to the Western Wayne County campus which has been expanded.

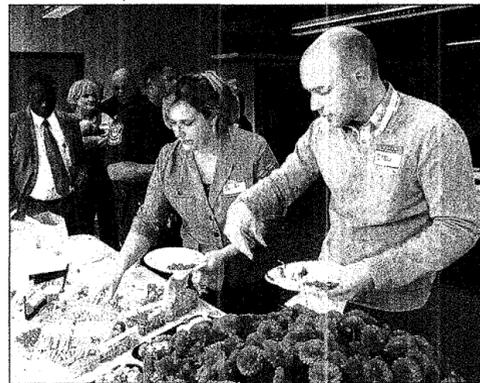
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Sonya Kowalski, daughter of Ted Scott, talks with Mike Reddy, a former trustee, and his wife Lorrie, friends of her father.



Wayne County Community College Chancellor Curtis Ivery was among the speakers at the garden dedication honoring former trustee Ted Scott.



Jennifer Wright and Drew Burns of the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department were among the guests at the garden dedication.



Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith was among the guests at the garden dedication at Wayne County Community College in Belleville honoring Ted Scott.



Muna Khoury, Wayne County Community College Vice Chancellor of Communications and Institutional Advancements, spoke at the garden dedication ceremony.



City of Wayne Mayor Al Haidous and Mike O'Brien, retired Wayne fire chief, visit at the Ted Scott garden dedication at Wayne County Community College District's Western Wayne Campus in Belleville.

# Needed: 200,000 diapers by Thanksgiving

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Unpaid yet seemingly tireless, Canton resident Marybeth Levine has collected nearly 639,000 diapers since April 2009 for scores of nonprofits, charities and social service agencies that help families across metro Detroit.

Now, the Detroit Area Diaper Bank needs help collecting 200,000 diapers by Thanksgiving as Levine faces a holiday season when demand for help grows, though donations can slow down.

Levine already has collected nearly 129,000 diapers for her fall campaign, though she seemed a little worried as she stood inside a Canton-based storage unit where she has stored diapers since her charity outgrew her basement.

"They go out as fast as they come in," Levine said, stacking diapers on a shelf. "It has always been a constant challenge."

Levine started her volunteer work to help agencies meet a need not covered by safety-net programs such as WIC (Women, Infants & Children), food stamps and Medicare.

"We love Marybeth and what she's doing," said Paula Brown, chief development officer for



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Starfish Family Services, which serves western Wayne County. "I don't know how we made it without her."

"It's just not a healthy situation for families who have children and no diapers," Brown said. "Some of these moms are desperate for these diapers. This is an incredible service Marybeth is doing."

Brown estimated that Starfish, alone, has received more than 40,000 diapers from DADB.

Levine and her volunteers also have drawn accolades from First Step, which provides shelter

for domestic abuse victims from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Redford, Garden City and other western Wayne County communities.

"Families often come to First Step with just a few possessions they can carry — and no money for diapers," said Theresa Bizoe, associate director. "The diaper bank's services help support these families as they go through changes needed to keep their families safe."

DADB also collects diapers for adults, especially the elderly who may be sick and incontinent.

Marybeth Levine stacks diapers inside a storage unit. She hopes to collect 200,000 diapers during her fall diaper drive.

including husband Steve, a Ford Motor Co. purchasing program manager, and their sons John, 9, David, 7, and Nathan, 5. "Every penny goes to buy supplies."

Moreover, businesses, community organizations, faith-based groups and others who want to become involved as diaper drop-off sites or who want to sponsor one-time diaper drives can learn how from the website.

The anchor event for the fall diaper campaign occurs 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 16-17 at the Canton Public Library, where, once again, donors can drop off diapers at a truck donated by a local catering business, Fat Chef in a Little Coat.

Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager, said it's important to help the diaper bank because "so many of our library users — infants and toddlers, disabled and elderly — are supported by the work the diaper bank does."

Golden said the library can't address literacy and learning unless basic needs are met.

"A child that is suffering the physical effects of not having a clean diaper is not able to focus on learning early literacy skills," she said. "By partnering with the dia-

per bank, we hope to help those in our community who are struggling to fill basic needs."

Levine's website even lists ways to help by purchasing diaper bank clothing, hats, coffee mugs and other items.

Though 75-80 percent of those helped by the diaper bank live in Wayne County, Levine said the organization also reaches into Oakland, Washtenaw, Macomb and Monroe counties.

Levine can "stretch a dollar" donated for diapers. She said she can buy a diaper from a supplier for as little as 7 cents, compared to a retail price that's substantially more.

The diaper bank will accept diaper packages that have been opened but not used up, Levine said. While baby diapers are in highest demand, she also cited a specific need for children's diapers sizes 4 through 6 and for adult diapers in XL and XXL sizes.

"We take any size, any brand," she said.

With that, she returned to her job of stacking diapers inside her storage facility — a facility she hopes to fill by Thanksgiving so that she can help those who often cannot help themselves.

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## Task force offers support group for grieving parents

Diane Montes remembers all too well the summer of 2006 when her 22-year-old son Brian died of an accidental heroin/fentanyl overdose.

Twelve young people in Livonia died of drug-related deaths that year. "It seemed like that was all

I heard about. Everyone knew someone who had lost a loved one!" she said.

Over the next few years Montes worked through her grief, primarily by faith, but also with a unique group of women who had suffered similar losses. Sponsored by the

Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force, a grief support group was formed for parents who had lost a child due to substance abuse or suicide. Most of the women are still friends today.

Alarmed by an apparent increase in drug overdose deaths in recent months,

the women felt an urgency to reach out to other parents trying to cope and heal under similar circumstances. They contacted facilitator Tana Bridge about starting another group. Meetings will begin 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Task Force

office in suite 102 at 8623 Wayne Road, just south of Joy Road, in Westland, and continue monthly. The first meeting will address coping with the holidays in an informal and relaxed setting.

Laura Sokana, one of the original support group

members, said, "This is a safe place to feel and understand the healing process and find hope after losing a child." Contact the Task Force office for more information or to register at [Katie@saveouryouthtaskforce.org](mailto:Katie@saveouryouthtaskforce.org) or (734) 338-9580.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### QUILT SHOW

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5  
**Location:** Westland Christian Union Church, 1046 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill, Westland  
**Details:** Ladies United Voice will host its seventh annual Quilt Show at the church. The event will include many quilts (old and new) on display, craft and antique vendors, door prizes, \$1 fat quarters, a Make-and-Take project, a bake sale and lunch. A \$3 donation is requested for admission.

**Contact:** For more information, call chairperson Mary Surbrook at (734) 748-839 and leave a message.

### VENDOR-CRAFT SHOW

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12  
**Location:** American Legion Auxiliary Post 396, 6860 Middlebelt, Garden City  
**Details:** The post will be holding a Vendor/Craft Show, featuring Mische Bags, Avon, Solar Lites, Specialty Cards and quilts, plus many more. There also will be a bake sale, homemade soups and sandwiches will be available for a donation of \$3 for those who get hungry while they shop.

### EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5

**Location:** Fellowship Hall of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland

**Details:** St. Matthew is having a Euchre Tournament. The cost is \$5 per person, an appetizer or dessert to pass and dona-

tion for the church pantry. There are many in the local surrounding communities that benefit from the church pantry).

**Contact:** To reserve a spot, call (734) 425-0260.

### NIGHT OUT

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

**Location:** Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne

**Details:** The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is holding a Holiday Night Out for ladies. Get a chair massage, tarot card reading, and more, plus shop at 35 vendors of local and home-based business - J&S Portrait America, Stoneworks by Linda, Lindt Chocolates, Lia Sophia, Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef, Strength and Spirit, Scentsy, Premier Designs Jewelry, Skaklee, Rodan & Fields, Tupperware, Kikaprika Clothing, Partylite, SendOut Cards, Tastefully Simple, Essential Bodywear, Farmington SoapWorks, Candletopia and DTL Her to name a few. There also will be refreshments. The event is free of charge.

**Contact:** For more information, call the chamber at (734) 721-0100.

### MASS AND FELLOWSHIP

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13

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

**Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed individuals to celebrate Mass together on Sunday, Nov. 13, followed by refreshments, social time and information about other widowed activities in a safe setting. Check in at 2:15 p.m. for Mass.

**Contact:** For more information, call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

### GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

**Location:** Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia



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## A bit of Seuss

Jayne Sands of Garden City (from left) gives her impression of a Dr. Seuss character, as does her co-workers Rita Wanderski of Garden City as the Cat in the Hat, Laura Robty of Westland as Thing 2 and Mandy Bills of Westland as Thing 1 at the Ram's Horn on Middlebelt in Westland on Sunday. They all made their customers smile and encouraged their younger customers to read Dr. Seuss books because reading is fun.

**Details:** The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will sponsor a seminar as part of its 15th Anniversary celebration. The guest speaker is a native of Ireland, Nuala Farrell Griffin. The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. The program will begin at 9:15 a.m. and run until 5 p.m., with a break for lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m. There will also be vendors throughout the day and door prizes. The cost for the entire day is \$35 before Nov. 12, and \$45 thereafter.

**Contact:** Information and registration forms are available online at [www.rootsweb.com/miigsm](http://www.rootsweb.com/miigsm).

**WIDOWED FRIENDS**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12

**Location:** St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, Farmington

**Details:** Widowed Friends, a "peer" group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, presents, "Coping with the Holidays." The program will include a guest speak-

er, social and small group interaction and a memorial healing service. If your loss recent or distant, you are younger or older, come share this journey of new growth. The cost is \$20 per person, includes a box lunch and refreshments. Registrations must be received by Nov. 6.

**Contact:** For more information, call Carol (313) 562-3080 or Joan (248) 478-1084 or visit the website at [www.widowedfriends.org](http://www.widowedfriends.org) for the registration form.

### TRAIN SHOW

**Time/Date:** noon-4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 27

**Location:** Parish Hall of St. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriam, Westland.

**Details:** St. Simon and Jude Church' Ushers Club is holding Railroadiana Train Show. Buy, sell or swap toys and trains. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. **Contact:** To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

### THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 1-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, and 1-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

**Location:** St. Mel' Church, 7506 N. Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** St. Mel's annual Thanksgiving Festival will feature a Vegas Room, games, Bushels of Baskets, Tin Can Alley, homemade baked goods, ham and turkey wheel, raffle drawing on Nov. 6, a pork chop dinner on Nov. 5 and a Polish platter dinner on Nov. 6  
**Contact:** Call St. Mel's Church for more details at (313) 274-0684.

### HIGHER ROCK CAFE

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m.

Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

### CRAFT SHOW

**Time/Date:** Saturday, Nov. 12

**Location:** William Brennan Activity Center of St. Sebastian Church, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Crafters and vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic Church-St. Anne Altar Society's Christmas Craft Show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5.

**Contact:** For more information, call Phyllis at (313) 561-1807.

## EDUCATION

### WILLOW CREEK

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

### ST. DAMIAN

**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland

**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

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**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

## ORGANIZATIONS

### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Contact:** Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

### WESTLAND ROTARY

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. The group also has an evening meeting the second Thursday of the month. Check [www.westlandrotary.com](http://www.westlandrotary.com) for time and place of the evening meeting.

**Contact:** Jeff at (734) 261-5010

### AMERICAN LEGION

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Harris-Kelehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

**Contact:** Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at [www.post251.com](http://www.post251.com) or [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org).

### LIONS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

**Location:** Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

**Details:** The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

**Contact:** For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

### WRITING GROUP

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals, and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

**Contact:** [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepry@yahoo.com](mailto:shepry@yahoo.com)

### TOASTMASTERS

**Location:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

**Details:** Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

**Contact:** For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

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By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

It's the time of year where stores will be ramping up their advertising and, once again, starting to hype the holiday season. I just read an article that stated stores will start their holiday sales earlier than they did last year. Before you know it, holiday sales will begin right after Labor Day. Although the holidays should not be about buying gifts, the reality of the situation is that gift-giving has become an integral part of the holidays. Because of this, and because many Americans are struggling like they have never been before, it is important to design a game plan before you begin your holiday shopping.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

recognize that other people have to cut back.

The next step is to set up a budget. Unfortunately, too many Americans overspend for the holiday season and find that they're still in debt from last year's holiday, even before they begin shopping for this year. Setting a budget and sticking to it will help you stay within your means.

My general advice is when buying gifts, spend what you can afford. In other words, if you have to finance your purchases, it's probably a sign that you cannot afford them. If you charge something and you cannot afford to pay it in full when the charge card bill arrives, once again, you know that you are overspending.

The holiday season should be a time of happiness and joy. Unfortunately, for many this is not the case. Suicides increase during the holiday season and people are generally very uptight. One of the main reasons for this is they tend to associate the holidays with the ability to buy gifts. Nothing can be further from the truth. One way of reducing the pressure on yourself is to limit your list as to who you are buying gifts for and to set a budget and stick with it. These two little steps can help you have a much more enjoyable holiday season.

When it comes to gift-giving, let's face facts, it's generally for the kids. With the difficult econom-

ic times, adults who are giving gifts to children should consider alternative gifts as opposed to giving them the latest toy or whatever. I always recommend that parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles consider giving the gift of education during the holiday season.

The Michigan Education Savings Plan is a great way to accomplish this. The beauty of the MESP is that the money can virtually be used for any public or private institution in the country. We all hear about how expensive college has become and we all know the importance of a good education. Therefore, during this holiday season, if you're looking for a gift for a child, putting money into MESP is a gift that will pay dividends years and years from now.

As we enter the holiday season, let's not lose focus as to what the holidays are really about. The holidays should be a time of happiness and joy and not frustration. Therefore, during this holiday season, limit the list of people that you are giving gifts to and set a budget. By doing these two things, it should allow you to enjoy the holiday season. Good luck!

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# Keep score of LeBlanc's votes online

It's now easier to keep score of votes by a local legislator online.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, has unveiled a scorecard of each House vote at [www.LeBlanc.housedems.com](http://www.LeBlanc.housedems.com). It includes every vote taken in the House during the first 10 months of the 2011-2012 legislative session.

"The purpose of the scorecard is twofold: accessibility and accountability," LeBlanc said. "My hope is that this tool will encourage community members to participate in the legislative process, and continue to share their thoughts and concerns with my office. It's important that I continue to receive regular feedback from the people of Westland regarding their

opinion of what is occurring in Lansing."

During the first 10 months of 2011, the legislature has considered major issues, including a \$900 million budget cut to public education, elimination of item pricing requirements in grocery stores and other shopping locations, and the taxation of pension checks to partially allow for a transition to a revised corporate tax structure, the third different business tax law within only a five-year period.

The nearly 100-page document includes a brief description of each bill considered by the House, as well as the outcome of the vote and links to more information on the legislation.

"I had been posting my votes on my Facebook

page," LeBlanc said.

"However, not everyone uses Facebook, so this scorecard is easy to read and allows all residents with access to a computer to track bills and view my vote on their behalf. I stand behind every vote I cast on the House floor, and this scorecard is a way to further open the lines of communication between myself and the residents of Westland on these important issues."

The scorecard will be updated after each week the Legislature holds session.

Anyone interested in contacting LeBlanc or receiving regular e-mail updates about what is occurring in Lansing and Westland, can e-mail him at [richardleblanc@house.mi.gov](mailto:richardleblanc@house.mi.gov) or by call (888) 737-5325.

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## Vehicle technology can improve your next road trip

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Leaves are falling off trees and football season is under way which means two things: it's no longer socially acceptable to wear shorts and it's the perfect time for a road trip or fall color tour.



Tech Savvy  
Jon Gunnells

But before you cram your family into the minivan, or the SUV — brush up on all the new car technology that can make your drive easier, safer and more fun.

Let's start with navigation systems — because if you are like me, you haven't bought one yet, and you refuse to ask for directions.

With navigation systems there are a few routes you can choose. There's the traditional option of a GPS unit like a Garmin or TomTom that is compatible with all vehicles and plugs into your cigarette lighter.

There's also the frugal route where you can download a smartphone app like Google Maps to enable navigation from your handheld device.

But, the most comprehensive unit is a new take on an existing technology. You've likely heard of OnStar, but maybe you haven't heard of the new OnStar FMV mirror. The new product is compatible for a variety of makes and

models and even works as a replacement for former OnStar subscribers who had older analog units.

The FMV mirrors have the same capabilities as previous OnStar units: with hands free calling, roadside assistance, emergency crash response, navigation and more.

The FMV mirror is available nationally at retailers like Best Buy and can be purchased for \$199 for a limited time after a \$100 instant rebate. To see if your car is compatible with the new mirror, visit OnStar.com

Whether you are going on a long road trip or commuting to work, a wider variety of music wouldn't hurt. Ford owners with Sync or MyFord Touch have been linking up their phones and MP3 players with their vehicles for years — but now Buick will be linking up their vehicles with Pandora.

Beginning with select 2012 models, Pandora will be accessible through Buick's infotainment system — and by 2013 it will be standard in all models.

Ford has also added a new wrinkle to its in-car communications systems which should make texting while driving both safe and legal. Drivers who connect their smartphones to their Ford Sync systems will have their text messages read to them while they drive.

The feature is available in 2011 and 2012 models including the Ford Focus. Updates will also be available for users with 2010 models.

Phone technology can also help you save money when you are cruising around in your vehicle.

Need to find the cheapest gas? Of course there's an app for that — some of the best apps for gas prices as "Gas Buddy" "Fuel Finder" and "Gas Hog." The Gas Buddy for example is a free app that is available with iPhone and Android smartphones.

There are even smartphone apps to help users avoid speed traps. Trapster, is a speed trap sharing app that is available for iPhones, iPods, Blackberry and Android Phones and GPS units.

Trapster currently has more than 13 million users sharing more than 4 million speed traps.

After you get your oil changed and tires inflated, make sure you set aside some time to update your car communications center, get your navigation unit and download all the money-saving apps you can find. There are thousands of apps available that can help you on your way. Current automotive and smartphone technology can do just about everything except tell you what type of snacks to bring. You're on your own there.

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## Cup cake mom

Jennifer Still of Garden City works with her mom Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, at the Parade Company's preview party for the unveiling of the new Art Van Furniture float. Still and Denning gave out hundreds of fresh baked cupcakes to those there to see the 100-foot long float that has four consecutive sections and features a little girl's bed that's the equivalent of 40 king size beds. This year's 85th America's Thanksgiving Parade will be Thursday, Nov. 24.

## MEDC seeks business incubator proposals

The Michigan Strategic Fund and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation have issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit plans from high-performance business incubators or accelerators in Michigan to support entrepreneurs in launching and growing start-up companies throughout the state.

"Early-stage companies require seed capital and access to a strong network of public and private resources," said MEDC President and CEO Michael A. Finney. "We are confident that with the funding of these organizations and the types of services they will provide, we will continue to accelerate the growth of innovative technology start-ups in Michigan."

The total amount of available funding is \$6 million. This funding may be used to support up to three years of services for each incubator or accelerator award made by the MSF. The maximum request allowable under this RFP is \$2 million.

In order to be considered for a grant, applicants must submit a comprehensive business plan for delivering entrepreneurial services to start-up businesses, such as marketing assistance, legal services and training. Applicants must develop a dashboard of indicators to measure the effectiveness of the business incubator and accelerator programs that also ties to the state's strategic goals.

In June 2011, the Michigan Legislature mandated that a portion of the funds appropriated to the Michigan Strategic Fund for innovation and entrepreneurship be used for business incubators and accelerators located in Houghton, Kent, Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, a city with a population greater than 650,000, and a Midland County satellite site of an incubator located in Isabella County.

The MSF will also consider proposals from entities located in other governmental units provided that no governmental unit receives more than one award.

The RFPs can be viewed online at [www.michiganadvantage.org/Public-Notices-Requests-for-Proposals/](http://www.michiganadvantage.org/Public-Notices-Requests-for-Proposals/). Electronic versions of each business plan proposal must be sent separately to the MSF via e-mail to [incubator2012@michigan.org](mailto:incubator2012@michigan.org) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. Proposals will not be accepted via U.S. mail or any other delivery method.

Prospective bidders may submit questions regarding the RFP via e-mail by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, to [incubator2012@michigan.org](mailto:incubator2012@michigan.org). Note: The MSF will not respond to questions that are not received by the above date and time. In addition, questions that are phoned, faxed or sent through regular mail will not be accepted.

Responses to all qualifying questions will be posted on the MEDC's website, [www.michiganadvantage.org](http://www.michiganadvantage.org) on at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public-private partnership serving as the state's marketing arm and lead agency for business, talent and jobs, focuses on helping grow Michigan's economy. For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, [www.MichiganAdvantage.org](http://www.MichiganAdvantage.org).

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Helping Ford

Mo Elfakir, owner of Biggy Coffee in Westland, wants to help the Ford Motor Co. regain its quality reputation after slipping dramatically in the recent and prestigious *Consumer Report's* magazine rankings.

"I have a number of excellent customers who are from the Ford facility right down the road and I know they take pride in their job and craftsmanship," Elfakir said. "They are avid

coffee drinkers and I want to do my part in the community by offering any worker from the Wayne (Assembly) Plant, engaged in any shift, free coffee at our store (37644 Ford) during normal business hours for the next 30 days."

According to Elfakir, Biggy Coffee has continually held true to a company core value of giving back in communities. Because coffee has been shown to help revitalize energy, increase alertness and concentra-

tion, he believe that getting our assembly workers an uplift from their java will help improve performance.

"The Wayne Assembly Plant is one of the world's largest manufacturing facilities and we need to be positive and proactive regarding this global powerhouse, their hard working staff and quality products," he said. "The Ford image is iconic and our commitment is to do our part to help preserve and elevate it."

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Many youngsters wore their Halloween costumes to the festival which included a non-scary walk through the Haunted Scrapyard at Maxwell's.

## Grange's pumpkins put smiles on kids' faces

When it comes to pumpkins, the Plymouth Westland Grange 389 knows them well.

During October, the organization put smiles on the faces of youngsters, providing more than 600 Michigan grown pumpkins to students at a school in Plymouth, at Westland's annual Turn Off the Violence Night and last weekend's Autumn Festival at Maxwell's Art and Treasurers in Garden City.

"It's moments like this that make the world a happier place," said the Grange's Sharon Streb- bing. We ended up mak-

ing a lot of people happy in three city with over 600 pumpkin delivered and the children love to decorate them all.

The Grange was asked to work with Maxwell's, Garden City Garden Club, Plant Art Teen and Douglas Food Service to put on a special fall harvest event. Youngsters decorated pumpkins, and there was an art, displaying the work of local artist of all ages. There also was the costume contest for the little ones, crafts, face painting, food, even a storytelling time.

"They lined up for the friendly monster walk

and some went twice," said Streb- bing. "Life can be simple in hard time like this. We kept the cost down by asking for donation and support from others who volunteered."

There were even some bake goodies on sale for those with a sweet tooth, she added.

"I wish we could do more of this things for the joy on the children faces was just the greatest," she said. "As always, it just take one to make some one happy, and I think the team made a lot of people happy on this day. Thanks to all that work on this event."

## Flu vaccine clinic on tap

With flu season here, the Wayne County Department of Public Health is urging residents to get their annual vaccines at its Walk-in Family Flu Vaccination Clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Wayne County Community College District, 21000 Northline, in Taylor.

The event will be held in the Educational and Performing Arts Center and is open to the public. Low-cost flu shots that protect against seasonal and H1N1 flu strains circulating this year, will be offered for adults and children, ages six months and older. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

The flu vaccine is \$15, cash only. Vaccines for qualifying children are \$10. Medicaid will be accepted.

"The flu is a large- ly preventable disease and the best protection against the virus is the flu vaccine," said Wayne County Health and Human Services Director Edith Killins. "This community clinic provides a convenient and economical way to protect your family's health before the holiday season."

As an added incentive, there will be flu prevention giveaways,

and adults receiving flu shots will be eligible to win prizes, including gift cards and dinner for two.

The flu is a mild to severe contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can lead to serious complications in high-risk individuals such as individuals with chronic health problems and seniors, and even result in death.

"This fall clinic is designed to have families vaccinated against the flu at an affordable cost," Dr. Mouhannad Hammami, acting health director/health officer, Wayne County Department of Public Health. "It's also an opportunity to educate people of all ages about important flu prevention measures like proper hand washing and cough and sneeze etiquette to help fight the spread of germs."

People allergic to eggs or the flu vaccine and those who had a serious reaction to flu vaccine in the past, have previously developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of getting a flu shot or who have a fever should not get the flu shot.

Wayne County also offers flu shots for adults and children at its Wayne and Redford area clinics throughout

the 2011-2012 flu season. Walk-in days are offered at the Wayne clinic at 33030 Van Born, and Taylor Health Center, 26650 Eureka, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Other times are appointment only.

For more information about the Nov. 5 community flu clinic or flu vaccinations at Wayne County clinics, call the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7000 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

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## Program lets children experience hockey free

Arctic Edge Ice Arena of Canton is inviting boys and girls ages four to nine to the arena 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, for a free hockey clinic to experience ice hockey for the first time and learn the basics of the sport in a

fun, safe environment. The event, Try Hockey for Free Day, is part of Come Play Hockey Month, said Jason Varlesi, director of sales and marketing for Arctic Edge and Arctic Pond ice arenas, 46615 Michigan Ave.

The free program, which requires registration, is designed to provide youth hockey associations a national platform to introduce new children to the sport. It is a joint effort between USA Hockey, the National Hockey League,

NHL member clubs and OneGoal. Try Hockey for Free Day also is a component of USA Hockey and the NHL's collaboration with the Let's Move! initiative to help the nation's youth lead healthier, more

active lives through hockey. To register for one of the 400-plus Try Hockey for Free opportunities, visit www.TryHockeyForFree.com or contact Arctic Edge Ice Arena at (734) 487-7777.

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## OUR VIEWS

# New leadership needed for LPS

## Elect McDonnell, Laura to school board

Residents of the Livonia school district will elect three trustees to the school board Nov. 8.

Incumbent board President Lynda Scheel and challengers Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell and Lee Yesh are vying for two, four-year seats. Board Secretary Rob Freeman is not seeking re-election.

Incumbent trustee Randy Roulier and write-in candidate Loyd Romick are running for one unexpired seat ending Dec. 31, 2013.

For the two, four-year seats, we recommend Eileen McDonnell and Dianne Laura. Each has individual strengths that can help guide the board as it continues to work on improving student achievement and increasing efficiencies to strengthen the district financially. We don't think Scheel should be re-elected because of questionable decisions the board has made under her leadership.

For the unexpired term, we recommend Randy Roulier. Romick, with his late filing as a write-in, is using his candidacy to express his dissatisfaction with Scheel more than to get elected. While Romick raises some valid points, he can also be disrespectful and discourteous when addressing the board. He would not make a good trustee because of the way he drives a deeper wedge rather than seeking to resolve differences.

Scheel has been a personable president. She is pleasant with members of the public addressing the board, even when some like Romick with his frequent criticisms of the board test her

patience.

However, while she has served as president, the board has made some questionable decisions, not the least of which was to give Superintendent Randy Liepa a \$50,000 raise in October 2010 after it had cut programs and services and before it requested concessions from employee groups.

The size and timing of the raise when many Livonia residents and other Americans are struggling to find work and hold onto their homes cost the district untold goodwill as the story made headline news across the nation — even though Liepa later gave back a portion of the raise.

Scheel's time on the board has been marked by other troubling decisions, including having the police called to a school board meeting to keep the peace when Romick refused to move his video camera after being asked to do so three times and then having the microphone turned down while Romick addressed the board so his comments couldn't be heard by viewers watching the meeting at home, setting a bad example for students about freedom of speech.

McDonnell is a contract bid administrator for PVS Chemicals Inc. She manages millions of dollars in public contracts and bids and is well-versed in federal and local public purchasing law. She also has a strong financial background. We like her ideas for saving the district money, including bidding for contract services more aggressively and developing a purchasing partnership with other schools and



Laura



McDonnell



Roulier

Livonia school board. She offers a broad base of experience board members can draw from.

From the time she started her teaching career, serving on a school board has been a retirement goal for Laura. Currently a volunteer at two schools, she is motivated by her love of children. She is running for the right reasons.

However, Laura has been evasive about stating her position on the issues during her campaign. For example, Laura said at a candidate forum Oct. 19 that she doesn't know if Liepa has too much influence over board members because she isn't currently on the board. We expect that if Laura is elected, she will

be more forthcoming in expressing her opinions.

Yesh, who recently accepted a position as an accounting advisor for Dell, threw his hat into the ring after reading in the *Observer* just before the filing deadline that only two candidates had filed for the two four-year seats. He wanted to give voters options. We applaud him for that, but of the candidates, he is the least familiar with the issues and would have the sharpest learning curve, if elected.

Roulier, a manager for Blue Cross Blue Shield, was appointed in February to replace trustee Dan Lessard, who resigned. He is still new to the job. We expect he will start to ask more questions and speak his opinion more often.

Romick, a special claims representative for Farmers Insurance Group, said he did not file to run against Scheel because McDonnell, who had publicly spoken out against Liepa's raise, had already filed. He said he decided to oppose Roulier after Roulier endorsed Scheel. Roulier's endorsement of Scheel was announced after the filing deadline to get names on the ballot.

Romick does not expect to win; instead, he hopes to help unseat Scheel by reminding voters of the role she played in granting Liepa's raise.

We think the Livonia school district would benefit from Laura's educational background and McDonnell's financial background. Raising student achievement is an ongoing process, and the district needs to build back up its fund balance and work toward adopting budgets where revenues once again exceed expenses.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you plan to vote in the November general election next Tuesday?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Yes, because I think it's my duty."

Evalene Wincent  
Redford



"No, because it seems everyone I want doesn't make it. I'd rather not be involved in the decision making, if it turns bad."

Keri Diekman  
Wayne



"Yes, I always vote."

Jino Dinello  
Garden City



"I don't think I vote in city elections because I don't know the people."

Sue Smith  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Take time to vote

Nov. 8 is election day in Westland and we will be voting for four city council seats and for the city clerk. In most elections, we have about 15 percent or less voting out of all of the registered voters. That means only 7 percent pick winners. This is an off, off, off election year. There are no president, governor or mayor candidates to vote for. That means the turnout will be 5.5 percent to 7 percent with 2.75 percent to 3.5 percent picking the winners. To me, that is the flea wagging the tail wagging the dog.

Things are hard all over this country and the line, "things are getting better," is wearing thin. With so much else to worry about, those in office feel they don't need to worry about you exercising your right to your voice by voting. Who has the time when you are just trying to make ends meet.

You have the power. You always have had it. It is your vote. If you don't exercise your right to vote then you have given up on ever changing the direction of your government.

Liking somebody is nice, but if you think they have played loose with the truth, you can like them, just vote for someone else. That is letting your voice be heard through your vote. These people in office would rather you not vote. I would rather you do vote.

In all my years of voting, I have never told anybody who to vote for. I have told them to keep themselves involved and vote.

When all it takes is a certain click to give a few thousand dollars for glossy campaign literature that will keep 2.75 percent to 3.5 percent happy and everybody else stays home on Election Day, the way they want things to go will continue.

If you choose to get involved now and vote, those left in office after the Nov. 8 election will know the voters are now in the game and they better start listening to all the people they have the pleasure of serving. If they don't, they should not get comfortable, it could be a short stay.

If anyone should try to stop you from voting by way of a picture ID, then call, e-mail or fax the local news channels 2, 4 and 7. Let them know about it and let the chips fall where

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It is time for change in our country, state and communities. The only way that can happen is if we let our individual voices be heard and get out and vote in every election.

James Davis  
Westland

### Appreciate hard work

The Oct. 17 council meeting was one of those meetings that compelled us to respond.

We, too, are very proud to live in Westland, the all-American city.

Where else can you find a play-scape, water park, Skate Board Jungle of such magnitude, free summertime gatherings in different Westland parks, a renovated Central City Park with a grand vision, a state-of-the-art MJR theater, a mall with a high occupancy rate that increasingly sponsors various events, a choice of restaurants for any taste and budget, a city that honors veterans so regularly, an elegant and welcoming library, a Chamber of Commerce that works with the administration, active committees that serve in various areas of the city, a grand Blues Brews and Barbecue Festival, a historical village of our caliber, an annual visit by Santa to the children of our city, a recreation program of our caliber, high-rated WLND, a Dorsey and Friendship centers full of activities, a city-balanced budget during this great recession, employees who took concessions to save their colleagues' jobs, all of our city departments from first responders to public service,

our state-of-the-art recycling that keeps on expanding, and on and on, except in our great city of Westland (we would need a full page to keep going).

None of the above would be possible if we did not have a mayor with a vision for our city and a talent for working with an administration and city council to bring about such accomplishments. This is but a reflection of a hard-working relationship between the mayor, administration and city council.

These things just don't happen. And, as a council member said, this mayor keeps them so well-informed and during the increased number of study sessions they work out the process of tweaking, changing, axing and/or implementing programs that will benefit the city. This is how a professional team operates.

So, if some residents think that this is "rubber stamping," it ain't so. Prior to council meetings, the tough work of administering takes place. That's the way it should be. You don't wait until the council meeting to present a new issue. Sometimes perhaps, in an emergency, that may happen, but not as a matter of course. We should be so appreciative of the achievements accomplished after the many study sessions that take place.

We feel like we are truly represented on the city council. For some candidate to imply that citizens are not represented is questionable. The one candidate stated in the *Observer* that he is running so that he could be a thorn in the mayor's side. Is that how low the bar has been dropped? What happened to: To continue to serve the people? And, no, we do not need more than three minutes for citizen's comments. Special presentations are just that, special. They need more time. A famous philosophy instructor was known to have said: "Don't give me diarrhea of words and constipation of ideas."

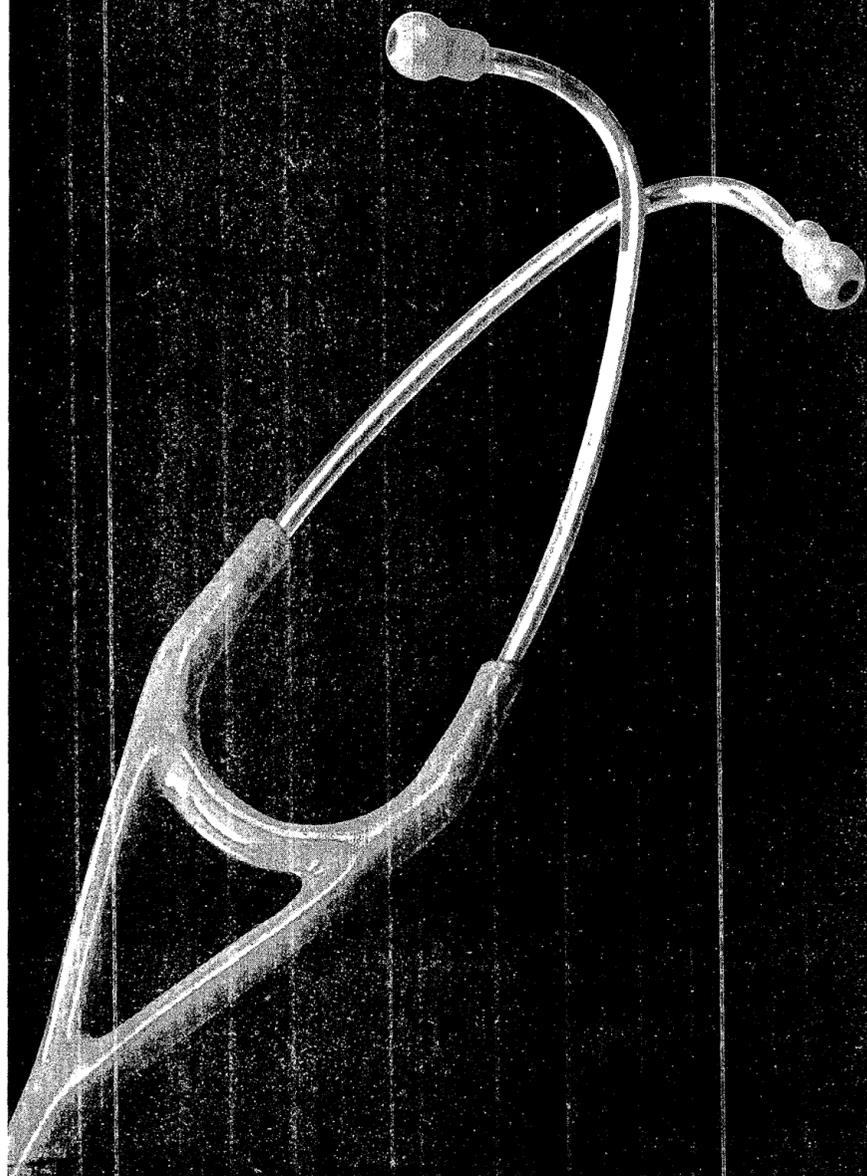
So, again, thank you, Mayor Wild for your dedication, vision and direction of our city, in spite of some very tough situations. Know that your hard work along with your administration and the dedication of our city council members is deeply appreciated.

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## Stevenson wins showdown

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson exorcised some demons in Tuesday's opening round of the Class A district girls volleyball tournament at Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans rallied from two sets down and survived a tense fifth set to upend the host Chargers, who have been dominant in the series for nearly two decades, 19-25, 22-25, 25-18, 25-18, 16-14.

"I was nervous all week, nervous and excited today knowing that it was going to be so tough," said Stevenson 18th-year coach Kelly Graham. "I don't know how many years it's been since we've won, and on top of it, actually beaten them in a district round. It was nice we fought hard and finally it worked for us for a change. I proud of both teams. Obviously it's tough one team has

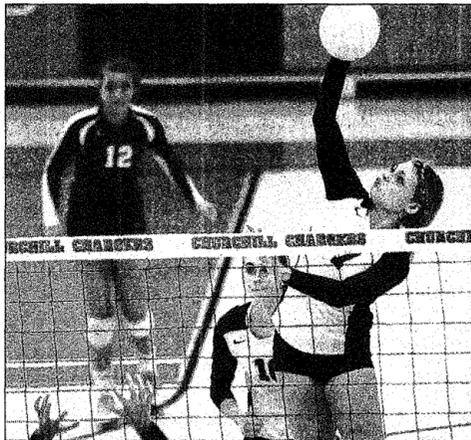
to lose. Churchill battled. It's always tough. I'm definitely proud of the way both teams played."

Stevenson's one-two punch of Kelly Vellucci and Katie Tomasic may have had their finest hour.

Vellucci, who doubles as a setter and outside hitter, had an incredible night with 25 kills, 24 digs and 26 assist-to-kills.

Tomasic contributed 21 kills, four blocks and 22 digs. The seasoned sophomore racked up five kills and two blocks in the decisive fifth set.

"They're my go-to girls," Graham said. "Every single time I can't wait for them to get to the front row. When both of them are in, it's the most amazing feeling knowing them the two are up there at the net. When they're at the net at the same time we can pick and choose what we do. I have complete confidence in them and they came on. It was just awesome when



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Morgan Copperstone (7) goes on the attack backed up by teammates Katie Tomasic (10) and Jordan York (12) in Tuesday's Class A district opener at Churchill.

we got the ball to them. And for the most part they put it away."

Stevenson (35-13-2) had won three-of-four meetings against Churchill this season, but things looked grim for the Spartans after falling behind

2-0 in sets in the district showdown.

"What we struggled with the first two games — they (Churchill) ran more middle attacks that were effective against us," Graham said. "The last couple of times we played

them they didn't run as many or weren't as effective blocking. They were hitting seams and getting through the blocks. And then the defense kind of fell apart at the same time.

"Our offense was there, but because our blocks were not, the defense started struggling. That was the first two things. The third game they came on. It was Jordan York serving those first four balls. The intensity changed."

York, a senior libero, served six aces on the night including four straight to open the third set. She also finished with a total of 15 digs.

"We had a lot of momentum those first two games, but just give a lot of credit to Stevenson," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "They're a good team. Not only are they a good team, but really they're led

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## GAME WRAPS

### Warriors top rival Hawks

Senior Amanda Teranella led the way with 17 kills and four solo blocks to lead Lutheran High Westland to a 25-21, 25-16, 22-25, 15-16 Class D district volleyball victory over rival Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in a semifinal match Tuesday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The Warriors, 18-17-4 overall, advance to district final 7 p.m. Thursday against host Inter-City.

Lutheran Westland made only one service error to beat the Hawks for the first time in three meetings.

Marisa Hahn was 30-of-30 serving, including 22 points highlighted by an eight-point run in the fourth set. She also added 14 digs.

Other standouts for the Warriors included Taylor Wiemer (28 digs), Chandler Davenport (14 digs), Erica Killian (17 assist-to-kills, 19-for-19 serving with 14 points); and Sam Roberts (six kills).

"Because we came in healthy, we knew we had a chance coming in," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We were well-prepared, controlled play most of the night and executed."

Seniors Allie Dest and Paige Schmidt paced the Hawks, who bowed out at 27-12-4 overall.

"Take your hats off to Westland, the better team won," HVL coach Mike Dest said.

### Horton paces Zebras' win

Senior Keri Horton served 17 points and junior Katie Horton added a team-high 12 kills as Wayne Memorial cruised to a 25-5, 25-10, 25-8 Class A district victory Tuesday over host Taylor Truman.

The Zebras, now 17-12-2 overall, face rival Westland John Glenn, 17-19-6 overall, in the district semifinals 7 p.m. Thursday at Truman.

Keri Horton also added nine kills, while Katie chipped in with five blocks.

Setter Samantha Hershey finished with 21 assists.

"Tonight was a great start to a very important week," Wayne interim coach Samantha Dye said. "We are taking one day, one game at a time for the rest of the season. Our focus now turns to Thursday's match versus John Glenn, which we will be ready for."

### Trojans romp

Livonia Clarenceville got eight kills from Ashley Murphy and 10 digs from Jodi Ankiel in a 25-22, 25-15, 25-20 Class B district win Tuesday at home over Ferndale High.

The Trojans, now 25-14-4 overall, play Ferndale University High in the district semifinals 5:30 p.m. Thursday at home.

Other contributors for Clarenceville included Angela McAlpine (seven kills, six digs); Ayanna Buckley (six kills, nine digs); and Tonya Vernier (seven kills).

"We played well as a team and that helped us tonight," Clarenceville coach Wendy Mersman said. "Jodi Ankiel led our defense. She was really scrappy and was quick on her feet."

## Warriors can't catch speedy QB

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland's first trip to the state football playoffs in school history proved to be a re-run of a Saturday morning cartoon.

The Warriors' defense never could corner Darrylnotay Hines, who could be nicknamed "The Roadrunner."

The junior quarterback went "Meep, Meep" and did his best impression of Wile E. Coyote, rushing for 208 yards on 10 carries and passing for 99 more to lead Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology to a convincing 46-14 Division 8-Region 4-District 2 victory Saturday afternoon over the host Warriors.

The 5-foot-6 Hines is playing his first year of high school football. He played Pop Warner football last year in the Detroit Dolphins program.

"It's a lot of zone (defense) reads and making big plays off teams' mistakes," the speedy Hines said. "I drive my team to work hard on and off the field. That's the key to winning."

Lutheran Westland, which bowed out with a 6-4 record, wanted to control the ball and the clock while trying to keep the elusive Hines off the field as much as possible.

The Warriors did drive to the Gators' 32 on their first possession, only to be stopped by an interception.

But Hines, from the shotgun formation, then ran a keeper and bolted 77 yards for AB&T's first score with 1:39 to go in the first quarter.

Kevin Darden, who tallied 171 yards rushing on 13 carries, added a 33-yard TD dash with 9:52 left in the second quarter after the Warriors fumbled the kickoff at midfield



ROBERT MILLER | PHOTO

Melvindale AB&T's elusive quarterback Darrylnotay Hines (2) slips through a hole as he's pursued by Lutheran Westland tacklers Jacob Richter (22) and Alex Reardon (53) during Saturday's Division 8 pre-district game.

after a 33-yard return by Jacob Richter.

Hines, who figured in five of AB&T's seven TDs, came right back with 5:19 remaining in the half to make it 19-0 on an 84-yard scamper.

"Michigan had a day off and Denard (Robinson) came here," joked Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse afterwards. "He (Hines) is pretty amazing. We had no answer, speed-wise, for him. Not many teams have had a whole lot of luck chasing him down. And that's the biggest problem we ran into. We started chasing him instead of trying to contain him."

The Warriors, however, showed life at the end of the first half scoring their first TD when Richter, who had 72 yards on 14 carries, scored on a 4-yard run with 2:54 left. Richter also ran in for the two-pointer to cut the deficit to 19-8. (The TD was set up when Ed Abranovich recovered an AB&T fumble at the Gators'

27.) But AB&T, despite getting a 90-yard kickoff return by Hines negated by an illegal block, scored again with only 29.1 seconds remaining on a Hines 11-yard run to make it 27-8 at intermission following a two-point conversion pass (by none other than Hines).

"We've just got some athletes — that's all," said AB&T coach Wayne Poole, whose 6-4 Gators travel this Friday to face Petersburg Summerfield for the district title. "Our kids are going out there and playing with a lot of enthusiasm."

AB&T went three-and-out to start the third quarter and Lutheran Westland got good field position at the Gators' 36 after Thomas Winterstein partially blocked a punt.

The Warriors cut the deficit to 27-13 on Martin Kemp's 2-yard TD run with 6:09 remaining.

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## Riley 1st, Chargers off to MIS

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan International Speedway is becoming as familiar to the Livonia Churchill girls cross country team as veteran Sprint Cup Series drivers Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart.

The Chargers will be making their 11th Division 1 state finals appearance in 12 years after winning the Region-5 meet held Saturday at soggy Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Churchill, placing three individual runners in the top 10, finished with 47 points, doubling runner-up Dexter (94). Pinckney edged Salem for third place and the final team qualifying spot at MIS by a single point, 96-97.

"I am extremely proud of this outstanding group of young ladies," said Churchill coach Sue Tatro, now in her 16th season.

"They were determined to win the regional, and they showed up ready to claim the title. They set some lofty goals at the beginning of the season, and they have worked hard to accomplish them. What more can a coach ask for?"

Churchill was led by individual winner Kerigan Riley, a junior, who covered the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 24.27 seconds. Ann Arbor Huron's Alexandra Cell and Pinckney's Miranda Haas were second and third, respectively, in 19:32.02 and



Riley

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RENA LAVERTY | PHOTO

## Region XII champs

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team celebrates after capturing the NJCAA Region XII championship Sunday against Cincinnati State with a 2-1 overtime victory. The 22-0 Ocelots, ranked No. 1 in the nation, will travel Saturday to face College of Southern Maryland for the district title. See story on page B2.

## District gem: Cougars top Franklin in five

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

As every drama-coated point elapsed during Tuesday night's two-and-a-half-hour Class A district volleyball opener between Garden City and Livonia Franklin, the gauge on the match's intensity meter rose ever higher.

The epic contest wasn't decided until the Cougars survived with a 21-19 triumph in a stirring fifth set that reached match point six times.

"We've played better this year, but we haven't played better under these kinds of circumstances," Garden City coach John

Pace said. "For those girls to play like they did with that kind of pressure — both teams, really — was just fantastic."

The longer the match went, the more the roles expanded for both teams' defensive players, in particular liberos Cassie Ford (Garden City) and Nicole Williamson (Franklin).

"This is probably the best match I've ever been a part of," said Ford, moments after her 53-dig performance helped the Cougars advance to Thursday's semifinal match against Redford Union. "I was freaking out

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## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL RESULTS

#### DIVISION 1

**Oct. 29 at Willow Metropark BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Dexter, 54 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 57; 3. Pinckney, 59; 4. Plymouth, 122; 5. Livonia Churchill, 143; 6. Canton, 146; 7. Salem, 217; 8. Ann Arbor Huron, 220; 9. Westland John Glenn, 275; 10. Ann Arbor Skyline, 276; 11. Livonia Franklin, 300; 12. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 338; 13. Detroit Cass Tech, 420; 14. Redford Union, 420; 15. Dearborn Fordson, 445; 16. Garden City, 469.

**Individual winner:** Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth), 16:09.86 (5,000 meters).

**Churchill finishers:** 13. Ryan Wise, 16:43.81 (sq); 27. Ben Yates, 17:11.54; 28. Robert Howard, 17:13.89; 46. Joe Hage, 17:38.17; 49. Derek Puihes, 17:41.46; 50. Sam Yurgil, 17:41.81.

**John Glenn finishers:** 21. Ruben Maya, 16:57.71; 52. Jason Suarez, 17:49.9; 62. Jewell Jones, 18:05.85; 77. Chris Codd, 19:14.2; 80. Ed Maya, 19:31.52; 100. Kevin Wacker, 21:52.69.

**Franklin finishers:** 35. Keenan Jones, 17:23.59; 35. Ross Cecil, 17:27.79; 71. Mike Witt, 18:48.54; 75. Nick Robertson, 19:03.53; 82. Richie Wiecek, 19:44.24; 86. Gabe Martinez, 20:08.44; 89. Andrew McGaughey, 20:33.03.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Livonia Churchill, 47 points; 2. Dexter, 94; 3. Pinckney, 96; 4. Salem, 97; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 135; 6. Plymouth, 167; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 174; 8. Canton, 216; 9. Livonia Franklin, 224; 10. Ann Arbor Skyline, 274; 11. Westland John Glenn, 320; 12. Garden City, 394; 13. Redford Union, 413; 14. Dearborn Fordson, 437; 15. Detroit Cass Tech, 438.

**Individual winner:** Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 19:24.27 (5,000 meters).

**Other Churchill finishers:** 6. Bethany Pilat, 19:49.17; 10. Erin Emmanuel, 19:52.17; 13. Sydney Anderson, 19:57.6; 17. Megan McFarlane, 20:08.67; 21. Michelle Azar, 20:20.91; 43. Vivien Okechukwu, 21:21.76.

**Franklin finishers:** 33. Tiffany Lamble, 20:47.06; 38. Madeline Herman, 21:13.57; 46. Amanda Pokryfky, 21:27.82; 50. Christine Shoemaker, 21:36.38; 57. Katelyn Kovach, 22:02.28; 67. Natalie Desautel, 22:33.75; 68. Tina Oltar, 22:39.41.

**John Glenn finishers:** 52. Abbey Wright, 21:37.33; 60. Shenikah Johnson, 22:08.29; 65. Kayla Hall, 22:25.44; 69. Kirsten Smith, 22:45.63; 74. Barb Messics, 23:06.3; 76. Kaitlyn Mitchell,

23:18.93; 90. Caroline Mahalak, 25:02.5.

**Oct. 28 at Lake Erie Metropark BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Saline, 26 points; 2. Temperance Bedford, 70 points; 3. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 114; 4. Brownstown Woodhaven, 128; 5. Wayne Memorial, 168; 6. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 184; 7. Allen Park, 194; 8. Monroe, 221; 9. Dearborn, 228; 10. Belleville, 228; 11. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 288; 12. Southgate Anderson, 316; 13. Ypsilanti, 373.

**Individual winner:** Nick Renberg (Saline), 17:03.45 (5,000 meters).

**Wayne finishers:** 13. Daniel Malcolm, 17:47.86 (sq); 32. Devin Gibson, 18:37.35; 38. Michael Gibson, 19:08.16; 42. Zack Williams, 19:30.59; 43. Tim Flores, 19:34.89; 81. Avery Barron, 22:10.53; 90. Jordan Whitehouse, 24:09.77.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Saline, 15 points; 2. Temperance Bedford, 60; 3. Brownstown Woodhaven, 76; 4. Monroe, 148; 5. Allen Park, 165; 6. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 202; 7. Belleville, 207; 8. Southgate Anderson, 232; 9. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 235; 10. Dearborn, 244; 11. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 248; 12. Wayne Memorial, 338.

**Individual winner:** Elianna Shwayder (Saline), 20:03.99 (5,000 meters).

**Wayne finishers:** 57. Kendelle Hood, 25:59.94; 62. Megan Macek, 26:34.62; 70. Carlita Jones, 28:51.97; 74. Vicki Poleski, 34:46.35; 75. Navreet Bhangu, 1:02.1.

**Oct. 28 at Huron Meadows BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Milford, 55; 2. Hartland, 83; 3. White Lake Lakeland, 94; 4. Brighton, 112; 5. Northville, 129; 6. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 130; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 181; 8. Fenton, 200; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 248; 10. Novi, 293; 11. South Lyon, 299; 12. Howell, 302; 13. Walled Lake Central, 341; 14. Holly, 431; 15. Walled Lake Western, 459.

**Individual winner:** Brian Kettle (Milford), 15:25.08 (5,000 meters).

**Stevenson finishers:** 19. Stephen Fenech, 16:06.54; 36. Jake Colley, 16:41.25; 56. Ryan Petrul, 17:04.01; 63. Michael Sopko, 17:09.41; 74. John Lynch, 17:28.87; 78. Erik Grisa, 17:36.12; 101. Andrew Stratton, 18:35.52.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Northville, 66 points; 2. Brighton, 100; 3. Hartland, 124; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 142; 5. Walled Lake Western, 182; 6. Farmington Hills Mercy, 182; 7. Milford, 183; 8. Novi, 192; 9. White Lake Lakeland, 223; 10. South Lyon, 229; 11. Walled Lake Central, 281;

12. Livonia Stevenson, 293; 13. Holly, 333; 14. Howell, 361; 15. Fenton, 377.

**Individual winner:** Avery Evenson (Hartland), 17:40.53 (5,000 meters).

**Stevenson finishers:** 16. Lindsey Gallagher, 18:54.05; 58. Aphrodite Palazis, 20:28.32; 69. Julia Capenka, 20:40.87; 74. Jackie Deacon, 20:46.84; 76. Barbara Scupholm, 20:47.52; 77. Karlie Gallagher, 20:47.99; 89. Natalie Moore, 21:06.4.

**DIVISION 2**  
**Oct. 29 at Lake Erie Metropark GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 34; 2. Milan, 73; 3. New Boston Huron, 105; 4. Monroe Jefferson, 132; 5. Carleton Airport, 148; 6. Riverview, 152; 7. South Lyon East, 153; 8. Grosse Ile, 160; 9. Trenton, 218; 10. Gibraltar Carlson, 235; 11. Livonia Ladywood, 265.

**Individual winner:** Michelle Kerr (Divine Child), 20:46.17 (5,000 meters).

**Ladywood finishers:** 40. Alexandra Darr, 23:39.05; 47. Katherine Taylor, 23:54.61; 57. Katarina Gaffka, 24:48.38; 58. Meaghan Mulcahy, 24:54.69; 63. Brett Quick, 25:25.94; 65. Pilar Furlong, 25:37.69; 74. Mackenzie Darr, 27:03.62.

**DIVISION 4**  
**Oct. 29 at Willow Metropark BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Plymouth Christian Academy, 44 points; 2. Sand Creek, 64; 3. Lutheran High Westland, 70; 4. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 88; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 117; 6. Whiteford, 137; 7. Taylor Baptist Park Christian, 165.

**Individual winner:** Ashwin Fujii (Greenhills), 17:32.75 (5,000 meters).

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 3. Jake Fairbairn, 18:28.29; 5. Eric Smith, 18:44.05; 10. Daniel Bunge, 10:04.24; 22. Peter Silanpaa, 19:58.0; 30. Caleb Kempf, 20:52.45; 32. Ian O'Banion, 20:54.18; 42. Philip Welte, 23:14.04.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):** 1. Lutheran High Westland, 56; 2. Whiteford, 60; 3. Sand Creek, 62; 4. Britton-Macon, 71; 5. Taylor Baptist Park, 122; 6. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 129.

**Individual winner:** Natalie Perry (Sand Creek), 20:59.09 (5,000 meters).

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 2. Erin Lyle, 21:04.51; 6. Erin Hardin, 21:48.59; 10. Jessica Rice, 22:21.4; 15. Angela Morrison, 23:35.67; 23. Kelsey Kruger, 25:06.08; 29. Jessica Drife, 25:26.83; 30. Michelle Greening, 25:27.77. (sq): additional individual state qualifier.

# Lobo's 2 goals gives SC crown

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College protected its No. 1 ranking and kept its unbeaten record intact Sunday by ousting Cincinnati State, 2-1, in double-overtime to win the NJCAA Region XII championship at Owens Community College in Millbury, Ohio.

Marco Lobo scored both Schoolcraft goals, his 12th and 13th of the season, as the Ocelots improved to 22-0 overall and advance to the NJCAA North Central District final to face Region 20 champion College of Southern Maryland (12-3-2) this Saturday on the road. (Game time is 1 p.m.)

Lobo, taking a pass from Brent McIntosh, dribbled down the left side before putting a shot past Surge goalkeeper Ben Steinnecker for the eventual game-winner 3 minutes and 2 seconds into the second overtime.

Cincinnati State took a 1-0 lead at 36:21 into the match

when Schoolcraft College goalkeeper Scott Shewfelt misplayed a ball in the penalty box and Justin Mitchell put it in the empty net for his sixth of the season.

Cincinnati held the play for the remainder of the first half and early in the second half, but the tide started to turn the Ocelots way when Christian Johnson received a red card at 60:44.

Playing with a man advantage, Lobo took a pass from Jonathon Heslop and put it up-and-over the Surge goalie to tie the game in the 80th minute.

Cincinnati State's Colin Murray and Jake Brooks each picked up red cards one in the 85th and 99th minute, respectively, putting the Surge three players down.

Steinnecker made 12 saves for the Surge, who finished 16-5 overall, while Shewfelt recorded six saves for the Ocelots.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 4, MUS-KEGON 0:** In the Region XII semifinal Saturday, Schoolcraft College (21-0) rolled past Muskegon Community College (11-

8-1) in a match played at Delta College in University Center.

Schoolcraft led 1-0 in the 27th minute on Diego Beason's fifth of the year from Brent McIntosh.

Ryan Lemaster then notched his 11th in the 54th minute with Marco Lobo assisting to make it 2-0 and Tom Nevill tallied his 16th just 4:44 later off an assist from Anthony Lourenco.

Juan Garcia completed the scoring in the 71st minute off a corner kick from Carlos Izquierdo.

Ocelot goalkeeper Scott Shewfelt made four saves to earn the shutout.

**MADONNA 0, SIENA HEIGHTS 0:** The Madonna University (5-8-4, 1-2-3) tallied nine shots on goal Saturday, but could not crack the goal column as junior keeper Adrian Motta kept host Siena Heights (5-9-3, 1-4-1) off the board as the two Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference squads battled to a 0-0 double overtime draw in the regular season finale.

Motta (Livonia Churchill) made 10 saves in 110 minutes as the posted their fourth tie of the season.

Lucas Sagarat made eight saves for the Saints.

MU locked up the fifth seed in the WHAC playoffs and will travel Saturday to Fort Wayne to fourth seed Indiana Tech. (Match time is 2:30 p.m.)

## Lady Ocelots eliminated on PKs

### COLLEGE SOCCER

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Delta goalkeeper Courtney Neiderquill turned away nine shots for the first-year Pioneers, while Megan Bauman (Livonia Churchill) had seven saves.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 2, OWENS 1:** Sam Zerilla's unassisted goal in the 83rd minute gave Schoolcraft College (15-1-1) an NJCAA Region XII semifinal victory over Owens Technical Community College (12-8) in a match hosted by Delta College in University Center.

Haley Gasser's unassisted goal, her eighth of the year, staked the Express to a 1-0 lead at 32:26 of the first half.

Schoolcraft tied it at 53:05 on an unassisted goal by Alejandra Mesa (Livonia Franklin). Owens goalkeeper Shara Williams made eight saves, while Kelly Twigg had three stops for the Lady Ocelots.

### SIENA HEIGHTS 2, MADONNA 0:

Madonna University (6-8-1, 1-4-1) will be the sixth seed in the upcoming Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs after falling Saturday to host Siena Heights in the regular season finale (10-7, 5-1).

MU got on the board first at 9:44 of the opening half when Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) served the ball into the box area that was headed in by teammate Amanda Ferrick.

The Saints' Hannah Ulrich scored the equalizer at 19:35 on a blast from 30 yards out and Mackenzie Hickner, charging down the left side of the box, tallied the unassisted game-winner at 86:27.

MU goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made five saves, while the Saints' Amanda Martino had three.

On Wednesday, the sixth-seeded Crusaders travel to Grand Rapids to face third-seeded Davenport University in the WHAC quarterfinals.

## RUNNERS

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19:37.2.

"Going into the race I was motivated and excited to run," said Riley, who placed seventh at the regional as a sophomore. "Place was more important than time today, and winning was such a cool experience. I am so proud of my team. They all ran their hardest and really stepped up to do what they knew they needed to do. Regional champs is a huge accomplishment and we couldn't have gotten there without our coach and the support of all the JV girls. It

was really cool to be able to hear our team cheering us on while we were running."

Joining Riley on the podium were teammates Bethany Pilat, sixth (19:49.17); Erin Emmanuel, 10th (19:52.17); Sydney Anderson, 13th (19:57.6); and Megan McFarlane, 17th (20:08.67).

Rounding out Churchill's seven-member contingent were non-team scorers Michelle Azar (21st, 20:20.91) and Vivien Okechukwu (43rd, 21:21.76).

"It was great watching Kerigan (Riley) take command of the race from start to finish," said Tatro, who notched her fourth regional title (including

three straight from 2006-2008). "She looked like a true champion today."

"It was also nice to see Bethany (Pilat) run her best race of the season, while Erin (Emmanuel), Sydney (Anderson), Megan (McFarlane) and Michelle (Azar) really added the depth that we needed to win the meet.

The girls really stepped it up a notch and did not let the muddy course conditions get the best of them. Now we need to refocus our attention on the state meet."

The Division 1 girls race starts at 2 p.m. this Saturday in Brooklyn.

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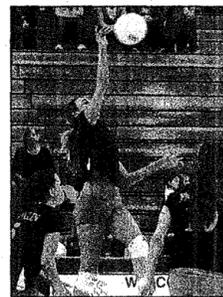
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and carried by two kids. They really do everything for them. They really deserve all the credit. They kind of beat us with two kids and they did a great job."

Junior Allie Koesterling added 27 assists and junior Morgan Copperstone contributed six kills for the Spartans, who will face Redford Thurston at 7 p.m. Thursday in the district semifinals at Churchill.

The Chargers (26-18-2)



ED WRIGHT | PHOTO  
Livonia Franklin senior Andrea Thompson takes a swing during Tuesday's five-set loss to Garden City.

were led by junior Emily Norscia, who finished

with a team-high 25 kills. Also in double figures in kills were junior Marissa Pomaville (14), sophomore Mackenzie Hamill (11) and senior Erin Menard (10).

Junior Katie Chartrand dished out 41 assists, while Jackie Tolles and Audrey Durocher finished with 20 and 12 digs, respectively.

Inconsistent serve receive in the third and fourth sets led to Churchill's demise. The Chargers were also out-blocked 11-6.

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## SPIKERS

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— we all were — toward the end because it was so intense. It was crazy. But you just go out there and try not to think about the pressure and do the best you can."

Set One provided an early indicator of what was to follow as the Patriots prevailed, 25-23, after neither team managed to carve out a lead of more than three points.

Franklin eventually won it on a well-timed tip by junior Tori Dubac following a lengthy volley that featured several players sliding across the Livonia Churchill gymnasium floor.

Thanks to a strong effort from reserve middle Brooke Fickett, the Cougars tied the match at 1-1 with a 25-18 victory in Set Two.

Franklin appeared primed to regain the momentum in Set Three when it grabbed a 23-21 lead on Williamson's ace, but the Cougars won it, 27-25, thanks to a Jackie Lagruff kill and a laser ace from Cayla Bone.

Set Four was all Patriots, who won 25-11 thanks to dominating front-row play from Andrea Thompson and an eight-point serving run from Julie Magdowski.

Bone led the winners

with 18 kills and Lagruff added 10. Setters Julene Pummill and freshman Taylor Bejma combined for 41 assists.

Kelly O'Brien paced the Patriots' attack with 17 kills. Thompson successfully put down nine balls, while Maggie Liens added seven.

Williamson was solid all night, recording 26 digs. Senior setter Rachael Kapchua did a nice job of running the Franklin offense, picking up 33 assists.

Magdowski finished with seven aces, while Williamson chipped in with five.

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field and scored on Carl Foxhall's 40-yard return. Hines then added his fourth TD of the game with 11:27 remaining to make it 46-14. The Warriors lost a final chance to score when Richter fumbled on a 26-yard run just before crossing the goal line, resulting in a touchback.

AB&T dominated in every statistical category, racking up 448 total yards to Lutheran Westland's 126. The Gators had 16 first downs to the Warriors' eight.

Despite the loss, Gusé was proud of his team's effort this season.

"What a great group of Christian young men," the 10th-year coach said. "They're class individuals that did something no one in school history has been able to do. It started way back when last season ended. Their heart and soul was evident to everybody out there today."

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## FOOTBALL

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AB&T answered again when Hines hit Allan Davis, who out-wrestled a Lutheran Westland defender for the ball in the end zone for an 18-yard TD scoring pass with 1:19 to go in the third.

The Gators added to their lead, 40-14, on the next play from scrimmage as the Warriors fumbled the ball at mid-

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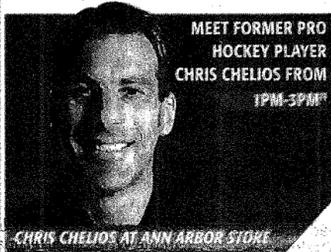


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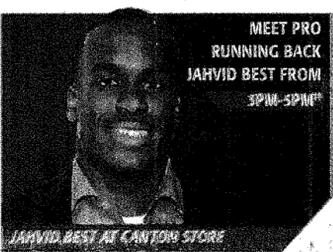
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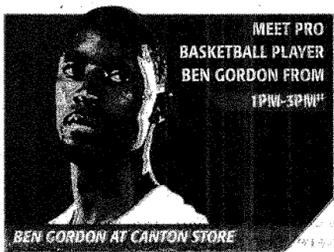
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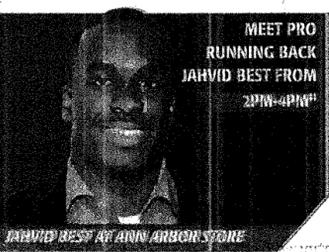
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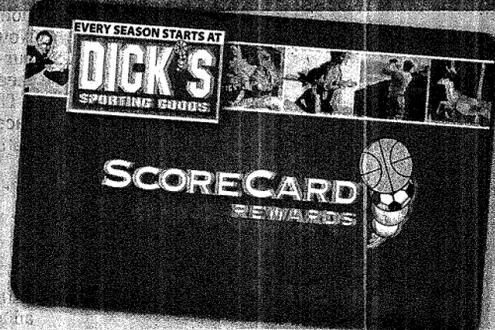
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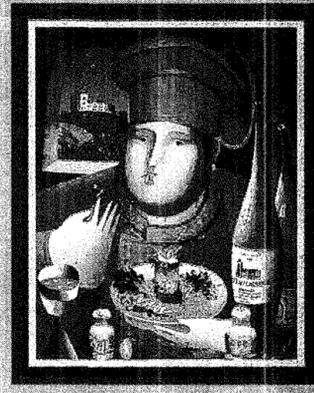
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Two Muses founders, Diane Hill and Barbie Weisserman play Florence and Olive, the female versions of Felix and Oscar in Simon's story about two mismatched roommates. Neil Simon wrote the original *Odd Couple* in 1965 and created the female version 21 years later.

The play runs weekends, Nov. 4-27 inside the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 6800 Orchard Lake Road, just south of Maple in West Bloomfield. Shows are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$18 general admission, and \$15 for seniors and students. Buy them online at [www.twomuses-theatre.org](http://www.twomuses-theatre.org) or by calling the box office at (248) 850-9919.

The Two Muses cast includes Nancy Cooper of Farmington, Julie Yolles of Birmingham, Cheryl Glicker of Milford, and Teri Spencer of Commerce Township in addition to Hill and Weisserman. Alan Madlane of Ferndale and Bob Hotchkiss of Birmingham, the only men in the play, make their appearance during the second act.

Hill, who is co-directing and handling marketing, in addition to acting in a lead role, said the production is a perfect fit for Two Muses, which aims to offer female artists opportunities on stage and behind the scenes.

In addition to acting, Weisserman designs costumes, handles props and is assisting set designer and builder Bill Mandt of Southfield dress the set.

"Everyone is juggling a lot of roles in order to



Dave Fedewa and Rebecca Winder, both from Canton, rehearse a scene from "I Hate Hamlet."



Paul's Players' women's ensemble, Shannon Groves (left, clockwise) of South Lyon, Rachel Birk Kain of Livonia, Catherine Rayes of Livonia, and Pam Gunderson of Redford, will help the audience recall the music of the 1940s during the theater's debut show, "Remember When."

get this first show up and running," Weisserman said.

### In Livonia

Paul's Players will coordinate both music and letters between service men and women and their families in its debut production, *Remember When*, on Veteran's Day, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile,

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The musical revue will include songs such as



Julie Yolles of Birmingham, (left), Two Muses Theatre co-founder Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills and Cheryl Clicker of Milford rehearse a scene from the female version of "The Odd Couple."



Sohpie Szczotka, (left) plays Jasmine, Anirudh Keshamouni plays Aladdin and John Szczotka is the Genie in the Forever After production of "Aladdin Jr." in Canton.

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### Musicals, comedy

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Zack Heger (left, clockwise) of Farmington Hills, Elisabeth Levandowski of Farmington Hills, Daryl Tregor of Farmington Hills, Julia Jacob of West Bloomfield, and Jordan Tregor of Farmington Hills will perform Aladdin Jr. this month at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

## PLAYS

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are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12 and 18-19 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

The play tells the story of a young television actor who is offered the role of Hamlet in a Shakespeare-in-the-park production. He trains for the part with actor "The show is a celebration of actors and acting. It is a comedy that pokes fun of Shakespearean actors while at the same time showing us why they are so wonderful at what they do, and why they work so hard to do it," stat-

ed Mike Cuba, director." It is a comedy that manages to work four romances into a show with only six characters. And where else can you see John Barrymore, the greatest Hamlet of them all, live on stage?"

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and students and are available online at [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org), by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460, at The Summit on the Park in Canton or at the door.

Youngsters will get a chance to see two different casts perform *Aladdin, Jr.* on different dates this month.

Forever After Productions brings the stage adaptation of the Disney hit to life Nov. 3-6 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton. Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 3-6 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 5-6. Tickets are \$15. Buy them at [foreverafternow.com](http://foreverafternow.com) or at the door.

The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre plans six performances of *Aladdin, Jr.* at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 17-18 and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20. Tickets are \$10. No charge for children, 3 and under.

Tickets are available at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>, can be reserved by calling (877) 785-7763 and also will be available at the door.

—Compiled by Sharon Dargay

# Fair offers thousands of books, dozens of speakers

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit's 60th Annual Jewish Book Fair, features more than 70 authors from the arts, entertainment, politics and business through Nov. 13 at its campuses in West Bloomfield and Oak Park.

The Book Fair will hold a patron night with Jim Lehrer, author of *Tension City, Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain*, offering an insider's look at the presidential debates. Lehrer will speak at 6:45 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5 at the West Bloomfield site, 6600 W. Maple.

In addition to the speakers, the book fair will include a Chaldean cooking demonstration, a local author reception, a store with more than 10,000 titles and a film, held in the West Bloomfield JCC's new Berman Center for the Performing Arts. Most events are free and open to the public.

Speakers include:

- Nathan Wolfe, author of *The Viral Storm: The Dawn of a New Pandemic Age*, was named one of the 100 Most Influential People of 2011 by *Time* magazine. Wolfe is director of the Global

Viral Forecasting Initiative, which studies new and emerging infectious diseases. In *The Viral Storm*, he discusses why another global pandemic may be just around the corner.

- Rebecca Rosen, author of *Spirited: Connect to the Guides All Around You*, is a psychic to the stars, best-selling author and regular contributor to Oprah Winfrey's *O Magazine*. She tells readers how to contact deceased family and loved ones and find happiness.

- Mitchell Bard, author of *The Arab Lobby: The Invisible Alliance That Undermines America's Interests in the Middle East*, takes a look at the history and influence of this powerful group.

- Josh Linkner, author of *Disciplined Dreaming: A Proven System to Drive Breakthrough Creativity*, speaks during a breakfast session.

- The *New York Times* best-selling author is CEO of Detroit Venture Partners, which helps rebuild urban areas through technology and entrepreneurship, and he is founder, chairman and former CEO of ePrize, the largest interactive promotion agency in the world.

- Gilad Sharon, author of *The Life of a Leader*, offers a look at his father, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a complex, passionate man who has forever shaped the past, present and future State of Israel.

- Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, author of *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana: Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe*, tells the true story of an unlikely entrepreneur who mobilized a community under the Taliban.

- Ned Zeman is author of *The Rules of the Tunnel*. Detroit native Ned Zeman is a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair* and has written for *Newsweek*, *Spy*, *GQ*, *Outside* and *Sports Illustrated*. When he decided to enter new territory — his own experiences with depression.

- Marc Agronin, M.D., author of *How We Age: A Doctor's Journey Into the Heart of Growing Old*, takes a new look at medical care of the elderly.

- Charles Fishman, author of *The Big Thirst*, looks at the perilous future of water.

- Francisco Goldman, author of *Say Her Name: A Novel*, is a former University of Michigan student and now an author/journalist who recalls the death of his young wife.

- Tom Fields-Meyer,

is author of *Following Ezra: What One Father Learned About Gumbo, Otters, Autism and Love from his Extraordinary Son*. Meyers shares the tender story of his autistic son Ezra and how rather than mourn the person Ezra would never become, he decided to embrace the boy Ezra is.

- Darin Straus, author of *Half a Life: A Memoir*. Darin Straus' memoir won the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award for best autobiography, was named a *New York Times* Editor's Pick and a NPR Best Book of the Year.

- Joseph Braude, author of *The Honored Dead: A Story of Friendship, Murder and the Search for Truth in the Arab World*, tells the true story of a murder mystery in Iraq.

- Phillip Schultz is a Pulitzer Prize winner and author of the memoir, *My Dyslexia*.

- Mary-Lou Weisman is author of *Al Jaffee's Mad Life*, the story of MAD magazine's writer/illustrator.

- Al Abrams, author of *Hype & Soul - Behind the Scenes at Motown*, was Hitsville's director of publicity. In *Hype & Soul*, he offers a behind-the-scenes look at one of Detroit's most famous businesses and its iconic founder.

For information and a complete Book Fair schedule, visit [jccdet.org](http://jccdet.org).

## GET OUT!

### Art

#### ART & IDEAS

**Time/Date:** Through Dec. 24; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, or by appointment

**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, in Plymouth

**Details:** "Downtown Foot Art" includes works by the gallery's artist-in-residence, Shaq Kalaj. She focused on historical buildings in downtown Plymouth for her series of works which she sketched and painted with her feet in the outdoors over the summer

**Contact:** (734) 420-0775

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Nov. 4-Dec. 10

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** The seventh annual Northville Holiday Art Market opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and will include refreshments and hand-crafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media for sale by well-known local artists. A used book sale is set for the lower-level gallery during the reception. Hours for the market are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. On "First Fridays" only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m.

**Coming up:** An Antiques and Fine Arts Appraisal clinic with Robert DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of 3 items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event if time allows. Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Register in person, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday or call Northville Art House

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in November

**Location:** 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Drawings by Marilyn Meredith of Three Cities Art Club

**Ornament class:** Help instructor Lisa Howard make ornaments for the PCAC's pine in the Downtown Plymouth Holiday Walk of Trees, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. The class is aimed at ages 6 and up. Suggested donation is \$5. All materials will be provided. Call the PCAC office to register

**Contact:** (734) 416-4278

#### VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

**Time/Date:** Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

**Location:** 340 N. Main, G-11, behind Plymouth Crossing Restaurant, in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Holiday sale; refreshments served

**Contact:** (734) 207-8807

### Comedy

#### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [gocomedy.net](http://gocomedy.net)

#### JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Tom Simmons, through Nov. 5; Tim Kidd, Nov. 9-12; Chris Barnes, Nov. 16-19; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 23, 25-26

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** Michael Loftus, Nov. 3-5; Robb Little, Nov. 10-12; Kathleen Madigan, Nov. 17-19; Dave Landau, Nov. 25-26; Alex Ortiz, Nov. 30-Dec. 3

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

### Dance

#### MOON DUSTERS

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

#### Family

##### BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE

**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program

**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, [www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com](http://www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com)

##### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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Cranberry Oat Muffins

# Cranberries

## Sweet or savory, for any season

Whether you're looking to add something sweet to salads, baked goods or seasonal dishes, cranberries pack a lot of flavor, as well as important nutrients and antioxidants, and can be added to a variety of dishes, from muffins and cookies to salads and even quesadillas.

Due to their sweet taste, healthful benefits and versatility, cranberries continue to be increasingly popular. The tiny berry, one of only three fruits native to North America, is grown in several states around the country, but Wisconsin-based growers alone produce more than half of the world's entire supply of cranberries.

### Cranberry Health Benefits

- These tasty berries score among the highest of all fruits in antioxidants, which may help support memory function, coordination, prevent certain types of cancer and ulcers, as well as a healthy immune system.

- Naturally-occurring hippuric acid provides antibacterial effects and other natural antibiotic ingredients.

- Though cranberries pack a lot of flavor, they're cholesterol free, fat free, low in sodium, and help maintain heart health.

For cranberry recipes, health facts and more, visit the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association online at [www.wiscran.org](http://www.wiscran.org) or on Facebook and Twitter.

### Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and Feta Cheese

Serves: 6

- 1 small red onion, sliced vertically
- 8 to 9 cups spinach leaves, washed and patted dry
- ½ cup pecan pieces, toasted
- 4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- ½ cup sweetened-dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon mint leaves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- Pinch of salt
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- Black pepper, freshly ground

Quarter and thinly slice red onion. Place slices in cold water; soak for 30 minutes. Drain; pat dry. Place soaked onion slices, spinach, pecans, feta, cranberries, mint and vinegar in large mixing bowl. Toss together with large pinch of salt. In saucepan, heat olive oil to just below smoking. Pour hot oil over salad in bowl, tossing well. Taste and correct seasoning with salt, pepper and vinegar.

### Cranberry Oat Bran Muffins

Makes: 1 dozen muffins

- 1½ cups flour
- ½ cup oat bran
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup fresh cranberries, chopped
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon orange peel, grated

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix flour, oat bran, salt, sugar and baking powder. Set aside. Beat together eggs, vegetable oil and milk; add to dry ingredients. Add cranberries, walnuts and orange peel. Stir all together, batter may be lumpy. Pour into muffin tins and bake 20 minutes at 400°F.

### Turkey, Cranberry & Brie Quesadillas

Makes: 8 quesadillas

- #### Chive Topping
- ½ cup sour cream, low fat
  - 1 ounce (½ cup) chives, thinly sliced
  - 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced
  - ½ teaspoon lemon juice
  - ½ teaspoon salt
  - ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper, ground
- #### Quesadillas
- 2 cups Brie, rind removed
  - 8 8-inch flour tortillas, low fat
  - 1 pound turkey, cooked and shredded
  - 1 cup sweetened-dried cranberries
  - ½ cup walnuts, toasted and chopped
  - ½ cup chives, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 350°F.

#### Chive Topping

Purée topping ingredients in food processor until smooth. Refrigerate.

#### Quesadillas

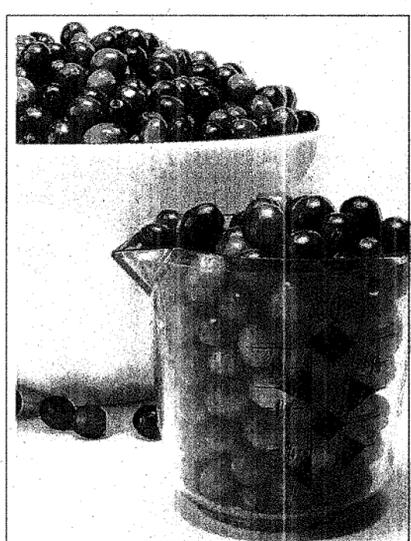
Spread ¼ cup Brie over half of tortilla. Layer ¼ cup turkey, ½ cup cranberries, 1 tablespoon walnuts and 1 tablespoon chives. Fold tortilla in half. Bake quesadillas on baking sheet 8 to 10 minutes until cheese is melted. Serve with chive topping.



Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and Feta Cheese



Turkey, Cranberry & Brie Quesadillas



### STORAGE TIPS FOR FRESH CRANBERRIES

Stocking up on fresh berries is easier than ever. Use these tips from Wisconsin's cranberry growers when storing this delicious berry.

- Remember fresh cranberries are only available seasonally October-December. However, the berries freeze well.
- Don't be afraid to freeze fresh cranberries up to a year. For maximum freshness, use a second airtight storage bag.
- If you're planning to freeze your cranberries, do not wash beforehand. Rather, wash upon thawing.

# 'Operation Turkey Sandwich' serves needy, workers

Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia will spend their Thanksgiving Day morning assembling and delivering lunches.

The church's fall project, "Operation Turkey Sandwich," aims to provide a Thanksgiving-style lunch in a bag for the needy and for those who work on Nov. 24. The lunch will include a turkey sandwich, stuffing muffin, pumpkin bar and other goodies.

The church regularly reaches out to the community and helps those in need through such mission programs as its

rummage sales and "Needy Family" outreach program.

Anyone interested in helping with "Operation Turkey Sandwich" or those who know of someone in need, can call Kathy Weinberg at the church office at (734) 464-0211.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located on Five Mile just east of Haggerty, has been a part of the Livonia community for nearly 50 years. It will celebrate its Jubilee anniversary next year. For more information on Holy Trinity, visit [www.holytrinitylivonia.org](http://www.holytrinitylivonia.org).

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Nov. 3-9

### BOOK, BAKE SALE

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5  
**Location:** Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The Women of the ELCA will donate proceeds to support First Step, a not-for-profit domestic violence counseling and crisis center for women and children  
**Contact:** (734) 420-9191

### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton  
**Details:** The bank will be open to give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6  
**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, between Grand River Ave., and Freedom, Farmington  
**Details:** Tchaikovsky Piano Trio with pianist Wesley Fishwick and Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians, Melody Wootton on violin and David Levine on cello. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be collected  
**Contact:** (248) 474-0584

### HARVEST SUPPER

**Time/Date:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. dinner, 5-7 p.m. bake sale, Thursday, Nov. 3  
**Location:** Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn  
**Details:** Adult admission is \$8. Grade school children pay \$3.50, pre-schoolers pay \$1.50. Tickets may be ordered in advance or purchased at the door. Carry outs must be ordered by Nov. 2  
**Contact:** (313) 421-8036 or (313) 581-2525

### LUNCHEON, FASHIONS

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6  
**Location:** Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 West Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The Ladies of Sacred Heart holds its annual Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show. Reservations are accepted for tables of eight. Teens and adults only. Gourmet luncheon is



Daniel Rodriguez makes his first appearance in Michigan Nov. 13 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

catered by Thomas's Catering of Livonia and fashions are provided by The Clothing Cove of Milford. Doors open at noon for basket and auction preview. Tickets are \$30  
**Contact:** (734) 522-3166, or [www.shbyzan-tine.com/#events](http://www.shbyzan-tine.com/#events)

### WHY BE CATHOLIC?

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church's school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, between Merriman and Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Kelly Nieto, former Miss Michigan and creator of the Living Stations of the Cross, will share the story of her journey from a decidedly "non-religious," strong home environment to Catholicism and the resulting birth of the "Living Stations" idea during her first Lent as a church Catholic. No charge or reservations required. A children's ministry is available with prior arrangement at [childrens-ministry@livoniastmichael.org](mailto:childrens-ministry@livoniastmichael.org)  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455 ext. 200; [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

Nov. 10-16

### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13  
**Location:** Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Daniel Rodriguez, a former police officer from New York City, N.Y. who sang at many memorials after the 9-11 terrorist attack, will perform with the Jesse Lynch Trio. Placido Domingo mentored Rodriguez through the Young Artist Program in Washington D.C. Rodriguez and the trio will give classic song a jazz twist at the Nardin Park show. Tickets are \$20, available from the church office  
**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

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**BOGGS, MARGUERITE ROSE "PEGGY"**  
(NEE LATHROP)

Age 87 years, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away on Monday, October 31, 2011 at the home of her daughter in Holton, MI. The Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Kroeze-Wolfis Funeral Home, Inc., 637 E. Main St., Fremont, MI 49412, (888) 544-5388. Visitation will be from 1-2 PM on Friday. To view her complete obituary or to sign the online guest book please visit: [www.kroeze-wolfis.com](http://www.kroeze-wolfis.com)

**HOWE, HOBERT "BILL"**

Age 82, October 28, 2011. Beloved husband of Mary for 59 years, dear father of Mark G. (Esther), Lori Richardson, Darrell (Marilee), and Beth Simmons. Grandfather of Buffy, Joshua, Danae, Mateo, Jenny, Jessica, Erin, Emily, Joseph, Tommy, Brad, Chad, and the late Markie and Jon, and 13 great-grandchildren. Hobert was born on April 23, 1929 and raised in Highland Park Michigan. As a teenager he was a member of the Order of DeMolay and the US Coast Guard, he later joined the US Navy. He also served as Corporal, Dental Technician and Communication Engineer in the US Army in the 599TH Field Artillery Battalion. He attended Radio Electronics School, was a part-time teacher for Michigan Public Schools, served as a member of the Garden City Planning Commission and served as a Work Release Program Director for Garden City. He was also a long time Committee Member of the Keep Michigan Beautiful Committee. Hobert worked for thirty years in Research & Development for Burroughs (Unisys) Corporation. Visitation Wednesday 2-9 p.m. at the John N Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd (between Ford Rd and Cherry Hill). In state Thursday 10 a.m. at Merriman Road Baptist Church, service begins at 11 a.m. 2055 Merriman Road (1 Block south of Ford Rd) Donation to Angela Hospice. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

**JASKE, MILDRED E.**

Age 84, of Farmington Hills, October 26, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Kim (Melody) Jaske, Karla (Robert) Winnie, Kirk Jaske, and Karen (Tom) Hilliard. Dear grandmother of SGT. Andrew and SGT. Matthew Hilliard, Abigail Jaske, Christen Ciaravino, Travis and Erica Jaske. Great-grandmother of Spencer and Brielle Hilliard and two grandcats. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m., November 5th, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Visitation Friday 1-3 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington, (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

**READE, ALAN LEE**

Of Bloomfield Hills, passed away peacefully surrounded by his children at age 89, on October 18, 2011. He was born and grew up in New York City, graduated cum laude with a degree in mathematics from Harvard, served in the Navy in WWII, and after the war returned to Harvard for an MBA. He started his business career in textiles in NYC where he met his late wife, Carmeta McLeod. He then went on to spend the rest of his career in the early computer business. After losing his wife to cancer in 1975, he retired to Michigan staying in his same home until the end of his life. He had a very active retirement: skiing, playing tennis and bridge, and advising people on their investments. He is survived by three children and six grandchildren who will miss him greatly, along with the wonderful family reunions he arranged. A memorial celebration of his life will be held at his home on Saturday, November 5 at 3pm.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

### Fitness classes benefit Canton church

Weekly yoga and aerobics workouts will start Nov. 16 and 21 at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton.

Personal fitness trainer Joe Mason will lead classes in "Sun-soaked Yogafit," from 10-10:55 a.m. Mon-

day and Wednesday and aerobics classes, 11 a.m.-noon, Monday and Wednesday. The Monday series will begin Nov. 21 and run through Dec. 12. The Wednesday classes run Nov. 16-Dec. 14. No class will be held Nov. 23.

Cost is \$28 for each series. A portion of all fees will be donated to St. John Neumann Parish.

Classes will be held in the church

For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 455-5910.

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## Keep fire safety in mind when cooking for Thanksgiving

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving, the busiest day of the year for fire departments involving kitchen equipment. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Did you know?

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.
- The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or

books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

The NFPA also notes that cooking and cooking fires are the No. 1 cause of home fires and home injuries. More information can be found at [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

These cooking safety tips apply all year:

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- If you have a home cooking fire:
  - Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
  - Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.
  - If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
  - Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
  - For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.



## Tool helps to fight fraud

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q: I am advised that the Oakland clerk/register of deeds has announced a new property fraud alert system. Do you have any information about it?**

**A:** The Property Fraud Alert System which has been established by Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Bill Bullard Jr. will "empower property owners to protect themselves from improper filings against their property for mortgage fraud, to improper foreclosure, to frivolous liens." As Clerk Bullard said, "Timely knowledge is the most important tool we can give someone so they can take the proper action early in the process before they get mired down in red tape and the system."

The Property Fraud Alert System is a way for Oakland County residents and business owners to protect themselves and their property against fraudulent claims against them. People should sign up at the Oakland County Register of Deeds website, [HTTP://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod](http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod), to receive an e-mail whenever the County office records anything regarding their name or business name. These transactions range from property deeds to liens against the property from new mortgages to foreclosures. Anyone wanting to take advantage of the service should go to the clerk's website, [HTTP://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod](http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod), select Register of Deeds, then click on the green button labeled Property Fraud Alert Service and follow the prompts and instructions to register for the alerts.

**Q: We are selling our home and we are scheduled to close in the near future. We are informed by our real estate agent that we will have to pay \$1,165.00 for a Special Drain Assessment at closing which was added to our tax bill last September. Since the amount of the assessment is for the next 20 years, should this be our responsibility?**

**A:** It all depends upon your purchase agreement, but more than likely the taxes, including the special assessment, were prorated between the buyer and the seller based upon the date of closing and you may be obligated to do so. You should check with your real estate agent as to the basis for having to pay that amount.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [meisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:meisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 18-22, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32388 Arlington Dr	\$163,000
17840 Beverly Rd	\$107,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23750 Woodlyne Dr	\$1,100,000
BIRMINGHAM	
458 Bannville Ave	\$120,000
2563 Dorchester Rd	\$144,000
1950 Graefield Rd	\$83,000
1097 Lakeside Dr	\$790,000
240 Millrace Ln	\$725,000
551 N Old Woodward Ave	\$142,000
1211 Pierce St	\$821,000
1774 Pierce St	\$515,000
782 Smith Ave	\$518,000

1667 W Lincoln St	\$150,000
662 Wallace St	\$625,000
2424 Windemere Rd	\$170,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1547 Kensington Rd	\$420,000
326 Lakewood Dr	\$780,000
1738 S Hill Blvd	\$115,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2856 Heathfield Rd	\$200,000
1944 Klingensmith Rd	\$40,000
5425 Longmeadow Rd	\$1,625,000
183 N Williamsbury Rd	\$431,000
1756 S Hill Blvd	\$90,000
7165 Sherwood Dr	\$305,000
726 Tennyson Downs Ct	\$943,000
2737 Turtle Lake Dr	\$503,000
2748 Turtle Lake Dr	\$1,350,000
2599 Warwick Dr	\$277,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8495 Buffalo Dr	\$115,000
8717 Edgewood Park Dr	\$1,225,000
8158 Eldora Blvd	\$120,000
5741 Strawberry Cir	\$277,000
2467 Yasmin Dr	\$80,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	

35088 Bunker Hill Dr	\$150,000
30989 Cedar Creek Dr	\$182,000
25674 Chapelweigh Dr	\$83,000
31115 Country Ridge Cir	\$192,000
21840 Indian Creek Dr	\$30,000
21085 Metroview Rd	\$320,000
29731 Monterey Cir	\$145,000
29718 Nova Woods Dr	\$143,000
35000 Savannah Ln	\$164,000
29302 Stillwater	\$228,000
FRANKLIN	
19850 Chelsea Pl	\$478,000
MILFORD	
1894 Bristol Ct	\$350,000
219 Hickory St	\$79,000
2656 Katie Ln	\$30,000
NOVI	
47578 Baldwin Ct	\$583,000
44663 Copland Ln	\$200,000
27051 Ladbroke St	\$45,000
40528 Lenox Park Dr	\$230,000
44589 Ludlow Dr	\$390,000
24707 Nepavine	\$530,000
41509 Reindeer Dr	\$350,000
22813 Renford St	\$30,000

45334 Roundview Dr	\$258,000
24705 Sarah Flynn	\$204,000
24251 Saybrook Ct	\$465,000
43999 Stassen Ave	\$172,000
41323 Todd Ln	\$137,000
46170 White Pines Dr	\$87,000
SOUTH LYON	
1053 Colt Ln	\$180,000
54900 Grenelafe Cir W	\$392,000
24460 Wedgewood Dr	\$30,000
501 Wellington Dr	\$105,000
726 Westhills Dr	\$233,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28533 Brentwood St	\$31,000
21590 Concord	\$85,000
23255 Cornerstone Village Dr	\$38,000
26628 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$30,000
26435 Isleworth Pt	\$212,000
28536 Regent Ct S	\$33,000
29985 Spring River Dr	\$95,000
17550 W 12 Mile Rd	\$375,000
WHITE LAKE	
2995 Cooley Lake Rd	\$295,000
9231 Hickorywood St	\$40,000
8656 Newport Dr	\$245,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 25-29, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
647 Aylesbury Ct	\$70,000
47123 Bayview Ct	\$187,000
8329 Chatham Dr	\$80,000
8188 Endicott Ln	\$432,000
384 Filmore St	\$87,000
50104 Grant St	\$218,000
45933 Graystone Ln	\$133,000
50309 Hancock St	\$275,000
42050 Hanford Rd	\$145,000
6941 Harvard Ln	\$49,000
44720 Heather Ln	\$220,000
50174 Heron Ct	\$351,000
858 Mystic Ct	\$215,000
629 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$258,000
2191 Pincroft Dr	\$77,000
2074 Preserve Cir W	\$126,000
706 Princess Dr	\$181,000
320 Roosevelt St	\$140,000
41426 Singh Dr	\$279,000
46962 Southgate Dr	\$199,000

41246 Southwind Dr Unit	\$43,000
1791 Walnut Ridge Cir	\$165,000
1443 Whittier Dr	\$111,000
1052 Wildwood Ln	\$169,000
49212 Wooster Ct	\$250,000
GARDEN CITY	
28459 Beechwood St	\$30,000
28824 Birchlawn St	\$35,000
28490 Florence St	\$75,000
29172 Florence St	\$25,000
960 Gilman St	\$80,000
32469 Rosslyn Ave	\$63,000
LIVONIA	
36664 Angeline Cir	\$73,000
36086 Ann Arbor Trl	\$23,000
28674 Bayberry Ct E	\$102,000
20431 Brentwood St	\$105,000
11324 Cranston St	\$183,000
8961 Denne St	\$111,000
8991 Farmington Rd	\$150,000
11682 Farmington Rd	\$72,000
16950 Farmington Rd	\$88,000
34907 Grove Dr	\$107,000
15075 Hubbard St	\$25,000
18015 Merriman Rd	\$65,000
14559 Newburgh Ave	\$95,000
20320 Oporto Rd	\$198,000
35489 Parkdale St	\$135,000
29481 Robert Dr	\$103,000
10061 Seltzer St	\$58,000

8937 Sunbury St	\$99,000
16738 Whitby St	\$175,000
15165 Yale St	\$125,000
NORTHVILLE	
19642 Aqueduct Ct	\$63,000
18243 Arselot Dr	\$390,000
45011 Broadmoor Cir S	\$423,000
45023 Broadmoor Cir S	\$423,000
16385 Brookwood Ct	\$257,000
17205 Crestbrook Dr	\$900,000
15940 Crystal Downs E	\$632,000
16602 Doral Dr	\$95,000
48955 Freestone Dr	\$447,000
19664 Fry Rd	\$85,000
46066 Greenridge Dr	\$330,000
49988 Hidden Point Dr	\$531,000
15721 Penderbrook Ln	\$406,000
20033 Rippling Ln	\$180,000
17637 Rolling Woods Cir	\$470,000
16345 Weatherfield Dr	\$235,000
16163 Westminster Dr	\$20,000
PLYMOUTH	
492 Arthur St	\$286,000
550 Auburn St	\$265,000
1298 Beech St	\$225,000
9445 Corinne St	\$160,000
44681 Jodi Ct	\$155,000
332 N Mill St	\$99,000
350 N Mill St	\$102,000
1697 Nantucket Rd	\$192,000

51329 Northview	\$224,000
40563 Orangelawn Ave	\$135,000
51043 Plymouth Ridge Dr	\$600,000
1168 Simpson St	\$225,000
325 Sunset St	\$120,000
8903 Tamarack Ct	\$309,000
8911 Tamarack Ct	\$332,000
11937 Trailwood Rd	\$245,000
REDFORD	
8840 Dixie	\$57,000
13536 Fenton	\$68,000
13220 Hemingway	\$36,000
19379 Lexington	\$36,000
9931 Lucerne	\$60,000
16192 Ryland	\$81,000
20539 Seminole	\$425,000
9327 Tecumseh	\$56,000
9623 Woodbine	\$15,000
WESTLAND	
7567 Alma Ct	\$140,000
30798 Avondale St	\$67,000
33053 Chief Ln	\$75,000
6871 Deerhurst Dr	\$85,000
7612 Gary Ave	\$85,000
32220 Grandview Ave	\$65,000
7369 Manor Cir	\$22,000
31914 Roscommon St	\$15,000
834 Summerfield Dr	\$60,000
620 Superior Pkwy	\$45,000
35122 Wallace St	\$30,000

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# Challenging fun for ALL ages

# Thursday

# PUZZLE CORNER

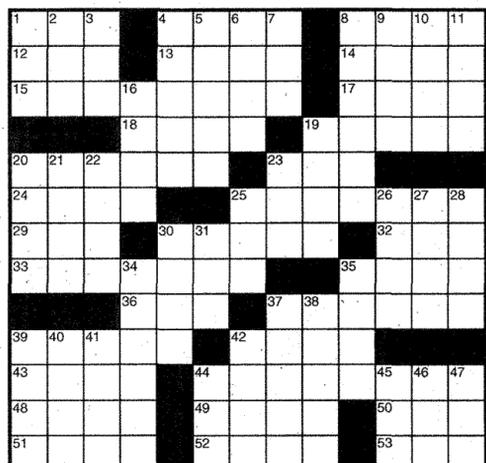
## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Plaintive cry
  - 4 House feature in an ad
  - 8 Seltzer characteristic
  - 12 Queen beater
  - 13 Learn about
  - 14 General vicinity
  - 15 Outlines
  - 17 Coarse file
  - 18 Having a healthy glow
  - 19 Salon rinses
  - 20 Knights' mounts
  - 23 Jayhawker st.
  - 24 Rich source
  - 25 Not staying long in one place
  - 29 Christina's pop
  - 30 Unaccompanied
  - 32 Vocalist Sumac
  - 33 Spotted
  - 35 Bench sitters
  - 36 Fiber source
- DOWN**
- 1 PC competitor
  - 2 Author Umberto
  - 3 Skin blemish
  - 4 Family of chicks
  - 5 Horton's creator
  - 6 Garden grower of rhyme
  - 7 QB objectives
  - 8 Cooked cereal

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

TABS DART LAC  
ALEC OPIE UMA  
ROAR ZEPPELIN  
PERUSED ETUDE  
FIN PEN  
WOOFS LASAGNA  
OHM LOT DAB  
NOSEBAG PESTS  
LOO VEX  
UNTIE RICOTTA  
MORAINES TAIL  
PEA NEST ITEM  
SLY GETA CARS

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- 9 Baha'i origin
- 10 Lemon peel
- 11 Phaser blasts
- 16 It has rings
- 19 A bit blah
- 20 — dunk
- 21 Pamplona runner
- 22 Proofread
- 23 "— Tiki"
- 25 Give silent assent
- 26 Pigments
- 27 "— Old"
- 28 Hunter's wear
- 30 Anguished wail
- 31 Grant approval
- 34 Nissan rival
- 35 Bank stack
- 37 Knack, as for writing
- 38 Speeder's nemesis
- 39 Celebrity
- 40 Totally botch
- 41 ABA member
- 42 Pretend to be
- 44 Wharf denizen
- 45 Very cold
- 46 Carried out
- 47 Magazine execs

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## SUDOKU

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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### Word Search

E V O H E B I T C Y H S F R R  
R S Z Z U S Z A B O E D E V Z  
Y C I R B U E K X I U N A A Y  
Q S G A V I L E R X I N R Q D  
Y E G D N F J O H D M J T Y Y  
R L D L E N L U D C O J A E I  
C O O Z U A O T S H A K E X R  
B I O P C E I Y K T H E C H U P  
O Z F W V M K U A G O D T O H  
C Q T Q E U E S I M S U P B D  
X H S B I A A N Y E T U O S Y  
U I A W Q L C Q U P R S G E F  
C R F D T J G L I P A M J I C  
C Z J W P G R W N W Y P Z R G  
N E Y T G R N H Z Y X P E F Y

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|----------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| burger   | counter   | fries   | mayonnaise | shake   |
| calories | diner     | hot dog | menu       | takeout |
| cheese   | fast food | ketchup | salt       | tray    |

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

**Sudoku**

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
8	1	9	7	6	2	9	8	
2	6	4	8	1	9	8	7	
6	9	2	7	9	8	7	8	1
7	8	9	1	2	7	9	6	5
7	9	1	6	8	9	8	2	7
1	7	8	9	7	8	6	9	2
8	2	9	5	6	7	8	7	8
9	7	6	2	4	8	1	9	

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

**Word Search**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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