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The Wayne County Department of Public Health recently lowered the price of its flu shots to \$5 for anyone who might need them during the 2012-13 flu season. Medicaid, Medicare, Part B is accepted. Eligible youngsters are also covered under the Vaccine for Children program. For flu shots, contact the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7000 or (734) 727-7100 to make an appointment. The health department is at 33030 Van Born, Wayne.

Clothing drive

North Brothers Ford is hosting its annual Clothing Drive to benefit the Wayne County Family Center in Westland. Donations of worn, but well cared for clothing, as well as cash donations are being accepted. Donations can be dropped off at North Brothers Ford, 33300 Ford Road, Westland. As with any North Brothers Ford charity event, the dealership will match any donation made. To make a donation, contact any North Brothers Ford manager or Jackie Marcaccini at (734) 524-1243, or e-mail info@northbros.com.

Adult literacy

In the U.S., there are 30 million adults who can't read well enough to understand a newspaper article at the eighth-grade level or fill out a job application. Currently more than 100,000 adults are on wait lists to get paired with a literacy tutor at this time. The William P. Faust Public Library is holding an adult literacy tutor information night 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in Meeting Room B. Find out how to get involved and share your reading with an adult in need. The program will look at tutor training works (15 hours — 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 2, 9 and 16 — and what's necessary to become a tutor — just two hours a week). No formal training in education is required and you don't have to make any commitments right away. People unable to attend the information session, can call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the Reference desk and ask for Liz or Tara.

Wayne council OKs plan for downtown McDonald's

Residents say restaurant will 'change face of city forever'

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

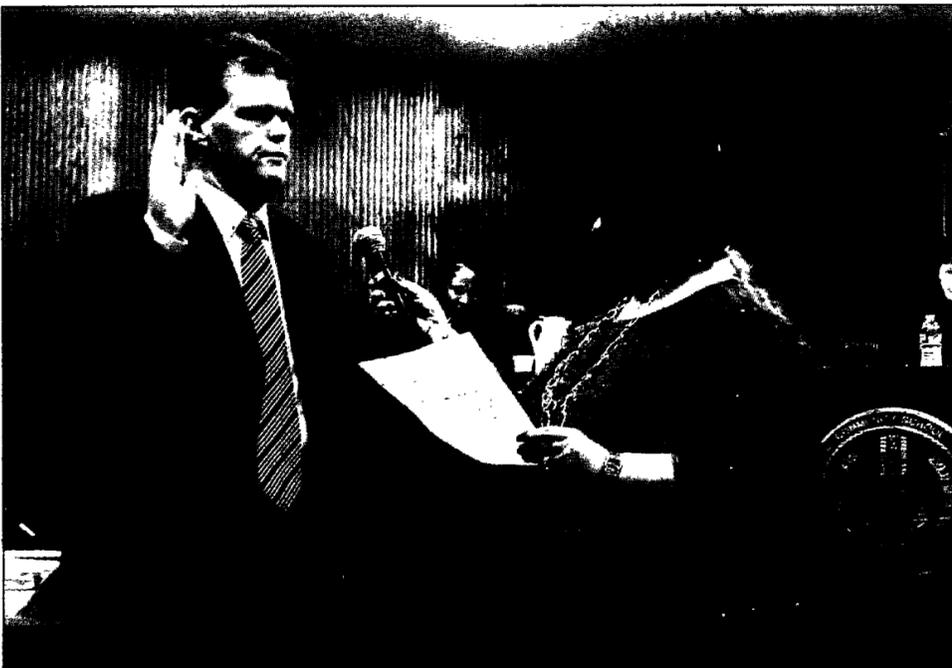
With a properly zoned site and other requirements met, Wayne council members had no reason to deny a site plan to allow a new McDonald's restaurant on Michigan Avenue West and Wayne

Road. Before approving the site plan at Tuesday's meeting, council members heard from residents who were unhappy with the fast food chain locating in the downtown district. The now-closed Rex's House of Pancakes will be demolished and replaced by the

new restaurant. Former Councilwoman Susan Rowe noted that the master plan called for creating a more walkable urban downtown area. "We're at a crossroads. This site was to be a catalyst — an opportunity for redevelopment with parking to the rear," said Rowe. "We spent a lot of money on this but there is no overlay district ordinance. We had town hall meetings. We gave promises that we would make downtown more walkable."

That lack of ordinance restrictions allowed the McDonald's on a site zoned for a restaurant with drive-through windows allowed as an ancillary use. The plans for McDonald's show a restaurant that looks like the McDonald's at Michigan Avenue and Gully in Dearborn, said Rowe. "The building is not attractive to me. New development should look like the existing buildings,"

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Theresa Weaver administers the oath of office to her husband Frederick during the Wayne-Westland school board meeting Monday. Weaver was elected to a six-year term after serving as an appointed trustee for more than a year.

Middel tapped to lead W-W school board

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has a new member following the swearing of Sally Madison Monday evening. Madison and incumbent Frederick Weaver were sworn into office as part of the school board's organizational meeting. "I want to thank my family and friends for their support," said Madison, whose husband, Ron, administered the oath of office. "It's an honor to have been elected. I look forward to serving." A Westland resident, Madison was the top vote-getter in the November school election, winning one of two six-year terms on the board. Weaver, also a Westland resident, placed second. A veter-



The newest member of the Wayne-Westland school board, Sally Madison is sworn in by her husband Ron.

an school board member who resigned in 2008, Weaver was appointed in August 2011 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of William Gabriel. "I'd like to thank the voters in Wayne and Westland for their support and I look forward to serving for six years," said

Weaver, whose wife, Theresa, administered the oath of office. He also thanked Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc and other city officials who worked closely with his campaign and told his fellow board

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Mayor says cooperative efforts will be focus in 2013

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Following a year that saw Westland and Wayne merge their fire and parks and recreation departments, expect a continuation of cooperative efforts in 2013. "We will continue working with the City of Wayne. We've got some potential areas to look at like the senior department," said Westland Mayor William Wild. Westland has the Friendship Center with its \$12 per year annual membership fee, which provides a nutrition site and a variety of programs for senior citizens. Wayne's senior program has undergone budget cuts and is housed within the Wayne Community Center. Information technology is another area where some consolidation/merger may take place, Wild said. And expect some serious merger discussions in the area of emergency services dispatching. Currently, Wayne and Garden City have a joint dispatching operation for police in each city and Garden City fire/EMS. With the merged Wayne-Westland Fire Department, the Westland dispatcher took over fire/EMS dispatching along with Westland police calls. In addition, the Westland dispatchers handle emergency dispatching for Inkster. "We're discussing Wayne, Westland, Garden City and Inkster under a joint dispatch. Our goal is a joint dispatch by July 1," said Wild. Further merging of fire services also may be ahead. "Our merger with Wayne has gone incredibly smoothly," said Wild. "I expect that there will be talks with Garden City once they get a city manager (hired)." Westland continues to participate in talks with the Big Four — Westland, Canton, Livonia and Dearborn — looking for ways to share services for greater cost-effectiveness. "We've done a couple of sessions. It doesn't look like we could do consolidation of departments due to the geography," said Wild. "In 2013, the focus will be more on best practices and training. We'll work together on keeping training costs down." Training costs have become more of an issue, Wild said, with the high turnover in staff seen by communities due to early retirements and other reductions spurred by decreased budgets.

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W-W Fire Department processes passport requests

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department has added a new service - processing U.S. passports. The U.S. State Department recently certified the department to officially process U.S. passports. Located at 3300 S. Wayne Road, the Wayne-Westland Fire Administration Office will accept passport applications 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or appointments can be scheduled by call-

ing (734) 467-3201. "The cities of Wayne and Westland are committed to providing their residents with the best services possible, and with the addition of the Wayne-Westland Fire Department becoming a certified passport acceptance facility, we continue to make Westland convenient for almost any need," Westland Mayor William Wild said. The costs for the application process are the standard fees set by the State Department,

which include a \$110 application fee, a \$25 execution fee, \$15 passport photo, if purchased with the fire department, as well as an \$18.95 to agency and \$12.72 for return mailing fee. Overnight delivery and expedited services are additional fees. For more information on obtaining a U.S. Passport, visit www.TravelState.gov. For more information regarding the process, call the Wayne-Westland Fire Department at (734) 467-3201.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Helping seniors

Seniors Helping Seniors will host a grand-opening open house, featuring food and drink and drawings for free gifts 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

Learn about services, providing in-home care and support for seniors by seniors. Learn about flexible job opportunities for caring, active seniors over 50 years young.

For more information, call (734) 996-9570 or email seniorshelpingse-niors14@gmail.com.

Mom's Night Out

Moms can chase away the winter blahs at a Mom's Night Out 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Designer Duds n Infant Treasures, 815 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Direct sales vendors for Cookie Lee Jewelry, Tastefully, Simple, Perfectly Posh, 31 Bags, Pure Romance, Melissa's Happy Scrappin, Scentsy, Tupperware, It Works and Partylight will be there to show off their products, and light appetizers and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (734) 331-2519.

Friends program

The Friends of the Nankin Mills will host a free presentation, "History of Hines Drive," 7-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

Nancy Darga, former Wayne County Parks Manager of Design, Parks Historian and Managing Director of Motor Cities National Heritage Area, will share her vast knowl-

edge about the development and history of Hines Parkway.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The parking lot on Hines can be reached even if barricades are up at Ann Arbor Trail. For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

All About Tea

Join the Friends of the Wayne Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, for an evening of delectable delights when they host Vicky O'Neily, owner of Victoria's Tea Salon, for "All About Tea." O'Neily will introduce guests to a variety of teas and explain the difference between "high tea" and "afternoon tea." Participants will enjoy tea samples.

For more information, call the library at (734) 721-7832. The library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, south of West Michigan Avenue, in Wayne.

Valentine Brunch

The Women's Auxiliary American Legion Post 32 will hold a Valentine Brunch fund-raiser for nurse's scholarship 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the post at 9318 Newburgh, north of Joy, in Livonia.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu includes waffles, sausage, scrambled eggs, made-to-order omelets, biscuits and gravy, coffee cake, fresh fruit, orange and tomato juices and coffee. There also will be basket and 50-50 raffles.

For more information, call (734) 427-5630.



On display

Artists Kay Masini (left) with her acrylic painting, entitle "Happy Hour," while Liz Gulikson with her pastel of Amy Winehouse, prepare to hang their art pieces at the Westland Charhouse restaurant. They are members of the Three Cities Art Club, and their art will be on display until May at the restaurant at 35613 Warren Road, Westland. "It is a win-win situation," said Three Cities Vice President and photographer Allen Brooks. "We have a place to display and market our work and they have an ever changing display of original art for their customers to enjoy while dining."

Bowling benefit

Bowl for the Westland Historic Village Park noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Vision Lanes at 38250 Ford Road, west of Newburgh Road.

Tickets are \$25 each and include three games, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, mystery prize, door prizes and more. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the Westland Historic Village at 857 N. Wayne Road. They also will be available at the door the day of the event. For tickets or more information, call Ryan at (734) 756-0769.

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Ss. Simon and Jude Ush-

er's Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merri-man, in Westland.

Admission is \$2 per person, or \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available and parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327. Dealer setup is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

Community Center

Wayne Community is offering a lock-in visit for families this winter. Pay \$5 per visit per family and enjoy your choice of

swimming, ice skating or using the indoor track. A visit is good for 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday and 3:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the center, located at Annapolis and Howe. The offer is valid now through March 31.

The center also is offering winter walker/skating/swim passes. Get 30 visits to use the track, go to open skate or open swim. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. The visits are good now through March 31.

For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

Ice skating

Looking for something to do on a Friday evening? Stop by the Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland

for Glow Skate 8-9:20 p.m. Fridays. Get a Glow Skate punch card. Skate five times and the sixth is free.

The arena also offers open skate 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for resident youth, \$5 for resident adults. Non-resident charges are \$4.50 for youth and \$5.50 for adults. Skate rental is \$3 for residents and \$3.50 for non-residents.

The arena is at 6210 Wildwood, Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Open skate at the Wayne Ice Arena is 10-11:20 a.m. and 2-2:50 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10-11:20 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday (for parent and children age 6 and under), 5:30-6:50 p.m. Saturday and 3:30-4:50 Sunday.

Fees are \$3 for resident children and seniors and \$3.25 for resident adults. Non-resident charges are 5 for children and \$6 for adults. Children age 3 and under are free.

The community center is at 4635 Howe, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information, call Luddie at (734) 414-0034 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or go online to westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org.

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she said.

Another resident, Ron Roberts, argued that the McDonald's was primarily a drive-through restaurant — that the drive-through wasn't ancillary to the business.

"If you let McDonald's

in, there is nothing to stop other fast food in downtown Wayne," said Roberts. "If you approve this, it will change the face of the city forever. All that we worked for years will be over. You owe it to citizens to take the time to make a clear decision."

One criticism from council members was over the decor at the Dearborn restaurant,

which was described as stark. Councilman James Henley suggested the restaurant contact the nearby Wayne Historical Museum for photos.

"We're proud of our city," said Henley.

McDonald's representative Tom Gergich responded that the franchisees make decisions on the restaurant decor within guidelines from the corporation.

The restaurant, which will be open 24 hours day for dine-in and drive-through service, includes an outdoor seating area.

"We're trying to make it more cafe-like. There are no fastened-to-the-floor seats," said Gergich. "We try to serve the customers' needs. We have flat screen televisions, fireplaces, even some fish tanks. Most of the operators do a very fine job

with the decor and matching it to the community."

While it was hard to hear comments criticizing McDonald's, Councilman John Rhaesa said people came out because they are proud of Wayne.

"I want to raise the standards so we have the best McDonald's Wayne can have. The people are proud of their city, that's what is really being said," said Rhaesa.

It was disappointing as a councilman not to be able to take any other action regarding the McDonald's site plan due to the lack of an appropriate ordinance, said Rhaesa, who requested an overlay ordinance be discussed during the council's upcoming goal-setting sessions.

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members that he accepted the office "willingly" under the proviso that the board work together for the betterment of the district and the students.

Canton's Carol Middel will continue to lead the Wayne-Westland school board after being elected to a second term as president. Wayne resident Thomas Buckalew was elected vice president, with John Goci of Westland as secretary. Shawna

Walker of Westland will continue to serve as the board treasurer.

A majority of the votes were 4-3, but in the end it was change when Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin called for election by acclamation.

"As a board we're obligated to vote on the officers, but as a board, we have to work with everyone up here," said Griffin. "I think that voting by acclamation shows that."

Middel had served an extra six months as the board president when school elections were moved to November of

even years. In recognition of her service, School Superintendent Greg Baracy continued a long-standing tradition by presenting her with the president's gavel.

"This recognizes you for all the things you do," said Baracy. "But being president requires more hours. The hours have to be up in the hundreds, if not the thousands."

"This is special," said Middel. "I've never received anything like this before. I've gotten a lot of certificates that are suitable for framing."

The board also desig-

nated Weaver to serve as its representative to the Wayne County Association of School Boards. Madison was tapped for the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Trustees also voted to keep Plante Moran as the district's financial auditors and the firm of Clark-Hill as its general legal counsel. Also providing legal services will be the firms of Lusk & Albertson, Thrun and Kelly Cawthorne.

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Eleven-year-old Eric Polzin, of Livonia, got an autograph on his cell phone from Red Wing player Niklas Kronwall, as well as Pavel Datsyuk. Eric plays goalie for the Westland Blazers and still has his teeth. Eric's dad, Mike Polzin, said that he, Eric, and 10-year-old son Anthony were playing hooky from school and work to see the Wings close up at Compuware Arena.

Fan favorites

If local reaction means much, fans just 'glad' to have hockey

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Way back when, Joan Tingstad had a sister who wanted to marry Red Wings great Gordie Howe so badly that she cried when he married someone else.

Howe has long since been forgiven, and now Tingstad, a Northville resident who caught Red Wings practice Tuesday at Plymouth Township's Compuware Arena, is equally ready to forgive the NHL for the lockout that cost her half a season. Tingstad, who said she's a fan "from the Abel-Lindsay-Howe" era, watched the practice with her daughter and fellow fan, Holly Evans of Westland.

"A lot of people are really mad, but I'm not," Tingstad said of the lockout, which nearly cut the NHL season in half. "I love hockey. I'm looking forward to the season."

Evans lamented the length of the practice — "It was too short," she said — and said she was surprised to even see them playing.

"I thought they were done," the Westland resident said. "At this late date, I thought (the season) was over."

Fans have crowded into Compuware Arena to watch the Red Wings practice the last few days, including Tuesday night's Red and White scrimmage. Local fans, at least, are seemingly willing to forgive both the players and the league for the 113-day lockout that cost so much of the season (the Wings open the regular season Saturday at St. Louis).

Jimmy Garlit of Plymouth said he's been a fan of the Wings for some 50



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Ryan Urbanowicz, of Plymouth, gets a cap signed by Red Wing Patrick Eaves. Ryan really wanted an autograph on his Datsyuk jersey from his hero, Pavel Datsyuk. He got it, along with a handshake.

years, and he's ready to watch some hockey. He and his wife of 21 years, Julie Anne, watched the team go through its paces Tuesday morning.

"It's completely unnecessary. ... That's just the nature of the business," Garlit said of the lockout. "To me, there are only two sports (teams) in this town — the Tigers and the Red Wings. I'm incredibly glad they're back."

Julie Anne Garlit has only been a fan since she and Jimmy have been together — "That's 21 years ... if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," she said with a laugh — and she remembered her husband's reaction when the lockout ended.

"He heard about it and said, 'My prayers have been answered,'" she said.

Larry Rafalski of Canton said he watched the lockout and said he "could see the players' point and the clubs' point." He said it was exciting to see them up close in the friendly con-

finer of Compuware.

"They looked good considering how long they've been off," Rafalski said.

"It was great to see them up close. Their reflexes are amazing. (But) with that long break, you lose something. I hope it doesn't hurt them."

Zak Fadden and Shannon Perry, both Plymouth residents, took in the practice together. Fadden said he thought the NHL took a growth step last year, with the Los Angeles Kings winning their first Stanley Cup.

"I thought the NHL grew last year, but the lockout might have hurt that," Fadden said. "I'm just glad they're back."

Perry said she thought the Wings "looked tired," and doesn't really care about all that other stuff. She expressed the same emotion the NHL might be hoping to hear from everyone.

"It was fun," she said of watching them practice. "I love the Red Wings."

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Residents 'Buddy Up' with Shuh to get healthy

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Since competing on the *Biggest Loser* last year, Allen "Buddy" Shuh has done a lot of motivational speeches.

But the 12-week Buddy Up free health program that kicks off Saturday, Jan. 26, will be a bit different.

"This is the most extensive thing I've done. I've not done anything like this before," said Shuh. "I hope people will change their habits and the way they think on a permanent basis. The short-term goal is weight loss. Long term, it's not waiting to return to old habits."

So far, 262 people have signed on for the Buddy Up program which will meet 8:30-10 a.m. Saturdays for 12 consecutive weeks, beginning Jan. 26, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

The weekly sessions will have three parts. The first half hour will consist of weighing in, followed by a nutritional class where Shuh, a Wayne resident, will teach what he learned from *Biggest Loser*, and conclude with an exercise segment.

"I plan on being up front and honest with people. What happened on *Biggest Loser* will not happen in real life," said Shuh. "It's all about calories in and calories out. When you exercise six to eight hours a day, you lose two pounds in a day. You could lose 10 pounds in a week but that's not realistic. In normal life, losing two pounds a week is realistic."

As part of Westland's



Allen "Buddy" Shuh, who slimmed down with the help of the "Biggest Loser" TV show, will help residents get fit and eat healthy with "Buddy Up."

Passport to a Healthy City effort, the Buddy Up program is aimed at those needing to lose weight, but as Shuh points out, it's also geared to people interested in getting healthier through exercise and better nutrition.

"I plan to present a nutritional and exercise program. The exercise plan will be at different levels — easy, medium and hard," said Shuh. "We'll see where people are at and push to the next level."

St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia, which partners with the Westland on Passport to a Healthy City, will conduct the weigh-in and other health screenings for the participants.

At the conclusion of each session, participants will leave with homework, concentrating on nutritional and fitness strategies throughout the week. Upon conclusion of the program, a 5K run will be held in the community to celebrate the completion of the class.

For Shuh, a connections pastor for the Journey Community Church which meets at the Friendship Center, weight loss is more than counting calories and exercising.

"When we kick off, I plan to share my personal story part of that it is a spiritual journey," said Shuh. "I'll open up my church. I think there is a spiritual connection, but it won't be mandatory as part of the program."

A year after the Passport program was initiated, this new component is being added to help residents get into better physical shape.

"This is a great opportunity for residents of both cities (Wayne and Westland) to take advantage of a free fitness class taught by a local resident who has inspired a nationwide audience," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "Not only does it provide a fun way to maintain an active lifestyle throughout the winter, but it does so through an individual who truly knows first-hand how living a healthy lifestyle can change an individual's life."

For more details and to sign up for the program, visit www.CityofWestland.com or contact the mayor's office at (734) 467-3200. Registration is limited to the first 500.

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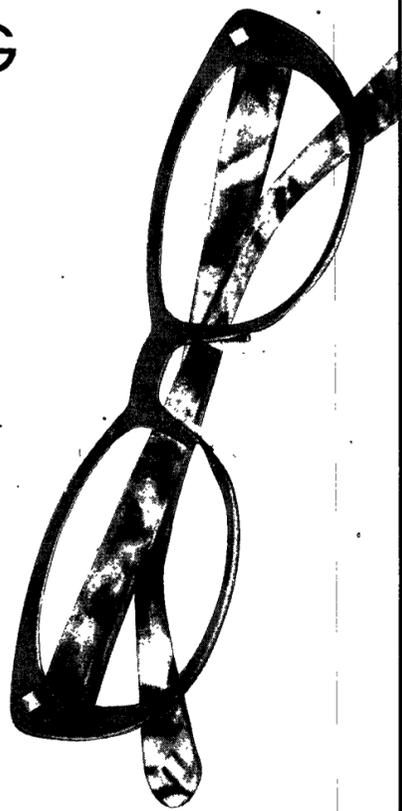
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Copper plumbing stolen from home

Vandalism

The maintenance man for a condominium in the 1800 block of Stieber told police Jan. 10 that when he arrived at the unit he found someone had been inside it.

There was no sign of a break-in, but he reported a piece of copper plumbing connected to the water meter had been cut out and stolen. The meter was found on the floor and the water was flowing into the basement. At the time police were called, there was several inches of water on the basement floor.

Break-in

Police were called to a home in the 30000 block of Hiveley on Jan. 12 about an air conditioning unit and copper piping that had been stolen. A real estate agent arrived to show the home but found the lock box containing a key to the house was missing.

Checking the house further, it was noticed that the air conditioning unit was missing from the back yard and a window was open. The copper piping was missing from the basement and laundry room.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Break-in

A 20-gallon air compressor, a slider comp saw and a set of wrenches/ratchets, valued at \$1,550, were reported stolen from a garage in the 28000 block of Ann Arbor Trail on Jan. 12. The owner told police he last remembered seeing the tools Jan. 6.

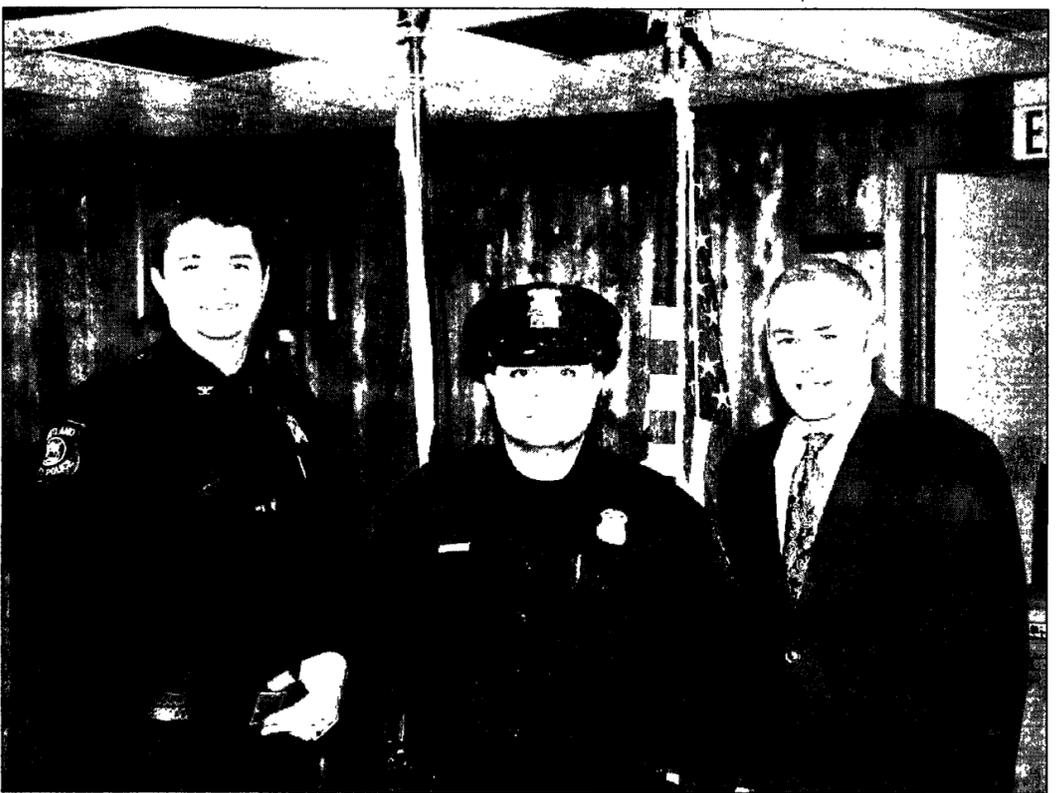
When he left for work Jan. 12, the resident said he noticed the garage side door open but thought his wife had left it open.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Jan. 10, a resident of a home in the 900 block of Fairlane told police that someone had stolen her wallet from her unlocked vehicle. She said her driver's license and credit and debit cards were missing.

A resident in the 7900 block of North Beatrice told police Jan. 11 that someone had stolen his wallet, containing \$10, his identification and credit cards, from his vehicle. A window on the car had been broken.

By LeAnne Rogers



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left) and Mayor William Wild (right) welcomes the newest addition to the police Department, Officer Daniel Wright.

Westland hires new officer

There's a new face in the Westland Police Station, following the swearing in last week of Police Officer Daniel Wright.

Wright served the Detroit Police Department

for five years and had spent the last four with the Pleasant Ridge Police Department. Wright currently attends Macomb Community College

"The City of Westland is

honored to welcome Officer Daniel Wright to the Westland Police Department," said Mayor William Wild. "I am confident that Officer Wright's training and previous

experience will serve the residents of our All American City well.

Married, he and his wife Dayna have two daughters, Isabella, 5 and Juliana, 2.

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Gold jewelry taken in break-in at Garden City Exchange

Break-in

An intrusion alarm summoned the Garden City police to a break-in at Garden City Exchange, 32555 Ford, about 1:30 a.m. Jan. 13.

When the police arrived, they found that the unknown thief shattered a door to gain entry. Police confiscated a crowbar that they believed was used to shatter the jewelry case.

The owner believes 10 necklaces and 10 pairs of gold earrings were stolen.

Property damage

The police arrested a Garden City man Jan. 12 after he admitted to accidentally breaking the kitchen window of his girlfriend's home in the 33000 block of Alvin.

The woman said they broke up in September and that he was warned against trespassing. The

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man reportedly pounded on the window and broke it.

When interviewed by the police, the man disputed her claims that he was an ex-boyfriend. He said he visited her the night before and spent the night with her. When he pounded on the window, it was just to get her attention, he said.

Theft

The manager of the Shell gas station, 120 Middlebelt, said Jan. 12 that someone stole all of the quarters from an air compressor.

A video showed only one vehicle, a silver Chevy Avalanche, was near the compressor all night.

It showed the driver about 35-40 years old get out of the vehicle and come into the gas station. While he kept the employee occupied, his passenger got out and was seen on the driver's side of the vehicle.

The car blocked the

video view of the air compressor so the police can't be sure that he was the perpetrator.

Turfing

Garden City police were dispatched about 10 p.m. Jan. 10 to a report that a truck was driving on the grass at Garden City High School on Middlebelt, north of Ford, and was last seen on Middlebelt near Warren Road.

The grass on the south side of the school, near the tennis courts and soccer field was damaged.

Fraud

A Garden City resident came to the police station about 5 p.m. Jan. 10 to report that someone fraudulently used her Charter One VISA debit card which she still had in her possession.

She had not authorized anyone to do so.

Charges were made to Metro PCS, Adidas Online, Sprint Wireless and JackThreads.

The woman canceled her account.

By Sue Buck

ORDINANCE NO. 223-A-110

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, SECTION 30-158, SETTING VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEES AND APPROVING A UNIFORM LOCAL VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISE WITH WideOpenWest MICHIGAN, LLC.

WHEREAS, Public Act 480 of 2006 (the "Act") requires video service providers to obtain a franchise, and a renewal of a franchise, from the City of Westland ("City") by means of a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement ("Uniform Franchise"); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") on January 30, 2007 issued an Order that provided a Uniform Franchise form; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a Uniform Franchise application from WideOpenWest, Michigan LLC; and

WHEREAS, there were four public, educational and government access channels (Public, Livonia Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Public Schools and governmental access) in actual use on the incumbent video providers' systems in the City on the effective date of the Act, January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to renew the franchise fees and fees to support public, educational and governmental access facilities and services applicable to video service providers with Uniform Franchises; and

WHEREAS, the City does not intend that by approving a Uniform Franchise that it shall be waiving rights, nor does it understand that the Act or the MPSC Order so requires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. That Section 30-158 shall be added to Chapter 30 of the Westland City Code to provide as follows:

Sec. 30-157. WideOpenWest Michigan, LLC

1. That an annual fee of 5% of gross revenues, which is the fee paid to the City by Comcast, the incumbent video provider with the largest number of video subscribers in City and existing cable franchise agreements with the City, is hereby established as the annual video service provider franchise fee, and an annual fee of 1% of gross revenues, which is the fee paid to the City by Comcast as determined by its existing franchise agreement, is hereby established as the annual video service provider fee to support public, educational and governmental access facilities and services; and,

2. That it is hereby memorialized that there were four public, educational and governmental access channels in actual use on the incumbent video providers' systems in the City on the effective date of the Act, January 1, 2007; and,

3. That the City Council hereby approves the Uniform Franchise with WideOpenWest, Michigan, LLC, with a 5% franchise fee in Section VI and a 1% PEG support fee in Section VIII.A.1; and,

4. That these approvals and the signature of the Mayor on a Uniform Franchise are not a waiver by the City of its police powers; rights it may possess under the Act, Michigan law, the Michigan Constitution, or federal law, including rights to challenge the Act; or right to challenge or modify a Uniform Franchise if the Act in whole or in part is overturned by the courts; and,

5. That this Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, and as provided by law; and,

6. That the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized and directed to sign the Uniform Agreement with WideOpenWest Michigan, LLC, and take all actions related to its completion and implementation, including with four public, educational and governmental access channels; and,

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 30 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. **Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. **Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

ON MOTION OF Johnson, SUPPORTED BY Reeves, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
	Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves and Godbout	None	None

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 1 17/13

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

01: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 12/17/12.

- Appr. minutes of special meeting held 1/7/13.

- Appr. bid for Off. City Newspaper to Observer; amt \$4.75 per col. in.

- Bid for Power Stretchers for Type 3 Ambulance to Stryker Medical; amt. \$69,990.

- Bid for SCBA for FD to Douglas Safety Systems; amt. \$407,000.

- Intro Bud. Amend. 2013-09; Police Dept. amt, \$26,156.

- Adopted Ord. 223-A-10 to approve Uniform Local Video Service Franchise with WideOpenWest.

- Adopted Prepared Resolution for 1 NSP disposition.

02: Closed public hearing on Apex CRDP application.

03: Adopted prepared resolution approving Apex participation in CRDP for 10 yrs.

04: Settlement of Svaluto v. City & Longuski v. City 2010 & 2011 flood cases as class actions.

05: Conf. re'appt of J. McKinney to Disability Concerns Committee for 3 yr. term to exp. 1/3/16.

06: Conf. re'appt of R. Schuholz to Disability Concerns Committee for 3 yr. term to exp. 1/3/16.

07: Appr. checklist: \$507,715.93 & Prepaid: \$1,041,736.79.

Mtg. adj. at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

Museum adds B-24 cockpit to its WWII collection

The Yankee Air Museum has added an important new artifact to its World War II exhibit: a meticulously restored cockpit assembly for the B-24.

The four engine B-24 heavy bomber was built by Ford Motor Company at Willow Run Airport, heart of the Arsenal of Democracy. The cockpit joins a 1930s era Franklin PS-2 Glider, built in Ypsilanti, as the most significant recent acquisitions of the period.

"Having an historic Franklin Glider and a fully restored B-24 cockpit on display sends a positive message to the community," said Ray Hunter, YAM chairman of the board. "This exclaims grateful recognition to the men and women who worked at Willow Run, including Roswell Franklin the founder of the Franklin Glider Corporation, who helped develop the B-24 auto-pilot system."

According to Hunter, Ford produced 8,685 B-24s at the Willow Run manufacturing complex between 1942 until the end of World War II. He hopes surviving members of America's Greatest Generation who worked at Willow Run will come and see the exhibit once it is completed.

The museum expects the exhibit to open by Jan. 21.

"Since reopening the YAM Collections and Exhibits Building on Oct. 9, 2010, we've been



The Yankee Air Museum has added a restored cockpit assembly for the B-24 to its World War II exhibit.

immersed in organizing ourselves as a top flight institution," said Kevin Walsh, YAM's executive director. "Having done that, it's now exciting to enter a new era with attractive and meaningful new acquisitions."

Walsh said the establishment of a new relationship with the U.S. Air Force and continuing as part of the Smithsonian Institution's Affiliations Program as evidence of the YAM's growing stature as a museum and tourist attraction.

While those milestones are important, fundraising is ongoing and key to continued success, he said. The Franklin Glider is on permanent loan from the National Soaring Museum, but funds are still needed for the B-24 cockpit. In fact, the YAM has created a specific fund for developing the display and is encouraging contributions.

"We owe it to our constituency, especially the Founding and Life members, to continue

improvements that look like, and perform like a first class institution," said Bob Hynes, Member of the YAM Board of Directors and head of the public relations department.

"There's a new emphasis on planning and rotating displays that will keep our offerings fresh and appealing," Hynes said.

Hynes is optimistic about YAM in 2013, saying the management team blends the right mix of imagination, energy and expertise to excite people of all ages.

"Stop by and check us out, you'll be glad you did," he said.

Yankee Air Museum is located on the grounds of Willow Run Airport at 47884 D St., Belleville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults age 16 and older, students with valid ID \$5, children under age 18 free when accompanied by an adult \$3.00 and families (two adults and two children) \$8.

Miracle League benefit pitches 'The Perfect Game'

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

A fundraiser in Plymouth next month will give baseball fans a chance to see some legendary former Detroit Tigers and revisit the Tigers' two most recent championship seasons.

"The Perfect Game," a dinner and discussion among former Tigers about the World Series-winning teams of 1968 and 1984, is Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom. It's a benefit for the Miracle League of Plymouth, which in 2011 opened the Bilkie Family Field,

a baseball field designed for special-needs children.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, a five-course meal and the baseball discussion, plus a computer-simulated matchup between the 1968 and 1984 Tigers teams. Sports broadcaster Eli Zaret will be the master of ceremonies.

League president Debra Madonna said about a half-dozen former Tigers have signed on for the discussion, and that she is awaiting confirmations. The Grand Ballroom capacity is about 300, but Madonna said the panel discussion is designed to

unfold like dinner-table conversation, and will be broadcast on television monitors for those who might be sitting close to the panel.

The Miracle League, which has drawn players and volunteers from around the metropolitan area, is making plans for its third season, which will begin this spring.

Money raised from "The Perfect Game" will go toward facilities maintenance and keeping registration costs reasonable for players, Madonna said.

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Sen. Anderson recognized as 'Environmental Champion'

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, was one of nine legislators from the state Senate and House to receive a perfect voting score on environmental legislation in the 2011-12 session from the Sierra Club - Michigan Chapter.

There are 148 legislators in the Michigan Legislature. Some of the votes included in this scorecard were for the civilian conservation corps and energy performance contracts, and against beach grooming regulations, and establishing a hunting season for the gray wolf.

"The Sierra Club applauds Senator Glenn Anderson for his perfect voting score on environmental legislation in the 2011-2012 session," said

Mike Berkowitz, legislative and political director of the Michigan Sierra Club. "On behalf of our 170,000 members and supporters in Michigan, we thank him for being an environmental champion and standing up for clean air, clean water and public health."

The Sierra Club is the nation's largest grassroots environmental organization, with 1.4 million members and supporters nationwide. The Sierra Club's scorecard calculated the results based upon 24 roll call votes in the House and Senate for the 2011-12 legislative session. Senate Democrats scored an average of 96 percent, while Senate Republicans scored an average of 24 per-

cent. Senators with a 91 to 100 percent score are considered to be "Environmental Champions."

Anderson said he appreciates the recognition from the Sierra Club. "I strongly feel that Michigan's natural resources represent one of our most valuable assets and I have voted according to that belief," he said. "We have a responsibility to be good stewards for the future generations of Michiganders. I am proud to say that my vote has been one in support of our state's environment throughout my time in Lansing."

Anderson represents the 6th State Senate District, which includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township.

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Local dealers like the buzz about Cadillac ATS, Ram 1500

By David Veselenak and Nathan Mueller
Staff Writers

Edward Pobur is looking forward to a good year of sales.

With the Cadillac ATS being named North American Car of the Year earlier this week, the sales manager at Cadillac of Novi is hoping the award will prop up the vehicle line and attract interest that might not have been there before.

"It gives you a leg up on the competition," he said. "It has a long shelf life."

Pobur said he still has customers come in looking for the Cadillac CTS, which was a finalist for North American Car of the Year in 2008, showing the power of winning the prestigious award.

Also named North American Truck/Utility of the Year was the Ram 1500. Paul Schmid, salesman at Sneathkamp Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Redford Township, said the selection is a great one, since it's garnered so much interest with buyers.

"Everybody is wanting to come in and get information on them," the Farmington Hills resident said. "We cannot keep the brochures on the shelves."



Dennis Locklear polishes up the Ram 1500 before the North American Car and Truck of the Year awards were announced Monday. The vehicle won top honors for truck/utility.



The Cadillac ATS was named North American Car of the Year earlier this week.

The top honors, awarded after a jury vote from several dozen journalists in North America, returned to domestic automakers after going to two international makers last year. The car award is the first for Cadillac and the fifth for General Motors. The win is Chrysler's third for trucks.

This was the first year with a change in the title for the awards. With an emergence of utility vehicles coming into the marketplace, those were also considered for the North

American Truck/Utility of the Year.

Other finalists for North American Car of the Year included the Ford Fusion and Honda Accord. Finalists for North American Truck/Utility of the Year were Ford C-Max and Mazda CX-5.

Several factors led to the ATS winning the award, Pobur said. He believed an aggressive marketing campaign by Cadillac is helping the consumer buzz, showcasing the wide range of options and branding the ATS as a car

different than its competitors.

"It rivals any of the small, sedan segments of the marketplace. We can stack that car up against any of those cars and win the battle," Pobur said. "We haven't been able to say that in years past."

Bob Pollock, general manager at Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth, said ATS sales in January have surpassed all of December before the announcement. He expects them to get even better after the award.

"Anybody looking at a car in that segment owes it to themselves to drive the car," he said. "It truly competes and performs and handles better than the BMW and Audi offerings in its class."

Cadillac's chief engineer, David Leone, said the idea with the ATS was to lighten the vehicle, something that consumers will begin to see more as the company releases more vehicles.

"The performance's laser-light focus was on being nimble, quick and fun to drive," he said. "To do so, we wanted to be the lightest in the segment, and we accomplished just that. It took a new way of thinking, and a new way of engineering to get that done. This is the first of many new vehicles where you're going to see that

fresh new approach."

The Ram 1500 returned to the podium after nearly 20 years. It won North American Truck of the Year while still under the Dodge name in 1994.

Fred Diaz, president and CEO Ram Truck Brand and Chrysler de Mexico, called the honor a "surreal moment" considering "the hell" the company went through three years ago.

"This means so much," Diaz said. "It's the proudest moment ever for the Ram Truck Brand to be able to accept this award."

That multi-purpose function is appealing to customers stopping in at Sneathkamp.

"The pickup truck isn't what it used to be anymore," Schmid said. "It gets great fuel economy and people are using it for 'practical purposes.'"

Johnson Controls highlights new seat design

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

One of the automotive seats being featured at this year's North American International Auto Show has Wayne County roots.

Johnson Controls released several new seats this week at Cobo Center in Detroit, including one seat design director Thomas Gould highlighted called the Gen 3 Synergy Seat, a luxury seat designed to be light and comfortable.

"This is really a showcase of a lot of things coming together," he said.

The seats are the product of many area workers at the company's Plymouth Township office, Gould said. About 30 designers and many engineers have put in time at the Plymouth Township location, 49200 Halyard Drive, to design the seats.

The collaboration of employees around the world in several locations helped bring the seat to fruition, Gould said.

"All the different regions rely on each other for technologies, and then we transfer those technologies and share them across the region," he said.

The seat is designed with dual layers of foam to provide comfort for both long- and short-term drives, a low-mass fiberglass composite back and Climate Fabric inserts that will move away moisture from the chair's occupants.

While no vehicles currently have the Gen 3 Synergy Seats installed in them, Gould said his design team is happy with the result of the seats.

The composite back is a big step for the seat, Gould said, because it eliminates the need for additional materials on the seat, decreasing the weight of the chair.

"That's exposed in the back," he said. "We don't have to put structures



Ronald Bedro of Johnson Control's shows off some of the Plymouth-based automotive components' seating solutions at the media day-opening press conference. Bedro is in charge of the company's Foam Header and Restraint division.

in there that are going to cover it up."

It's a process that began last spring and continued through the summer and fall.

"We pretty much start this in May," he said. "We start beginning talking about what the strategy is, how things come together."

Another announcement made Monday could have an indirect positive effect on the Plymouth facility.

Alex Molinaroli, a vice president of Johnson Controls, said the company has moved all of its lithium ion battery production from France to its

facility to Holland, Mich.

"We're now supporting our major OE customers, as well as several global development contracts out of Holland," he said.

Gould said a sort of "trickle down" effect from the production shifting locally could increase sales efforts and could lead to more work for Plymouth.

"The group we have working in Plymouth primarily works with our customers," he said. "As those needs grow, as our industry is expanding, the needs there will be expanded as well."

AUTO SHOW BRIEFS

Interactive displays

Looking for something to do at the North American International Auto Show besides see the cars? Many displays give patrons the opportunity to experience the cars. Here are just a few of the interactive exhibits:

- To satisfy the video gamers at the show, a simulation booth with the game Gran Turismo is offered at the Chevrolet display. Two people at a time can hop into the vehicles and test-drive the cars in a simulator. If you're fast, you'll have another honor coming your way: your name on the chalk leaderboard at the Chevy display.

- Drive Land, a simulator powered by the Microsoft Kinect set, is available at the Toyota display. Drivers can sit in a real Prius seat, and simulate driving on the screen by just using their hands to maneuver the vehicle.

- A different type of simulation is offered at the Michelin display. Have you ever wondered what the road would feel like from a tire's perspective? Michelin gives patrons that exact opportunity. Two users at a time step onto the simulator, placing their hands and feet on designated areas. Hit start and the hand and foot areas begin to vibrate and simulation what a tire would feel on the road.

- One of the more intricate simulators resides in the Ford display. The ST Simulator places riders into a pod complete with hydraulics and allows riders to simulate the ride in a Ford vehicle. The simulator requires a waiver, and riders must be at least 5-foot-2. Children under 18 must have a parent or guardian present who can be present for the ride and sign the liability waiver.

Show opens

The auto show opens to the public at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 27.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.) Jan. 19-26. The show ends Jan. 27 and hours that day are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 per person and \$6 for seniors (65 and older) and children (7-12 years old). Children ages 6 and under are free with parent or guardian.

Going to Friday gala?

If you are going to Friday's Auto Show Charity Preview we want to hear from you.

Julie Yolles of Birmingham, *O&E Media's* Social Scene columnist, and Bill Bresler, *O&E Media* photographer, will cover the event — one of the hottest parties of the year.

"I would love to hear from local residents in advance so I can meet them at Cobo Center the night of the preview or at one of the local insider auto parties," said Yolles, who will also be at the autoglow party at Ford Field after the charity preview Friday.

Contact Yolles at jyolles@comcast.net or call her at (248) 642-9465. Contact Bresler by leaving a Facebook message or text (734) 788-8099.

Marketing to younger, tech-savvy buyers

Northville resident Mike Murphy knows Ford is going to need young buyers to ensure his company will succeed.

Those 18- to 34-year-olds are a market looking to combine technology, affordability and sustainability into their vehicles, a set of criteria Ford is taking very seriously.

"They are critical and at the forefront of our products," said Murphy, Ford's Global C-Car marketing manager.

Murphy is one of many area residents working at this year's auto show, and has

worked specifically in trying to market smaller vehicles to buyers in the beginning stages of their car-buying lives.

Murphy said the car seeing the most movement with younger buyers, including those in the Detroit area, is the Fiesta, a compact car introduced in recent years and geared toward younger drivers.

The hope, Murphy said, is that those driving Fiestas or other smaller cars, such as the Focus, will be happy with their experience and stay loyal to the Ford brand. The cars other younger drivers have

worked specifically in trying to market smaller vehicles to buyers in the beginning stages of their car-buying lives.

"Fiesta is clearly our gateway for younger customers," he said.

Many of the vehicles aimed toward those new drivers employ technology they're used to with other devices, Murphy said. Included are Bluetooth and MyFord Touch, an entertainment and communications system located inside the car with a touch screen.

And it isn't just the cars themselves that Murphy touts as being catered to younger drivers. With more people without well-paying jobs and some who can't

afford a car, Ford financial staffers have stepped in and offered financing rates sometimes lower than what banks and lenders are able to match.

With more young people with bad credit or no credit being able to buy with a low APR, the likelihood of those drivers coming to Ford has increased, Murphy said.

"The ability to finance that product over a reasonable amount of time, that's definitely brought us a higher conquest rate," he said. "It's our highest amount of new customers coming into the Ford portfolio."



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Scott LaRiche, of Plymouth's Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, talks with O&E Media reporter David Veselenak during the Media Day of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. LaRiche is also on the Executive Committee of the auto show.

LaRiche: 25th auto show is big, exciting

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Northville Township resident Scott LaRiche said he'll be running on fumes and drinking lots of coffee the next two weeks.

The vice president/executive manager at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township is president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, the group responsible for oversight of one of the world's most important auto shows — the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit.

He described this show as one of the most thrilling.

"Last year's auto show, the big theme was 'we're back,'" he said. "And now, it has taken off to a whole new level with the excitement."

Attendance numbers dropped in recent years, but a significant rebound is expected this year, LaRiche said. He's hoping to see between 800,000 and 850,000 people come through Cobo Center this January, up from the 770,000 last year.

"I think we're going to have 850,000, weather permitting," he said. "It's a big number."

Several indicators point to a recovery by the auto show for LaRiche, including the number of new media members attending this week, as well as the attendance figures

for the charity gala, taking place Friday night.

LaRiche said numbers have increased 25 percent from last year's gala, which benefits more than just the auto show.

"We're going to see a big, big change," he said. "And the bonus for that is, you have about \$3 million for children's charities last year. This year, it's going to be closer to \$4 million."

Many local dealers are offering auto show specials on cars this month, and LaRiche hopes the specials will increase consumer visits to showrooms afterward.

His hope is that the buzz created in Detroit this month will continue throughout the year.

"It's going to bring people here, of course, and then bring people into the showroom," he said. "Some of the consumers were waiting until all the auto show bonus money was announced. This week, it's all coming in."

The highlights that he's seen so far this week include the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette, one of the most anticipated releases during the auto show. In addition, the naming of the Cadillac ATS — another General Motors brand — as Car of the Year signified to LaRiche that the show will be good to GM.

"It's a real big hit for GM," he said. "This will be a big show for us."

But other makes have

stepped up their displays as well, LaRiche said. More than 500 cars are on display this year.

"I really haven't had a chance to walk the whole floor, but I know that Mercedes has a brand-new display," he said. "They really spent a lot of time and money to get that happening."

And his favorite car at the show? He didn't even have to think about it. "It has to be the Corvette," he said. "It is gorgeous."

LaRiche, a third-generation dealer, has been part of the family business with his father, Lou, and brothers, John and Robert, for more than 30 years (all of whom are active in day-to-day operations at various locations).

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet on Plymouth Road was established in 1970 by his father, Lou.

Scott LaRiche has served as a DADA board member for six years, beginning with his position as Dealer Line Group chairman for Chevrolet. He served as DADA treasurer/secretary and vice president prior to his election as president in December 2012.

Joining LaRiche on the NAIS Executive Committee are chairman Jim Seavitt, owner of Village Ford in Dearborn, and vice chairman Bob Shuman, owner of Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Walled Lake.

German auto supplier enjoys record year

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

There is a positive vibe emanating through the North American headquarters of ZF Group in Northville Township these days.

The German company had a record setting 2012 — which included a total sales volume of \$23 billion, increasing the number of employees to 75,000 worldwide and investing \$1.7 billion in research and development — that is expected to continue into this year.

According to the company's website, ZF Group develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery.

"We believe in the future and we believe we can continue our story of successful growth of new innovations in the future," ZF Group CEO Stefan Sommer said at the first press conference Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The company's success is showing in Northville Township, as construction is nearly complete on an expansion to the facility.

The building, which also serves as a technical center, was built in 1999, with a major expansion done in 2004. This final project was done to aid an expanding steering group within the company.

Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for the ZF Group, said it is nearing 500 employees as the company's presence in North America increases.

"We have key products and technologies that are being adapted more and more to the American market," he said.

Improving fuel efficiency has been a major area of focus for the ZF Group, and a new nine-speed automatic transmission is expected to help in that regard. Sommer said it will offer fuel savings from 10 percent up to 16 percent.

"We have the right products for the right market and we really meet the general trend of the world, especially in

automotive," he said.

As the company continues to grow worldwide, the Northville Township headquarters is focusing on attracting talent locally.

Alexandra Iordache, a Shelby Township resident and member of the marketing and communications department for ZF Group, said Jan. 25 the company will be hosting a "college day" to help students learn about the many opportunities within ZF Group.

Johnson said the goal is to build relationships and find new talent.

The current employees also are reaching out to do more community service, something Johnson said cannot be a one-time thing.

Several employees donated their time to tear down a house in Redford with Blight Busters and also volunteered at a soup kitchen last year.

"It gives you a sense of ownership and it has to be part of our culture," he said. "It's something we are growing into."

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Learn to use new gadgets, technology at libraries

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

The holiday season brought you a new piece of technology but you don't know how to use it? You don't need to pay top dollar to start learning how to use your new gadget - whether it may be a smart-phone, tablet, camera, eReader or computer.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

There's no better resource than your local library to help you learn about new technology or even provide technology when you need it.

"In Canton, we have user groups on Jan. 29 and a class for Kindle Users on Jan. 16," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications manager of the Canton Public Library. "We also have a blog with tips, tricks and instructional videos. Our librarians also offer eReader support by phone or walk-ins."

The Canton Public Library blog is located at <https://www.cantonpl.org/ebooks>

Canton however, isn't the only community offering technology support to community members. The Farmington Community Library has upcoming eReader and Kindle courses and Jan. 22

is the next one. Libraries in Plymouth, Dearborn and Royal Oak are also offering eReader and Kindle support throughout the month of January.

In Northville, free computer classes and free one on one tutoring sessions are available to residents who know how to use a mouse. There will be drop-in tutoring at the Northville Public Library on Saturday Jan. 26, Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Community members may also pre-register for tutoring on Thursday Jan. 17 or Feb. 14, for 40-minute sessions. All computer training is made possible through teen volunteers.

Like the Canton Public Library, the Northville Public Library has eBook help available. Users can pre-register for 40-minute training sessions that are held each Thursday night between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

In Livonia, the Civic Center Library has one on one tutoring by appointment. The Civic Center Library also offers basic, weekly computer sessions for Microsoft Office and other computer programs and monthly eReader courses.

Libraries are also a great resource to download free content for your devices. The Novi Public Library for instance offers free and legal downloads of popular music, eBooks and audio books. For

instance, users can download up to three free songs per week through the Novi Public Library, via Sony Music and IODA catalogs.

And just about every local library has many more tools for residents who may be in a pinch. Basic, internet-enabled computer workstations, printers, scanners and fax machines are staples of libraries that can help you don't have a computer or your computer breaks.

The Plymouth Public Library for instance has computers available to those with a library card. They even have special sections for teens and adults plus dedicated computers for family research and job searches, plus email kiosks and free wireless internet. The Canton Public Library has similar offers with wireless internet, printing and more than 150 computers for kids, teens and adults.

So before you get frustrated with a potentially-difficult learning curve on your new computer or tablet, contact your local library to see what resources they have to help. It is a much more reasonable option than expensive in-home tutoring, online courses or self-help DVDs.

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Marvel-ous visit

Spider-Man fans can get up close and personal with Marvel Comics artist Ryan Stegman who will be at Back to the Past Collectibles in Redford to sign copies of the hotly debated Superior Spider-Man on the release date for the second issue on Wednesday Jan. 30. Stegman will be appearing 3-7 p.m., during which time any purchase of a Superior Spider-Man #1 or #2 will score the buyer a personalized Ryan Stegman autograph on their copy. One per customer, while supplies last. Back to the Past is at 12670 Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 533-3130.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital names four new directors

Misha Strauss Moore, Greg Sears, Mark Steffanina and Carol Crowley have been named directors of programs and departments at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Moore has been named director of program development for ambulatory services for St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Strauss Moore will manage two new St. Mary Mercy services, the Senior Assessment and Resource Institute and the Center for Integrative Health.

Moore has previously served on several committees at Trinity Health and was as a faculty member at Michigan State University's Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences. Moore holds a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College and a doctoral degree in philosophy from Georgetown University.

Sears has been named as executive director of ambulatory services for St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Sears will develop and implement alignment and growth strategies with physician networks and integrate primary care and multi-specialty physicians within a unified health network that serve western Wayne County.

Sears joined St. Mary



Sears



Strauss Moore



Steffanina



Crowley

Mercy Hospital in 2005 as the administrator for surgical service. Previously, Sears served as a chief operating officer of a large specialty physician practice in Ann Arbor. Sears holds a bachelor of science degree from Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich. and a master of science degree in administration, business administration and healthcare administration from Central Michigan University.

Steffanina has been named as director of strategic performance improvement. Steffanina joined St. Mary Mercy in 2010 as a performance improvement leader before assuming the role of director. He has also served as a leader in initiatives through the Behavioral Medi-

cine, Maternal/Child, and Surgery Performance Improvement committees. Steffanina holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and master of business administration degree from Western Michigan University. He is currently working on his doctorate in industrial/organizational psychology.

Crowley has been named as director of spiritual care. Crowley has more than 25 years experience as a hospital chaplain, most recently working at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She is a National Association Catholic Chaplains-certified chaplain and clinical psychologist in private practice at the Northwest Counseling and Psychotherapy Center in Farmington Hills. Crowley received a doctoral and master of arts degrees in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit. She completed a master of divinity and master of arts degree in theology from St. John's Seminary in Plymouth and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and bachelor of arts degree in religious studies from Michigan State University.

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Muster strength to do what needs to be done

By Clarity Patton
Newhouse
Guest Columnist

Have you ever noticed the frequency with which the word "can't" is used when "won't" or "don't" would be much more accurate? As in "I can't do that" really meaning "I won't try hard enough." Or "I'm late because I can't wake up on time" really meaning "I don't control myself from hitting snooze."

If you ask me, the snooze button is one of life's great temptations, treacherously suggesting we postpone what needs to be done. For me it's a daily reminder that I control my own destiny.

All of us, from the moment we wake up, get to choose the level of discipline we apply to everything we face. According to Gandhi:

"The difference between what we

do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems."

Let's muster the strength to do what needs to be done - and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "With self-discipline most anything is possible."

Theodore Roosevelt

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Ice sculptors carved revival with festival's support

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Ice Festival has strengthened culinary education programs and helped revive the art of ice carving in Michigan over the last three decades, according to a veteran carver and instructor.

Richard Teeple, who recently retired from Henry Ford Community College, where he taught in the culinary arts program for more than 30 years, said "there's no question" the festival has been a boost to his school and to ice carving in general.

"Many of my students over the last 30 years have gotten their start there, and they have opened up very successful ice-carving businesses," said Teeple, who still advises at HFCC and will help coordinate the collegiate competition during this year's festival.

The 2013 edition of the Plymouth Ice Festival, the 31st annual, is Friday, Jan. 18, through Sunday, Jan. 20, at Kellogg Park and nearby downtown streets. It will feature more than 100 ice sculptures, team and individual competitions, the popular "Dueling Chainsaws" competition, entertainment, refreshments, wintertime sports and more.

Teeple said the art of ice carving "was dying" at the time the festival began in the 1980s, and that by providing a venue for student carvers and the expensive raw materials — blocks of ice — the show in Plymouth helped bring it back. "It was one of the rea-



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Richard Teeple, who is retired from Henry Ford Community College (here judging a recent carving competition with Doug Ganh of Oakland Community College) said the annual Plymouth Ice Festival has helped revive the art of ice carving in Michigan.

sons why Henry Ford has invested so much time and money into developing an ice program, was because of the ice festival," Teeple said. The college went on to build top ice-carving teams that would tour a dozen or so cities, in other states and even other countries, every year, he said.

"You could always count on getting experience" at the Plymouth show, he said.

"The community colleges' participation in the ice festival is crucial as it ensures the art of ice sculpting continues," said Sam Walton, the event producer. "The schools that participate always bring their finest sculptors, and the public really gets a lot of enjoyment out of their carving demonstrations." Teeple said that, so far

this year, 38 students and 14 different teams have signed up for the collegiate competition, and that others are continuing to register. Schools that will be represented include the University of Michigan, Macomb Community College and Washtenaw Community College, in addition to HFCC, he said.

Individual collegiate competition will take place Saturday, Jan. 19, and team competition Sunday, Jan. 20, both in Kellogg Park.

Teeple said that since the festival's early days, decorative ice carvings have expanded into functional pieces such as serving trays, punch bowls and "shot luges."

"Ice carving has really evolved," he said. Another way to measure the growth in popularity

of ice carving, he said, is the increasing use of carvings at weddings, parties and corporate events and in television commercials. Sculptures of corporate logos have also become much more common, he said.

Teeple, who helped organize early ice festivals, said he's not planning to pick up the chisel this year.

"This is the first time in 30 years I'm not carving anything with this show, so I'm having withdrawal," he said.

Hours for this year's Plymouth Ice Festival are 3-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. For more information, visit plymouthicefestival.com.

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Jeff Lao smoothed his sculpture, while Michelle Klucka stood back from the torches while competing for Henry Ford Community College.

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MLK Day

Honor Dr. King through service to the community

On Monday, Americans will gather in a national day of service and dialogue to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The federal holiday provides an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of the slain civil rights leader through service.

Communities around the Detroit metropolitan area will hold ceremonies to honor the memory of Dr. King who, between 1955 and 1968, helped change America. In Westland, residents will gather at 9:30 a.m. for the city's 15th annual MLK ceremony which will be held at Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church on Eton Street, off of Middlebelt Road just south of Ann Arbor.

It will be a ceremony that pays tribute to the man and celebrates the ideals set forth by Dr. King, who dreamed that one day all people would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as called for in the Declaration of Independence.

Dr. King brought the world's attention to how unfairly people of color were being treated. He preached about justice, empowerment, love and peace, and through his strong leadership and power of speech, gave people the faith and courage to keep working peacefully to end discrimination and segregation. A lot has changed since then, but many of the issues he talked about still remain.

For many people, Monday is a day off from work and from school. Instead of making it an off day, we ask people to make it an on day. Let the MLK Day of Service serve as an inspiration to transform our communities, a day to turn Dr. King's life and teachings into community action that helps solve problems.

Dr. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Monday affords us all a chance to answer that question.

Council wise not to use citizens in search

A Garden City councilman suggested that citizens be involved in the selection of a new city manager. In November, he proposed having a citizens group work with the council in narrowing down the 26 applications for city manager to a smaller group that the council would interview.

The council agreed at the time, but last month had a change of heart and decided not to use the citizens in the selection process because of liability issues. The councilman isn't pleased with the decision and has said that if the council continues to do things in the same fashion, it will end up with the same result. We presume he was alluding to the selection of Darwin McClary who was fired last September after less than two years on the job. We respectfully disagree.

While involving the citizens in looking at the applications is a different way of doing things, it isn't necessarily the right way. In a business setting, the employees don't get involved in hiring managers or new employees. That's left to management, and in the case of Garden City government, when it comes to the city manager, the City Council is management.

We can understand his disappointment, and admit it was a novel idea. But it doesn't mean the selection is being done in secrecy without citizen input. As an alternative, we suggest the council consider inviting residents to submit questions that they believe are important and should be asked of final candidates.

Residents will have a chance to be at the interviews of the candidates at a public meeting. However, the meeting won't be televised on GCTV.

In this day and age, with concerns about privacy and even about employers finding out about employee job searches, it's better to follow the tried and true method of selecting candidates to be interviewed.

We believe the council is on the right path to picking a new city manager. However, the proof of how well the council does will be in who is selected. We hope the council will do its homework and select an individual that will be a good fit for the city. It's what Garden City needs and what Garden City deserves.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan to attend the North American International Auto Show this year?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Yes. I already have my tickets."
Jaylee Modas
Livonia



"Yes, I am, but I haven't gotten my tickets yet."
Alaina Nitz
Novi



"I used to go all the time with my dad when he worked for GM, but I stopped."
Valerie Borges
Garden City



"No. I went once and didn't like it. I was little then."
Danielle Tarnacki
Livonia

LETTERS

About freedom

I am amazed at the people in America who despise their freedom. Has freedom been so long in this country that we now take it for granted? Past national elections show a majority in favor of nanny government in the form of national health care, and the increased regulation that will soon follow, over being able to choose your own doctor, and even make your own decision about your health care.

Now we see in Lansing, the crowds, and in this paper through letters to the editor, those who would prefer nanny unions over the liberty to choose in the workplace (right to work). They try to make the dialogue one of benefits and wages, but don't be fooled as they are — the issue is about freedom. How ironic, the same people who would allow a woman the right to choose, to abort her own baby, now stand up against the right to choose in the workplace.

It was Benjamin Franklin who said: "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

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Livonia

Draw, stranger

Using guns against guns will solve the killing problem? Put guns in the hands of teachers to prevent others from using guns against them in schools? Dump another responsibility on teachers who are already overloaded with concerns far beyond their primary teaching duties?

Teachers experience a wide variety

of emotional moments during the course of a teaching day. Reactions usually are controlled, but what about the time when conflict at home, an individual student's severe negative behavior, a misinterpretation of an action, or just a bad day might lead to a reaction on the part of a teacher with an unfortunate outcome?

Dealing with human reaction under stress is a sensitive area, and teachers must not be placed in a situation where they might react incorrectly.

The NRA, rather than take any positive action toward solving the killing problem, just suggests that someone else deals with it, namely anyone but them. Imagine the change in the comfort and sanctity of a church when individuals are attending services wearing sidearms. According to the NRA, ministers, priests, rabbis, imams, etc., also would qualify as gun bearers. Those individuals, including teachers, whose lives are emotionally and physically geared to trust, understanding and compassion would be reduced to the level of a sheriff in the old wild, wild west.

Ron DePentu
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

While you were sleeping, legislature was conspiring

By Glenn Anderson
Guest Columnist

The most recent lame duck session, the period following the November election through the end of the 2011-12 session, was the most tumultuous during my 12 years in Michigan's legislature.

Leading up to the 4:30 a.m. adjournment of the last day of session, hundreds of bills were passed, most without public debate or public committee hearings. Some bills were discharged directly to the floor without a hearing and amended on the fly with no time to properly consider the language until minutes before other legislators and I had to cast a vote.

This disregard for the legislative process, nothing less than a subversion of democracy, has become all too familiar in the single-party controlled houses of the legislature.

Michigan would be well served to take a closer look at how its legislature has been doing business of late and consider some changes that might lead to better policy making and better policy.

Legislation passed in the year-end flurry of activity included the controversial right-to-work legislation, a bill that would eliminate gun-free zones like schools and hospitals, which thankfully the governor vetoed, and a re-write of the emergency financial manager which was recently repealed by the voters in November. Then, adding insult to injury, legislation making it more difficult to recall elected officials

made its way through both chambers, insulating from public ire the same lawmakers that voted on these controversial issues.

All of these items should have received lengthy discussion and debate, a chance to move properly through the committee process, and an opportunity for the public to weigh in on their merits and faults.

A lame duck session should be reserved for bills of necessity, not exploited as a period where legislators have political cover due to the recently decided election and term limited members.

This year I have introduced Senate Joint Resolution B for the new legislative session. This resolution seeks to amend Michigan's Constitution to provide restrictions on the legislature, limiting lame duck sessions to only those issues that are absolutely necessary.

The resolution would allow the legislature to meet after a general election in an even year only in cases of emergency and then only if two-thirds of both the House and Senate vote to hold an emergency session and only to vote on items specified at the outset in proclamation by the Governor. Additionally, it would demand that all bills passed during the emergency session receive a two-thirds majority for passage, ensuring that only the matters agreed to at the outset be dealt with during that time.

The current Republican majority has also resorted to regularly using a tactic that includes unnecessary appropriations in the most controversial bills, exploiting a clause of the State Constitution and making them referendum-proof by voters. This provision of the Constitution intended to prevent citizens from overturning parts of

the state budget and throwing the state's finances into disarray.

This out-of-control majority has resorted to using it as a political tool to "referendum-proof" many unpopular policy bills. The first emergency manager law, for example, was in November repealed by popular vote, and the supporters of the second version of the bill made sure to include a small appropriation as it sailed through the legislature in the early hours of the morning.

I have taken action by introducing Senate Joint Resolution C, which would stipulate that the immunity of appropriations bills does not include legislation that contains substantive policy. It would require policy and appropriation bills to be treated separately as they should be.

The growing trend of using tricks and a policy of anti-transparency as a way to end around or ignore the will of the people should disturb voters. These two resolutions are immediate steps we can take to prohibit some of the more egregious tactics recently employed. Whether they will be given a fair hearing and full consideration remains to be seen, but hopefully they will fuel a discussion about the broader question of what direction our state government is headed.

I urge you to contact your legislator and ask them to support Senate Joint Resolutions B and C.

At the end of the day, the voters are the last line of defense, holding elected officials accountable, and must remain vigilant to protecting their ability to do so.

Glenn Anderson represents the 6th District, includes Westland, Garden City, Redford and Livonia, in the State Senate. He lives in Westland.

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Read the fine print on charge card offers

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

We live in a world that is constantly changing.

This year alone the change in tax laws will impact the personal finances of all consumers. Because of the pace of change, we have a tendency to think if "it ain't broke, don't fix it." In other words, if we could put things on automatic pilot and leave it as is, that is sometimes the preferred course. Unfortunately, we sometimes do so to our own detriment.

Whether it's broken or not, one area that we should look at is our relationship with our charge cards.

I'm frequently asked which charge card is the best. My answer is no one charge card is the best.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The key is to find one that best suits your situation. How you use your charge card should be the determining factor in what card you use.

Too many people focus on the rewards that a charge card offers. However, rewards are not the most important thing. It reminds me of when banks gave a free gift (such as a toaster oven) to anyone who would open an account. All too often, people focused on the toaster oven as opposed to the interest they received. The same is true with charge cards. People sometimes are so focused on the rewards that they don't factor in how much the rewards cost.

The first step in determining which charge card to select is identify how the card will be used. Do you use it as a means of convenience? In other words, do you pay your bill every month, or do you use it as a means of financing? If you do not pay your bill at the end of the month and carry a balance, then the most

important thing to focus on is the interest rate and not the perks.

Many people mistakenly believe that all charge cards have the same interest rate and are computed the same way; that is not the case. For example, some have a variable rate while others are fixed. If you carry a balance focus should be on the interest you pay. If you find a card that is consumer-friendly and that charges a low rate of interest, consider it. If you can save a few percentage points on interest, the money will add up more than any rewards you could receive.

It is important to look at all fees involved with a card whether or not you carry a balance. For example, some charge cards charge an annual fee. In addition, some cards have high fees if you are late on a payment and some even raise your interest if you miss a payment deadline. These things are important. One late fee may wipe out any benefits that you may have accrued.

For those who don't carry a balance and use a charge card as a means of convenience, one key area to examine is the grace period, the time you have to make a payment once you receive a bill. Some charge cards no longer have a grace period so you start paying interest from the date of purchase. Even if you pay your bill on time, there is an interest charge.

Only after you understand how you use your charge card and what fees are involved, should you consider the perks. Even though some of the perks sound great, some aren't worth that much. The key is to focus on rewards and benefits that you will actually use.

Read the fine print before you sign up for a new charge card. Marketing materials may tell you one thing, but the fine print will give you the whole story. If you want to know about late fees, cash advances or policy regarding shopping in a foreign country, read the fine print.

We all use charge cards. They are an important financial and a fact of life in America. Because of that, it is important to make sure you're using the right card at all times. Do your homework and shop around for the best card that makes sense. There are lots of websites to help. One site that I use is www.bankrate.com. Should you change charge cards three or four times a year? No. However, at least every few years it does pay to review your situation to make sure that you're using the proper charge card.

Just like everything else in our society, the terms of your charge card may have changed. Over the next month or so, spend some time reviewing how you use your charge card to determine if you're using the right one. If not, there's no time like the present for a change. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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The Project Based Voucher (PBV) waiting list will be established by MSHDA beginning Friday, January 18, 2013, for all applicants who qualify. The waiting list for the PBV program will remain open indefinitely.

You may qualify for residency at Wayne Tower Apartments if you meet the following criteria:

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National Church Residences will be accepting applications beginning, Friday, January 18, 2013. Contact the management staff at 734-721-0660 to schedule an appointment to determine your eligibility and complete the application process.

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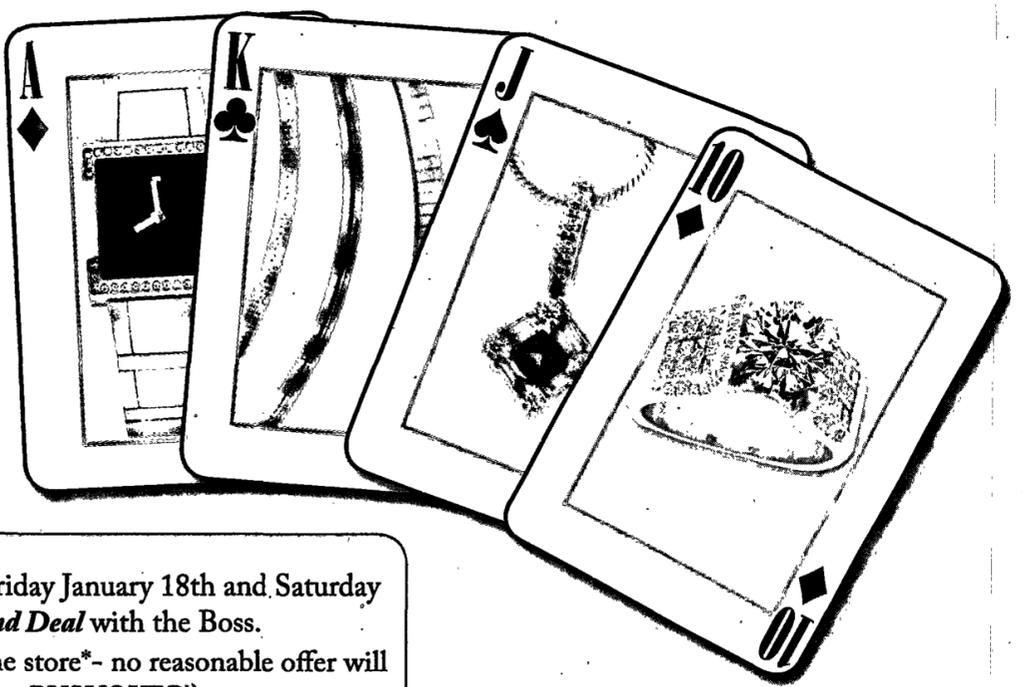
Opening prayer

Senator Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, invited The Rev. Kurt Lambart to offer the invocation for the opening day of State Senate Session on Jan. 9, the first day of the 97th legislature. It is tradition in the State Senate for legislators to invite local religious leaders from their respective districts to lead the Senate in prayer and begin the day's session. Rev. Lambart is the senior pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland.

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Senior wrestler Sam Ekanem stands above the rest when it comes to academics and athletics at Wayne Memorial High School. He's been accepted to attend Harvard University.

Born leader

Wayne wrestler Ekanem Harvard-bound

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

When Wayne Memorial freshman football coach Steve Vasiloff was on the lookout for potential wrestlers for his fledgling program, a young man named Samuel Ekanem immediately caught his eye.

"I saw the work ethic," said the eighth-year coach. "I saw academics, all the athletic ability, and I saw natural leadership. Back then, when I got Sam to join is when my team was just starting to grow. We went from nine kids, to 16 kids, to 20 kids, and starting to build a program. Then we went to 40 when I started coaching football."

Ekanem remembers when he

was first approached.

"Coach 'V' was one of my freshman coaches for football," Sam said. "He said, 'If you want to become more physical, try wrestling. Both go hand-in-hand. I tried it out and just got successful at it.'"

Eight different U.S. presidents and 75 Nobel Laureates have graduated from Harvard University, the same school Ekanem is headed to next fall.

Ekanem, who scored a 30 on his most recent ACT while carrying a 4.1 grade-point average in Advanced Placement courses, has also blossomed into standout wrestler for the Wolfpack, a regional qualifier a year ago going 36-16 while sporting a 18-2 record as a 171-pounder this season.

Freshman football

"In my second year in football, with Sam's class, I found a whole new breed of kids that actually rallied around Sam, and that's why Sam is the captain," said Vasiloff, whose team is 12-1 overall. "By getting Sam into the room, it got all these kids into the room and that's why we are the team you see out on the mat."

Being a standout wrestler certainly didn't hurt Ekanem's quest to getting accepted into Harvard.

"He comes from a school with 79 percent reduced lunch (program)," said Ekanem's school psychologist and mentor Bill Gray. "For him to have

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Meltdown: Stevenson loses, 8-4

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson outshot Traverse City Central by a two-to-one margin (50-25), but the final score told a completely different story.

The Spartans, who came in ranked No. 1 in Division 2, fell Saturday to the host Trojans at Howe Arena, 8-4.

Cam Givens led now new No. 1 Traverse City Central (13-2) with a hat

trick, while Jon Russell, Nico Saco, Alex Oliver, Mitchell Ward and Cooper MacDonell also tallied goals.

Russell and Saco each collected three assists, while Oliver, Ward and MacDonell had two apiece.

The Spartans (10-3-1), now ranked third, fell behind 3-1 after one period.

Dominic Lutz scored the first of his two goals at 7:38 from Devin Kelly and Tyler Irvine for Stevenson.

Josh Denomie then tallied his first of the year from Ryan Frazier and Mick Sinclair at 3:43 of the second to cut the deficit to 3-2.

Lutz then scored his 22nd of the year on a power play from Jake Kierdorf and goaltender Connor Humitz at 6:36 to tie it at 3-3.

But Traverse City Central got two more goals before the period ended and tacked on three more in the third to win going away.

Tim Kelly scored Stevenson's final goal from Ray Chartier and Blake Battjes at 2:45 of the third to make it 8-3.

"As you can see from the scoring, their top guys hurt us," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We gave them way too many good opportunities either from turnovers or taking penalties. We had

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Taylor GLIAC cage honoree

For the second time this season, Grand Valley State University senior forward Brianna Taylor (Livonia Franklin) was



Taylor

named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference North Division women's basketball Player of the Week.

The 5-foot-10 Taylor scored a season-high 30 points in a win Saturday over visiting Tech after scoring 24 in the victory Thursday against Northern Michigan.

She shot 48.8 percent for the week on 21-of-43 from the field, while also going 11-for-15 from the line. Taylor has led the first-place Lakers (11-3, 7-3) in scoring in five straight games and nine overall this season while also topping the team with 6.8 rebounds per game.

White plays in bowl game

Louisiana Tech senior wide receiver Myles White (Livonia Stevenson) will play Saturday in the second annual National Football League Players Association Collegiate Bowl at the Home Depot Center on the campus of California State University-Dominiguez Hills in Carson, Calif.

Herm Edwards and Dick Vermeil will serve as head coaches. The game will be broadcast on ESPN 2 beginning at 6 p.m.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound White had a solid senior season for the 9-3 Bulldogs, earning second-team All-WAC honors after hauling in 56 catches for 718 yards and six touchdowns.

As a junior, the transfer from Michigan State and Northwest Mississippi Community Col finished with 30 catches for 414 yards and three TDs.

White is ranked No. 71 among wide receivers for the upcoming NFL Draft by nfl-draftscout.com.

Schuba's 3s lift Crusaders

Junior guard Travis Schuba had it going Saturday scoring a game-high 28 points to lead Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leader Madonna University to a 63-46 men's basketball victory over visiting Aquinas College.

Schuba, who hails from Rapid City, made 9-of-14 shots from the floor including 6-of-10 from three-point range. He also grabbed seven rebounds as the Crusaders improved to 14-5 overall and 9-2 in the WHAC.

WHAC Player of the Week Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson), a junior point-guard, added 15 points, nine rebounds and six assists, while Eoghann Stephens grabbed a team-high nine boards.

Aquinas (8-11, 6-5) fell behind 31-20 at halftime and couldn't recover.

The Saints got 13 points from Austin Semple and 12 from Brett Pfahler.

S'craft searches for right formula

Henry Ford stops Ocelots

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

A 31-27 halftime lead turned out to be fool's gold Saturday for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

The Ocelots, still searching for their first MCAA Eastern Conference win, were outscored 43-23 and committed 18 second-half turnovers in a 70-54 loss to visiting Henry Ford Community College.

The loss leaves the Ocelots at 3-10 overall and 0-4 in the conference, while the Hawks improved to 9-5 and 3-1.

Afterwards, fifth-year Schoolcraft coach Randy Henry was searching for answers and solutions.

"I'm trying to get their head up and I've got to find out who wants to play," he said. "That's

my biggest concern right now. I think with seven or eight minutes left in the game they kind of conceded. They were out of it and I could see it in their faces and their energy level went down."

Schoolcraft led by as many as seven early in the second half and held a 40-36 lead with 14:49 to play on a basket by Mathew King (Redford Thurston) before going scoreless for the next 6 minutes and 3 seconds.

Meanwhile, the Hawks forged ahead with a 13-0 run to lead 50-40 before the Ocelots finally answered on two free throws by Richmond Jackson, who shared team-high scoring honors with King as each tallied 17 points. (King also grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.)

"At that point Henry Ford kind

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ANDREW KIELTYKA

Schoolcraft's Mathew King (3) takes the ball to the basket as Henry Ford's Rodey Butler sets up for the charge.

Glenn boys step up to secure P-C-S title

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Westland John Glenn boys bowling team racked up a total of 3,517 pins to capture the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament Saturday at Super Bowl in Canton.

Salem, which had beaten Glenn earlier in the week, was runner-up with 3,398.

"We worked all week on one specific improvement and it paid off this weekend," Glenn coach

PREP BOWLING

Ron Staples said. "I used all seven bowlers this weekend. Each bowler brought some match up advantages for us and it worked. No one on our team won any individual honors in this tournament, but as a team we all bowled consistent and won the one thing that mattered — a team victory."

Only 10 pins separated Glenn's top three individual finishers as Steven

White led the way with a 589 three-game series followed by Mike Russom and Mark Kassab with 584 and 579, respectively.

Steve Brusseau was put in the lead-off spot in the third game and bowled a 193. After the three-game series, Glenn took lead with four Baker games remaining.

"I told them now is the time to bear down and finish what we came to do and we did," Staples said. "We had four solid Baker games and did not open

the door for anyone. Billy Wicker made several key spares at crucial times in the baker games. Dan Ammons and Ryan McCarthy added strikes during key moments all day. This was a very good win for us we stayed mentally tough all day long."

Rocket girls 2nd

Waterford Mott came away with the P-C-S girls tournament title with a 3,212 total, while John Glenn placed second with

a 3,098.

Hayley Caddell of Farmington Hills Mercy posted the tournament high series with a 586, including a high game of 212.

Glenn's Olivia Cabildo recorded the high game of the tourney (213) and was runner-up to Caddell with a 585 series.

Glenn's Emily Dietz placed third overall with a 549 series, while Walled Lake Central's Brianna Palachio rolled 209 game to end up third.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pitching clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach Jeff Jones, along with the Livonia Stevenson High baseball program, will stage two sessions of pitching clinics Sunday, Jan. 20, at the high school fieldhouse.

Session 1 (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by Session 2 (ages 13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per person.

For more information, call Stevenson varsity baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623 or email Berry3724@aol.com.

All long drivers

A free long drive contest will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20, at High Velocity Sports, located at 46425 Michigan Avenue, between Beck and Canton Center roads, in Canton.

Prizes include 18 holes of golf for two (with cart at Pheasant Run Golf Course); \$50 gift cards to Dick's Sporting Goods; or a High Velocity virtual golf simulator gift certificate.

Tami Bealert, PGA professional, will also offer free 10-minute lessons from 2-4 p.m. (Saturday only) at High Velocity.

On more upcoming clinics and events, visit www.TrainWithTami.com; or call (734) 731-0238.

WYAA basketball

Registration is underway for Westland You Athletic Association basketball for the following age groups: Right Start (6-8), Freshman (9-10), JV (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

Registration will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, 6050

Farmington Road (north of Ford); or online at www.wyaa.org.

For more information, call Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251.

Baseball clinic

The seventh annual Livonia Franklin Future Stars spring baseball clinic (grades 2-6) will be 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) Saturday, Feb. 23, at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road.

The first session consists of hitting, base running and infield skills, while the second includes pitching, defense and outfield approach.

The cost for both sessions is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt) or \$30 per session. Bring a sack lunch between sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For more information, email Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

Foul shot contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. All age-group contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event, which will progress through local, district and state competition.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call Dave Lengel at (734) 516-4930 or email dlenge2@yahoo.com.

Softball camp

Madonna University will hold a winter softball

fundamentals camp (ages 7-18) from noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

The cost is \$125.

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Baseball coach

Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a varsity baseball coach for the 2013 season.

Interested candidates should send a resume, letter of recommendation and references via mail to: Kevin Murphy, Athletic Director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152; or via e-mail to kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Girls slow-pitch

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer open registration for its 2013 girls 10-and-under slow-pitch softball program, which runs from May through July, by mail will be through Feb. 15.

Walk-in and fax-in registration will be through Feb. 22, or until enrollment reaches 160. The fee is \$40 per child (resident) or \$50 (non-resident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late registration for residents will be from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is \$50.

Non-resident late registration follows beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, March 25 at the LCRC's recreation office and openings will be filled until April 29 on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$60.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (hit option No. 2).



Schoolcraft's Courtney Dyer (right), hounded by Henry Ford defenders Imani Braxton (22) and Shantel Tolbert, scored a team-high 23 points.

ANDREW KIELTYKA

MU women down WHAC foe, 78-52

Livonia Stevenson's Kaylee McGrath tallied a team-high 20 points and senior guard Kristie Porada added a career-high 17 to power the Madonna University women's basketball team to a 78-52 win Saturday over visiting Aquinas College.

MU, which jumped out to a 40-24 halftime lead, is 11-7 overall and 7-4 in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Shantelle Herring, a senior guard, also scored 17 in the win as the Crusaders shots 25-of-59 from the floor (42.4 per-

cent) and 23-of-31 from the foul line (74.2 percent).

Aquinas (9-8, 5-6) got 17 off the bench from Marisa Marx and 13 off the bench from Shelby Carter.

The Saints shot only 18-of-55 from the floor (32.7 percent) and a dismal 10-of-27 from the foul line (37 percent).

HENRY FORD 71, SCHOOLCRAFT 65:

Charisse Carr poured in 33 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to spark Henry Ford Community College (9-6, 2-2) to an MCCA Eastern Conference comeback win Saturday at Schoolcraft College (4-10, 1-3). The Hawks, who also got 18

points and 14 rebounds from Dejanique Reddix, erased a 13-point second-half deficit. Asha Payne chipped in with nine points and 10 boards for Henry Ford, which is coached by Leslie Williams (formerly of Wayne Memorial High).

Courtney Dyer led the Lady Ocelots with 23 points, while Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) came off the bench to score 12 points and grab six rebounds.

Brianna Berberet (Salem) added 11 points and seven boards, while Ajai Meeks had nine points and 10 rebounds before fouling out (and receiving a technical foul).

Schoolcraft was outbounded 56-52 and shot only 25-of-74 from the field (33.8 percent) to go along with 23 turnovers.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

Jan. 11 at Churchill H.S.

TEAM SCORES: 1. Livonia Blue, 137.10; 2. Birmingham Unified, 135.65; 3. Madison Height Lamphere, 33.80; 4. Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart, 24.75.

Vault: 1. (tie) Jamie Jasinski (Blue) and Katie Fabian (SH), 8.85 each; 3. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 8.8; 4. Katie Sullivan (B'ham), 8.7; 5. (tie) Allison White (Blue) and Isabelle Cutler (B'ham), 8.65 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Sullivan (B'ham), 8.375; 2. (tie) Jillian Zafarana (Blue), Cutler (B'ham) and Jennifer Kendall (B'ham), 8.1 each; 5. Justina Peterson (MHL), 8.075.

Balance beam: 1. Rhoad

(Blue), 9.525; 2. Zafarana (Blue), 9.025; 3. Peterson (MHL), 8.975; 4. White (Blue), 8.825; 5. Abbey Robb (B'ham), 8.75.

Floor exercise: 1. Robb (B'ham), 9.65; 2. Rhoad (Blue), 9.075; 3. Sullivan (B'ham), 8.875; 4. Sydney Moosekian (B'ham), 8.8; 5. Zafarana (Blue), 8.625.

All-around: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 35.45; 2. Robb (B'ham), 34.765; 3. Zafarana (Blue), 34.00; 4. Peterson (MHL), 33.80; 5. Kendall (B'ham), 33.225.

Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 2-4 overall.

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Jan. 11 at Farmington

Vault: 1. Carina Wright (F), 9.35; 2. Meredith Jonik (F), 8.95; 3. Maggie McGowan (Red), 8.9;

4. Claire Saunders (F), 8.85; 5. Alyssa Millinoff (F), 8.8.

Uneven bars: 1. Jonik (F), 9.05; 2. Millinoff (F), 8.85; 3. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.5; 4. Missa Schuh (F), 8.4; 5. Marissa Lapinsky (F), 8.35.

Balance beam: 1. (tie) Jonik (F) and Wright (F), 8.85 each; 3. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.75; 4. (tie) Diaz (Red) and Schuh (F), 8.65 each.

Floor exercise: 1. Wright (F), 9.3; 2. Millinoff (F), 9.0; 3. McGowan (Red), 8.875; 4. Schuh (F), 8.75; Kristina Franchi (F), 8.5.

All-around: 1. Jonik (F), 35.7; 2. Millinoff (F), 35.1; 3. Schuh (F), 34.05; 4. McGowan (Red), 33.725; 5. Lapinsky (F), 33.55.

Livonia Red's dual meet record: 3-3 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 18
HVL at Macomb, 6 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
C'ville at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
L. W'sld at Greenhills, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 18
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Glenn, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Cabrini, 7:30 p.m.
L. W'sld at Greenhills, 7:30 p.m.
HVL at Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 18
Franklin vs. A.A. Skyline at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
Ladywood vs. G.P. North at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill vs. Stevenson

at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Jan. 19
Franklin Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
John Glenn Invitational, 9 a.m.
Chippewa Valley Inv., 9 a.m.
Orange & Blue Classic, 9 a.m.
W.L. Northern Inv., 9:30 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 17
Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Stevenson, DeLaSalle at G.P. South, noon.

PREP BOWLING

Thursday, Jan. 17
Lady. at N.D. Prep, 3:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 18
John Glenn vs. Kettering at Town 'N Country, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
Oakland County Girls at Cherry Hills Lanes, TBA.
Oakland County Boys

at Thunderbird Lanes, TBA.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Saturday, Jan. 19
Huron Valley Invitational, TBA.

PREP SKIING

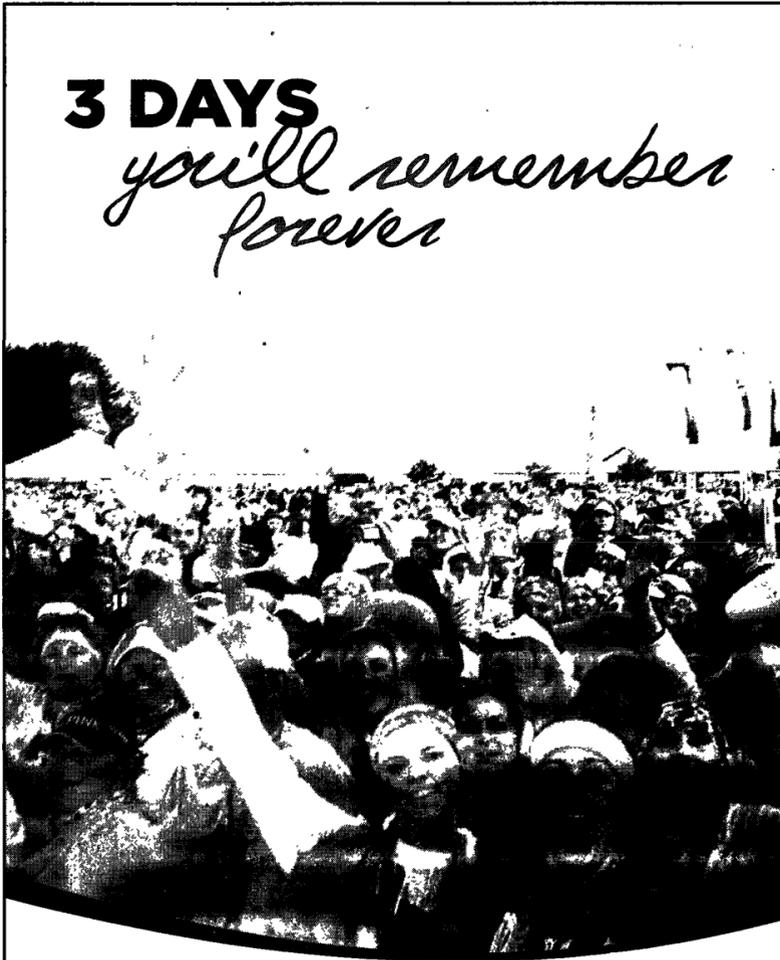
Thursday, Jan. 17
Ladywood vs. Marian at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Jan. 19
Bedford Invitational, TBA.
Rochester Adams Inv., TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Jan. 19
Concordia at MU, 3 p.m.
Macomb at S'craft, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Jan. 19
Concordia at MU, 1 p.m.
Macomb at S'craft, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 18
Mississauga vs. Whalers at Compuware, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
Soo vs. Whalers at Compuware, 7 p.m.



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our chances, we had 50 shots and hit multiple goal posts, but you can't give up so many chances to such a good team. That definitely has to be our focus going forward or success will be very hard to come by."

Humitz, who gave up seven goals, played the first 37 minutes before being relieved by

Andrew Rozenbaum in the final period.

Bill Vermetten made 21 saves for the Trojans.

CHURCHILL 4, NORTH-HARRISON 3: On Saturday, Livonia Churchill (8-4-1) ran its unbeaten streak to eight games with a nonleague win over host North Farmington-Harrison (8-6) at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The Chargers jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Nick Misiak (from Brad Milks and Riley Brown) and Milks (short-handed from Tommy Carey).

The Flyers' Kyle Witherspoon scored from Reed Burnett to cut the deficit to 2-1 at 2:23

of the second period. But the Chargers responded on goals by Matt Sinclair (from Carey at 5:15) and Misiak (power play from Drew Puihes at 16:21).

The Flyers then cut the deficit to a goal during the first 2:14 of the second period when Eric Stanis scored both with the first coming from Witherspoon and the second from Sean Devlin.

But Churchill freshman goaltender Alec Calvaruso, who made 19 saves on the night, held North-Harrison off the board the rest of the way to preserve the victory.

The Flyers' Hunter Myers stopped 19-of-23 shots.

Century mark

Warriors' mat duo pin down 100th wins

Lutheran High Westland had a pair of wrestlers reach the century mark in career wins Saturday as the Warriors finished runner-up to Southfield in their own team tournament.

Zachary Francis (125 pounds) won all five of his matches on the day, while teammate Martin Kemp (160 and 171) also earned his 100th triumph.

Southfield took first in the dual match format followed by the Warriors, Redford Union, Flat Rock, Dearborn Heights Crestwood and the Birmingham Seaholm 'B' team.

Southfield handed Lutheran Westland its lone setback, 42-36.

The Warriors, now 14-7 overall, defeated Seaholm (84-0), Crestwood (48-25), RU (54-30) and Flat Rock (46-36).

Brad Hura (285) also finished 5-0 for the Warriors, while Manny Rankine (103), Conner Even (130), Caleb Richter (135) and Alex Reardon (215) captured four of five

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matches. Meanwhile, Jacob Richter (145-152), Jonah Lambert (160-171) and Kole Niemi (140) also enjoyed productive days, according to coach Joseph Schmidt.

"I was very pleased with how we wrestled," Schmidt said. "It's the best we have wrestled all year and I was very proud."

Wolfpack take 1st

On Saturday, the host Wayne Memorial beat all five opponents to improve to 12-1 on the season.

The Wolfpack downed Melvindale (39-32), Livonia Clarenceville (70-9), Walled Lake Western (61-13), Romulus Summit Academy North (69-12) and Dearborn Heights Annapolis (49-23) to win the crown.

Going unbeaten on the day for Wayne included Sam Ekanem (171), Tyler Casteels (215), Aaron Mauldin (285), while Jack DeJack (103) and Lucas

Hofbauer (189) each captured four matches.

Despite being down four starters and voiding a pair of weight classes, Clarenceville went 2-3 Saturday in the Wayne team tourney.

Trojans scored victories over Romulus Summit Academy (48-36) and Walled Lake Western (45-30), while falling to the host Wolfpack (70-9), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (48-24) and Melvindale (69-10).

Domanick Slagle (145) and Aaron Bibik (160) both finished 5-0 on the day for the Trojans, who stand 6-6 overall.

First-year grapplers Gjergi Nikollaj (189) and Lusire Boyd (171) also pulled out big wins to secure Clarenceville's second team victory on the day.

"Although the day didn't go exactly as planned, the team wrestled very hard and gave it all they had on the mats, and never gave up," Clarenceville first-year coach Nick Elam said.

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those kind of scores and to compete with the Harvards, it just doesn't happen.

"It's reasonable to say that he's the highest achieving African-American male in the history of the Wayne-Westland Schools, both athletically and academically."

It was Gray who helped plant the seed during Ekanem's sophomore year about going to the prestigious Ivy league.

"Mr. Gray kept after me that it was a possibility, so that's when I started thinking about that," said Ekanem, who was born in Lagos, Nigeria, and came to Michigan as a first-grader with his single mother, Victoria. "We had a little gathering in here (the wrestling room). They got to see me jump around and everything. It was a nice feeling. Thank God everything went as it did."

Taking a trip

Gray and Sean Galvin, executive director of The Champions of Wayne program, drove Ekanem out to Cambridge, Mass., for a visit to the prestigious Ivy League school last spring.

The Champions of Wayne is an educational incentive program that involves adult mentoring, academic contracting, individualize prescriptions for success and financial rewards. The program is funded by Wayne alum Richard Helppie through the Helppie Charitable Foundation.

Gray got in touch with former Harvard assistant coach Pat Owen, who formerly wrestled at Michigan and had been involved with a U-M athlete mentoring program for Wayne High students.

"We decided to see if we could make something happen," Gray said. "Jeff Weiss (Harvard's head coach) showed interest. We communicated back-and-forth. He saw footage from Sam's wrestling at Fargo (N.D.). He became interested with his academics and all of his letters of recommendation."

Gray said 34,000 students apply to Harvard every year, and four of five are valedictorians of their class. Ekanem was among 825 taken as an early admittance among a total of 1,650.

"Sam is expected to receive a need-based scholarship, which basically covers tuition, room and board, books and possibly even travel expenses," Gray said.

Academic quest

The Wayne school psychologist saw many of the same qualities in Ekanem that Vasiloff did when he was a ninth-grader.

"Sam might be one of the most responsible, hard-working human beings I know, not just students," Gray said. "It includes adults as well. He may be the hardest-working, the most responsible person I know. His follow-through is meticulous."

When he gets to Harvard, Ekanem has definite ideas on what he wants to study and what he wants to follow in his career path.

"Major in economics and maybe do something in government," he said. "Right now my favorite subject is A.P. political science. Love that class. Maybe I'll be a governor sometime."

So what classes of his current classes at Wayne challenge Ekanem the most?

"Split between calculus and A.P. English," he said. "Calculus, just because of the concepts behind it. The material is not that hard, but just



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Harvard-bound Sam Ekanem (left) works on a move during a recent practice with teammate Lucas Hofbauer.

the concepts, I just can't relate to it. And A.P. English, a little to subjective to my taste."

Ekanem, an only child, came to the "States" at age 6 with his mother, Victoria, a nurse who has just finished her R.N. requirements.

Sam attended St. Raphael Grade School in Garden City before going to Adams Middle School as an eighth-grader.

"She's a strong-minded, independent single mother, sweet lady who has run a very structured home," Gray said. "She has a high belief in education."

Acceptance

Needless to say, Victoria Ekanem was pleased to learn her son had been accepted to Harvard.

"I was excited, I was happy," she said. "I was actually praying for it to come through."

Victoria, who came to this country in search of a better life, says she only gives occasional direction to when it comes to Sam's academics.

"I wanted to send him to the best school, he went to St. Raphael," Victoria said. "He always been self-motivated before anything else. He knows whatever he has to achieve is through hard work. And he's really working hard. When it comes to his books, he knows what he wants to achieve and what he wants to do, but sometimes I have to supervise him to keep him on track."

Ekanem has never gotten a "B" at Wayne while taking A.P. classes exclusively.

"She lets me pick my classes," Sam said. "She lets me do what I feel I need to do. She's supportive as long as I'm not screwing around. She puts faith in me. I think I procrastinate, but I don't think I ever come to the point where I just don't do anything."

Meanwhile, Vasiloff marvels at Ekanem juggling his wrestling and academic schedule, while also working a part-time job at Panera Bread.

"I'm stressed out all the time, but Sam is busier than I am," he said. "He works his tail off, 24-7. He's busier than I am, and I'm always complaining how busy I am. He's got me beat no doubt about it."

Quick study

The Wayne coach calls Ekanem "a sponge."

"He soaks everything up," Vasiloff said. "You put him in a history class, he's going to soak it up. You put him in a math class, he's going to soak it up. You put him in a wrestling room, he loves the sport and it's in his blood now. The fact that he's going to continue that career and the fact that this is actually the beginning of his wrestling career ... not the end of it like a majority of the seniors in the room ... it's a great thing."

Ekanem takes his wrestling as just as seriously as his academics.

Last summer, he competed in two national tournaments in Oklahoma City, Okla., and Far-

go, N.D., while traveling Team Michigan (based out of Detroit Catholic Central H.S.).

One of Wayne's assistant coaches, Jason Crothers, helped make it happen driving Sam and his few of his Wolfpack teammates to state-wide qualifying tournaments (where he became the state freestyle champion). Crothers also helped raise funds from the community to pay for Ekanem's expenses and drive him to Fargo.

And although Ekanem took his lumps on a national stage, he gained notice and valuable experience wrestling freestyle, Greco Roman and folkstyle.

Next level

"It turned him into a more well-rounded wrestler," Vasiloff said. "Learning all three styles is going to increase your game. They're all interchangeable. It just helped him be a more well-rounded wrestler. He was a regional qualifier last year and had a great season, but this really took him up to the next level."

"It's confidence and mental toughness, for sure. He's gotten a lot more mentally tough and a lot more physical. Last season he would walk off, shake it off, but we knew we had to leave Sam alone for awhile. And now he realizes it's OK make mistakes, you've just got to learn from those mistakes because he's going to have another opportunity to make up for it."

And the three-time captain agrees he has improved his mental approach during his senior season. He's no longer his own worst enemy.

"You can't really take losses as big ones because I think my mentality was last year if I had lost to a guy during the season — that was it," said Ekanem, who has an 85-29 career record at Wayne. "I couldn't come back ... now I just go with the flow."

"Now I'm willing to go for moves that I didn't go for before."

Boy Scouts

In the fifth grade, Sam migrated from Boy Scouts to football.

Ironically, Victoria Ekanem remains only a casual spectator and keeps her distance when it comes to watching her son compete.

"I've seen him a couple of times, but not much," she said. "Initially I was nervous and I didn't want him to do it until one time I had to."

In April, Ekanem will return to Cambridge and meet the Harvard wrestling team, but he has some unfinished business during his high school season.

"I'm looking forward to that," Ekanem said. "They have a little community where I feel I can belong. I'm ecstatic about wrestling, especially for the Crimson."

"Right now I want to make 'States' and place, too. I'm looking forward and it's time to get working. Everything is going fine."

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DUAL MEET RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 39 MELVINDALE 32

Jan. 12 at Wayne
160 pounds: James Hieftness (WM) won by major decision over Dylan Maki, 15-7; 171: Sam Ekanem (WM) pinned Manuel Roldan, 1:59; 189: Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Ross Ladach, 1:45; 215: Tyler Casteels (WM) p. Kyle Blevins, 3:18; 285: Aaron Mauldin (WM) p. Rafael Mitchell, 1:28; 103: Jack DeJack (WM) dec. Matthew Curmi, 8-4; 112: Ramzey Yousef (M) p. Dominick Sanders, 4:47; 119: Ameer Monasser (M) dec. Tim Way, 9-2; 125: Skylar Slotka (M) p. Tyler Mulligan, 1:21; 130: Josh Hoak (M) won by technical fall over Derek Pomerico, 18-2; 135: Andrew Barron (M) p. Tim Flores, 3:53; 140: Michael Nicholson (WM) dec. Nathan DeRocco, 6-1; 145: Kevin Marz (WM) p. Ryan Large-Agae, 2:27; 152: Luis Perez (M) p. Aaron Heinonen, 0:59.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 70 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 9

Jan. 12 at Wayne
171: Sam Ekanem (WM) pinned Lusire Boyd, 1:24; 189: Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Gjergi Nikollaj, 3:22; 215: Tyler Casteels (WM) p. Rodrigo Ferrer-Gon-

zaga, 2:24; 285: Aaron Mauldin (WM) p. Jacob Kuzniar, 0:36; 103: Jack DeJack (WM) won by void; 112: Dominick Sanders (WM) won by void; 119: Tyler Mulligan (WM) p. Elijah Bean, 1:56; 125: Tim Way (M) p. Shane Martin, 3:32; 130: Derek Pomerico (WM) won by void; 135: Michael Nicholson (WM) p. Alan Baumgardner, 2:47; 140: Marcus Jordan (WM) p. Nick Ballard, 2:57; 145: Domanick Slagle (Cville) won by major decision over Kevin Marz, 14-1; 152: Aaron Heinonen (WM) won by major dec. over Devin Howell, 14-5; 160: Aaron Bibik (Cville) won by technical fall over James Hieftness, 16-0.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 61 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 13

Jan. 12 at Wayne
189: Lucas Hofbauer (WM) pinned Jack Michalski, 1:32; 215: Tyler Casteels (WM) p. Zachary Johnson, 0:49; 285: Aaron Mauldin (WM) p. Dylan Shumate, 0:27; 103: Jack DeJack (WM) p. Trent Ruby, 0:25; 112: Dominick Sanders (WM) won by void; 119: Tim Way (WM) decisioned Nick Costanzo, 5-0; 125: Tyler Mulligan (WM) p. Paul Lozon, 1:22; 130: Austin Murray (WLV) p. Derek Pomerico, 0:37; 135: Anthony

Chudler (WLV) won by major dec. over Michael Nicholson, 10-2; 140: Marcus Jordan (WM) won by void; 145: Kevin Marz (WM) won by void; 152: Aaron Heinonen (WM) won by major dec. over Jordan Czarniecki, 12-1; 160: Marcus Johnson (WLV) dec. James Hieftness, 12-8; 171: Sam Ekanem (WM) p. Adam Flake, 0:43.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 69 SUMMIT ACADEMY 12

Jan. 12 at Wayne
215: Tyler Casteels (WM) won by void; 285: Aaron Mauldin (WM) won by void; 103: Jack DeJack (WM) pinned Aaron Rehfeldt, 0:50; 112: Dominick Sanders (WM) dec. Jeramiak Gaynier, 7-2; 119: Tyler Mulligan (WM) won by void; 125: Tim Way (WM) p. Kevin McGlory, 0:23; 130: Shane Conn (Summit) p. Gabriel Ramirez, 4:58; 135: Tim Flores (WM) p. Caleb Patrick, 4:25; 140: Marcus Jordan (WM) won by void; 145: Kevin Marz (WM) won by void; 152: T.J. Barnes (Summit) p. Matthew Iwanka, 0:54; 160: James Hieftness (WM) won by void; 171: Sam Ekanem (WM) won by void; 189: Lucas Hofbauer (WM) won by void.

Wayne's dual match record: 11-1 overall.

NOVICE WRESTLING RESULTS

GARDEN CITY NOVICE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT FINAL RESULTS

Jan. 12 at Garden City
SOPHOMORE TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lincoln Park, 135 points; 2. Milford, 129; 3. Novi CC, 102; 4. Canton, 85; 5. Wayne, 81; 6. Garden City, 80; 7. Farmington, 75; 8. Southgate Anderson, 73.5; 9. Livonia Churchill, 72; 10. Livonia Franklin, 70.5; 11. (tie) Monroe Jefferson, Plymouth and Wyandotte Roosevelt, 65; 14. Dearborn Fordson, 51; 15. Annapolis, 43; 16. Westland John Glenn, 37; 17. Northville, 28; 18. Redford Union, 26; 19. Salem, 13; 20. Walled Lake Central, 8; 21. Dearborn Divine Child, 6; 22. Inkster, 3.

INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS

112 pounds: 1. Tyler Castillo (LP) decisioned Tyler Bridge (SGA), 7-4; 3. Jon Segasser (GC) won by major dec. over Zachary Smith (LC), 18-4; 5. Alex Geelhood (NCC) pinned Marc Reed (WM) in 37 seconds.
119: 1. Tyler Nelson (M), dec. Ryan Conroy (GC), 6-4; 3. Sammy Baraka (C) dec. Cody Kirkpatrick (GC), 11-9; 5. Charles Dunn (LP) p. Blake Becker (N) in 2:46.
125: 1. Christian Poupard (MJ) p. Derek Lilly (M), 3:28; 3. Adam Ross (LF) dec. Ali Arab (GC), 6-5; 5. Cole Moscovici (NCC) dec. Ben Wheeler (SGA), 6-0.
130: 1. Dominic Green (LP) p. Jesse Jones (FRM), 3:43; 3. Sean Kolb (M) pinned Ed Maya (WJG), 0:28; 5. Mike McLaughlin (SGA) won by major dec. over Mitch Lamarand (P), 13-3.
135: 1. Quinn Chapman (LP) p. Nathan Cascarelli (NCC), 3:25; 3. Eric Helz (LF) dec. Hassan Bazzi (DF), 4-2; 5. Brandon Maloney (SGA) p. Ian Williamson (WR), 0:43.
140: 1. Jacob Lesko (WR) dec. Bobby Brewer, 7-3; 3. DeAnthony Watts (WM) p. Ryan Morelli (C), 4:32; 5. Aiden Maloney (SGA) p. Zack Blagg (M), 0:49 ds.
145: 1. Sofus Nielson (P) p. Nick Hutton (M), 2:51; 3. Tyler Pridemore (MJ) p. Eric Bochert (N), 2:0; 5. Marcel Trevino (SGA) p. Nick Pizzo (WR), 0:44.
152: 1. Sam Campbell (P) dec. Terrance Perkins (WM), 5-0; 3. Brendan Hickey (WR) p. Jordon Ruggaber (GC), 2:30; 5. Todd Is-

rael (C) won by major dec. over Nathan Samoy (C), 13-3.
160: 1. Domanick Adams (RU) p. Clay Higley (FRM), 1:44; 3. Mitchel Retting (LF) p. Wade Dobbis (LP), 2:18; 5. Dylan Decluse (C) dec. Rob Foxworthy (WLC), 4-2.
171: 1. Dan Huber (LF) p. Nathan Dietrich (LC), 0:52; 3. John Strevelink (NCC) dec. Kyle Schwebert (C), 8-7; 5. Drake Sanchez (A) dec. Nick Morton (C), 4-2.
189: 1. Gary Wreggelsworth (M) p. Baker Hadwan (LC), 1:47; 3. Brian Coats (NCC) p. Luis Glenn (LP), 1:27; 5. Vinny Langlois (A) p. Dametrius Fullilove (WM), 1:31.
215: 1. Manny Sanchez (FRM), p. Nate Irvin (WJG), 0:15; 3. Jake Mercleca (LC) p. Austin Ayers, 3:27; 5. Luis Lezama (A) dec. Matt Frankovich (M), 4-2.
285: 1. Hussein Kaddou (DF) p. Alex Sherry (WF), 1:10; 3. Cody Markland (WM) p. Derek Young (S), 2:42; 5. Blake Johnson (LP) dec. Jalen Jackson (GC), 6-3.

FRESHMAN TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 135 points; 2. Plymouth, 115; 3. Livonia Churchill, 112; 4. Novi Catholic Central, 110; 5. Lincoln Park, 108; 6. (tie) Southgate Anderson and Wyandotte Roosevelt, 84; 8. Monroe Jefferson, 76; 9. Annapolis, 75; 10. Farmington, 70; 12. Westland John Glenn, 65; 13. (tie) Grosse Ile and Wayne, 58; 15. Dearborn, 55; 16. (tie) Canton and Milford, 37; 18. Ann Arbor Skyline, 32.5; 19. Northville, 32; 20. Salem, 31; 21. Walled Lake Central, 17; 22. Dearborn Divine Child, 15; 23. Redford Union, 5; 24. Inkster, 3.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: 1. Chase Walkowiak (FRM) p. Spencer Blanchard (LC), 3:25; 3. Sam Orr (C) p. Zack Madewell, 3:47; 5. Antonio Herrera (LF) won by major dec. over Brandon Eeles (WM), 12-4.
112 (A): 1. Lucas King (WR) dec. Yousef Danaoui (D), 2-1; 3. Haidar Alhassan (DF) won by injury default over Hassan Makled (D); 5. Joe McGrath (NCC) dec. Connor Quigley, 3-0.
112 (B): 1. Tanner Coolsaet (GI) won by major dec. over Wisam Aljebori (D), 13-2; 3. Justin Manuel (A) dec. Josh Bentley (N), 7-6; 5. Darion Reilly (WJG)

p. Adeeb Nagi (DF), 2:57.
119 (A): 1. Michael Wiskowski (GI) dec. Jacob Griffiths (P), 5-1; 3. Carlos Ferreira (LF) dec. Ethan Migoski (WR), 11-6; 5. Gabe Hlske (LP) p. Eli Kline (AAS), 2:38.
119 (B): 1. Jeremy Nelson (LF) dec. Bailey Gillenkirk (MJ), 5-0; 3. Gyasi Davis (FRM) dec. Brandon Bussell (LP), 9-7; 5. A.J. Cortese (A) p. Austin Cross (WM), 0:30.
125: 1. Austin Currier (P) dec. Patrick Cook (LP), 8-6; 3. Jacob Barwickowski (GI) p. Chad Logan (AAS), 4:25; 5. Joey Nelson (N) p. Ray Clevinger (MJ), 4:30.
130: 1. Noah Rose (MJ) won by major dec. over Naseem Ahmed (P), 11-2; 3. Trevor Anderson (LP) dec. Seth Dunn (S), 10-5; 5. Kavinda Herath (FRM) p. Antonio Gazle (WR), 3:29.
135: 1. Rodney Miracle (LP) dec. Zac Leck (LC), 4-2; 3. Nick Terry (SGA) dec. Aaron Stone (WM), 14-8; 5. Nick Joseph (NCC) won by major dec. over Jordan Mills (WM), 11-2.
140: 1. Mohammed Hamka (DF) won by major dec. over Chase Gardner (LC), 14-3; 3. Collin Gustad (NCC) dec. Micael Grasso (SGA), 7-0; 5. Larry Hemphill (A) dec. Daizon Bennett (WJG), 13-6.
145: 1. Drew Crawford (NCC) p. Derek Klingensmith (A), 4:57; 3. Mike Wiley (LF) p. Christian Barry (N), 0:25; 5. Ethan Delaney (WR) p. Robert Lemense (FRM), 0:59.
152: 1. Rick Laurence (WJG) dec. Zander Moore (LP), 6-4; 3. Jeff Motes (P) p. Hunter Storm (WJG), 0:40; 5. Michael Trame (NCC) p. John Hicks (WM), 0:40.
160: 1. Collin Englehart (LC) p. Andrew Harrison (WR), 0:58; 3. Ryan Delp (LC) dec. Julian Jabbour (NCC), 11-6; 5. Mitch Van Acker (NCC) p. Ryan Tracy (LF), 2:05.
171: 1. Josh Retting (LF) p. Roy Foster (S), 0:51; 3. Gage Brent (FRM) p. Corey Kohler (MJ), 0:18; 5. Jacob Jones (M) dec. William Samborsky (RU), 9-5.
189: 1. Nico Romero (SGA) p. Jakob Davis (SGA), 2:20; 3. Michael Jordan (P) p. Bahaa Al-lamy (DF), 1:19; 5. Maguire Tate (NCC) p. Joe Lowe (WR), 0:38.

Back in business

Campbell's 26 ends Spartans' woes

Senior guard Josh Campbell tallied a game-high 26 points as Livonia Stevenson picked up its first KLAAs Central Division boys basketball win with a 70-39 triumph Tuesday over host South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who broke a four-game losing streak, improved to 4-4 overall and 1-3 in the Central.

Kaeman Holman-Rayos and Zack Atwood chipped in with nine points apiece for the Spartans, who led 36-18 at halftime.

"Josh did a really good job of getting to the basket and also created opportunities for his teammates," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "We challenged our guys offensively and we also got to the line."

Stevenson made 16-of-21 free throws, while East hit 6-of-12.

Trent Willenborg led the Cougars (0-8, 0-4)

with 13 points.

"The South Lyon East kids play hard, don't quit and always come to play," Sinawi said.

JOHN GLENN 71, FRANKLIN 53: Senior guard Nick Daniels tallied 17 of his 23 points during the second half Tuesday as KLAAs South Division leader Westland John Glenn (9-1, 4-0) defeated visiting Livonia Franklin (4-6, 2-2).

Junior forwards James Pruitt and Isaac Everette chipped in with 12 and 10, respectively, for the Rockets, who led 27-12 at halftime and 48-29 after three quarters.

DeAngelo Kirksey and Dre Black also added eight apiece for Glenn.

Olushakin Cole paced three Franklin players in double figures with 15 points.

Alex Armstrong and Andrew Lebbos contributed 12 and 10, respectively.

Michael Gluth also grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds. Glenn was 24-of-49 from the floor (48 percent) and 16-of-21 from the foul line (76 percent).

Franklin was 17-of-48 from the field (35 percent) and 16-of-20 from the line (80 percent).

CANTON 45, CHURCHILL 31: On Tuesday, the host

Chiefs (5-5, 2-2) shot a blistering 59 percent from the field to beat Livonia Churchill (3-6, 1-3) in a KLAAs South Division encounter.

Greg Williams and Josh Mayberry scored 12 and 11, respectively, for Canton, which made 19-of-32 shots and outrebounded the Chargers 28-17.

Junior Colton Robison led Churchill with 11 points.

"In the second half they (Canton) killed us on the offensive glass and transition," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team trailed 25-20 at halftime before being outscored 20-11. "Defensively they got us out of what we wanted to do."

PLYMOUTH 56, WAYNE 48: Josh Priebe scored 13 points and Shane Clark added 11 to lift the Wildcats (4-6, 2-2) to a KLAAs South Division victory Tuesday at Wayne Memorial (2-7, 0-4).

Plymouth led 26-22 at halftime before outscoring the Zebras 30-26 in the second half.

Rafeal Parks scored a team-high 10 for Wayne, while Jackie Muhammad added eight.

Juawn Snipes and Brian Williams each contributed six. Plymouth won it at the foul line going 16-of-24, while Wayne hit 7-of-15.

Warriors' balance too much for Baptist Park

Four players scored in double figures Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland earned a 61-49 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference boys basketball win Tuesday at home over Taylor Baptist Park.

The Warriors, who outscored Baptist Park 21-8 in the final period after trailing 41-40, improved to 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the MIAC's Red Division.

A.J. Seltz scored a team-high 16 points to lead a balanced Lutheran Westland scoring attack that also included Nick Flanery (13), Ernie Babon (12) and Nick Andrzejewski (10).

"This was truly a team win," Lutheran Westland first-year coach Jim Hoeft said. "We finally put four quarters together on defense. We didn't have any long lapses, and we stayed

intense from start to finish.

"We put a heavy dose of full-court pressure on at the beginning of the fourth quarter, which sealed the win."

Andrzejewski also finished with a team-high eight rebounds and four assists.

"On the flip-side of the ball, offensively we were looking for the open man and making good decisions," Hoeft said. "We picked up the tempo and got some fast break points, which I felt we were lacking earlier in the season."

Baptist Park (3-3, 1-2) got 14 points from DeVante Schofield and nine apiece from Daniel Eubank and Javon Shell. **LUTHERAN SOUTH 52, HURON VALLEY 43:** Jesse Smrcka scored 16 points Tuesday as host Newport Lutheran South (3-4, 3-1) downed Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-5, 0-3) in

a MIAC Red Division game. Adam Scott and Michael Roebke added 12 and 11, respectively, for the victorious Saints, who outscored the Hawks 16-8 in the final period.

Ryan Schaffer paced HVL with 16 points, while Alex Harrison and Justin Howell chipped in with nine apiece. South made only 7-of-18 free throws, while Huron Valley hit 9-of-16.

"Not to make excuses, but we were two guys short - Milan Monk and Kenneth Rundstadler were both out," HVL coach Jim Ott said. "That was an opportunity for other guys to come off the bench, but they're not stepping up."

GARDEN CITY 68, CLARENCEVILLE 46: Tyler Gonzales scored a game-high 18 points Tuesday as the host Cougars (2-6) downed Livonia Clarenceville (0-12) in a non-leaguer encounter.

Jeremiah Vera-Burgos added 10 for the Cougars, who led 35-24 at halftime.

The Trojans were paced by Kimani Dooley's 11 points, while James Hill contributed nine.

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of got fired up, and they were already up 10," Henry said. "They jacked it up a little more, and hit a couple of shots. But nothing lit a fire under us to work hard, and that's my fault. I got to find a way to motivate these guys to play hard for 40 minutes."

Henry Ford, which dressed only seven players, got 15 points from Rodney Butler, while Darryl Mobley Jr. and Javon Thomas added 13 apiece.

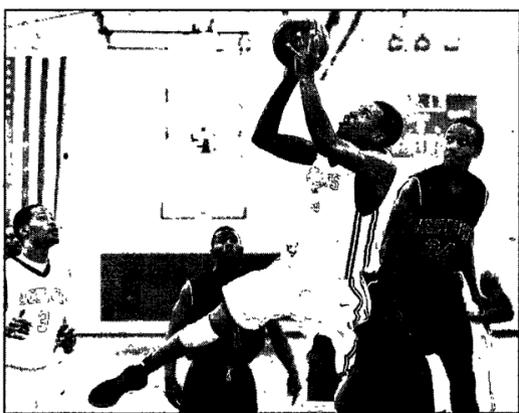
Marquawn Armstrong also added nine of his 11 in the second half.

"I think we played a little more focused offensively," Henry Ford coach Abe Mashhour said. "We didn't rush as much and tried to take advantage of a few mismatches. I thought they (Schoolcraft) played a lot better in the first half. They (Schoolcraft) were more aggressive and they competed a lot more in the first half than they did in the second."

"We earned some turnovers, but then they threw a bunch away on their own. A lot of them were unforced. I just don't think they had the same energy, like I said, in the second half as they did in the first."

The Hawks, trying to avoid foul trouble with a limited bench, used a zone defense exclusively to hold Schoolcraft for 33.3 percent shooting for the game (20-of-60).

"I think the zone gave them a little trouble



ANDREW KIELTYKA

Schoolcraft's Jordan Eastman (with ball) launches a shot in front of Henry Ford's Rodney Butler (right) and teammate Mathew King during Saturday's MCCA Eastern Conference clash.

in the sense that they weren't very comfortable and our guys did a better job of getting their hands in the passing lanes," Mashhour said. "Any time I feel anytime we can rebound well, we'll play zone, and just try and mix it up."

"Marquawn Armstrong didn't give us anything the first half. He helped us in the second half offensively and defensively. I also thought Darryl Mobley played a little bit more solid in the second half than he did in the first."

Schoolcraft committed just six turnovers in the first half, but finished the game with 24.

"We shot ourselves in the foot the second half with 18 turnovers," Henry said. "A lot of them were trying to split two guys, indecision of where to pass, cross court passes ... just trying to slow the guys down. You've got to make the next regular pass to move for-

ward, so that destroyed us the second half. With that saying, with seven guys they (Henry Ford) outworked us."

The Ocelots have been in a shooting slump in all four conference losses. They made only 3-of-16 from three-point range against the Hawks.

"That's been our problem the last four games - we haven't shot the ball very well," Henry said. "We're not a great three-point shooting team. Against Wayne County (CC) we shot 20 percent, 33 percent against Delta. We finally get 40 percent against Oakland (CC), but then you play a team that is so athletic, eight, nine guys that can play ... we just can't finish right now. We're struggling to finish and that's a problem. We got four more shots than they (Henry Ford) did, but they're not going."

CANTON 39, CHURCHILL 15: The Cougars made 9-of-15 foul shots.

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Stevenson ends skid; Bankston lifts Rockets

Livonia Stevenson snapped a four-game losing skid Tuesday with a 42-36 KLAAs Central Division girls basketball win over visiting South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who improved to 4-5 overall and 1-3 in the division, got 10 points apiece from juniors Rachel Wilkinson and Charlesann Roy.

Katelyn Foster also added eight points for the victorious Spartans, who made 12-of-17 free throws on the night.

"We maintained our composure and did a great job closing it out," said Stevenson coach Jen Knoph, whose team led 26-18 at halftime and 34-30 after three quarters. "It felt good to go in the locker room afterward and have some positive things to talk about."

East (5-5, 0-4) got a game-high 14 points from Gabi Bird.

The Cougars made 9-of-15 foul shots.

CANTON 39, CHURCHILL 15:

29: Paige Aresco scored 14 points Tuesday as the visiting Chiefs (7-3, 3-1) held off stubborn Livonia Churchill (4-5, 0-4) in a KLAAs South Division matchup.

Rachel Winters chipped in with nine points, while Alanna Brown and Taylor Hunley each contributed eight as Canton won it at the free throw line going 18-of-22.

"It's the best we've played all year," said Churchill coach Matt McCowan, whose team was 9-of-13 from the line. "Canton only had 10 baskets, but they got to the free throw line."

"This is the first game that we can go into and say we'll be able to clean up our mistakes heading into Friday (against Wayne) to get our first division win. We just have to stick to the fundamentals and keep playing hard like we did tonight."

Churchill got 12 points from senior forward Sydney Anderson, while Michelle Azar and Julia Szuba added six and five, respectively.

JOHN GLENN 76, FRANKLIN 36: Senior guard Raven Bankston pumped in a game-high 30 points to power KLAAs South Division leader Westland John Glenn (9-1, 4-0) to a lopsided win Tuesday over host Livonia Franklin (5-4, 2-2).

ShaKeya Graves and Kaira

Barnes chipped in with 20 and 13 respectively, for the state-ranked Rockets, who led 37-20 at halftime and 61-27 after three quarters.

Katelyn Devers scored 10 for the Patriots, while Natalie Modes and Caitlin Milican added seven and five, respectively.

Franklin made only 10-of-60 shots from the floor and were 15-of-23 from the foul stripe. The Patriots committed 19 turnovers.

"We missed eight shots, all inside, in the first three minutes," Franklin coach Jim Milican said. "We had a hard time with them. They're just a good team."

Glenn, meanwhile, connected on 20-of-29 free throws (68.9 percent).

PLYMOUTH 66, WAYNE 22: Jada Woody scored 20 points to lead the Wildcats (4-6, 3-1) to a KLAAs South Division victory Tuesday over visiting Wayne Memorial (1-8, 0-4).

Shelby Cheston contributed 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Kylie Robb chipped in with 10 points for Plymouth, which led 29-8 at halftime after outscoring Wayne 16-0 in the second period.

Junior guard Ashley Bland scored 12 points for the Zebras, who were outrebounded, 34-8, while committing 24 turnovers.

Blazers halt Mustangs, 53-48

Livonia Ladywood came on lot gangbusters during the decisive fourth quarter to pull out a pivotal 53-48 Catholic League girls basketball win Tuesday at Birmingham Marian.

The Blazers, who improved to 6-4 overall and 2-2 in the Central Division, trailed 40-35 after three quarters before outscoring the Mustangs 18-9 over the final eight minutes.

"Our seniors stepped up and made plays," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "And we made free throws down the stretch."

Senior point-guard Andie Anastos, back from a one-game absence due to an injury, poured in a game-high 29 points to go along with nine rebounds to lead the Blazers.

Sara Even and Shelby Walsh added 11 points apiece.

Anastos and Even each made a pair of free throws during the final 38 seconds to secure the victory.

Ladywood made 12-of-13 free throws on the night, while Marian was 11-of-16.

Kilyn Bulluck and Britany Gray scored 15 and

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12, respectively, for the Mustangs (8-2, 2-2).

CLARENCEVILLE 53, GARDEN CITY 25: Junior center Ayanna Buckley posted another double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds propelling Livonia Clarenceville (5-7) to a victory at home over the Cougars (3-7).

Mikala Kielsing added 12 points, while Ashley Murphy chipped in with six points, 13 rebounds and four assists for the Trojans, who took control from the start leading 24-7 at halftime and 45-16 after three quarters.

Lindsey Michalak scored five for Garden City, which shot only 8-of-20 from the foul line.

Clarenceville made 11-of-19 free throws.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 41, BAPTIST PARK 25: Aldreanna Fikes had eight points, 12 rebounds and two blocks Tuesday lifting Lutheran Westland (3-6, 2-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over host Taylor Baptist Park Christian (4-5, 1-4).

Angela Morrison and Alissa Flury added eight and six points, respectively, for the Warriors, who won their third straight.

"It's always good to start the week off with a win," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "We've been working really hard on our defense and it is getting better as a team. We are holding teams under their average in scoring. The offense is coming along, but we still have a lot

to improve on."

Brittany Williams scored a game-high 11 points for the Wildcats, who made only 5-of-16 foul shots.

LUTHERAN SOUTH 38, HURON VALLEY 29: Junior Kristi Smrcka scored 17 points and senior Molly Roebke added 15 Tuesday to propel Newport Lutheran South (2-5, 2-2) to a MIAC Red Division win over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-3, 2-3).

Sophomore Julie St. John paced the Hawks with 10 points and eight steals. "We have to play all four quarters," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team was outscored 13-2 in the second period.

South made only 8-of-19 free throws, while Huron Valley made just 3-of-12.

DIVINE CHILD 59, LADYWOOD 51: Senior guard Shelby Walsh scored a game-high 27 points Saturday afternoon, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Ladywood (5-4, 1-2) fell to host Dearborn Divine Child (7-2, 3-0) in a Catholic League Central Division encounter.

The Blazers, who played without injured starting senior point-guard Andie Anastos, also got 10 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists from senior forward Sara Even.

Morgan Blair led the victorious Falcons with 22 points, while Nicole Urbanek added 14.

Divine Child, which led 37-19 at halftime, made 12-of-19 free throws.

Ladywood, meanwhile, hit 10-of-15.

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Improve job-finding skills, networking at Plymouth church

NorthRidge Church in Plymouth has reorganized its Jobseekers care group, designed to help individuals find employment.

"It's more structured and there is a topic each week," said Marijo Swanson, Care coordinator. "Before that it was come as you are and tell us what kind of job you're looking for. It was more loosely structured, a more random kind of evening."

unteers, the program now includes different topics, covered from 7-9 p.m. on Monday. The schedule repeats every six weeks.

The Jan. 21 session will focus on using social media to find job postings, tips on LinkedIn and Twitter, networking for introverts and more.

The meeting on Jan. 28 will include discussion about body language, among other topics and the Feb. 5 session will help participants consid-

er their choices and planning for employment.

The program will continue Feb. 18 with a look at the job market and skills that every employer wants. The following Monday, Feb. 25, the group will consider resumes and "elevator speeches."

"It's an open, drop-in type of format. It's a networking type of meeting," Swanson said. "There's no cost and no registration needed."

Jobseekers is one of more than 20 different support groups offered on Monday nights at the church.

"We offer a wide variety — single dads, anger, addiction, healthy living," Swanson said.

She said attendance at the Jobseekers sessions recently had decreased. The new format is designed to renew interest in the program.

"We feel people were getting discouraged or

giving up, learning to adjust to a lifestyle on unemployment. That's why my leaders are trying to do something different with it."

The weekly schedule is

available on the NorthRidge website at northridgechurch.com. The church is located at 49555 N. Territorial Road; (734) 414-7777.

By Sharon Dargay

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

January

ANNULMENTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: The Rev. Ron Richards, a canon lawyer with experience working on the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will present information about annulments in a question and answer format. He'll answer such questions as: What is an annulment? How does one get an annulment? How long does it take to get an annulment. Call the parish office to register
Contact: (734) 455-5910

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, starting Jan. 14 and 9:30 a.m. Friday, starting Jan. 18

Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Beth Moore's 10-week Bible study for women will explore the account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, the pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for a woman's walk with God today. Participants will be challenged to prepare their hearts to become a home for God's love and glory. Cost is \$15 for a workbook. All women are welcome
Contact: (734) 542-9816 or irenejim1@hotmail.com

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 20

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

Details: All you can eat pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421

FILM

Time/Date: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and movie starts at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Details: Screening of "October Baby," a film about a young woman who discovers she was adopted after a failed abortion attempt. She embarks on a journey to discover her hidden past in this film by the same producers as "Courageous" and "FireProof"
Contact: www.christoursavior.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Free movie night features the film "Sarah's Choice," about a career woman who has an unexpected pregnancy. She envisions three options and then makes a choice. There will be a special meal of braised country ribs (free will offering) along with the film. Call the church for dinner reservations
Contact: (248) 553-3380

FILM

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: The church and AAA Pregnancy Resource Center show "The Voice of John," a documentary about abortion and pro-choice laws. Admission is free and free child care will be available during the movie
Contact: (734) 459-3333

GREEN FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17

Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham

Details: PRI's John Hockenberry goes inside the organizations that fought the scientific establishment to shift the direction of the climate debate. Film is followed by a discussion with Kathryn L. Savoie, Ph.D., an authorized presenter of the Climate Reality Project, trained directly by former Vice President Al Gore. Free admission. Sponsored by the church's Green Ministry
Contact: www.ccbucc.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30

Location: Congregation Sharey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: Runs through March 6, is nonsectarian and designed for those who have lost a spouse. Call the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section for information and registration. There is no charge but donations are accepted
Contact: (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house
Contact: www.saintgenevieve.org or call (734) 425-4420

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27

Location: 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: St. Michael's School, Livonia's oldest and largest K-8 parochial school, invites all interested families to take student-led tours of their facilities, to meet staff members who will be available to answer questions and concerns, and to share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's, SE Michigan's only two-time MANS accredited School of Distinction, offers a traditional faith-filled environment, with a commitment to high academic standards, service to others, a strong science and technology curriculum, coupled with many opportunities for significant parent involvement and extracurricular activities such as sports and scouts. St. Michael's offers half or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum which includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish.
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FLYNN, ELWOOD 'JOE'

Age 85, January 13, 2013. Beloved husband of Sue. Dear father of Peter (Mary). Grandfather of Matthew & Shawn. Brother of Iola Sharp and Earl Flynn. Brother-in-law of Gilbert 'Jr.' Stebbins, Patricia (Ronald) Griffith, John 'JC' Stebbins, Elizabeth Stebbins and Lylia Stebbins. In state Thursday 10:30 am followed by the 11:30 am Funeral Service at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City (Just South of Ford Rd.). Family suggests memorials to Garden City Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. www.Santeiufuneralhome.com



LUDWIG, JOYCE CLARK

Age 83, Joyce was a devout Christian that went to be with the Lord on January 9th, 2013. Loving mother of Cathy (Larry) Heidloff of Florida and Barb (Mike) Anthony of North Carolina. Will also be missed by her grandchildren Preston, Meredith and Matt and her grandcats, Noah and Sammy. Survived by her brother Neal Clark of Texas. Joyce proudly worked for 28 years at Schoolcraft College. Visitation Wednesday 4-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., in Livonia. Funeral Thursday in state 10 am until the time of service at 11 am at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River Ave., in Redford. Interment Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti. Memorial contributions may be made in Joyce's name to Hospice of Wake County, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607.



SCHEER, JANET K.

Age 75, January 13, 2013 of Cadillac formerly of Farmington. Beloved wife of Charles. Dear mother of David (Michele), Mary (Robert) Bush, Martha (Harrison Y.) Smith, Elizabeth (Randy) Dick. Also survived by 9 grandchildren. Funeral Service Friday at 11:30am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Thursday 4-8pm. Those wishing to make a contribution in Janet's name are asked to consider the United Methodist Women's Association of Farmington or American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, Grand Rapids. Please share a memory at: www.rgrgharris.com



ROGERS, DON H.

Age 69, January 15, 2013 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of David and Debrah (Jim) Craig. Dear brother of Lois (John) Eriksson and Gail (Jim) Smith. Dear grandfather of Casmer, David, Robert, Emily, James, Molly and Matthew. Funeral Service Friday 11am at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Thursday 2-9 pm. Please share a memory at: www.rgrgharris.com

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Talent on four paws

Cats, dogs and friends bring comedy show to Redford Theatre

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

When Gregory Popovich does his sound check at the Redford Theatre on Jan. 26, he'll insist that his theater troupe also takes a smell check.

"I have them go on stage and smell and check it out. They walk around on stage. If I do a show without this, they look around during the show and wonder what is going on."

His stars, walking on four paws, will take about 20 minutes to get acquainted with the stage before they're comfortable enough to perform without losing focus during their Popovich Comedy Pet Theater show.

"We have more than 30 pets including 14 cats, 12 dogs, three geese, two parrots and mice," said Popovich, 48, who performs regularly with his cast at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. The show will kick off its three-month tour in Detroit at the Redford Theatre, then travel throughout the Midwest and East Coast before returning home, where Popovich, and his wife live with their furry and feathered brood. His daughter, who has assisted with the show, is at college.

Circus family

Popovich, who holds several world records in juggling and gold medals in international competition, has performed for

POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATER

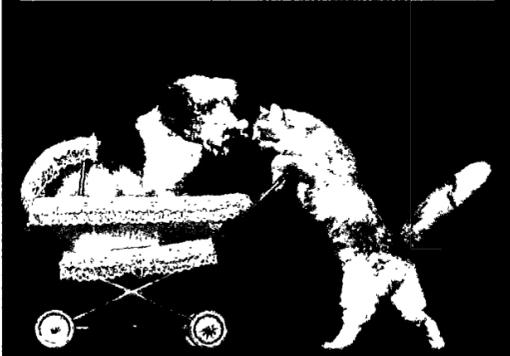
What: Variety show with juggling, physical comedy, featuring Gregory Popovich and his 30 performing pets, as well as acrobats from the Moscow Circus

When: 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

Where: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$10 for children

Contact: (313) 537-2560, redfordtheatre.com or (248) 660-4264, dedushka@gmail.com



A cat takes a willing dog for a stroll during a scene in Popovich Comedy Pet Theater's show.

most of his life. The Russian-born son of circus performers — his parents both juggled and trained dogs — began assisting on stage with his mother's dog act as a child. He learned to juggle when he was 6 and became a member of the Moscow Circus 11 years later. He earned a featured spot in 1992 at Circus Circus in Las Vegas, where he eventually shared the stage with felines.

Popovich began adding cats to the show after introducing the family kitten into his clown act. The audience's enthusiastic response compelled him to create a "Cat Skills" routine that featured felines he had rescued from shelters. The show, combining his juggling and his performing cats, toured Japan before returning to Las Vegas, where he added shelter dogs into the act. The feline and canine stars went on the road, touring Europe, and North and South America in 2000. When the tour ended five years later, Popovich added birds, rats and ferrets into the performance, which also found a new venue in Las Vegas.

He describes the Popovich Comedy Pet Theater as a variety show.

"I have eight people

working with me. Four help with the pets and I have four acrobats from the Moscow Circus. This is not only a pet show. There is physical comedy," he said, adding that he also juggles in the show. "Of course, the main attraction, the stars, are the pets. We are the human chorus line."

Natural talent

All of his cats and dogs are from shelters. With a full contingent of performers — and a couple of retired pets at home — Popovich doesn't add to the cast often these days. When he does search for a new pet, he looks for "natural talent" in the rows of shelter kennels and cages.

"I don't push them to do something. I try to let the pets play, and I play with them, and see what they can do, what they like to do," he explained his method of selecting cast members. "I create a part for them. I see what kind of pet is fit for an idea I have."

Rather than teaching his stars to perform specific stunts and tricks, he helps them show off their individual personalities and talents. If a cat likes to climb, it performs that action in a routine on stage. If a dog likes to

jump, it shows off its skill for the audience.

"I have a dog that just looks good. When I ask in dog school (a routine) to give an answer and come to the board, he is always hiding behind his desk. He doesn't want to do difficult tricks or jumping. He looks like a lazy student. I created this part for him. It's more funny than action.

"I use natural habits in the show," he said. "The mice are interesting pets. They are smart. By nature if you give them feed they go to a higher level naturally." He integrates that habit into a routine that has mice moving from lower to higher levels.

Working with a new dog or cat requires a few months to gain trust and build communication and another six to nine months to learn routines. Popovich uses voice commands to cue his stars.

Adopting from shelters

One of his favorite stunts includes a piggy-back-riding cat and a dog.

"One of the most difficult tricks came when puppy and kitty were playing in the backyard and sometimes the kitty would jump on the dog. I'm proud of this because the pets gave me the idea for the trick," he said. "I repeated and repeated it and sewed a special jacket for the dog. It became one of my trademarks."

Another favorite routine involves a scene about a homeless circus performer, played by Popovich, and a homeless dog that steals his lunch.

"It's emotional. Everyone understands that this guy is homeless and the dog is homeless. He has no friends and finally he finds a friend on the street."

The routine conveys a subtle message about finding adoptable "friends" at animal shelters, a practice that Popovich promotes.

"If after my show a few people go to the shelter, I feel that my main mission is complete."

Auditions set for youth interested in performing

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold open auditions for its youth theater group, Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS), 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Open auditions for *Wonderland* also will be held 1:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Suggested audition times in Plymouth are for age groups are: 1-1:45 p.m., kindergartners through second graders; 2-2:45 p.m. third graders through fifth graders; 3:30-5 p.m., sixth graders through eighth graders. Siblings may audition during the same time period. If actors can't audition on Sunday, they may call the Council to make other arrangements.

Actors should prepare a monologue of a minute or less in length to read for the audition. The director also will have pieces to read. Everyone who auditions will get a part in the play.

The cost is \$150 per actor, with a 10 percent discount for additional siblings registered for the same season. A Council membership is also required.

Registration forms, medical and photo releases and complete season rehearsal schedule are available at www.plymoutharts.com.

The main goal of the PUPS program is to have fun while making the participants feel comfortable and confident in front of a live audience. Actors will learn stage direction, cues, blocking, voice projection, role-play, character-

ization and improvisation.

Rehearsals are held Sunday afternoons through the April performance day.

Staff from Northville's Tipping Pointe Theatre directs the program.

Farmington Hills

No advance preparation is needed for the *Wonderland* auditions. The play is an adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic *Through the Looking Glass*, with all the characters from the original tale including Alice, the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, and more, with many parts for young actors in two large casts.

Audition times are 1:30-3 p.m. for grades 3 and 4; 3-4:30 p.m. for grades 5 and 6; and 4:30-6 p.m. for grades 8-12.

Participants should bring a recent school photo to the audition. All other materials will be supplied. Audition forms are available at www.fhgov.com under Cultural Arts/Youth Theatre.

Rehearsal dates and times vary from Feb. 13-April 24, with leading roles requiring more rehearsals than supporting cast. Actors cast in the show must pay a registration fee and attend a mandatory parent meeting from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Costick Center. Final show dates are April 25-28. *Wonderland* is produced in conjunction with Sky's the Limit Productions.

Youth theatre participants make new friends, build confidence, and learn about theater productions.

For more information, call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1859.



Gregory Popovich strikes a pose with two of his many performing pets.

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Party tent offers music, drinks, festival viewing area

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you belly up to the bar at E.G. Nicks this weekend, make sure you're wearing layers.

The restaurant will get into the spirit of the Plymouth Ice Festival by offering two outdoor serving bars sculpted from ice. One will be located on the restaurant's patio and the other under a heated tent, the MGM Party Lot Lodge. "You don't lean on the bar for sure," advised Frank Agostini, E.G. Nicks owner, as he considered the challenge of tending bar — or ordering drinks — on ice. "They are big. They are nine- or 10-block sculptures. Plus they carve something to store bottles. They make it so well, it's a structure, like anything else."

This is the restaurant's third winter tent. It will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Jan. 18-19. The Bluescasters will perform from 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday and JR and the Sellouts take the stage 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday.

"It's like a lodge, with music, tables and drink specials. The heated tent is a place to go out and have a good time."

Patrons can watch the AGA Nation Downtown Rail Jam, involving ski and snowboard competitions, from the tent. The patio on Forest Ave., is heated, although not tented, and offers a view of Rail Jam's snowboard and skiing instructional clinics.

"It looks like the weather will be perfect to come out and enjoy the ice," Agostini said. "This place



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The ice bar at E.G. Nicks serves specialty drinks during last year's Plymouth Ice Festival.

will be hopping. We'll have drink specials and giveaways."

Ski shots — alcohol shots served on a single ski with participants all drinking them at once — and an ice luge will be

available. At the luge, the bartender pours a drink down the icy chute and the customer is "at the bottom to receive it."

Look for hot drinks like "Toasted Caramel Mocha," as well as cider,

snow cones and other creations at the outdoor bars.

"We're limited in what we can pour out there. You're at an ice bar. It's not plumbed in with Coke guns," Agostini added.

The party tent and Rail Jam are the tip of the iceberg in terms of activities at the Plymouth Ice Festival, which will run 3-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.

The event also will include a skating rink — complete with skate rentals — in Kellogg Park, ice sculptures and carving demonstrations. A speed carving competition is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 and college carving contests will be held both festival days.

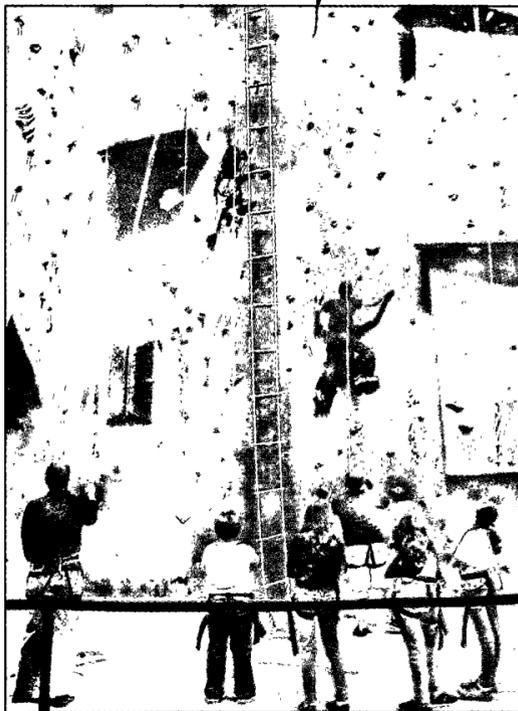
The Eastern Michigan University Choir will sing

at opening ceremonies at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18 on the main stage in the Kellogg Park area. Radio Disney will take the main stage from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, followed by a winter fashion show from 3-4:30 p.m. The fashion show will repeat from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.

A Made in Michigan Marketplace will be stationed along Forest Ave., and food vendors will offer gourmet dining options.

A warming tent located in the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park will feature local vendors, product demonstrations and seating. Free arts and crafts projects will be available from 1-4 p.m. both festival days in the warming tent.

For more information call (855) 423-3378 or e-mail to info@plymouthicefestival.com.



Visitors can try the rock wall, among other features, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center open house, Sunday, Jan. 20.

Try free classes at rec center open house

Swim, rock climb, take a demo class or a guided tour at Livonia Community Recreation Center's open house, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 15100 Hubbard, at Five Mile.

Admission is free and the center is open to residents and non-residents alike.

Free demo classes on the day of the event include:

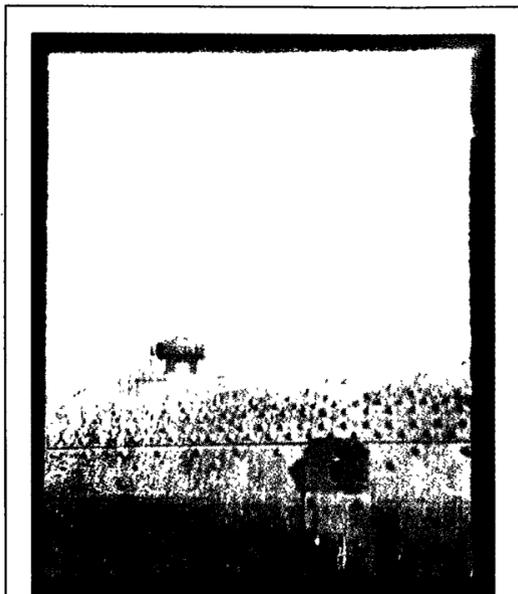
- 11:30 a.m. - Express Women on Weights
- Noon - Express Core
- 12:30 p.m. - Express Zumba
- 1 p.m. - Express Yoga
- 1:30 p.m. - Super Kids Karate
- 2 p.m. - Kung Fu
- 2:30 p.m. - Tai Chi
- 3 p.m. - Tae Kwon Do

- Emphasizing in Self Defense

The giant water slide will open at noon.

The Center includes a leisure pool, lap pool, rock wall, game room, splash pad, fitness hub, soccer fields, water tube slide, indoor track, skate park, locker rooms, indoor and roller hockey rinks, vending area, dry sauna, sand volleyball courts, kid quarters, tree fort play area, massage therapy, two gymnasiums, outdoor walking path, personal training, sports leagues, adult lounge, physical therapy and sports medicine clinic, and more.

For more information call (734) 466-2900.



"Basic Elements" by Celeste Roe of Farmington is among the works on display in the Best of the Best show, noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, through Jan. 25 at Lawrence Street Gallery, 220 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Allen Brooks of Livonia also has a photo on display in the show.

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Turkey Sliders with California Pepper Fig Salsa

Fig-Cocoa Glazed Beef Tenderloin

From Robert Del Grande, RDG + Bar Annie, Houston TX
Serves: 16

Fig-Cocoa Glaze:
8 ounces dried California Mission figs; stemmed and quartered
6 cloves garlic, peeled
1 cup water
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons vinegar
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon cocoa powder
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
2 ½ to 3 pounds fully-trimmed beef tenderloin
Mission Fig Steak Sauce:
8 ounces dried California Mission figs; stemmed and quartered
2 guajillo, ancho or New Mexico chiles; stemmed and seeded
½ white onion; peeled and coarsely chopped
4 cloves garlic, peeled
1 bay leaf
1 quart water
1 chipotle chile canned in adobo or 1 tablespoon smoked chile sauce
1 ½ teaspoons sherry vinegar
1 ½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Fig-Cocoa Glaze:
Combine quartered figs and garlic in 1-quart saucepan. Stir in water, sugar and vinegar; bring to a boil and simmer gently for about 30 minutes or until figs are soft. Cool. Put into blender container and add remaining ingredients; process until smooth, adding water as needed to make a slightly thick paste. Store in refrigerator.

Tenderloin:
Preheat oven to 400°F. Rub tenderloin generously with glaze and arrange on rack in roasting pan. Place in oven and roast for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 300°F and roast for 20 minutes more, or until internal temperature is 145°F for rare to 160°F for medium.

Mission Fig Steak Sauce:
Combine quartered figs, chiles, onion, garlic, bay leaf and water in 2-quart saucepan; heat to a boil and simmer gently, about 30 minutes or until figs are soft. Cool.

Turn into blender container and add remaining ingredients; process until smooth, adding water as needed to desired consistency. Store in refrigerator.

To serve, let tenderloin stand for 10 to 15 minutes when done. Then, slice and serve with Mission Fig Steak Sauce on the side.



Fig-Cocoa Glazed Beef Tenderloin

Halibut with Asian Fig and Ginger Sauce



Halibut with Asian Fig and Ginger Sauce

Serves 4

Asian Fig and Ginger Sauce:
4 ounces dried California Calimyrna figs; stemmed and quartered
2 cloves garlic, chopped
¼ white onion; chopped
2 Fresno chiles; stems and seeds removed
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger root
1 ½ cups clam juice
¼ cup cream
½ teaspoon sesame oil
1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
½ teaspoon salt
4 halibut fillets, 6 to 8 ounces each
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
8 jumbo shrimp; peeled and deveined
2 cups water
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups hot cooked long grain white rice
1 tablespoon butter
4 fresh or dried California Calimyrna figs stemmed and sliced
2 tablespoons chopped chives

Asian Fig and Ginger Sauce:
In 2-quart saucepan, combine figs, garlic, onion, chiles, fresh ginger root and clam juice.

Heat to simmer, and cook about 20 minutes until figs are softened. Set aside to cool. Turn into blender container, and process until smooth, about 30 seconds. Return to saucepan, and set aside.

Halibut and Shrimp:
In large heavy skillet, heat olive oil until hot. Gently sauté halibut on both sides until golden brown. Reduce heat and continue to cook until just cooked through.

In 2-quart saucepan, combine shrimp with water and salt. Heat to a boil, and drain, immediately. Turn into warm skillet with halibut and keep warm until ready to serve.

To serve, reheat Sauce to simmer, and stir in cream, sesame seed oil, lime juice and salt. Divide 1/2 cup hot cooked rice onto each of 4 warm dinner plates, and layer halibut on top. Divide and spoon sauce over and around. Garnish with poached shrimp, sliced figs and chopped chives.

Turkey Sliders with California Pepper Fig Salsa

Yields: 12 Sliders
Serves: 6 (2 Sliders for main dish); 12 (1 Slider for appetizer)

California Pepper Fig Salsa:

2 ½ cups diced fresh California figs
½ cup diced red bell pepper
½ cup golden raisins
2 green onions, thinly sliced

1 jalapeno pepper; stemmed, seeded and minced
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
½ teaspoon ground ginger

Sliders:

1 package (20 ounces) fresh lean ground turkey
1 cup finely minced dried California figs
¼ cup sliced green onions
2 tablespoons chopped herbs, i.e. fresh marjoram, thyme, rosemary, and sage; or to taste
¼ teaspoon sea salt
1 cup baby arugula
12 small dinner rolls; cut in half, horizontally

Combine Salsa ingredients in medium bowl and stir together. Cover and chill for several hours.

For Sliders, combine turkey, minced dried figs, green onions, herbs and sea salt in medium bowl and mix to combine well. Divide and shape into 12 small, flat burgers. Generously oil grill or barbecue and cook over medium-high heat for 3 to 5 minutes on each side, until done (165°F).

Arrange a few arugula leaves on bottom half of each roll; top with turkey burger and spoon on salsa. Replace tops and secure with toothpicks, if desired. Serve with additional salsa on the side.

Fig and Apple Stir Fry with Chicken

Serves 8

Stir-Fry Sauce:
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon water
½ cup low-sodium chicken broth
2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
¼ teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon ground red pepper (optional)
1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons canola oil
3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, diced (about 1 pound)
8 dried California figs, stemmed and chopped
1 unpeeled red apple, diced
1 cup snow peas, stem ends removed
1 carrot, peeled and sliced
2 baby bok choy, trimmed
1 scallion, sliced
½ cup cashews
½ cup prepared Stir-Fry Sauce (recipe above)

For Stir-Fry Sauce, dissolve cornstarch in water; add remaining ingredients and mix together well. Set aside.

Heat large skillet or wok to very hot. Add 1 tablespoon oil and stir-fry chicken until golden; remove and set aside. Add 1 teaspoon oil; reheat pan and add figs, apples, snow peas and carrot; cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Remove and set aside with chicken.

Reheat pan to very hot again and add remaining 1 teaspoon oil. Add bok choy and toss for 1 minute. Add chicken-fig mixture, scallions, cashews, and Stir-Fry Sauce; toss to coat well, and cook until sauce is transparent. Serve with rice or noodles.

California Fig and Blue Cheese Fritters

Yields: 32 fritters

¼ cup half-and-half
8 tablespoons (4 ounces) unsalted butter, cut into ¼-inch cubes
½ teaspoon kosher salt
¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
½ teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
3 ounces crumbled blue cheese
2 cups finely grated dry jack cheese
¾ cup stemmed and coarsely chopped dried California figs
Vegetable oil; for deep frying

In a small saucepan, over medium heat, bring the half-and-half, butter, and salt to a boil. Remove from heat and whisk in the flour. Return to the heat, cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until the mixture draws back from the sides of the pan, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

Add the eggs, one at a time, stirring to incorporate each before adding the next one. Stir in the thyme and mustard. Allow mixture to cool completely. Add both cheeses and the figs.

Line a baking sheet with waxed or parchment paper. With a small scoop or a tablespoon measure, make 1-inch balls of dough, and place on the prepared sheet. Continue with the remaining dough.

Fill a large, deep, heavy-bottomed saucepan or stockpot, fitted with a candy or deep-fat thermometer, halfway with oil. Bring to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with paper towels. Fry the fritters 4 to 5 at a time, being careful not to crowd, until browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Drain on towels and serve hot.

Home Builders Association: Climb predicted in single-family building

The Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBA Michigan) is forecasting that single-family home construction in 2013 will increase by 39 percent over 2012 levels. HBA Michigan attributes the positive forecast to a stronger Michigan economy and state legislation aimed at stimulating the housing industry.

"With record low new home production for the past several years, pent up demand is finally beginning to burst through in the marketplace," noted Robert Filka, CEO of HBA Michigan. "When combined with positive tax and regulatory changes that will encourage more investment, our outlook is more optimistic than it's been in nearly a decade."

The number of single-family home permits recorded year-to-date in Michigan was up 36 percent through the end of October 2012. Those are the latest numbers available from the US Census Bureau. Current projections are for some 10,000 single-family home permits to be issued in Michigan for all of 2012.

Looking ahead at single-family home permits in 2013 — following a reasonable solution to the U.S. "fiscal cliff" negotiations — HBA Michigan forecasts 13,928 permits to be issued in the coming year. In addition to stronger economic factors, Filka said the housing industry will be assisted next year



Willie Norwood (left) and Dale Graham of Norwood Boyle Construction Services posed by a vacant house their company remodeled in Redford as part of SNAP, a federal stimulus program. Builders are optimistic about an upswing in residential building activity for 2013.

by a new law adopted by the state legislature and recently signed by Gov. Rick Snyder. Public Act 494 of 2012 reduces the tax on new inventory homes that are constructed by home builders.

"Reducing this punitive tax on inventory homes will lower risk and encourage homebuilders to construct more

homes in the future," said Filka. "Building inventory homes is a critical marketing tool that has proven successful in generating new home sales. Thanks to the foresight of the legislature and the governor, homebuilders will now be able to invest more in our communities around the state."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members. HBA of Michigan works to promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

Talk to neighbor before suit

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I have a unique situation where my neighbor constructed within a 40-foot-wide easement on my property that ran parallel to the roadway laid out in the easement and placed log decks and other personal property on the other side of the road creating a "cow chute." These acts narrowed the area in which cars could pass. Do I have a basis to sue my neighbor for what he did? He claims that the width of the easement was only a 12-to-14-foot paved area based on the historical use.

A: While it is obviously fact intensive, in a similar case, a Washington State appellate court held that your neighbor's placement



Robert Meisner

of structures within the easement might lead to an adverse possession claim that would terminate the

easement. In addition, a zoning ordinance that prohibited the location of buildings and structures within the easement made what would have been your neighbor's activities a nuisance per se, requiring removal of the fence and other property. It may result in a lawsuit, but you should advise your neighbor of the legal ramifications of what he has done.

Q: I am in a situation where one of my tenants has suffered some lead poisoning. He is now claiming that I am responsible under a negligence theory, even though he was responsible for maintaining the premises. What do you think?

A: Well, it all depends upon the state in which you are involved, but in a recent case out of Virginia, the court held that absent fraud or concealment a landlord who has given possession of the premises to the tenant owes no duty of care to maintain the premises since that duty rests with the tenant. In that case, the court rejected the argument that the landlord's retention of the right to enter to make repairs created a duty because this reserved right did not displace the tenant's full right of possession. The court also found that the state's statutory requirement that the landlords comply with building codes created a contractual warranty but not a tort liability. Moreover, the court dismissed a claim under common law negligence for failure to warn of the presence of lead paint which is, of course, required in Michigan because a landlord had made a lead paint disclosure and the conditions were obvious and open to view. Obviously, you should consult with your own attorney with respect to the claim.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 24-28, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43599 Abbey Cir	\$213,000
6938 Ardsley Dr	\$110,000
6713 Carlton Rd	\$203,000
7114 Copper Creek Cir	\$112,000
1704 Crowndale Ln	\$316,000
1689 Dunston Rd	\$128,000
48515 Gladstone Rd	\$373,000
47120 Glenhurst Dr	\$255,000
42243 Hartford Ct	\$123,000
46461 Killarney Cir	\$190,000
8002 Labana Ct	\$306,000
45576 Morningside Rd	\$130,000
41765 Princess Dr	\$288,000
45636 S Stonewood Rd	\$178,000

3607 Shepherd Ln	\$175,000
43715 Silmsbury St	\$170,000
1763 Thistle Dr	\$200,000
1277 W Crystal Cir	\$168,000
8650 Westchester Ln	\$165,000
GARDEN CITY	
29800 Cambridge St	\$34,000
1552 Henry Ruff Rd	\$120,000
221 Hubbard St	\$66,000
LIVONIA	
36706 Angeline Cir	\$132,000
11345 Arcola St	\$58,000
11015 Blackburn St	\$92,000
31812 Bretton St	\$100,000
14546 Cavell St	\$182,000
17608 Dolores St	\$80,000
15743 Edington St	\$119,000
16856 Farmington Rd	\$140,000
27464 Five Mile Rd	\$40,000
34009 Fonville Dr	\$175,000
27505 Goff St	\$25,000
16029 Harrison St	\$127,000
15446 Knolson St	\$180,000
9819 Melrose St	\$146,000

28450 Pickford St	\$105,000
16574 Rougeway St	\$90,000
15201 Santa Anita St	\$47,000
14206 Sunset St	\$129,000
17899 University Park Dr	\$77,000
29687 Westfield St	\$98,000
NORTHVILLE	
44456 Birchwood Ct	\$333,000
373 Linden St	\$239,000
42754 Lyric Ct	\$83,000
320 Orchard Dr	\$440,000
49650 S Glacier	\$346,000
19824 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$252,000
511 W Cady St	\$289,000
PLYMOUTH	
346 Auburn St	\$425,000
1115 Dewey St	\$228,000
11725 N Beck Rd	\$225,000
730 Penniman Ave # 203	\$185,000
730 Penniman Ave # 301	\$232,000
101 S Union St Unit 203	\$150,000
45309 Stonehedge Dr	\$220,000
8865 Trillium Ln	\$274,000
REDFORD	

17615 Centralia	\$21,000
15574 Fox	\$34,000
17749 Gaylord	\$40,000
26940 Lyndon	\$20,000
15478 Macarthur	\$34,000
16643 Macarthur	\$55,000
13478 Marion	\$74,000
9558 Mercedes	\$30,000
12845 Mercedes	\$47,000
8838 Riverview	\$39,000
WESTLAND	
30602 Avondale St	\$43,000
33647 Blackfoot St	\$35,000
8275 Carrousel Blvd	\$69,000
2104 Edgerton Ct	\$15,000
32372 Fairchild St	\$32,000
29938 Gladys Ave	\$115,000
33423 Hively St	\$113,000
29196 Manchester St	\$19,000
33452 Melton St	\$42,000
37612 N Butler Cir	\$105,000
8401 Narise St	\$140,000
2038 S Parent Ave	\$32,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 10-14, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16964 Beechwood Ave	\$210,000
19690 Beverly Rd	\$298,000
15725 Birwood Ave	\$105,000
31245 Old Stage Rd	\$402,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23810 Ravineview Ct	\$273,000
BIRMINGHAM	
355 Hanna St	\$265,000
920 N Glenhurst Dr	\$565,000
644 Ridgedale Ave	\$350,000
712 Ridgedale Ave	\$276,000
811 Tottenham Rd	\$320,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	

186 Eileen Dr	\$78,000
2850 Aspen Ln	\$270,000
3621 Berkshire Dr	\$252,000
2925 Farmingdale Dr	\$185,000
6450 Gilbert Lake Rd	\$245,000
4600 Lahser Dr	\$1,600,000
215 Martell Dr	\$875,000
2945 S Woodward Ave Unit 69	\$110,000
1260 Stuyvesant Rd	\$400,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # B	\$43,000
2033 Wabeek Hill Ct	\$369,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1965 Lone Pine Rd	\$299,000
1551 Old Chatham Dr	\$218,000
651 Sedgefield Dr	\$150,000
729 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$275,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3243 Lacosta Ct	\$240,000
2294 Palmetto	\$240,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	

28965 Appleblossom Ln	\$280,000
29536 Belfast St	\$124,000
30402 Club House Ct	\$210,000
28339 Green Willow St	\$130,000
25739 Kilreigh Ct	\$205,000
30779 Knighton Dr	\$267,000
28900 Lake Park Dr	\$190,000
38428 Saratoga Cir	\$150,000
31699 Staman Cir	\$125,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd # 608	\$43,000
28576 W Nine Mile Rd	\$90,000
MILFORD	
864 E Liberty St	\$237,000
1056 Eagle Nest Dr	\$230,000
2860 Honeywell Lake Rd	\$390,000
850 Laurel Ln	\$200,000
620 Millford Meadows Dr	\$345,000
303 Teromi Trl	\$300,000
1419 Timber Ridge Ct	\$567,000
217 W Commerce St	\$275,000
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45200 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
28159 Carlton Way Dr	\$135,000

41682 Charleston Ln	\$190,000
29052 Hearstone Ln	\$265,000
40618 Lenox Park Dr	\$268,000
22398 Mill Rd	\$185,000
24759 Willowbrook	\$265,000
SOUTH LYON	
60125 Nine Mile Rd	\$91,000
24495 Brompton Way	\$40,000
24601 Brompton Way	\$320,000
639 E Crest Ln	\$129,000
57877 International Dr	\$255,000
61069 Topsfield Ln	\$164,000
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18950 Goldwin St	\$115,000
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25471 Saint James	\$69,000
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tum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

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Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@adddvalurealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

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ACROSS

- Well-dressed material
- Scooping bumper
- Natural intelligence
- 1960s attire
- Canine command
- Pharmacist - Lilly
- Barely sufficient
- Intense anger
- Regard as
- Puffed-grain cereal
- Fortas and Vidora
- Remnant
- Paged through
- Drag along
- California's Big -
- Wrinkle-free
- Toe woe

DOWN

- Followed a pattern
- Posted
- More creative
- Diamond loc.
- Antacid brand
- Like the universe
- Lama's chant

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	I	P	S	O	D	D	S	M	A	P
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1	9	8	6		5	2		
	6		2	5	8	9		
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3				2	1	6	8	
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2	1	4	8	6			3	
2	8	7	5		3			
5	6			3	7	1		
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Level: Beginner

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Sudoku

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

Word Search

F	H	N	X	C	L	O	S	E	T	U	K	H	T	S	T	Z	R	C	
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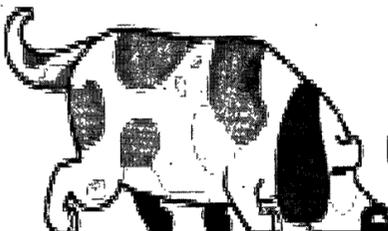
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