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Sentence brings quick end to fatal crash case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Wayne County judge on Friday sentenced a Redford Township teenager to 10-15 years for causing a fatal crash in Westland that killed a Walled Lake man.

However, Probate Judge Frank Szymanski has delayed imposing the full sentence, opting instead to place 16-

year-old Ramon Foster in a high-security juvenile facility where he will remain while his case is periodically reviewed, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said. Foster could be released early if he stays out of trouble and shows improved behavior, or he could serve the full time, if the judge decides he hasn't been rehabilitated. Foster's sentence came after

he pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for the Oct. 14 death of 35-year-old Ndalima Yussuf Nzaro. Foster led Westland police on a high-speed chase on eastbound Warren until the Mercedes Benz he was illegally driving slammed into Nzaro's Honda Accord, which was stopped at a traffic light on southbound Merriman. Foster was designated in

court as an adult even though he was 15 when the accident happened. "It is truly a tragedy that should never have happened," Westland Police Chief James Ridener said Friday. "As far as the police department is concerned, the sentence is a little light for what he did." However, Ridener acknowledged that the judge took into consideration that Foster was

a juvenile, and "we're pleased that the case went through the system as quickly as it did." Foster pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and, in return, prosecutors dropped charges of operating a vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance and causing a death; first-degree fleeing and eluding; failing to stop at an accident involving injury or death; and operating with-

out a driver's license. Authorities have said Foster, accompanied by other youngsters, was driving at speeds well over 100 mph. Nzaro was on his way to work as a custodian when his Honda Accord and another vehicle were struck. He died two days later at the University of Michigan Hospital.

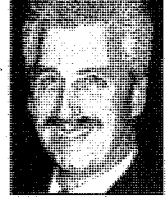
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'Dedicated'

LeBlanc has perfect attendance for his 1st term in legislature

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, amassed a perfect attendance record during his first two-year term and didn't miss any of the 1,257 roll call votes taken on the House floor.



LeBlanc

"I am dedicated to this position," LeBlanc, 50, said. "When it comes time to vote, I make sure I am there."

In what amounted to an even tougher challenge, he boasted perfect attendance in all four House subcommittees he serves on, including Michigan State Police, military and veterans affairs, transportation, and labor and economic growth. He often found himself darting among meetings, especially since he chaired the police and veterans groups, and he admitted he was lucky that none of the sessions completely overlapped.

"It was a stretch to attend all of them," he said, but he acknowledged that much of the real work gets done in committees.

LeBlanc had pledged early on to bring the same level of commitment to his state House job that he brought to his earlier elected positions on the Westland City Council and the Wayne-Westland school board.

And, although he works in Lansing, he had vowed to maintain close ties to his constituents and his family, a promise he kept by returning home to Westland every evening except one during his first two-year term. On that night, he had one meeting that lasted until 10 p.m. and another that started early the next day, so he stayed in a hotel room.

LeBlanc described himself as proud of his legislative attendance record, but he also defended colleagues who have missed only a few House votes and for good reasons. If he has any regrets, it's that he didn't go to California when he learned that his father would need heart bypass surgery, which was successful.

"I struggled with that for about a day," he said, and upon reflection he believes he should have made the trip.

After starting his second term this month, LeBlanc said it hardly seems possible that he already has finished his first two years in Lansing.

"It seems like a day and a half since I first got the job," he said.

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With the help of his cousins, Alan and Mark Eden, Chris Badynee has seen his vision of a cardboard box bass become a reality. Now he's looking for an investor to take it to the next level.

Dreamer: He turns box into upright bass

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In no way is Chris Badynee a shy person. Give him an opening and he'll gladly talk and talk about his dream musical instrument.

You won't hear about the legendary Fender guitar or the famous Stradivarius violin. No, Badynee conversation revolves around some strings and a box that he and his cousins have turned in the Bogdon Box Bass, an upright bass made out of a cardboard box.

"We have no competition in the whole world," said the Westland resident. "Nobody makes an acoustic upright bass on the cheap."

Badynee has been the pitch man for the bass that bears his father's middle name, for two-three years, according to Alan Eden, Badynee's cousin who helped turn the vision into an actual instrument.

"It was really his idea, we just made it sound like the real thing," Eden said. "We went through a lot of trials and errors to get the bridge piece so it sounded just right."

Badynee has shown off the cardboard box bass at Pine Knob and Nashville and made the circuit of music conventions, landing a best in show for innovation in 2008 from NAMM, the trade associa-

tion of the international music products industry.

A mailman by day and an entrepreneur by night, Badynee has gone so far as to sing the praises of the instrument in an elevator for MSNBC's *Elevator Pitch*. Badynee was hoping the three-minute performance would find investors willing to provide \$500,000 in capital to take the instrument to a new business level.

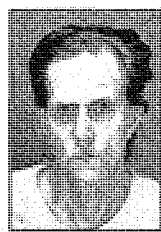
"I was so on, it was so great," said Badynee, who traveled to New York City with Eden to tape the segment. "I started playing a lick from the *Cosby Kids* show."

Badynee happened on the idea of cardboard box bass while remodeling the bathroom of his home following a fire. Alan Eden got drawn into the dream by his father, Dave, who called him to say "I think Chris's got something here." What he saw was a crude version of the box bass, but "it looked like he did have something," Eden said.

Joining Eden, an acoustical engineer, on developing the box bass was his brother, Mark, an electrical engineer. They spent six-eight months developing the box bass, taking into account the shape of the box, the thickness of the bridge and assembly. Mark Eden helped

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Detroit man charged in robbery at Rite Aid



Guerin

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police have arrested a Detroit man amid charges he was a pistol-packing bandit who robbed the Rite Aid at Wayne and Ford roads of prescription drugs.

Michael Henry Guerin, 53, was arraigned Thursday in Westland 18th District Court on charges of armed robbery, felony firearm, three

felony drug counts and being a habitual offender. He is jailed with a \$5 million cash bond as he awaits a Jan. 15 hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial.

A not-guilty plea was entered for him.

Guerin is accused of robbing the pharmacy of more than 7,000 doses of drugs such as OxyContin, Ritalin and morphine during an incident that police said happened at 10:38

p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16.

Westland police released a suspect photo to the media and received a tip that led them to Guerin, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said. Officers from the multi-agency Metro Street Enforcement Team executed a search warrant at Guerin's home and, according to Borisch, officers found drugs like those taken from the Rite Aid.

Although a gun was revealed during the robbery, no shots were fired and no one was injured. Surveillance cameras captured pictures of a man while he was walking from the store.

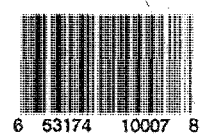
If convicted, Guerin could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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Documentary shows the truth about what happens to dogs in emergencies

Man pleads guilty to robbing Best Bank

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 28-year-old man could spend up to 15 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to robbing a Best Bank branch inside the Kroger store near the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman.

Michael John Polgar was sentenced in December in Wayne County Circuit Court after he pleaded guilty to a charge of bank robbery for an incident that happened about 3:20 p.m. Sept. 11.

He was ordered to spend between three years, six months and 15 years in prison, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections. Even with good behavior, his earliest release date will be June 9, 2012.

Polgar had been ordered to stand trial after Best Bank teller Rose Mattes identified him during a Sept. 15 preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court as the lone bandit who took nearly \$2,000 from her. Her testimony convinced Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli that Polgar should stand trial.

Mattes accused Polgar of handing her a note and implying that he had a weapon. The note

"started that he was coming in for the money from my top drawer and that I had 20 seconds to give it to him," she testified.

Mattes said Polgar told her verbally and also implied in his note that he had a weapon. She said he took the piece of paper with him when he fled the store.

Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch has said the defendant was captured a few hours later following a similar incident inside a Kroger store near Michigan Avenue and Outer Drive in Dearborn.

Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick has said that authorities retrieved most of the money.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Polgar had a criminal history that included breaking into a vehicle, resisting a police officer, retail fraud, felonious assault and receiving stolen property worth \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Polgar's decision to plead guilty to the Sept. 11 bank robbery averted what could have been a longer prison sentence. If he had gone to trial and been convicted, he could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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Surplus food

The day, times, and locations that Westland residents can obtain surplus federal food have been set for the month of January.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

The pickup time and location for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 12, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Their direct telephone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may collect their food at Taylor Towers and must contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of January, distribution will include carrots, peaches, red kidney beans, rice, frozen beef and at least one more item. This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites, and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Poker fund-raiser

U.S. 12 Bar and Grill, located at 34824 W. Michigan Avenue in Wayne, will host a charity Texas Hold 'em poker event Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 11-14, that will benefit the Wayne Firefighters Local 1620. Cash games will be available. The poker tournaments are scheduled for 4 p.m., Jan. 11 (\$500 prize pool), 7 p.m., Jan. 12 (\$500 prize pool), 7 p.m., Jan. 13 (\$500 prize pool) and 7 p.m., Jan. 14 (\$1,000 prize pool).

For more information, call John at (734) 216-1688.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his

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next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the William P. Faust Public Library 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month. Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888)-737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576.

LeBlanc also invites residents to join him for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the library.

For more information, call LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, Jan. 12. He will be at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland, 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Christmas tree pickup

The Westland Department of Public Service is collecting natural Christmas trees that are set at the curbs of homeowners on their regular rubbish day now through Friday, Jan. 16. No other compost will be accepted during this pickup. For more information regarding natural tree disposal or the organization of a special pickup, call DPS at (734) 728-1770 or go online to www.cityofwestland.com.

Snow alerts

WLND-TV, Westland's government access channel, along with the city's newly-redesigned Web site, www.cityofwestland.com, now has the capability to announce snow alerts and school closings.

While WLND-TV (Channel 10 for Wide Open West subscribers and Channel 12 for Comcast viewers) has been broadcasting snow emergencies, the station will now include school closings for Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Livonia Public Schools.

Westland's Department of Public Service declares a snow emergency when six (6) inches or more of snow has fallen. A snow emergency requires the removal of all vehicles from a city right-of-way. Failure to do so could result in a vehicle being towed and/or ticketed. Major roads are plowed first, followed by subdivision streets.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner is back at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert for \$6 as well as entertainment. Dinner is being served 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020. The center also has bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

Glow Skate

Grab your skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday nights for Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Skate rentals are \$2.50. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Preschool

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. Willow Creek is at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call the preschool at (734) 326-0078.

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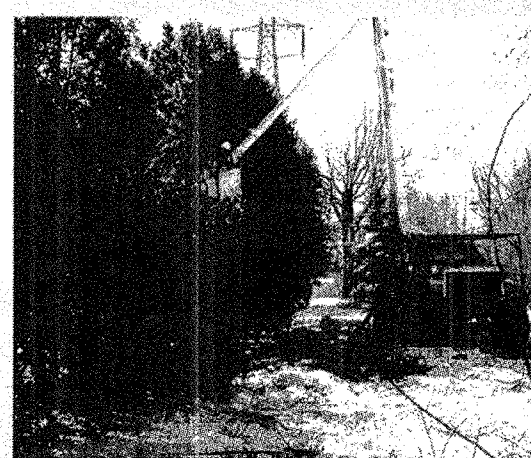
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Westland woman faces 3 charges in theft case



Reed

A Westland mother of five is facing a court hearing for accusations she broke into a neighbor's residence, stole her car and drove it to Livonia, where a home invasion occurred.

Angel Latrice Reed, 25, faces a Jan. 15 preliminary hearing after she was arraigned Monday in Westland 18th District Court on

charges of first-degree home invasion, auto theft and possession of stolen property.

Reed is jailed with a \$250,000 cash bond, and a not-guilty plea was entered for her. Her five children, ages 9 and under, are staying with relatives, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

Reed is accused in December of

going into a neighbor's unlocked residence at Warren Wood Apartments on Warren west of Venoy, taking a purse, removing the car keys, stealing items from a storage unit and driving off in a car used during a home invasion in Livonia, Borisch said.

A subsequent investigation led police to Reed.

BASS

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in come up with the hardware so that the box bass can be plugged into an amplifier.

"An instrument can be very expensive, but it doesn't matter what they're made of," said Alan Eden. "If they're properly engineered you can make a box sound like an upright bass."

What the trio came up with is three box basses — a two-string bass with assembly required for \$93.80 and two three-string

basses for \$119.50 and \$134.50.

They've sold about 1,000 of the instruments. Thirteen retailers around the country and one in Mexico City carry the box bass and it's also available on the Bogdon Web site at www.bogdonmusic.com.

They've also mailed the box bass to Uruguay, the United Kingdom, Finland and the Swiss Alps.

"We sell about 30-40 a month," said Alan Eden. "Interest spiked a little after the show, but our sales have been steady even with the downturn in the economy."

Admittedly, no one is ready to quit their day job, but Badynee is enjoying himself, pitching the product. His dream is to do it on *The Tonight Show*.

"My competition is a \$1,000 introductory bass. There is no \$100 introductory bass, the customer who spends \$4,000-\$5,000 on a base is buying it," Badynee said. "I'm still hoping an investor will see it. Every sale makes my pitch all the more solid."

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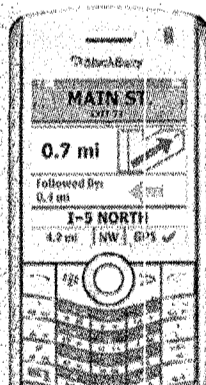
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Police investigate complaints against defunct funeral home

The Livonia Police Department and a state oversight agency are pursuing more than a dozen complaints that an area funeral home, now out of business, has mishandled pre-paid funeral arrangement funds.

According to Livonia Police Lt. Greg Winn, Livonia police and state investigators served a search warrant at a Canton Township home looking for documents relating to the investigation into the now-closed Ziomek Funeral Home.

"So far there have been 15 criminal complaints," Winn said. "The first complaint came in November of 2007 and they range between \$5,000 and \$10,000."

According to Detective Dean Langley, the funeral

home had sold pre-need funeral arrangements for 16 years before going out of business two years ago.

The funds for those services should have been set in the hands of a third party, an escrow agent to whom both the company and the person who purchased the services would be accessible, Langley said.

"There should be a paper trail," Langley said. "We have not been able to locate it."

Winn said that while some of the people who have filed charges have been reimbursed, others have not. Shelby Township attorney David Forest is representing four people who are trying to get money back from the funeral home owners. In a brief he

filed with the state, he states the Ziomek Funeral Home was not licensed to sell pre-paid funeral services.

"Two of them have been reimbursed," he said. "The first went to the Livonia police, they leaned on the owners and they coughed up a check. The other went through the state and they got paid. I suspect the squeaky wheel gets the grease."

The Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services is also investigating, though department Audit Manager Tim Teague said he could not comment on the details of the investigation.

Former owners Christopher and Nancy Ziomek could not be reached for comment.

Adding Abe artifacts

Museum adds little-seen items to Lincoln exhibit

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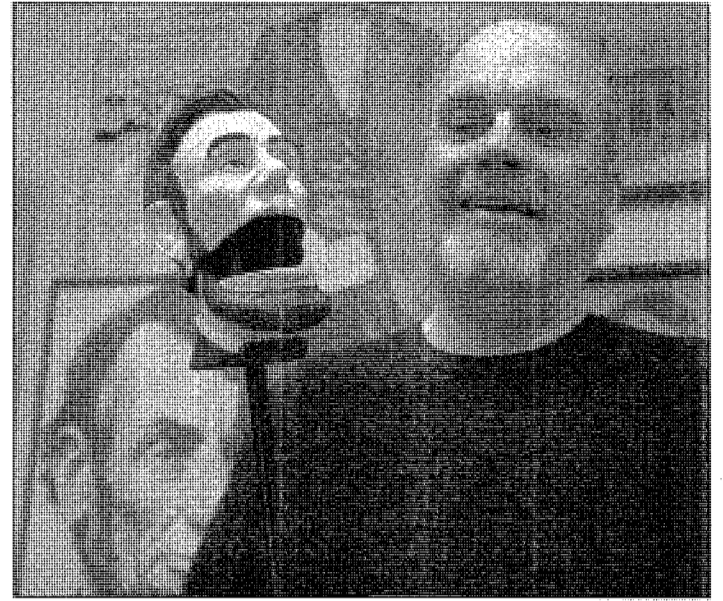
The Plymouth Historical Museum, which already has the state's largest Abraham Lincoln collection, scored another coup to celebrate the 200th birthday (Feb. 12) of the United States' 16th president.

The museum will have on loan from The Henry Ford in Dearborn four pieces that belonged to Honest Abe in Springfield, Ill., which were sold before he moved to the White House in 1861. They will be the cornerstones of the "In the Presence of Lincoln" display at the Plymouth Historical Museum, from Jan. 21-Nov. 4.

"We're getting two rockers, which belonged to Abe and his wife, Mary," said Dan Packer, Lincoln curator and board member at the Plymouth Historical Museum. "Other than the assassination chair at The Henry Ford, this is second best."

"There's a parlor table, mahogany with claw feet; and a mantle clock which Lincoln was standing next to when the Republican delegation came to him with the nomination for president of the United States," Packer added. "Outside of Springfield, this museum is on par with major museums around the country when it comes to Lincoln."

The search for the items began when ancestors of the man who bought the pieces from Lincoln showed up the Plymouth Historical Museum looking for them. Packer led the family members to The Henry Ford, which - with Packer's help - found them in a warehouse used to store items not on display in the main Dearborn museum. The four items have been dis-



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Lincoln archivist Dan Packer collects Lincoln memorabilia of a less serious nature. This Lincoln Talking Head is a best-seller at the gift shop in the new visitor's center at Gettysburg.

played to the public before, but it's unlikely many have seen them.

"They had previously been on display at the Logan County Courthouse, where Lincoln practiced law," said Leslie Mio, loan coordinator at The Henry Ford. "But, it's been decades since they were shown."

The Plymouth Historical Museum had to fill out a 50-page facilities report in order to get the items.

"As a result, we've enhanced the level of security in the whole building, not just for the Lincoln items, but for our displays, too," said Liz Kerstens, museum director, who said the four pieces will be put in the former doll house outside the permanent Lincoln room with special humidity and light levels to preserve them.

"It's still a community museum, and nothing will take away from that, but because we will be having items we believe haven't been displayed for such a

long time, hopefully the word will get out."

Along with the new items and current Lincoln room display - which includes a lock of Lincoln's hair and the dictionary he used as a child - there will be speakers and workshops during the nearly year-long celebration of Lincoln.

Kerstens is fund-raising to pay for the cost of borrowing the furniture, additional security, advertising and other costs, which she said will be in the "tens of thousands" of dollars. The major sponsor for the event is Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury.

The Plymouth Historical Museum's Lincoln artifacts were purchased in 1998 from Dr. Weldon Petz of West Bloomfield. The museum fund-raised for \$150,000 to pay Petz, as well as develop and preserve the display which opened in 2002.

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River sleuths

Forget the skates, sleds and come outside to hunt for bugs

BY SHARON DARGAY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tom Elliott will look for larvae in the frigid outdoors this month.

"On the face of it, it sounds like the silliest thing a grown person can do," he admitted. "Actually, it's a badge of courage."

That's because his search for the pre-hatched insects will include a walk into the freezing Rouge River and several hours at water's edge, sorting through earth samples.

"Over the years the January search has encountered some of the worst weather the state has thrown at us."

Elliott, a Birmingham resident and an accountant by trade, calls the amateur entomology "a lot of fun," but he wouldn't mind a little sunshine when he and other volunteers gather for the seventh annual Friends of the Rouge Winter Stonefly Search from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center, 4901 Evergreen, in Dearborn.

Families, individuals and children accompanied by a parent, can sign up to take part in the hunt — which helps the organization collect data about the river's health — by calling (313) 792-9621, by Jan. 16. No experience is necessary, although warm clothing is a must.

SAMPLING THE MUCK

Elliott and other team leaders will don waders and walk into the water at various points along the Rouge, scooping up river bed that volunteers on shore will examine for stonefly larvae. The pollution-sensitive bugs live in healthy creeks and rivers, and hatch into adult insects in the winter. The more bugs there are, the better the water quality.

Teams will work on sites in Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Farmington Hills, Farmington, Salem Township



Volunteers work at Rouge River's edge during last year's winter stonefly search.

and Superior Township. Volunteers have never found stoneflies in the main branch that runs through Birmingham.

"But we have found them in the upper branch, in Farmington and Farmington Hills," said Sally Petrella, Friends director. "They're basically the only insect out in the dead of winter."

"I think they are beautiful. Basically the more of them we find, the better. We hope to find them at a lot of different sites. No one has reported seeing the flying insects," she added, stressing that volunteers will retrieve larvae from the river muck.

COLLECTING DATA

The organization will share its results with the Department of Environmental Quality and communities along the Rouge.

"It helps them to track change over time and evaluate projects to improve the river, to see if they are having an impact."

Friends of the Rouge also conducts a spring and a fall search of the river bed for macro-invertebrates. The winter hunt can be more challenging because of the weather — last year leaders had to hack through the river's frozen crust — but equally as entertaining as its mild weather versions.

"There aren't a lot of opportunities to be outdoors and do activities like this in January," Petrella said, explaining why the winter search draws eager participants. "In January there isn't much going on. People start to get stir crazy."

It's also just plain fun in the middle of winter, says Jeremy Geist, program coordinator for the Clinton River Watershed Council. The organization also plans a winter stonefly search on Saturday, Jan. 24. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will meet at Yates Roadside Park, along the north side of Avon, between

23 Mile and Dequindre, in Rochester Hills. Register by calling (248) 601-0606 or by e-mailing to contact@crwc.org.

"Whoever wants to get into the water can," said Geist. "By no means will we be in a fast current. We'll make sure the area we're sampling in will be safe. If people are eager to get in there, we'll give them a net and waders."

Most of the volunteers are likely to stay on land, lending a hand with the sorting process. "You'll see lots of life. It's a funny thing, they are bugs and people are kind of creeped out by it, but it's a good thing to have in our water," he said.

Geist also is offering an aquatic insect identification class from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Auburn Hills Community Center. Participants will look at preserved specimens, unlike the river sleuths who will see live larvae.

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IRA distributions may be reinvested in a Roth IRA

Q: Dear Rick: I'd like to find out if a person can take a distribution from a traditional IRA and add it to an existing Roth IRA. Would you suggest not taking a distribution this year?

A: The answer to your first question is yes. A person can take a distribution from a traditional IRA and add it to an existing Roth IRA. All you need to do is to follow the rules for a Roth conversion to perform the transaction.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

crisis, President George Bush recently signed legislation

When someone turns 70½ they are required by law to begin taking required minimum distributions from their retirement account. However, due to the financial

that suspends the required minimum distribution rules for 2009. Therefore, for the first time, individuals who are over 70½ have an option as to whether they take a distribution from their retirement account this year.

The first issue when deciding whether to take a distribution is do you need the income. If you need the income continue taking distributions. Those who do not need the income, have another option. It is

important to note where you stand with regards to taxes. If withdrawing the money puts you in a higher tax bracket, it may not make sense to take a distribution.

If taking a distribution does not put you into a higher tax bracket, take a distribution, pay your taxes and then reinvest the money either in a Roth IRA (by means of a conversion) or invest the money outside of your retirement

It is important to understand the tax consequences of distributions from retirement accounts. When money is withdrawn from a traditional IRA or a traditional 401(k), it is subject to ordinary income taxes (typically the highest bracket). Money invested outside of a retirement account can be subject to the more favorable capital gain tax bracket. The maximum capital gain tax bracket is 15 percent and many taxpayers

find themselves in a 5 percent bracket.

Ordinary income taxes for the average individual are 28 percent and above. The tax bracket for withdrawals from Roth IRAs is zero as Roth IRAs are not subject to income taxes.

In a normal tax year, required minimum distribution from a retirement account is not eligible to be converted to a Roth IRA. However, 2009 is not a typical tax year. Any withdrawal from a retirement account in 2009 can be potentially converted into a Roth IRA. The only requirement is that a taxpayer's adjusted gross income be less than \$100,000.

The suspension of required minimum distributions for 2009 also affects individuals who have inherited IRAs. When someone inherits an IRA they have a number of different options as to how that money can be withdrawn. One of the more popular ways is to take a distribution over a five-year period. However, because required minimum distribution rules have been suspended for 2009, an individual can stretch that five-year period over another year.

Like everything else regarding tax laws, there are some potential minefields. One of these affects people who turned 70½ in 2008. In the year that you turn 70½ you do not necessarily have to take a distribution that year. Rather, the law allows you defer the distribution until April 1 of the next year.

For example, someone who turns 70½ in 2008 technically does not have to take their 2008 required minimum distribution until April 1, 2009. If you are in that situation, you still are required to take your distribution by April 1. The reason is that although the law says that you can delay the distribution until April 1, 2009, it is still considered a 2008 distribution. Because the new law only deals with required distributions for 2009, you still must make a 2008 distribution before April 1, 2009.

No matter what advice is given in regard to taxes, the key is to make sure it applies to your situation. In addition, don't let the tax tail wag the dog. The goal is to have more money in your pocket. Good luck!

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There's not much glamour behind the Hollywood glitter

I was driving home one day a while ago when I saw that the street was blocked with police cars, their warning lights flashing.



Greg Kowalski

Now what, I thought. But when I approached the intersection blocked by the police, I saw more than police cars: Trailers with huge spotlights were lined up along the curb as well.

This was not a police siege facing a barricaded gunman. It was Drew Barrymore. The police were just on hand to block traffic while a film crew from Hollywood was on site filming a scene for her movie *Whip It!*

More and more, Hollywood film crews are coming to Michigan to shoot movies, thanks to some generous incentives the state has adopted to make filming here a bargain. Even Birmingham is looking at ways to make the city attractive to potential producers.

I had one up-close view of a Hollywood film crew and what it takes to make a movie, and that forever stripped away any visions of glamour.

It was in the summer of 1977, when the film crews rolled into town to film a scene for the movie *Blue Collar*. This was something. *Blue Collar* was a major film starring Richard Pryor, Harvey Keitel and Yaphet Kotto, and was about a corrupt union and three auto workers who pull off a small-time robbery that has big consequences.

On a Friday evening in June, trucks full of cameras and lights pulled up in front of a modest house a few blocks from where I live to film a key scene in the movie. In the scene, two supposed hitmen arrive to get Kotto in his home, but he has been tipped

off and is waiting for them — with a baseball bat. He chases them out of the house and clobbers them on the front lawn. On film, it lasts about a minute. On the street, it took about 12 hours to shoot.

And that's where I saw what movie making is all about: Hours and hours of standing around punctuated by minutes of actual filming. The light from a street lamp was too glaring, so someone when to cut a tree branch from somewhere, and it was hoisted up a pole and strategically placed in front of the lamp so it would cast a small shadow on the sidewalk. That took about an hour.

Camera angles had to be determined and all the props had to be in place. About a half-dozen plastic baseball bats were lined up on the sidewalk, although only one was used. The two would-be hit men spent a long time adjusting padding that fit under their clothes. They needed it because in the scene they come flying out of the house and fall down the stairs. The steps were real, and I could see that these guys had to know exactly what they were doing or risked getting really hurt.

Take after take was shot. And as the hours dragged on well past midnight, I began to realize that this wasn't Hollywood high life. It was work. Grueling work.

I finally went home, but they were still filming. I have a copy of *Blue Collar*. It's a pretty highly regarded film, and I like to watch the scene I saw filmed.

But I don't think I view it like most people who see it. My view will always be tainted by what I saw behind the camera.

Another illusion shattered, I guess. But it was fascinating to see.

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Take care of car

With gas prices at a four-year low, now is the perfect time to invest that savings into preventative maintenance and repairs to extend the life of your vehicle. According to recently released statistics from the Energy Information Administration, the average retail price for gasoline dropped to \$1.684 a gallon, the lowest price since February 2004. Gas prices are down more than 55% from the \$4.11 mid-July peak.

Because most analysts are predicting oil and gas price increases in the spring, this is the opportune time to invest those short-term gas-pump savings into a long-term vehicle investment.

Keeping your vehicle in safe working order makes financial sense, adding years of reliable life and saving the cost of new car payments and higher insurance rates. In fact, over a four-year period, the cost difference between keeping a car and buying a new one is nearly \$10,894, according to Runzheimer International.

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System needs fixing

We have been doing some research on adoption for a school project and neither of us believes adoption is wrong. We actually think it is a very good process. Unfortunately there are some defects in the system. We believe these defects should be changed. One problem is that adoption is too expensive for the average American. The average American makes \$50,233 a year. The average cost of adoption is \$20,000-\$30,000. That

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is more than half of the income that most adults make a year.

Money is going to be needed to take care of the child. The economy is already bad enough, which results in some people not getting paid and that decreases the amount of money an adult gets per year.

Another issue is that the process of adoption takes a long time. The average amount of time that it takes for adoption to be complete, for the child to be in their new parent's hands, is 18-30 months. When children are taken out of orphanages or from their parents and placed with different people, it is a life-changing experience for them. If they can be placed with good families, why should the kids be deprived of a good life, just because of cost or time?

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Hamas propaganda

Do not blindly accept the carefully crafted propaganda regarding recent Israeli-Palestinian conflicts as an accurate representation of the situation.

Israel seeks peace and has returned territories won when it was attacked in previous wars with its neighbors as part of several peace agreements. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005, but instead of nation-building, Hamas seized control and has abused Gaza to build its terrorist capabilities and incite hatred and violence. Hamas systematically brainwashes children that the annihilation of all Jews is their duty and seeks to convince its youth that martyrdom is an honorable way to die with the added benefit of providing for one's family.

Hamas has continued launching rockets and mortars that target civilian men, women, and children

in southern Israel, purely to instigate a military response, since a military response is necessary to further brainwash potential terrorists into suicide attacks. They know these rockets will never win a war or that they can best Israel in a full-scale conflict.

This tactic supports their long-term goal of influencing world opinion to present themselves as not aggressors but the oppressed.

The civilized world must support the right and above all, the duty, of every sovereign nation, including Israel, to defend its citizens from armed aggression. No nation can or should allow daily, incessant attacks against its people. Imagine the reaction of India or China to daily rocket barrages from its neighbors.

Propaganda presented in the media by Palestinian representatives would have you believe Israel has taken to unprovoked bombing of Gaza in an attempt to exterminate the community. They even have the audacity to use the word "holocaust" to describe what in reality is a set of defensive military operations designed to protect civilians from further assault.

While our government has recognized Israel is not the aggressor in Gaza, our representatives must take a more active role in challenging Hamas propaganda. The media also has a responsibility to challenge the claims of those interviewed and not blindly replay misinformation and biased lies just to fill minutes in their newscasts. Newspapers must insist editorial letters to the editor contain facts and not propaganda purely designed to present Hamas as an oppressed people instead of the calculating terrorists they really are.

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Minister's background enriches work at St. John's Episcopal

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Ann Webber brings life experience, including work as a registered nurse, to her ministry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland.

"I think life experience is really important," said Webber, a native of England who took over as intentional interim pastor at the church on Wayne Road in November. "We encounter all sorts of things in church life. It helps to have dealt with people."

The Rochester Hills resident, who describes herself as "sort of middle-aged plus a bit," earned her master of divinity degree from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Chicago, following work as a registered nurse and "health visitor" in England.

In England, she was an indepen-

dent practitioner focusing on the well population's health of body, mind and spirit, with a holistic approach. She grew up in Kent and later lived in the west country, near Bath and Bristol.

"I sort of did a lot of what your pediatricians do," she said.

Her husband, Paul, was transferred to the U.S. in 1989. The couple has three grown children and six young grandchildren.

Webber had been assistant director of a nonprofit service organization and did hospital chaplain work. She "felt a strong call to ordained ministry."

The Episcopal church has a process of discernment which is structured and lasts several years.

"It has to go through the bishop and a standing committee. You can't just say, 'I want to be a priest' and that's it,"

she said.

Webber was ordained to the transitional deaconate in 2003 and the priesthood in 2004.

"I take churches through times of change," said Webber, who's also served congregations in Toledo and Royal Oak. When a rector leaves a church, there's a time of self-examination, revisiting its vision. A profile is then posted online.

"They look for a rector who fits that profile," said Webber, who will serve no more than two years in Westland.

"The people," she said of what she likes best about the ministry. "I love liturgy, too, and outreach, everything."

She found her nursing work helped with listening and people skills. "Everybody has gifts to offer," she said. "I think any gift I have is a reliance on God."

Her church draws between 60-100 at the two Sunday services, "depending on the weather. I've come down in the worst weather possible."

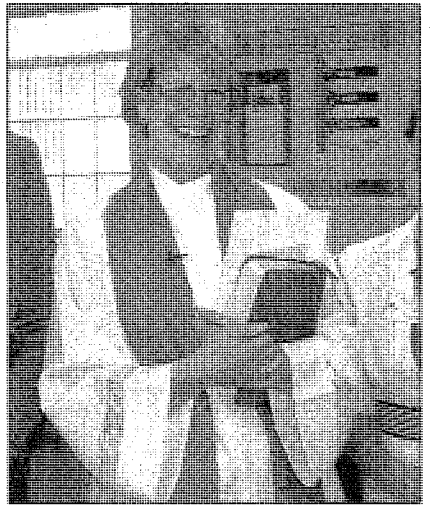
She's still learning the community, working a three-quarters time schedule: "I'm still getting to know people and the churches."

She has issues for the church to address, "especially in our economic crisis in the moment."

She added that the ministry involves all who are baptized who bring their gifts.

"We're all about spreading the good news," Webber said.

She and other area clergy are looking forward to a 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, service of Christian unity hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer in Westland. All are welcome.



The Rev. Ann Webber, a native of England, is settling into her role as intentional interim pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland.

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Spaghetti Feast benefits accident victim's family

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, to benefit the family of a Westland man who died in an automobile accident Nov. 10.

The Dunsmore Family Spaghetti Feast Benefit will be 2-7 p.m. at the Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 S. Lotz, Canton. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. There also will be raffles. Proceeds

will help Kelly Dunsmore and her three sons - Jacob, 13, Alex, 9, and Nate, 6.

James Dunsmore, 42, was killed on Nov. 10 when he lost control of his car on a slick patch of I-96 near Davison in Detroit. Dunsmore, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, crashed into another vehicle, was thrown from his car and then hit by a third vehicle.

Described as a one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Livonia Blue Jays, a nonprofit youth football league, Mr. Dunsmore was on his way to work as a medical technician at Detroit Receiving Hospital when the accident happened.

For more information about the event, call Joe Buda at (734) 261-4932 or Stephanie Parrish at (734) 812-6327.

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Move over New Orleans, Rotary hosts Mardi Gras party

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gary Bulson gets excited talking about the Westland Rotary's Mardi Gras Extravaganza, a Jan. 31 fundraising event he's chairing.

"It's always fun when you know you're helping the community," said Bulson.

The benefit is set for 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, south of Ford in Westland.

He's grateful for sponsorships, including major sponsor Dr. Amanda Apfelblat of Michigan Chiropractic Specialists. Bourbon Street

sponsors are Westland Mayor William Wild, Juenemann Insurance Agency, dentist Dr. Joseph Tseng, North Brothers Ford and Pepsi. French Quarter sponsors are Ameriprise Financial-Antoinette Martin, C&M Printing and Imaging, Men on the Move and Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union.

"It's one of our major two fund-raisers," said Bulson of the event, adding that the other is a spring golf outing. Proceeds support such charitable efforts as the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army's summer camp and after school programs, student scholarships, backpacks and school

supplies and special projects like the recent \$13,000 walking path in Westland's Rotary Park.

This year's benefit will feature the Cool 2 Duel Dueling Pianos, a new approach.

"They interact with the audience," Bulson said. "It's an interactive piano experience."

There will be silent and live auctions, and a New Orleans-style buffet dinner will be served, along with beer and wine. Each couple attending will be eligible for a \$1,000 raffle prize.

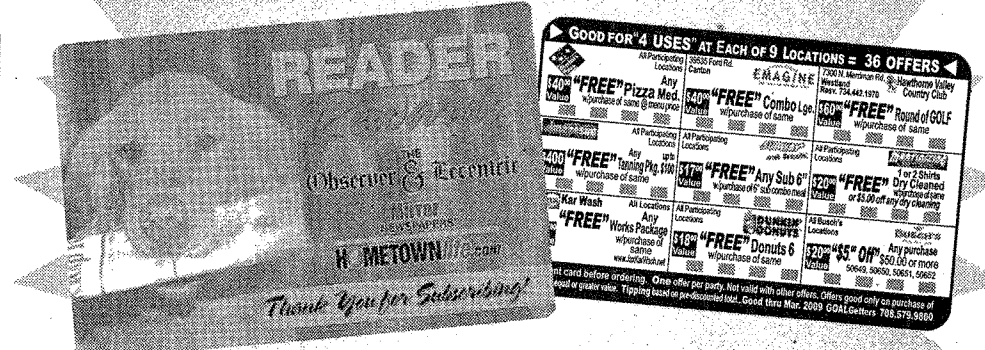
"People like to let go and party," said co-chair Mary Vellardita. Tables of eight cost \$340 while individual tickets

are \$45, which doesn't include the raffle ticket. The couple tickets at \$90 and include one Royal Raffle ticket. Additional Royal Raffle tickets are \$45 each. Mardi Gras attire is optional.

Tickets are available at C&M Printing and Imaging, on the east side of Wayne Road north of Ford, and at the Westland Chamber of Commerce office, on Ford between Wayne and Newburgh roads. For information about the Mardi Gras Extravaganza or to make donations to the Westland Rotary Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, call Bulson at (734) 729-6683.

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CC's Darnell scores all 3 to thwart Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS
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Brent Darnell was the straw that stirred the drink in Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's come-from-behind 3-2 hockey win Friday night over host Livonia Stevenson in a game played at Edgar Arena.

The 6-foot, 180-pound junior forward, who has already committed to Michigan State, scored all three goals, including two in the final period, to propel the

state-ranked Shamrocks to victory.

CC is now 8-1-1 overall, while Stevenson falls to 5-4-1. Stevenson took a 2-1 lead into the final 15 minutes of action on a pair of second-period goals by Justin Shureb. The sophomore scored on a power-play at 2:26 from Cole Rochowiak and Evan Malick followed by a nifty effort splitting a pair of CC defensemen at 12:43 off an assist from R.J. Kierdorf.

But Darnell, who scored the

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game's first goal (unassisted) at 12:24 of the opening period, evened the count at 2-all just 42 seconds into the third off assists from Steven Hensley and Tony Thomas.

Darnell then bagged the game-winner with 9:12 remaining on a shot that caromed off the inside post with assists going to Hensley and Ryan Obuchowski.

Stevenson head coach David

Mitchell knows Darnell all too well. He was an assistant coach on a Compuware youth team where Darnell played as an 11- and 12-year-old.

"They (CC) are a solid and deep team, and Darnell is an elite player who did what they needed him to do to win," Mitchell said. "He's a great hockey player."

Stevenson junior netminder Danny Sager stood out as he stopped 25-of-28 CC shots. "Danny is a good, hard-working kid and it's good to

see him play well against a strong and experienced team like CC," Mitchell said.

Despite the loss, Mitchell was pleased with his team's play.

"I think we grew up tonight as a hockey team," he said. "I'm happy with the effort, not necessarily the outcome. We still have to work on consistency and we need to get better. That's been our motto since the beginning of the year."

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Sidelines

Football opening

Livonia Stevenson High School is accepting letters of application for its varsity head football and assistant football coach.

The letter must be on file by Jan. 15 and sent to: Dorothy A. Chomicz, Director of Human Resources, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. 48154.

For more information, call Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at (734) 744-2894.

Glidden sets mark

Zach Glidden, a seventh-grader at Livonia's Frost Middle School, set a school and city 2-mile cross country record with a time of 11 minutes, 6 seconds, Oct. 29, at the Livonia Jamboree held at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Baseball training

Westland John Glenn High School will host a six-week Spring Training 2009 baseball program for players in grades 1-12 from Jan. 18 through Feb. 22.

John Glenn varsity coach Tom Wakefield will direct the program in conjunction with the Midwest Baseball Academy.

Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching and catching with a cost as low as \$99 for six weeks. Space is limited and registration is underway.

For more information, call toll-free at (866) MBA-HITS; or visit www.baseballacademy.net.

Pistons hoop clinic

For the 10th consecutive year, coach Steve Moreland and the Detroit Pistons' Youth Basketball Clinic returns to Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville on Saturday, Jan. 31.

The first session is for boys and girls grades 1-3 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. followed by the second session for boys and girls in grades 4-6 from noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per child. Each participant will receive an authentic Piston Basketball T-Shirt. Parents will be able to purchase Piston tickets to a game at a special discount and have their entire family attend the pre-game shoot around right at court-side.

For pre-registration and Church location, call Margy Burkhart at (248) 374-5932 or e-mail margy.burkhart@ward-church.org.

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Franklin's Brittany Taylor (left) goes up for the rebound in front of Salem's Victoria Brotz.

Basket cases

Rocks edge Pats in low-scoring affair

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Starving for its first win of the season, Salem's girls basketball team ordered a red-hot Brotz late in Friday night's KLAA cross-over game against Livonia Franklin.

Fortunately for the Rocks, Victoria Brotz's jumper was cookin'.

In a defensive struggle that barely needed a score-keeper, Brotz buried a pair of big shots during the game's waning moments to lift Salem to a 26-23 triumph.

The victory was the first in five games for Salem while the setback was the Patriots' first in six contests.

Brotz's first clutch "J" came with 3:40 remaining when she drained a long triple from the left wing to bring Salem to within 23-21.

She struck again with 2:00 left, swishing a 15-footer to give the Rocks the lead for good, 24-23.

The game-winner almost never launched as Brotz looked initially to pass the ball to a teammate. However, Salem coach Fred Thomann, who was seated only a few feet away, implored the unselfish Brotz to fire away.

"I reminded her that that was her shot," said Thomann, referring to his pre-shot instructions during the game's pivotal moment. "When she gets her feet set and she squares up to the basket, she can knock that shot down. In fact, for this team to be successful, we need Victoria to shoot."

After building a 20-13 halftime advantage, the normally potent Patriots misfired on all cylinders during the final 16 minutes when they managed to tally just three points — a Chelsea Williams free throw

and a Briauna Taylor layup, both of which came in the third quarter.

"We stood around too much on offense in the second half," lamented Franklin coach Dave McCall. "And we didn't rebound on the offensive end. We got one shot and that was it."

"Salem has a very good team, so I knew it wasn't going to be easy and I knew they'd make adjustments at halftime, which they did."

Thirty seconds after Brotz put the Rocks up by one, Franklin nearly regained the lead, however, a break-away layup rolled off the rim and into the hands of Salem's Sara Stone.

A Brotz steal with 24.5 seconds to play led to a pair of Chelsea Davis free throws that extended Salem's lead to 26-23.

Hounded by the scrappy Rocks, Franklin was unable to get off a potential game-tying three before the buzzer sounded.

Franklin's Briauna Taylor led all scorers with 10 points. She also hauled down seven rebounds. Her twin sister, Brittany, added six points and nine boards.

Brotz paced Salem with nine points. Franklin hit 10-of-37 field goals (27 percent) — and just 1-of-16 in the second half.

The Rocks were even colder, sinking just 8-of-31 attempts (25.8 percent).

Both teams made half their free throws. The difference was Salem shot 16 and the Patriots attempted two.

Franklin was hampered by the absence of junior Senneca Scott, who suffered an injured wrist in Tuesday night's victory over Waterford Kettering.

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Warriors whip neighbor HVL

BY BRAD EMONS
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Lutheran Westland and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran high schools are located only 100 yards apart, but in boys basketball the gap is more than a country mile.

It was all Lutheran Westland on Friday night as the Warriors improved to 4-1 overall with a resounding 72-37 win over the host Hawks.

Senior guard Eric Shoats led a balanced Lutheran Westland scoring attack with 16 points. Micah Hausch and Gage Flanery chipped in with 12 and 10, respectively, while Austin Baglow and Sam Ahlersmeyer contributed nine and eight.

"We're both Lutheran schools, it's a good crowd and it's a Friday night game... the kids get excited," Lutheran Westland coach Brandon Bekius said.

Huron Valley (3-2) had trouble protecting the basketball, committing a total of 26 turnovers. The Warriors, implementing a full-court press, sprinted out to a 23-11 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

"We wanted to pressure from the get-go," Bekius said. "I told our guys before the game that's what we had to do because we're the smaller team. We had to create turnovers, score off of our defense, hit open shots, control the boards and we'd win the



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Lutheran High Westland's Josh Krueger (left) and Eric Shoats (right) apply pressure on Huron Valley Lutheran ball-handler Bryan Gruenewald during Friday's matchup.

game." The Warriors made 26-of-62 shots from the floor, including nine 3-pointers. They also made 12-of-14 free throws.

"Their pressure did not kill us, it was not physical, but more of a mental meltdown," Huron Valley coach Jim Ott said. "We were coming off a game (Tuesday) against (Wyandotte) Mount Carmel

that was a different style of play that was not good for us."

Kyle Tacia, a 6-foot-4 senior forward, was the only Hawk in double figures with 10 points. Aaron Howell added six as the Hawks shot only 32 percent from the floor (16-of-50).

Meanwhile, hopefully the boys hoop rivals can create a rivalry in the near future when Lutheran Westland leaves

the Metro Conference to join Huron Valley in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"I feel like they (Lutheran Westland) have a psychological advantage," Ott said. "The kids think they have something to prove, but it's the parents who hype it up, too."

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Ladywood clipped by Mustangs

BY MARTY BUDNER
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Livonia Ladywood, last year's regular season champion, and Birmingham Marian, last year's tournament champion, met for the first time this season Friday evening in Catholic League Central Division girls basketball action.

The host Mustangs survived for a 41-33 triumph.

Marian, playing with only one substitute because of injuries, held a 35-27 lead with 6:39 remaining in the game.

The Blazers clamped down on defense and did not allow the Mustangs a point over the next six minutes. Ladywood did score six straight points to climb within 35-33 with 30 seconds remaining.

However, Marian closed the game with a perfect 6-for-6 effort from the free throw line to claim the tough eight-point victory.

Ladywood defeated Marian, now 8-1 overall and 2-0 in the division, twice last season en route to the regular-season crown. Marian went on to defeat the Blazers in the Catholic League tournament.

"I thought both teams played

Churchill icers slip past Plymouth, 3-2

Livonia Churchill made a two-goal lead after two periods hold up en route to a 3-2 boys hockey victory Wednesday night over Plymouth in a game played at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Churchill is 3-3-3 overall and 3-1-2 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Steven Klisz scored a pair of first-period goals for the Chargers at 3:36 (unassisted) and 6:55 (from Stefan Kubas).

In the second period, Plymouth's Chris Merrill scored from Mitch Martin and Ryan Renault at 3:47 on a power play, but Churchill's Ryan Cioch responded at 12:33 on a power play from Drew Sieber.

Plymouth cut the deficit to 3-2 with 4:28 remaining in the game when Renault scored from Kyle Callahan and Luke Merandi, but the Wildcats couldn't get the equalizer on Charger netminder Adrian Motta (15 saves).

"Once again we were able to jump out early," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "I think we are starting to figure out what we need to do to be successful."

Unfortunately - the things we did in the first period we did not do in the second and we took too many penalties. We regrouped in the third period and got the 'W.' It was good to get back to back wins in the division."

Mike Justus made 14

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saves for the Wildcats.

STEVENS ON 8, FRANKLIN 0: Justin Shureb had a pair of goals and two assists as Livonia Stevenson (5-3-1, 3-2-1) rolled to a win Wednesday night over Livonia Franklin (0-7, 0-5) at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans, who outshot the Patriots 38-7, led 3-0 after one period and 7-0 after two periods before ending the game four minutes into the final period.

Cole Rochowiak added a goal and two assists, while R.J. Kierdorf, Tim Pruchnik, J.J. Petterson and John Strauch contributed one goal and one assist each. John Vella also scored for the Spartans.

Richie Dunphy and Danny Sager split time in goal for the Spartans.

LADYWOOD 10, WALLED LAKE 4: Shelby Kucharski led the way with a hat trick, raising her season total to 25, to go along with three assists Wednesday as Livonia Ladywood (6-2, 4-2) cruised to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory over host Walled Lake (4-4, 3-3) at Suburban Ice Rink.

Emann Freij also had a hat trick and two assists for the victorious Blazers, who outshot Walled Lake 20-16.

Other Ladywood goal scorers included Brittany Galvin, Lane Kolpacke, Rana Freij and Veronica Fradette.

Other assists went to Erin Doyle and Kaitlin Gaule, two each; Rana Freij, Kelsey Campbell, Kolpacke, Katie Yelick.

Jenna Karagosian led Walled Lake with three goals and one assist. Katie Acheson had the other goals.

Ladywood netminder Jessica Pavela made 16 saves, while Walled Lake's Sophie Kew had six.

Indiana Tech eludes Crusaders

The Madonna University men's basketball team nearly pulled off an upset Wednesday night in its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener, only to fall to nationally-ranked Indiana Tech, 77-74, at the MU Activities Center.

The Crusaders led 38-35 at halftime and opened up a 51-35 advantage with a 13-1 run during the first 4:08 of the second half only to have the Warriors storm back for the victory.

Wayne Memorial High product Cedric Sims led

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the host Crusaders (6-11, 0-1) with 21 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Ryan Waidman (Canton) and Josh Gay chipped in with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Shaun Cabrera led the Warriors (10-4, 1-0), ranked No. 17 in the latest NAIA Division II poll, with 22 points. Brad Webster added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

A key to Indiana Tech's win was the bench scoring

(28-12) as Anthony Johnson led the way with nine points.

Ocelots edged, 76-75

In an MCCA Eastern Conference game Wednesday, Kirtland Community College got 26 points apiece from Torey Throop and Charles Brown to beat host Schoolcraft College, which dropped its eighth straight.

Bruce Watson, a 6-foot-8, 265-pound sophomore center, paced the Ocelots (4-12,

1-4) with 25 points and 12 rebounds.

Martez Abney (Wayne Memorial) chipped in with 20 points and five assists, while Eric Henry finished with 10 points and five assists for the Ocelots, who trailed 40-33 at halftime.

Kirtland is 4-10 overall and 1-4 in the conference.

Watson had 17 points and Greg Leavell (Farmington Hills Harrison) added 11 in Monday's 92-43 setback at Flint Mott CC, ranked No. 3 in the latest NJCAA Division II poll.

Crestwood sinks ice-cold Warriors

Connecting on 29 percent of shots from the floor isn't a good recipe to win games at any level of basketball and that held true Wednesday for the Lutheran High Westland boys basketball team.

The visiting Warriors suffered a 72-56 setback to Dearborn Heights Crestwood, making just 13-of-45 field goal attempts.

Lutheran Westland falls to 3-1 overall, while Crestwood stands at 1-5.

"I thought we played hard but got down early and never recovered," Warriors' coach Brandon Bekius said. "They did a nice job of pressuring the ball and taking us out of our offense, which forced us to take too many shots."

Crestwood led 14-8 after the first quarter and opened up a 39-25 halftime lead following a 25-point second stanza.

The Warriors bounced back in the

third (14-11), but couldn't sustain that momentum enough to make a dent in the Chargers' arsenal.

Top scorers for the Warriors were Josh Kruger (21 points) and Sam Ahlersmeyer (19).

Claude Glenn tallied 23 points for Crestwood.

"It's going to be tough to win games shooting 13-for-45 from the field and allowing your opponent to score in the 70s," Bekius added.

Spartans seize 4th straight vs. Howell

Brian Rowe and Bobby Naubert led the way with 18 and 17 points, respectively, as Livonia Stevenson notched its fourth consecutive boys basketball victory Thursday night at Howell, 62-52.

The Spartans, who pulled away in the second half with a 35-27 surge, improved to 4-1 overall.

Jordan El-Sabeh added eight of his 12 points in the opening quarter for the Spartans, who made 20-of-28 free throws on the night.

"The kids really shot the ball well tonight and that was the difference in the ballgame," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "Jordan kept us in the game. I was very pleased with his

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effort throughout the game. Rowe and Naubert were both outstanding as well.

"I thought (Mark) Grisa (seven points) played his best game of the year on both ends of the floor. We were efficient on offense, but we must improve our rebounding if we want to have any chance next Friday night against John Glenn."

Howell (2-3) got 16 points from Danny Fondriest and 10 from Tyler Hughes.

The Highlanders were 14-of-21 from the line. **WAYNE 71, RIVERVIEW 57:** Four players scored

in double figures Friday as host Wayne Memorial (1-3) earned its first victory of the season against the Pirates (2-3).

Senior guard Robert Woodson led the balanced Wayne scoring attack with 17 points followed by Daniel Hill and Delorean Holland with 15 apiece, and Mike Safford with 11.

Mike Boelz scored 17 for Riverview.

JOHN GLENN 71, S. LYON EAST 36: Senior guard Austin Anderson tallied 22 points and added seven assists Friday to lead host Westland John Glenn (4-1) to its fourth straight win against South Lyon East (0-4).

Jon Swagerty and Derrick Crosby added 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the Rockets, who led 31-15 at halftime before going on a 24-9 third-quarter run.

Blake Jones had 11 points for the Cougars.

Collins breaks assist mark in Ocelots' win

Schoolcraft College's Brittany Collins continues to dish out punishment on opposing defenses.

The 5-foot sophomore guard from Detroit Renaissance eclipsed her own school assist record just two days earlier with 14 on Wednesday to propel the host Lady Ocelots to a convincing 96-33 win over Kirtland Community College.

Collins had 13 assists in Monday's win over Flint Mott CC tying the mark set in 2000 by Antone Watson.

Six Schoolcraft players scored in double figures led by Taylor Langham (Salem), who finished with 22 points. Also getting into the act were April Goins (15), Sheray Brown (13), Amber Avery (13), Antania Shepherd (12) and Angela Burrell (10).

Nationally-ranked Schoolcraft, which led 48-17 at halftime, improved to 12-2 overall and 5-0 in the Eastern Conference of the MCCA.

Kirtland, getting eight points from Kaylor Leslie, falls to 9-4 overall

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and 3-2 in the conference.

MU women win opener

Alyssa Guerin (Salem) paced a balanced scoring attack Wednesday night with 13 points to lead the Madonna University women's basketball team to a 61-51 triumph over host Indiana Tech in a game played at the Schaefer Center in Fort Wayne.

Plymouth High's Kim Olech added 11 points and game-high 13 rebounds as the Crusaders improved to 6-11 overall and 1-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Tabatha Wydryck finished with 10 points and four assists, while Katie Mount and Sheryl Jager contributed eight points apiece.

Hannah Thieke led the Warriors (7-7, 0-1), who shot a dreadful 23.1 percent from the floor (15-of-65) with 12 pounds. Tech was only 5-of-31 from three-point range.

McGrath paces easy Spartan win

Kaylee McGrath paved the way for an easy Livonia Stevenson girls basketball win Friday as the host Spartans rolled to a 51-15 triumph over Wayne Memorial.

The senior center finished with 17 points, 12 rebounds and four steals to even their season record at 3-3.

Courtney Lewis contributed nine points, while Tasi Newton, Sarah Smith and Kristen Balhorn added six each.

The Spartans, who had a total of 22 steals, led 28-8 at halftime and put it out of reach with a 20-0 third-quarter run.

Holland Boertje paced the Zebras (1-5) with four points.

JOHN GLENN 50, S. LYON EAST 33: Chanel Payne and Nyah McReynolds each tallied 13 points Friday to pace Westland John Glenn (4-2) to the win over South Lyon East (1-5).

Kate Grunewald and Courtney Emery tallied 12 and 10 points, respec-

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tively, for the Cougars, who trailed 25-12 at intermission.

SOUTH LYON 35, CHURCHILL 32: Danielle Gotham scored 12 points Friday night to lead the host Lions (6-0) to the victory over Livonia Churchill (3-3).

South Lyon made a 22-15 halftime lead hold up for the win.

Alysa Boldizar scored 10 points to pace the Chargers, who made only 1-of-5 foul shots. Taylor Byron added six points and 10 rebounds.

GREENHILLS 44, CLARENCEVILLE 30: Difficulty shutting down Ann Arbor Greenhills low-post player Jaelyn Walker on Friday night cost visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

The Gryphons (5-2), fueled by Walker's 25-point night, never were threatened. They led 14-7 after the first quarter and were up 26-14 at halftime following a 10-0 run.

"We played them evenly the rest of the game, but never recovered from that run," Clarenceville coach Julie

Patterson said. One big reason for that was Walker.

"We had a tough time defending Walker," Patterson said. "She had a big size and strength advantage and a nice touch around the rim."

Kristen Jolly paced the Trojans with 13 points.

ANNAPOLIS 54, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 45: Three players reached double figures Thursday for host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (7-1) in this non-conference matchup and the Warriors (0-4) were unable to offset that.

Justina Williams (19 points), Kelly Sapinski (18) and Tabitha Perrine (12) keyed the Cougars to the victory.

Junior forward Rachel Storck scored 12 points (6-of-7 from the field) and senior guard Allyson Yankee chipped in with 10 points and tough defense for Lutheran Westland.

"We played a very solid game against a rough opponent," said Warriors' head coach Bill Strang. "It was a good improvement compared to Tuesday's game versus Cranbrook-Kingswood."

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Crusader baseball gets preseason recognition

Collegiate Baseball announced its 2008 NAIA Baseball Poll and "Players to Watch" list and the defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion Madonna University was recognized on both lists.

The publication listed MU at No. 26 in the preseason poll while seniors Jeff Sonnenberg (Holt) and Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) were tabbed to the "Players to Watch" list.

MU captured both the WHAC regular season and tournament titles last season for the third time in the last four seasons and made its fourth straight appearance in the NAIA Regional tournament.

The Crusaders posted a 37-14 record in 2008 and were ranked 16th in the final poll of '08.

The Collegiate Baseball poll marks the second appearance for the Royal Blue and Gold in a preseason ranking as the NAIA tabbed MU at No. 24 in its poll

released in November.

Sonnenberg returns for his final season after going 3-2 while posting a 2.50 earned run average in 43 innings. The right-hander recorded 41 strikeouts while only walking 11 batters. The highlight of his junior season came when we threw the first no hitter at MU since the 2005 season when he shut down Aquinas 4-0 on April 19.

Zerbo, the reigning WHAC Player of the Year, led MU with a .377 batting average while posting nine home runs to go along with a team best 13 doubles and 46 RBI en route to being tabbed as the WHAC's top player and a first-team all-conference selection.

The Crusaders swing into their 21st season of action on Feb. 28 in a double-header against St. Xavier (Ill.) as part of the RussMatt Invitational in Winter Haven, Fla.

MU opens its home slate 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29 against Davenport at Ilitch Ballpark.



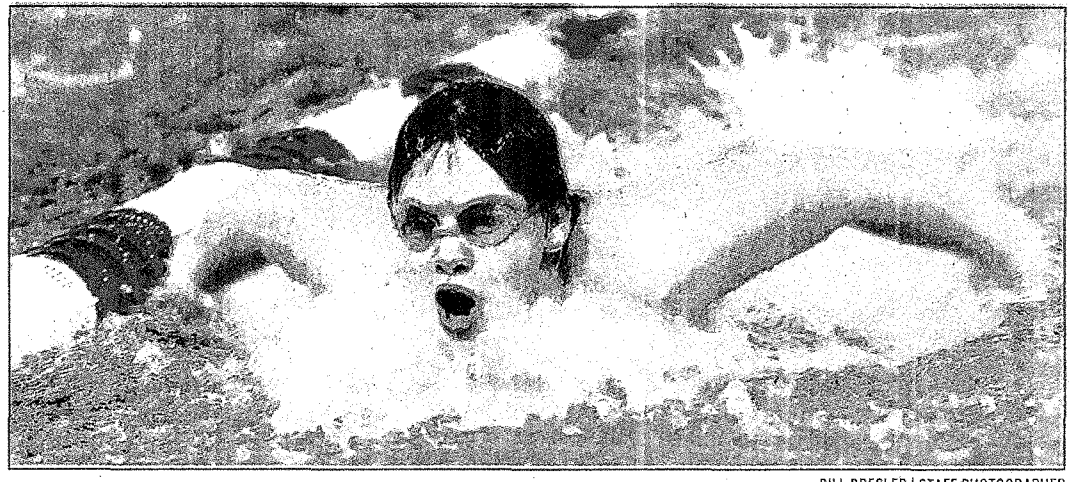
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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 12
 Wayne at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13
 Taylor Truman at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
 Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
 S. Lyon East at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 13
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 6 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Novi at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 S. Lyon East at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
 Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
 Churchill at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
 South Lyon at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood at Saginaw Nouvel, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 13
 (MIHL Showcase at Edgar Stadium Arena)
 Novi-Detroit CC vs. Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
 Churchill vs. DeLaSalle, 9 p.m.
 (MIHL Mini Showcase at Edgar B Rink)
 P.H. Northern vs. Brother Rice, 6:30 p.m.
 U-D Jesuit vs. G.P. North, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
 Ladywood vs. Northville at Novi Ice Rink, 5 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Canton, Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
 Churchill vs. Novi at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
 Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Grosse Pointe Civic Arena, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Southgate, 7:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Tuesday, Jan. 13
 Clarenceville at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
 Churchill, Waterford Kettering, Howell at Stevenson Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at S. Lyon East, 5:30 p.m.
 Wayne at South Lyon, 5:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
 Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
 Warren Woods Invitational, 7:30 a.m.
 Spartan Classic at Stevenson, 9 a.m.
 G.P. North Horseshoe Classic, 9 a.m.
 Napoleon Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Luth. Westland Tournament, 10 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Jan. 13
 Belleville at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
 Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
 Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
 Trenton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Tuesday, Jan. 13
 Livonia Red at Howell-Brighton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
 Livonia Blue at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
 Farmington Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING
Monday, Jan. 12
 Wayne Memorial vs. John Glenn at Town 'N Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13
 Clarenceville vs. Wayne Memorial at Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
 (at Town 'N Country Lanes)
 John Glenn vs. S. Lyon East, 3:30 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial vs. Novi, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
 Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
PREP SKIING
Monday, Jan. 12
 Ladywood vs. Milford at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13
 Ladywood vs. West Bloomfield at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
 Ladywood vs. Walled Lake Central at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Wednesday, Jan. 14
 Clarenceville at Luth. Northwest, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
 Wyandotte Invitational, 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 14
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.
 Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
 Aquinas College at Madonna, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 14
 Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
 Siena Heights at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
 Aquinas College at Madonna, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan. 11
 Plymouth at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
 Barrie at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
 Owen Sound at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.



Livonia Franklin's Scott Ansteth emerged victorious in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:01.57 in Thursday's dual meet against Canton. The visiting Chiefs spoiled Franklin's season opener, 111-74.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS
CANTON 111 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 74
Jan. 6 at Franklin
200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Victor Zhang, Ryan Boes, Eddie Koeltzer, Richard Zhang), 1:51.22; 2. Franklin, 2:06.48; 3. Canton, 2:06.77.
100 backstroke: 1. Christopher Krebs (C), 1:06.13; 2. Ansteth (LF), 1:06.26; 3. James (LF), 1:07.77.
100 breaststroke: 1. Boes (C), 1:12.02; 2. Eric Tian (C), 1:16.51; 3. Steven Watts (C), 1:23.01.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (V. Zhang, Tolinski, Jin, R. Zhang), 3:43.32; 2. Franklin, 3:56.66; 3. Canton, 4:26.93.
Franklin's dual meet record: 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA South Division.
PLYMOUTH 138.5 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 46.5
Jan. 6 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Alex Jouney, Dan Stoscup, Ethan Christenson, Jack Gruczynski), 1:55.98; 2. Plymouth, 1:56.04; 3. John Glenn, 2:11.69.
100 freestyle: 1. Chris Wilson (P), 2:01.27; 2. Adam Wing (P), 2:01.75; 3. Peter Burns (P), 2:11.46.
200 individual medley: 1. Stoscup (P), 2:21.76; 2. Kyle Dull (P), 2:25.18; 3. Gruczynski (P), 2:25.49.
50 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 24.34; 2. Paul Gutu (WJG), 25.06; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 25.23.
1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (WJG), 209.05 points; 2. Christian Osorio (P), 175.15; 3. Conner Monroe (WJG), 151.95.
100 butterfly: 1. Wing (P), 1:06.19; 2. Gruczynski (P), 1:07.33; 3. Gutu (WJG), 1:07.46.
100 freestyle: 1. Oldani (P), 53.14; 2. Billy Lyons (WJG), 57.74; 3. Jouney (P), 58.99.
500 freestyle: 1. Wilson (P), 5:37.82; 2. Ethan Weiner (P), 5:40.73; 3. Christenson (P), 6:11.48.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Oldani, Dull, Jouney, Wilson), 1:39.2; 2. John Glenn, 1:43.56; 3. Plymouth, 1:44.39.
100 backstroke: 1. Weiner (P), 1:07.86; 2. Snyder (P), 1:09.14; 3. Zach Koch (P), 1:19.23.
100 breaststroke: 1. Stoscup (P), 1:09.95; 2. Dull (P), 1:11.59; 3. Christenson (P), 1:22.10.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Oldani, Snyder, Ethan Weiner, Wilson), 3:42.96; 2. Plymouth, 4:03.77; 3. John Glenn, 4:14.2.
John Glenn's dual meet record: 1-1 overall, 0-1 KLA South Division.

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some serious defense," said Marian's veteran coach Mary Cicerone. "It wasn't a great offensive output. I thought we looked a little sluggish today, but give Ladywood credit."
 Ladywood actually made three more baskets than the Mustangs, 14-11. However, the difference was the Mustangs made five 3-pointers to Ladywood's two. Marian also enjoyed a 14-for-18 effort from the free throw line while the Blazers made three of four.
 "I thought our girls did a great job of fighting to get back into this game," said first-year head coach Pat Cannon, whose team is 4-5 and 0-2. "They had a series of three-pointers that we had

to make some adjustments on, and once we made that adjustment, we had to fight back and fight back and it's hard to get over that hump."
 "But Marian's a very good team. We battled them and I'm very proud of the way we fought back."
 The teams played a relatively even first half. Ladywood scored the game's first basket then Marian scored seven straight points and finished with a 9-7 first quarter lead. The Mustangs netted the first five points of the second quarter for a 14-7 advantage.
 Ladywood then went on an 8-0 run to take a 15-14 advantage, which would be its last lead of the game. Marian scored the quarter's last two baskets and held an 18-15 halftime lead.

Marian came out on fire in the second half, hitting three treys and soaring to a 31-19 lead. Senior guard Michelle Lindsey canned two of those treys and logged nine points in Marian's pivotal 13-4 run.
 The Blazers battled back over the next seven minutes, but just couldn't catch the Mustangs.
 Lindsey finished with a game-high 13 points and senior guard Anina Cicerone added 12. Junior guard Rachel Melcher contributed eight points, four assists and four steals. Sophomore forward Mara Mulroy led Marian with seven rebounds.
 Ladywood's leading scorer was senior guard Caitlin Szczycka with 11. Junior guards Mary Fitzgerald and Molly Gacioch scored eight points each.

PREP MAT RESULTS

PREP WRESTLING QUAD MEET RESULTS
Jan. 7 at New Boston Huron LIVONIA STEVENSON 61 WATERFORD MOTT 15
103 pounds: Ash Alhaj (LS) won by major decision over Kevin Shalto, 11-2; Omar Mostafa (LS) pinned Frank Rodriguez, 1:01; 119: Tarek Shebak (LS) p. Cameron Hunsberger, 2:46; 125: Kodi Willison (WM) p. David Bernier, 1:58; 130: Samer Shebak (LS) won by void; 135: Mitchell Gonzales (LS) p. Lewie Botsford, 1:22; 140: Raz Markosian (LS) p. Armando Felix, 2:14; 145: Jonny Myschock (LS) p. Charles Bellemare, 1:48; 152: Dan McCarthy (LS) won by major dec. over C. Weidenbeck, 15-4; 160: Josh Seibert (LS) won by void; 171: Tony Romero (WM) p. Jake Burns, 2:18; 189: Andrew Schramm (LS) won by void; 215: Derek Wenderlich (LS) won by void; 285: Ken Allen (WM) dec. Nathan Keedle, 4-1.
NEW BOSTON HURON 39 LIVONIA STEVENSON 37
103: Adam Romeno (NBH) pinned Ash Alhaj, 1:02; 112: Omar Mostafa (LS) won by void; 119: Tarek Shebak (S) p. Ryan Knight, 0:52; 125: James Kekiak (NBH) p. David Bernier, 4:44; 130: Sean Brewer (NBH) p. Samer Shebak, 1:50; 135: Nick Wellman (NBH) p. Mitchell Gonzales, 1:58; 140: Raz Markosian (LS) p. Charles Brooks, 2:34; 145: Jonny Myschock (S) decisioned Tyler Bamas, 13-10; 152: Alex Perry (NBH) dec. Charlie Kokenakes, 2-1; 160: Josh Seibert (LS) won by major dec. over Robbie Bamico, 11-2; 171: Jake Burns (LS) p. Kevin Kucherczyk, 0:44; 189: Andrew Bamas (NBH) p. Andrew Schramm, 0:41; 215: Dallas Ratcliff (NBH) won by void; 285: Nathan Keedle (LS) p. Sherwood Harris, 1:12.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-8 overall.

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS
LIVONIA BLUE 142.9 PLYMOUTH 113.2
Jan. 8 at Plymouth
Vault: 1. Laura Nomura (Blue), 9.45; 2. Brittany Janis (Blue), 9.4; 3. Kelly Charniga (Blue), 9.3; 4. Sara Bridges (Blue), 8.7; 5. Allison Gileay (Blue), 8.6.
Uneven bars: 1. Meghan Powers (Blue), 9.1; 2. K. Charniga (Blue), 9.0; 3. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.75; 4. Dalia Shafie (Blue), 8.6; 5. Reagan Engstrom (P), 8.45.
Balance beam: 1. Powers (Blue), 9.55; 2. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.25; 3. Janis (Blue), 8.8; 4. Shafie (Blue), 8.7; 5. Sarah Hogan (Blue), 8.15.
Floor exercise: 1. Quint (Blue), 8.85; 2. Nomura (Blue), 8.7; 3. Kitz (Blue), 8.65; 4. Erica Kosmalki (P), 8.15; 5. Katie Bridges (Blue), 8.1.
All-around: 1. Kosmalki (P), 31.70; 2. Engstrom (P), 29.90; 3. Alisha Punjabi (P), 28.00.
Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 Kensington Lakes Activities Association.
LIVONIA RED 138.45 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 134.85 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 114.55
Jan. 6 at Livonia Churchill H.S.
Vault: 1. Taylor Meredyck (WLC), 9.45; 2. Alicia DiMauro (Red), 9.15; 3. Hannah Saarinen (WLN), 9.2; 4. Madi Sherbrooke (WLN), 8.7; 5. (tie) Alicia Potchynok (WLC) and Kiley Tobel (WLN), 8.6 each.
Uneven bars: 1. Paul Guzik (Red), 9.2; 2. Katina St. Pierre (Red), 8.7; 3. (tie) Meredyck (WLC) and Saarinen (WLN), 8.45 each; 5. Sherbrooke (WLN), 8.15.
Balance beam: 1. Tobel (WLN), 9.3; 2. DiMauro (Red), 9.1; 3. Courtney Simpson (Red), 8.95; 4. St. Pierre (Red), 8.85; 5. Nichols (WLN), 8.75.
Floor exercise: 1. Brittany Swazey (Red), 9.0; 2. Nichols (WLN), 8.9; 3. St. Pierre (Red), 8.85; 4. Lauren Patla (Red), 8.8; 5. DiMauro (Red), 8.3.
All-around: 1. Saarinen (WLN), 35.30; 2. St. Pierre (Red), 34.1; 3. Patla (Red), 33.85; Tobel (WLN), 33.775; 5. Meredyck (WLC), 33.05.
Livonia Red's dual meet record: 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLA.

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Go Red for women

Campaign raises awareness about women, heart disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dr. Joan Crawford has never been busier as a cardiologist. The Bloomfield Hills physician blames the increase on the crisis in the economy. As a result, women and men have come to her complaining of chest pain, making this year's Go Red for Women Luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 25, more important than ever.

For the sixth year, the American Heart Association event educates women about heart disease and the difference in symptoms for the sexes. Instead of pains in the chest and left arm as in men, women need to question the reason behind shortness of breath, fatigue, palpitations, and lightheadedness.

"We have an opportunity to impact 700 to 800 people to make sure they're aware heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women," said Crawford, chief of cardiology at St. John Oakland and Macomb hospitals, director of St. John Macomb women's services, and medical director of the Go Red campaign which culminates with Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 6.

"Anyone with a new set of symptoms needs to be checked out. Detroit's going through a rough time. I have a lot of people coming in panicked because they're going to lose health care, lost a job, taken a pay cut, and get chest pain. They might be nervous but don't make that assumption. Many are younger, prettier, fitter than you think but if mom, dad or a sibling had an early heart attack, congenital heart defects, a doctor's visit is not that expensive. What is expensive is having a heart attack and having an \$80,000 hospital bill."

EQUALITY CONCERNS

Although Crawford is less concerned than a decade ago about women's symptoms going unrecognized, she still believes not all of the medical community treat women equally with men. Crawford recently came in contact with a University of Michigan student who had just finished a rotation in the ER and said he couldn't believe the hysterical women who come in complaining.

"Physicians are being informed, but we have to keep re-educating," said Crawford who's equally concerned about patients who can't afford medication for high blood pressure, a major cause of heart attacks and stroke. She receives about 20 calls a week and warns them not to stop their medicine. "There are programs out there



PHOTOS BY NANCY SWEARINGEN

More than two dozen health care professionals, executives and media members took part in a photo shoot at the Detroit Institute of Arts in August for a calendar to promote awareness of heart disease in women.



Vivian Pickard (left) Lin Cummins, Dr. Joan Crawford, and Debbie Dingell pose for a photograph at the Detroit Institute of Arts for the 2009 Go Red calendar.

through Wal-Mart, Target, Kroger for pills that only cost \$4. Tell your doctor. We still have closets with free pills."

In addition to a healthy lunch and blood pressure screenings, guests can once again learn about topics including staying fit to prevent heart disease. The fashion show returns as well with designs, red, of course, by students from the International Academy of Design & Technology in Troy. As a special treat, everyone coming through the door receives a calendar featur-

GO RED LUNCHEON

What: Go Red For Women Luncheon features a fashion show, keynote speaker Dr. Annabelle Volgman, and a silent auction including celebrity purses donated by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

When: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Where: Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 100 Renaissance Center

Details: Tickets are \$250 and available by calling Tashena Young at (248) 936-5806. Proceeds benefit education and research on women and heart disease.

ing photographs of local health care professionals and media taken at the Detroit Institute of Arts in October by Nancy Swearingen. One of the highlights of the event is sure to be the silent auction of items including celebrity purses donated by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Luncheon chairman Lin Cummins is especially excited about the keynote speaker, Dr. Annabelle Volgman who's probably best known to the public as Oprah's cardiologist. Cummins still gets a thrill every time she enters the room at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center where the women assemble for the luncheon.

"There are 500 women dressed in red," said Cummins, a Rochester resident. "It's the most amazing thing you've ever seen to see so many people in the room at one time cheering for the same cause and to learn more about what you can do to save your life from not only heart disease but stroke."

Cummins became involved with the American Heart Association after her mother died of heart disease. Initially, she was executive leader of the annual heart walk in Southfield and the No. 1 fund-raiser. As a busy professional woman, Cummins knows it's usually her who comes last.

"I've been a career woman for over 30 years and with the kind of work schedule professional women have we don't take care of ourselves," said Cummins, executive vice president of communications for ArvinMeritor in Troy. "I haven't had a physical in almost two years because I didn't have the time. If we don't speak about this we won't be around to take care of everybody else."

"It's good as a career woman to see how many professional women have joined in this campaign for this disease. Most research is done on men and women don't know symptoms like a sore jaw, nausea should be checked out. My mom was feeling nauseated before her heart attack."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JANUARY

Understanding diabetes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts Diabetes Support Group presentations 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan Road, Livonia. Please use the Main Entrance on Five Mile Road. Registered dietician Katie Dooley presents Understanding Carbohydrates for Better Blood Sugar Control on Jan. 14. On Feb. 11, registered dietician Judy Swancutt presents Diabetes and Vitamins, Minerals and Herbs: What's Right for You. All are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, pre-registration not required. For information, call (734) 655-8961.

Get ready to have a baby

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Childbirth Education Weekday programs held 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Jan. 14. There is a fee. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1162.

Healthy eating workshop

Start the New Year Healthy: What Are You Eating? is the topic for a workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, with guest speaker Dr. William H. Karl, D.C. The workshop is for everyone who needs help making healthy choices when buying food at the grocery store, deciding what to eat at a restaurant or cooking family meals. Karl will talk about organic vs. non-organic, GMO foods and the role of supplements in a diet. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marlon Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eat-

ing compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

UPCOMING

Winter fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women begin Monday, Feb. 2, and continue through April for 22 sessions at the Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy Gym, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The session infuses pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility, and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957 to register. For information send e-mail to jeanie-weaver@charter.net.

Thyroid cancer support

The group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. The next meeting is 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy. For more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

Butterfly Ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan has rescheduled its black tie fund-raiser to 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person. The Butterfly Ball will be highlighted by music and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development specialist, (248) 784-2018 or jjimenez@alam.org.

ONGOING

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475

Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100 for more information, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones and offers information at meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile in Redford. Morning and evening options available. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month, the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. For information or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

Flu shots

Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinic in Wayne 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday (walk-ins), Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday (by appointment only), at 33030 Van Born at Venoy. The cost of the flu vaccine is \$15, \$35 for pneumonia vaccine is also offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted. Vaccines are offered for adults and children. For information about family flu vaccinations at Wayne County's public health clinic locations, call (734) 727-7000. For additional influenza and flu prevention facts, visit www.waynecounty.com/hhsvcs/public/pamphlet.htm.

Flu shots

For adults and children over 6 months of age available at Oakland County Health Division locations at 1200 N. Telegraph in Oakland County Complex Bldg. 36 East in Pontiac; 27725 Greenfield, north of 11 Mile at Catalpa Road in Southfield, and 1010 E. West Maple at Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Cost is \$11 (cash only). Medicare and Medicaid accepted. Bring photo identification and insurance cards. For information, call (800) 434-3358 or visit www.oakgov.com/health.

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The Michigan Chapter is recruiting teams now to participate in summer events such as Hike Grand Canyon, Traverse City State Bank Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City, Mich., Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Diego, Mayor's Marathon and Half Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, Rock 'n' Roll Seattle, America's Most Beautiful Ride in Lake Tahoe, and the Philadelphia Insurance Triathlon.

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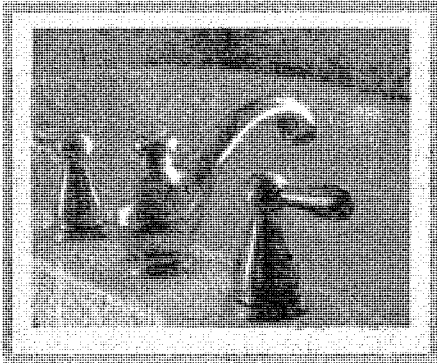
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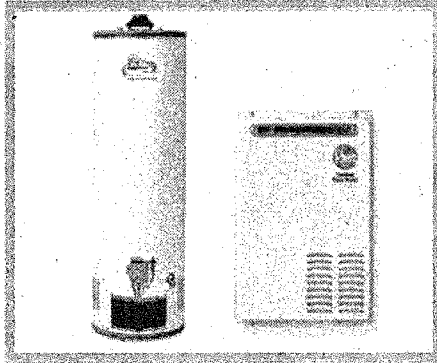
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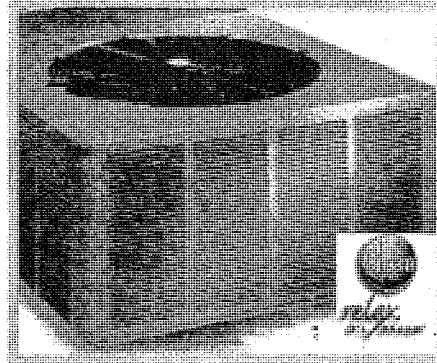
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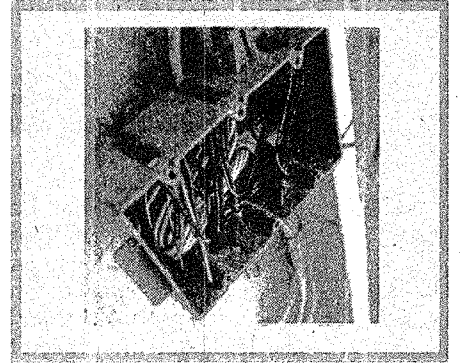
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Trinity church sponsors mobile food pantry

Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church is more than just a place to pray. The Plymouth house of worship is composed of members and staff who care about the community, which is why they're partnering with Gleaners Food Bank Saturday, Jan. 17, to provide food for those in need in western Wayne County and Ypsilanti.



Linda Chomin

Recipients must register between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 13-15, by calling (734) 459-9557 to schedule a pick up. This is the second time the church has arranged for the mobile food pantry. In November the refurbished beverage truck arrived with 2,500-3,000 pounds of food. Between 450 to 500 families showed up then in the parking lot at Kmart on the corner of Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road. On Saturday, a hot lunch will be served as well, this time at the church by members who come not only from Plymouth, but Livonia, Westland, Canton, Ann Arbor, Novi and Northville.

"We purchase food from them and distribute to folks in need," said Ellie Schupra, director of outreach at Trinity church. "There's enough food for five to seven days for a family of four. We want people in Plymouth and Canton and nearby communities to benefit. We certainly aren't going to turn people away. The reason we instruct people to call a certain number is to reserve a time to avoid pandemonium."

Trinity's Team Mission is always looking for ways to serve people in the

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ELLIE SCHUPRA, director of outreach at Trinity church

community. Volunteers from the church have worked at Gleaners' Howell site and the main warehouse downtown to sort and package food. Last summer members helped Central Detroit Christian renovate a former dry cleaners to open the Peaches and Cream market so inner city residents could eat fresh fruit and produce.

"It seemed obvious for us to host the mobile food pantry given our economic times," said Schupra. "We have families in need at Trinity. We're meeting the needs of our own family here as well as outside. We've organized volunteers for Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, helped distribute food at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti, and when gas prices were high went into service stations to buy down people's gas 20 cents and wash their windows."

"It's a matter of looking at the needs and plugging in. At Sherwood Village we gave turkeys and food at Thanksgiving. November was phenomenal. We had some seniors, but the bulk was mostly people with families. We gave chickens, eggs, sausage patties, fresh fruit and bread. It was a beautiful picture of the community coming together to help others. One person brought all the workers pizza, Others brought food and donated it. People were very appreciative. There were tears of gratitude."

The team at Trinity hopes to offer at least two more mobile food pantries during these trying economic times. Schupra is hoping families with young children are attracted to the effort. The church, which first held services at Isbister Elementary in Plymouth nearly 30 years ago, is always looking for new members to join the 650-700 worshippers on Sundays.

"We have a lot of young families attracted to Trinity," said Schupra. "We have a great children and youth ministry with youth and children involved. We're very intentional about some of the things we choose to do so children can learn about helping others."

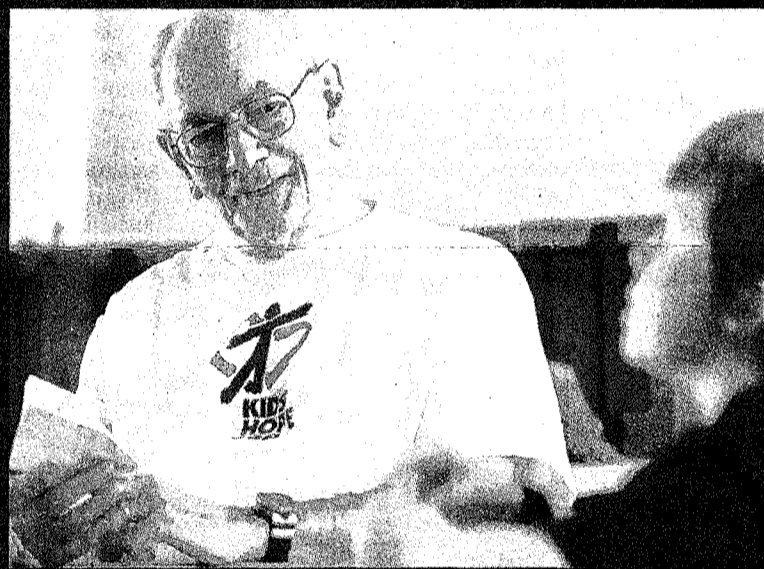
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Coolidge Elementary School third-grader Brian Smith works with Kids Hope USA mentor Gail Cebelak on following directions.

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A time for children



Kids Hope USA mentor Norm Sorensen enjoys the time he spends with Coolidge Elementary School third-grader Cole Custer.



Coolidge Elementary School third-grade teacher Ann Brady talks about the impact the Kids Hope USA mentoring program has on students such as Brian Smith.

Mentors make a difference for students

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Cole Custer never cared much about reading until Norm Sorensen began volunteering as part of Kids Hope USA at Coolidge Elementary in Livonia. The pilot program is proof that mentors make a difference when it comes to instilling a love for books and school in children.

Sorensen, as a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, spends one hour weekly with Cole in the program that unites volunteers with first- to fourth-grade students in need of one-on-one attention. Sorensen craftily used his interest in paper airplanes to form a bond with the boy who's nearly 9. In return, Cole draws a dragon for Sorensen on this Tuesday afternoon.

The first 20 minutes of the program focuses on academics. The rest of the time is for playing games and talking.

"He taught me how to make airplanes, how to read and write more. I hadn't been reading a lot," said Cole, a third-grader.

Sorensen, on the other hand, is able to spend time with a child.

"My son is 52 and doesn't want to make airplanes anymore," quipped Sorensen. "I get the fun of hanging out with a young person and hear stories from teachers about positive changes in Cole."

INFLUENCING CHILDREN

Rickey Amstutz was looking for a way to influence a child's life when she organized the local program with the help of the national organization begun as a research project in 1993. Holy Cross pastor Dana Runestad learned about Kids Hope USA from a college friend. She wants the public to understand there are no strings attached, only a hope that children "feel loved" by mentors from the church.

"One of the big things at Holy Cross is to reach out to the community," said Amstutz, director of the program that started Oct. 1, at Coolidge. "We have 16 mentors including myself to work with at risk children who may have learning problems or can't get along. We need 15 more mentors from the congregation, but have seven new mentors joining in January. Twenty percent of the congregation is involved. We're starting to make a difference. We hope other churches come in. Although faith-based, church and state are kept totally separate."

Principal Ann Kalec has embraced the program with open arms. She has a waiting list of children who could use help from the volunteers trained last fall on the importance of confidentiality.

"A mentor provides that one-

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Boot camp builds healthy bodies, minds, spirits

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Edwin Petty runs through the drill designed to build not only a healthy body, but mind and spirit. The format offers a way to get or stay in shape without a military environment.

As troop leader, Petty won't be yelling commands in the faces of those participating in the Michigan Transformation Boot Camp. Instead the certified personal trainer uses encouragement as motivation in the metabolic boosting workout, incorporating exercise and information about fitness and nutrition.

Petty lives what he preaches. At age 48, he's slim and moves through the squats without missing a breath while speaking about

the Monday through Friday program at Boliard's Martial Arts Studio in Canton. Petty first started studying for a black belt at age 12, so he was attracted to the camps founded by fitness expert Mike Thornton in Texas. The routines combine karate kicks with army exercises like pushups, free weights, and yoga. The matted area is set up with stations at which campers perform tasks including jumping rope.

"There are two separate drills to increase heart rate and re-energize you," said Petty. "Everyone is not ready for a boot camp. They can go at their own pace. Someone may be an athlete. Another may not have exercised for years. We can regress or modify each exercise. Basically, nobody gets left behind. I've trained peo-

ple 100 pounds overweight. They can walk instead of run."

Boot campers, no matter their fitness level or age, warm up by jogging around the room then doing jumping jacks and stretches. In summer Petty plans to move the camps outdoors.

SECOND CAREER

These are the first camps Petty is holding so he's learning as he goes, just like participants. Petty took an early retirement from Blue Cross/Blue Shield last year to offer the program for men, women and families. He and his wife, Patricia, son Sean, 23, and daughter Brittany, 19, work out together. For years, he and Sean have taken martial arts classes

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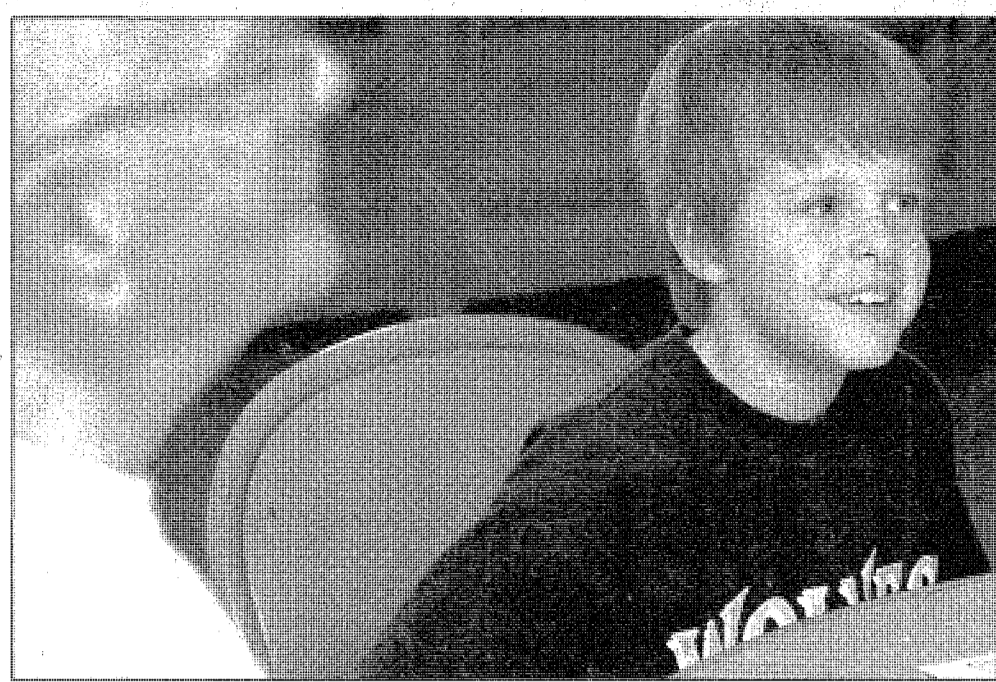
When: 5:30-6:30 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 19. A free boot camp session is offered 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17

Where: Boliard's Martial Arts Studio, 43663 Michigan Ave., between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads in Sheldon Corners plaza, Canton

Details: Visit www.michigantransformationbootcamp.com or call (734) 667-4070.



Edwin Petty is offering a free trial session for the Michigan Transformation Boot Camp 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Boliard's Martial Arts Studio in Canton.



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Coolidge Elementary School third-grader Cole Custer works with Kids Hope USA mentor Norm Sorensen on a Tuesday afternoon last month.

CHILDREN

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on-one relationship. They can teach them to read and write and to believe today may be dark but tomorrow will be better," said Kalec. "I've been talking it up with other principals and hope to present to the board in spring. It's been fantastic. The most important thing we need is relationships. All children don't have good relationships. Research shows at risk kids made it because they had a mentor."

SHOWING APPRECIATION

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa is just as supportive of ensuring success in students.

He recently spoke at a spaghetti dinner put on by teachers and staff to show appreciation for the volunteers.

"The concept is wonderful to have mentors working with children," said Liepa. "Any kind of support for a child supports the teacher. We're thankful for the organization."

As student assistant provider, Loretta Zimes has seen the benefits first hand. She works with children with social, behavioral, and emotional problems including grieving the loss of a loved one.

"They glow when mentors come in. They get a little extra boost," said Zimes, a social worker, "It's made a difference behaviorally."

Brian Smith probably doesn't realize the progress he's made since Gail Cebelak began

devoting time to the third-grade student. This day he was learning to follow directions for building a race car.

"He's starting to be more himself," said Cebelak. "He was very quiet, only spoke when spoken to, now he's willing to state what he wants. He's come out of himself some. I heard last year he had trouble focusing and staying on track. This year he's good at math and numbers."

Brian's teacher Ann Brady has noticed "a big change."

"It builds his self-confidence, gives them an opportunity to shine with an adult, to find success," said Brady. "Sometimes parents don't have the time."

Third-grade teacher Kristina Collyer says the program has helped two of her students.

"My students need more emotional support," said Collyer. "Kids look forward to mentors coming. For them to be excited about coming to school is a big deal."

WORKING TOGETHER

Frank Stenrose was having trouble completing assignments when Bill Coughlin became a mentor to the fourth-grade student who will be 10 in April. Coughlin is still working on Frank's favorite subject being recess.

"We talk about football," said Coughlin.

"Frank and I are building a good relationship, focusing on academic needs, playing multiplication baseball. Frank plays left guard on the Livonia Eagles whose coach tells him school comes first."

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Bacteria-covered drain pan may cause health problems

In 1994 I wrote my first book titled, *Appliance First Aid*, and the following can be

found on page 75 under the headline, Clean drain pan underneath the refrigerator:

This small tray designed to hold the runoff created in self-defrosting refrigerators has to be cleaned with hot soapy

water every time you clean the coils. It doesn't matter if it looks dry. The small amount of water from the defrost cycle evaporates rapidly but the dark, moist climate under the refrigerator makes the drain pan the ideal place for bacteria formation.

Dr. Shildberg, a good doctor friend of mine tells me that the drain pan is the worst place in the kitchen as far as bacteria is concerned. It is a "hot house" and a definite health hazard.

Many refrigerators also locate blower motors on the under side of the appliance. This blows the bacteria ridden

air around the kitchen. To stop this nonsense, wash the drain pan out in hot, soapy water at least once a month. Use a brush and get into all the corners. Get rid of the calcium deposits left by the evaporating moisture. Rinse and dry the pan and replace. Dr. Shildberg recommends pouring some Hydrogen Peroxide into the pan to kill off the bacteria before replacing.

Drain pans are made of very flimsy materials; therefore, they tend to crack easily. If you spring a leak, you usually don't have to replace it. Just line the pan with aluminum foil. This fix should last for about ten years.

For 30 years before I wrote this book and many years after, I visited many American homes and worked on refrigerators where there was an odor in the kitchen that was not traceable by the homeowner. Odor comes from bacteria and when I pulled a drain pan out and placed it in the customers kitchen sink and showed them what it looked like, I'm sure they kept it cleaned from then on.

Back in those days the refrigerator manual you received also had instructions telling

you to clean the drain pan. Isn't it rather scary to realize that your flu and cold symptoms or worse could be caused by that hidden drain pan?

Now let me give you some more alarming news. The majority of today's modern refrigerators don't allow you to pull out the drain pan and clean it.

Yes, you just read this correctly. You can't pull it out because it is welded in place under the refrigerator and is very difficult for you to get a wet rag inside it to clean it. In my view the manufacturers redesigned the product to save on the cost of a replaceable drain pan without any consideration whatsoever of the health factor involved. They couldn't care less whether or not you get sick from using their product, just so long as you purchase it. I personally think that these corporate heads should be locked up in a combined out house some place. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8am, Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twml.rr.com

Dads conference to host author of The Last Lecture

The Last Lecture was a talk, then a worldwide phenomenon, and now a best-selling book that has changed millions of lives.

Jeff Zaslow, the West Bloomfield man who co-authored the book with Randy Pausch, brings his experiences of working with the terminal professor to the 9th annual Midwest Fathers Conference 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at North Farmington High School, to help dads

make every minute with their family count.

Sponsored by Partnership for Dads, the conference is a cutting edge secular forum where all ages can explore and enrich their roles as fathers.

Along with the keynote by Zaslow, 14 smaller group workshops cover topics ranging from discipline strategies to setting priorities as a father and husband, grandfathering, "love and logic," dads and daughters, divorced dads'

issues, and the joys of African-American fatherhood.

The first 300 registrants receive an autographed copy of the book, *The Last Lecture*.

For more information or to register, visit www.partnershipfordads.org or call (248) 646-1445.

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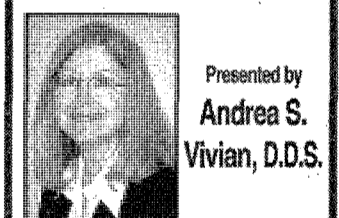
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Preventive techniques of all kinds are they keystone of our practice. Whether it's as simple as cutting down on beverages loaded with enamel-eating acid and brushing and flossing daily, or more complicated like replacing lost fillings, repairing a broken crown or wearing a custom mouthguard, we urge you to keep on top of your dental healthcare needs. We'll help here at 496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth, with complete, compassionate dental care, including cleanings and checkups, restorative work, and cosmetic dentistry. Please call 734-453-9413 for an appointment.

P.S. Other possible causes of dental erosion include some medications (such as aspirin) and certain medical conditions (such as acid reflux disease) that introduce gastric acids into the mouth.

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with Grand Master Greg Boliard. Last summer Petty helped Brittany strengthen her core muscles with simple exercises to run track and field at the University of Michigan where she is a student.

"There's no magic about working out on machines. It's about movement," said Petty. "If we just started moving we'd be a healthier nation."

SAME PHILOSOPHIES

Petty is doing everything possible to transform everyone's health including writing the Christian-based e-book, *Organic Brain and Body Fitness*.

He and Boliard believe the brain needs exercise as much as the body. A physical education teacher at Marshall Elementary in Wayne-

Westland Schools for 34 years, Boliard holds many of the same beliefs about fitness so he welcomes Petty and the camps to his studio, which has offered classes in martial arts, weaponry and self-defense since 1988 in Canton. Boliard began teaching martial arts through continuing education at John Glenn High School in 1973. He coached volleyball for 29 years.

"My martial arts movements can be seen in everyday life and sports," said Boliard of Canton. "I begin the year teaching my middle school students about muscle groups and the importance of movement which is the same whether it's a volleyball block or a basketball throw or a tennis serve. It's all repetitive and exercises the brain. The brain loves to be challenged. I like to work on sequencing, constantly activating the brain not to atrophy."

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Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Class of 1959
50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.



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HARRIETTE B. ALEXANDER

Age 89, a life-long resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills and parishioner at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham, died January 5, 2009. Preceded in death by husband J. Reed Alexander, parents Irving and Clover Babcock, and sister June Vinton. Survived by children Anne Hilton and James R. Alexander and his wife Donna; grandchildren Peter Cartwright, Kenneth Cartwright and his wife Dawn, and Edmund Cartwright and his wife Samantha; great grandchildren Katherine, Eithan, Jamie, David and Hannah Cartwright; her sister Clover Weeks; nieces Joan Hendriksson and Linda Harrison; and nephews Scott, Rodney, John, and Jason Weeks. Memorial service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham at a later date. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

ANJA M. KIPPOLA (MRS. ARNOLD KIPPOLA)

Of Ishpeming, age 88, passed away on Thursday January 8, 2009 at Eastwood Nursing Center in Negaunee. She was born June 6, 1920 at Ironwood, Michigan to William and Anna Nurmi. Anja grew up north of Hurley, Wisconsin, where she attended the Defer School, and was a 1938 graduate of Hurley High School. Anja moved to Detroit in 1940, and she contributed to the war effort working at Woodall Industries during World War II. She was married to Arnold Kippola in 1945. They lived in Detroit and Plymouth until 1970 when they moved to Ishpeming. Anja was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. She is survived by her husband, Arnold, two sons, Jerry (Jeri) of Ishpeming and James (Jan) of Negaunee, four grandchildren, Megan (Christopher) Penney, Aaron, James, and Leah (Alex Budnick), one niece, Jean (Keith) Sorrick, and three nephews, William (Doris), Robert (Pam Wooten), and Leonard (Ann) Nurmi. Visitation was held on Saturday, January 10th preceding a simple service at Bjork and Zhulkie Funeral Home in Ishpeming with Pastor Kenneth Lahners presiding. Honorary pallbearers are her precious grandchildren, Megan, Leah, Aaron, and James. Burial will be at Ishpeming Cemetery. Anja's obituary may be viewed at www.bjorkandzhulkie.com where relatives and friends may leave a note of remembrance.

PHYLLIS DUWALL SMITH

Passed away at her home in Farmington, MI on January 3, 2009 after a second battle with stomach cancer. Born on June 20, 1923 in Belle Vernon, PA, she had raised her family in many states along with her husband Thomas Edward Smith who preceded her in death in 1998. She is survived by three daughters, a son-in-law, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Per her request, there will be no services. Phyllis' ashes will be scattered on her beloved childhood farm in Pennsylvania. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010. www.thayer-rock.com

ANTHONY J. (TONY) WOLF

January 3, 2009; passed away suddenly at age 86; beloved husband of the late Mary Jo (nee Burkett); devoted father of Lou Wolf Vallance (Russell Henckel) of Rockford, MI and Rose Ann (Dr. Richard) Dulski, of Elma, NY; loving grandfather of Colin and Guy Vallance; loving brother of Evangline Bauer, of Newport, OR, and brother-in-law of Loretta Wolf, of Moscow, ID. Predeceased by Naomi (Alfred) Stojanik of Portland, OR, Clifford Wolf, of Moscow, ID, Lester (Marie) Wolf and Arthur Wolf of Uniontown, WA. and Lawrence Bauer of Newport, OR. Although Tony was an electrical engineer by degree, he spent much of his spare time as an amateur astronomer and avid sailboat yachtsman of the great lakes in his earlier years. In 1972, he co-founded the mechanical and electrical consulting engineering firm "Wolf Wine-man" in the Farmington Hills area, which is still in business today. Retiring in 1992, Tony was currently a resident of Grand Rapids, MI and (formerly) Bloomfield Hills, MI. A service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Life Story Funeral Homes - Van Strien Creston Chapel, 1833 Plainfield NE. Grand Rapids, MI. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. You may read more about Tony's life, share a favorite photo or memory, or sign the online register book by visiting www.lifestorynet.com. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the St. Regis Fund, 3695 Lincoln Road, Bloomfield Township, MI 48301-4055.



KATHERINE "KITTY" PATTERSON (MOULE)

January 7, 2009, age 85. Predeceased by her mother "Ging". Beloved mother of Georgia (Earl) Kiel and CDR Valerie Moule, USN (Ret). Cherished grandmother of Yvonne, Donald (Ruth) and Monique (Steven Cyncewicz) Cadoret. Adoring, fun-loving, proud great-grandmother of Dennis, Benjamin, Emma, Isabelle and Alexander. Preceded in death by husband, Vernon "Pat" Patterson. Dear mother of Kirk (Shixiang) and Terry (Jennifer) Patterson. Dear grandmother of Brian, Angie, Kevin, Scott, Eric, Xi Yu and their children. Loving Aunt Kitty of Judy, Jill, Christine and their families. Kitty was an extraordinary person who loved life and touched the heart of everyone she met. She truly "never met a stranger". Kitty's gifts to her family and friends are those of laughter, kindness, generosity and love. In lieu of flowers, the family requests expressions of remembrance be sent to the Michigan Humane Society, Detroit Rescue Mission, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Angela Hospice or to any other cause that is personally special! Visitation 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 11th until time of memorial service at 3 p.m. at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Share a memory of Kitty at: www.rgharris.com



OLIVE H. WOODIN

Age 101, of Livonia, MI and formerly a longtime resident of Columbus, OH, passed away Monday, December 22, 2008 at Marywood Nursing Care Center in Livonia, MI. She was born in Yale, Oklahoma on June 17, 1907, the youngest of nine, to Leonard A. and Olive J. (Swisher) Eagles. Olive graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education from Oklahoma Baptist College. At age 50, Olive returned to school and received a Master's Degree in Special Education. She was an outstanding vocalist and loved to quilt. Preceded in death by two husbands: Walter Emery and Ralph Woodin. She is survived by her children: Helen Cooley, Paul Emery and Evelyn Longmire; four grandchildren: Tyler Young, Mitchell Cooley, Benjamin Emery, and John Young, Sr.; four great-grandchildren: John Young, Jr., Devan Young, Kirsten Cooley, and Tiffany Young; and four great-great-grandchildren. Visitation was held from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009 at SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST CHAPEL, 1740 Zollinger Road, Upper Arlington. Funeral Service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Mountview Baptist Church, 2140 Fishinger Blvd., Columbus, OH 43221. Interment followed at Union Cemetery.

DOROTHY M. PETTIT

Of Royal Oak, 88, died January 1, 2009 at Orchard Creek Supportive Care. Born in Detroit on Dec. 30, 1920 the daughter of the late Esther and George Mints. Survived by daughter, Wendy Sandtveit; grandchildren, Curt (Annie) Sandtveit, Paula and Holly Sandtveit, Rusty (Katy) Tobel and Brian and Brock Tobel; great grandchildren, Macie and Nathan Tobel, Kaitlyn Sandtveit, Teagan and Breckin Nerg. She was also preceded in death by daughter, Lynne Tobel and great grandson, Collin Tobel. A celebration of life will be held 1pm Saturday, January 17th at Greenfield Presbyterian Church in Berkley, MI with Pastor Peter Moore officiating immediately following the service. Contributions may be made to the church. Jovett Family Funeral Home, Benzonia is handling the arrangements.

PEARL G. ROWE

November 2, 2008. Age 101. Beloved wife of the late John E. Rowe. Loving mother of Violet "Dee Dee" (the late Norbert) Dittmar and the late John Tomaszewski. Proud grandmother of Wendi (Gary) Stull, Perri (Garry) Frost, Dani-Sue Dittmar and John (Julie) Dittmar. Great-grandmother of nine and great-great-grandmother of one. Private memorial service will be held at a later date. Care and services were entrusted to Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorials may be made to Seedlings Braille Books For Children, P.O. Box 51924 Livonia, MI 48151. www.neely-turovski.com

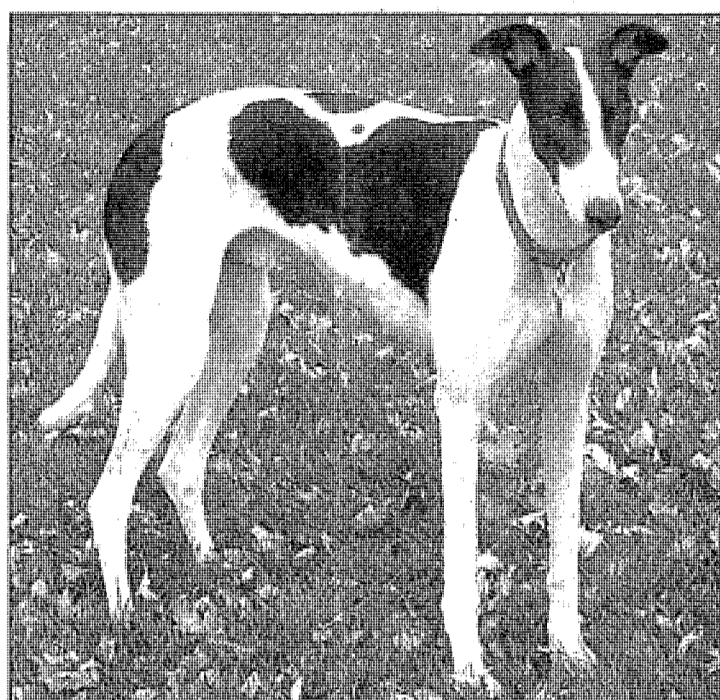


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Greyhound rescue

Solomon is a 3/4-year-old male greyhound. He is white with black patches. Solomon is very affectionate and kid friendly. He loves to play and is looking for his "forever home." For information, contact Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit www.greyheart.org



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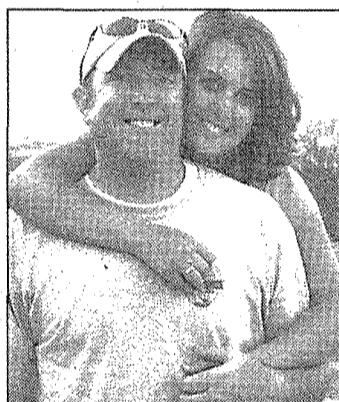
Preceded in death by husband, William Dale Brown, parents, William & Henrietta Kittel, and brother William Kittel, Jr. Loving mother of daughter Holly Page, sons, Michael (Anita), Keith & Matthew Brown. Devoted grandmother of Zachary and Hannah Page and Anna Marie Brown. Dear sister of brother, Robert (Barbara) Kittel, and sisters, Joyce (Leonard) Augustyniak and Christine Wein.



ROBERT EUGENE COOK

Ret. US Army Major of St Petersburg, FL passed away unexpectedly on Sunday January 4, 2009. He leaves behind his loving wife Diane (Peretti); sons Eric Alan of Park City, UT, Robert Jr. and his wife Christina of Spartanburg, SC, Douglas of Winchendon, MA and daughter Susan Lyle and her husband Charles of Jaffrey, NH, along with five grandchildren; Charles Lyle, Bradley and his wife Erica Cook, Candice Cook, Jessica Cook and Robert J. Cook. His family was always his first love and, in addition to spending time with them, he had a love for the outdoors and traveled across the country in his RV. Sailing, fishing and skiing in both Utah and NH well into his 70's brought him great joy. Born in Boston on August 23, 1928 and the son of Joseph and Helene (McCarty) Cook, he leaves behind one brother Joseph F. Cook III of Bradenton, FL and two sisters Helen Raymah Horan of Pittsburgh, PA and Margaret Winn of North Springfield, VT. He served as an altar boy at Holy Name Church in West Roxbury, MA. A graduate of UNH with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a MS from Purdue, his career brought him to a wide range of assignments, including England and West Bloomfield, MI. He returned to NH at retirement and was active in the town of Brentwood in the Brentwood Recreation Commission and the Rockingham Development Commission. A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, January 9, 2009, 10:30 am at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church St. Petersburg with full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

ENGAGEMENT



Vidusic-Czubaj

John and Barbara Vidusic of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie, to Michael Czubaj, son of Raymond and Trina Czubaj of Gaylord. An autumn wedding is planned.

ANNIVERSARY



Golden Anniversary

Richard and Betty Lake of Plymouth celebrated their 50th anniversary at a party hosted by their daughters, Maria Lake of Westland and Susan Blaskie, South Lyon. The couple then flew to Montego Bay, Jamaica to renew their vows originally taken Oct. 25, 1958. The ceremony was followed by a party at Sandals. They enjoyed the rest of their vacation before heading back home to Plymouth where they've lived 43 years.

Betty (Bauer) Lake retired from the Headstart program at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 11 years ago. She enjoys gardening and has won Plymouth Beautification awards.

Richard retired from Northville State Mental Hospital 12 years ago and is vice-president of the Kiwanis, Goodfellow. The couple have two grandchildren. They enjoy traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe. They have been to Jamaica 28 times.

Irish genealogical society to meet

On Saturday Jan. 24, 2009 the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will present a program on "Utilizing Footnote.com at the Library of Michigan and from Home". Kris Rzepczynski will explore the interactive repository of millions of images of original documents, many from the National Archives, including naturalization records, city directories, and Civil War service records. He is currently the Michigan/Genealogy Coordinator at the Library of Michigan, where he has

worked for eight years. He holds a Masters in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University, a Master of Arts in History from Western Michigan University, and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Michigan. In addition, he currently serves as president of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit. For more information, call Liam Neary at (734) 464-4645.

Friends of opera to hold auditions

The Friends of the Opera and City of Dearborn will hold auditions for *The Most Happy Fella*, a love story, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 15-16, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Studio A, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call (313) 943-2359 to set up an audition time. Performance dates are April 17-18. Baritones, tenors, a soprano and mezzo soprano are needed for the production with music by Frank Loesser.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

North American gardens

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 23, in the Meadow Brook Hall Ball Room. Guest speaker Julia Holey will present a travelogue of favorite public and private gardens from trips across America and British Columbia. Guests are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$5 non-member donation. Reservations are not required. For more information call (248) 887-1983, or (248) 276-0136, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Living Green

Learn how to properly select and care for plants that will thrive

indoors at a free workshop, at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, at all English Garden stores. Local locations include: 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; 4901 Coolidge, north of 14 Mile, in Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 44850 Garfield at Hall Road, Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100.

Flowering baskets

2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, at all seven English Gardens stores. Fee is \$29.99. The store will provide everything needed to create a basket filled with long-lasting greens and flowering plants. Register in the store or online at www.englishgardens.com. Local stores include 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; 4901 Coolidge, north of 14 Mile, in Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 44850 Garfield at Hall Road, Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100.

Rain Gardens

This day-long how-to-do-it seminar is designed for ecological gardeners who are working with clay soil. Register beginning at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9, at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen, south of I-696. The program will run from 7-8:30 p.m., and cover topics such as compost benefits and water quality, native wildflowers and shrubs for rain gardens, and sizing and locating a rain garden. Speakers will include Rick Lazzell, landscape designer and consultant; Suzan Campbell, Michigan Natural Features Inventory; Lilian Dean, Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) Healthy Lawns and Gardens program. There is no admission charge, but advance registration is required. Call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

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AGE DISCRIMINATION: PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS



WORKWISE
by
Mildred L. Culp

Under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), you don't have to be white-haired to experience age discrimination. Cincinnati's Timothy Davis, who practices on behalf of employees through The Lawrence Firm, P.C., states that a company acts illegally "any time (it) treats workers 40 and over differently from younger workers. Termination is not required for a valid claim." How can you be certain you're experiencing age discrimination in a promotion or assignment? How should you respond?

OTHERS
Kira Fonteneau of The Fonteneau Firm in Birmingham, Ala., whose employment law clients are almost exclusively employees, says that some of the most subtle discrimination occurs in promotions and assignments. To gather data, she advises:
-- listening, observing and analyzing.
-- being alert to "code words, such as 'fresh appeal' and 'new perspective.'"
-- developing and documenting your findings to suggest an age-related problem. (For example, if management is under 40 and well-qualified older people

who apply are rejected, you might have evidence.)
-- watching for "obstacles, such as a new restriction being put in your way, like a college diploma or, in a job description, the omission of requirement X, which only you have."
-- determining whether you have every qualification the younger person has but a different outcome.
-- noting whether older workers are penalized for being late, while younger ones aren't.
-- "being intuitive when things just don't seem right."

If an employer hands your job to a younger employee to increase your discomfort with the idea you'll resign, you're facing age discrimination, according to Fonteneau. The same kind of discrimination, termed constructive discharge, is possible if younger employees receive encouragement and support but older ones don't, adds Davis. Fonteneau asks, "How much do they turn up the heat on the individual? Be able to prove that the situation was unbearable."
Martin Gringer of Franklin, Gringer & Cohen P.C., in Garden City, N.Y., who represents management in labor and employment law cases, cautions against concluding that you're privy to every factor behind a company's decisions or practices. In addition, excellent performance reviews might be irrelevant if the company has new management.
YOU
If you remain silent, you waive the employer's right to redress the situation. "Under the law, you're required to

follow the complaint route," Gringer points out. "If you don't... the company is not required to act on (the discrimination)."

How can you cautiously take action? Donna Ballman of Ft. Lauderdale's Donna M. Ballman P.A., for whom about 90 percent of clients are employees, says, "Make sure you apply for positions. Don't take yourself out of the running. If you apply and a younger person is put in, don't assume you're out of the running for promotions."

Former middle manager Scott Barer of Los Angeles' The Law Offices of Scott I. Barer serves frequently as expert witness for employees. He mentions that accurate, succinct documentation is essential should an investigation take place. "It's very frustrating for investigators to ask about the employee's allegations and (see) the employee have difficulty recalling details," he comments.

Who should hear your complaint? Barer recommends bypassing your immediate supervisor in favor of HR. "If the supervisor is doing the discriminating or knows the person involved," he remarks, "you risk him circling the wagons. If HR does nothing, and you know the company's attorney, go there. He'll then... call HR. I've worked with a lot of HR people. I think the vast majority of them really want to do the right thing."

Lodge your complaint formally. Ballman directs you to write it up: "To preserve your protected status, say that it's a 'formal complaint of age-based harassment' or 'formal complaint of age discrimination.' These are the powerful (phrases), which will protect you from retaliation. She says



Credit: The Fonteneau Firm
Attorney Kira Fonteneau represents employees on employment law matters. She provides tips for spotting subtle age discrimination in promotions and assignments. Fonteneau practices at The Fonteneau Firm in Birmingham, Ala.
to omit words like "longevity, harassment and hostile work environment," which won't.
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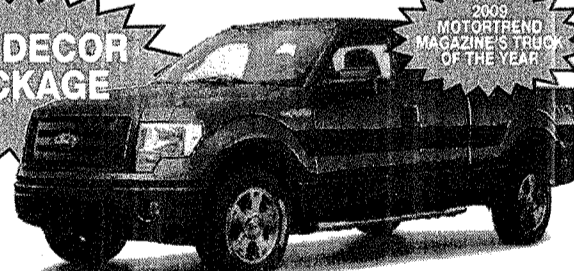
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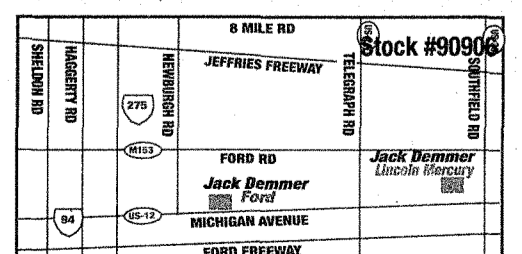
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