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MLK ceremony

Westland's 12th annual Martin Luther King Day ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Friendship Center. This year's ceremony promises uplifting performances and inspiring words, all in remembrance of Dr. King's legacy. Elnora Ford, longtime Westland resident and former secretary for the NAACP, will share her personal experience of marching with Dr. King in Chicago. Kevin Buford, director of Westland's Department of Public Services, will share his perspective of Dr. King's influence in his life. Various musical selections, a pictorial tribute and the invocation delivered by the Rev. Gary Michalik of St. Theodore Church are also among the events planned for the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony. The Westland Friendship Center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh between Ford and Marquette.

Distinguished alum

The John Glenn High School graduation ceremony now includes an honorary presentation to a former graduate who has gone on to achieve excellence. The Faculty Council at John Glenn High School is seeking nominations for the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. This is an annual presentation and has become one of the highlights of the graduation ceremony each year. The school is requesting community assistance to help in the selection process by nominating a John Glenn graduate who has earned distinction in their field of endeavor following graduation. If you wish to nominate a graduate, contact Robyn Brennan at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 by Feb. 26.

School board post

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education has an opening for one four-year term starting July 1, 2010, and expiring June 30, 2014. The election of the member of the school board will be conducted in a regular school election Tuesday, May 4, 2010. The filing deadline for the vacant position is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Filing for the school board position can be done through the office of the City Clerk of Westland or the City Clerk of Wayne. The offices of the Wayne and Westland city clerks are located at the Wayne and Westland city halls: Westland City Clerk, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 467-3185. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wayne City Clerk, City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184, (734) 722-2000. Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Unions: We want to find agreement

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Westland's municipal employees have gotten Mayor William Wild's message about the financial problems facing the city — now it's a matter of finding a solution. "We'll see if we can work out something to help the city. We get it — we're on the street every day. We went in last March and offered to help," said Ed Hosmer, president of International Association of Firefighters local 1279. "I'm continuously optimistic that we can figure something out." The IAFF local, which represents all Westland firefighters, chief and deputy chief, has

remaining on their current collective bargaining agreement as do both police unions. The city administration is projecting a \$3.5 million deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and a \$12 million shortfall for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Wild didn't want to comment following a meeting Tuesday with firefighter and police unions representatives. "There really wasn't anything we can comment on publicly. Not a lot of information will be a follow-up with the city unions. Wild recently made comments about the need for employee unions to make concessions and after a year of bargaining with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees also mentioned possible layoffs and outsourcing. The AFSCME local, which represents over 100 public services, clerical and parks and recreation employees, hasn't had a contract in over a year. The union and city are currently in mediation. "We met a couple times a month since last fall. There has been movement by both sides," said AFSCME local president Larry Roman. "Some subjects have more impact than oth-

ers, so it's been slow going. We're always willing to negotiate further." Mayor appointees and staff recently had their pay frozen and car allowances reduced. "The concession they want are extensive. The administration claims they are 'leading the way' but the concessions they made came to \$45,000. That's a drop in the bucket," said Roman. "Who gets a car allowance in these economic times?" If the mayor and administration want to lead by example and reflect what is being asked of other employees, Roman said he's not seeing reductions there.

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Hooper and Pistons fans share 'aim high' message

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shyanna Steele, 10, didn't have a typical school day Thursday at Walker-Winter Elementary. The fifth-grader was chosen by Pistons representative Aaron Smith for some one-on-one hoops with Hooper, the team mascot. "It was a great experience," she said. "I never thought I'd be able to play against Hooper." Her family includes many Pistons fans, and Shyanna and her dad go to games. She and her classmates, some 417 in all grades, enjoyed a Thursday afternoon "Homework Before Hoops" presentation courtesy of The Palace organization. Smith asked the students, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" He always wanted to play for the Pistons, but his mom would say, "Aaron, school comes first." In high school, Smith was the best player in his city and said, "Mom, I still want to be a member of the Detroit Pistons." He enrolled at the University of Michigan, and Thursday asked if there were any Wolverine fans in the gym. The kids cheered loudly, and there were also some cheers for Michigan State. "In the back of my mind, I could hear my mom say, 'Aaron, school comes first,'" he told the assembly. After U-M graduation, he didn't hear from the Pistons right away. "All of a sudden, the phone rings," as he was watching TV. He was nervous to hear the Pistons organization on the



Hooper greets students Roshan Nair and Kishi Blue at Walker-Winter Elementary.

other end of the line. He was told he wasn't good enough to play on the team. "They called my mommy," Smith said. "My mom told the Pistons about how school came first." His teachers had said to the Pistons organization he tried hard and was respectful of others. "Of course I wanted the job and I took the job." Smith had the Wayne-Westland students' attention as he described his championship ring. "Don't let anybody laugh at your dreams because you can do it," he urged. Moments later, he said, "My guest is the best mascot in the NBA." Hooper entered to thunderous



Patrick Mester, Ernest Ponton, Da'Juan Miller and Billy Denton cheer on the basketball contest between the students and teachers.

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Family with local ties safe after Haiti quake

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maj. Chris Merritt of the Salvation Army Dearborn Heights Citadel got some comforting news from Haiti this week. Her brother, Steve Diaz, married a Haitian woman, Ketsia, with that couple serving as Salvation Army officers. "They're currently in St. Louis," Merritt said Friday morning. "They came home from Haiti in April. They were the directors of a children's home in Port-au-Prince." Ketsia Diaz has her mother, brothers and sister in Haiti, and they're OK. "She was able to see pictures of them on Facebook, so that was a relief to her," Merritt said. The couple got help in locating Ketsia's family through

Salvation Army staff in Haiti. "That's really the only way people are getting help," Merritt said. Her citadel serves Garden City, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Redford and Livonia. The Salvation Army is mobilizing resources and personnel to assist with the international relief effort in Haiti following a severe earthquake Tuesday that damaged much of the country's infrastructure, housing and commercial buildings. The Salvation Army has had a presence in Haiti since 1950 and operates schools, clinics, a hospital, feeding programs, children's homes and church-related activities spread across two major facilities in Port-au-Prince, close to the epicenter of the earthquake, and at other locations in the country. One of the facilities, or com-

pounds as it is referred to, includes a home for more than 50 children; a school with a daily attendance of 1,500 children; a medical clinic caring for 150-200 people daily; and a church that on any typical Sunday welcomes nearly 1,000. The facility is less than 10 minutes from the National Palace and is in an area known as St. Martin that's home to predominantly poor living in the nation's capital. According to reports from Salvation Army staff in Port-au-Prince, no one in the compound was injured during the earthquake, but the children's home, the clinic and church suffered major damage. Several smaller buildings, including residences, have collapsed completely.

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AROUND WESTLAND

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The arena is located at 6210 N. Wildwood. For more information, call (734) 729-4560 or visit www.cityofwestland.com.

Auditions

Inspire Theatre will hold auditions for *Once Upon a Trunk*, a musical comedy revue of the bygone days of vaudeville/ Broadway/radio/movies at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. This is a light-hearted look at music and

comedy bits that have shaped our culture.

IT is looking for men and women all ages who can sing, dance, or tell a good joke. Actors should come prepared to do cold readings and at least bars from a show tune. Non-singing parts are also available. This show will be taped for broadcast on access television.

Those wishing to audition should plan on arriving a couple minutes of minutes early and staying until 9:30 p.m. The auditions will be held at 33445 Warren, Westland. For more information, contact Len Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or (734) 751-7057.



Shyanna Steele beat mascot Hooper at a game of one-on-one.

HOOPER

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cheers, shooting off silly string and streamers which shot up to the ceiling.

Hooper clowned around, including wiggling his bottom, as Smith spoke, eliciting laughter. Then it was time for a shooting contest between the Walker-Winter teachers and the third- through fifth-grad-

ers. The students came out ahead, scoring the first seven baskets. "That is great sportsmanship," Smith said of the teachers, who said "Good game" and congratulated their students.

A school fund-raiser will have children who sell two tickets getting VIP treatment from Smith at The Palace. They'll enjoy front row seats for a pregame warmup, and go onto the court to shoot before

a game. Those who sell four tickets will enjoy a VIP party including a locker room tour, and the top seller will be ball boy or girl.

Thursday's assembly featured the 2004 championship team trophy, which Smith carried around the gym. Principal Julie Mytych said after the assembly the students talked about wearing Pistons attire, a policy she adopted with a Ben Wallace jersey.

"I liked how it was connected

to lifelong guidelines," Mytych said. Smith's message matched that of educators at Walker-Winter, part of the Wayne-Westland district, on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Signs in the gym included messages of "Let's All Be Good Sports" and "Excellence Starts With You."

"I thought it was a great message. What a great event for our entire school," the principal said. The students and families look forward to the March 12 game.

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Food, water urgent needs in Haiti

BY SUE BUCK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"When you take one in, he is yours."

That's the Haitian philosophy on taking care of others.

The Revs. John Hearn Sr. and his son, John Hearn Jr., started their church location on Marquette in Garden City about two years ago.

About 40 years ago, the elder Hearn built a mission school and orphanage in Port au Prince, Haiti.

The mission sustained "some damage" after the earthquake

in Haiti last week and the people and children are fine but are in desperate need of food and water, which is Hearn's greatest concern.

"The airport is small and can only hold a few planes at a time," Hearn said. "The biggest problem is getting the supplies to the people."

As for the Haitian philosophy, Hearn said that it means that once you take somebody in, and take care of him, he is your concern and responsibility forever.

The Hearn's operate Christian Faith Ministries of

Garden City with the church's Haiti mission, called The Friends of C&S Mission.

The C&S stands for Caring and Sharing.

Because the loss of power is still an issue as well as the difficulty in getting supplies quickly to the people who need them, Hearn suggests that people donate money to their address first at 27500 Marquette, Garden City 48135.

That money will go to people he knows in the Dominican Republic so that they can purchase the supplies and get the supplies where they need to go.

Their close location makes these logistics workable, Hearn said.

Once roads become more passable, the Hearn's intend to fill a cargo-full of needed supplies and send them.

Displaced Haitian residents arrived at the mission location after a magnitude-7.0 earthquake ripped through the country Tuesday afternoon.

"We don't turn anyone away," Hearn said.

For more information on The Friends of C&S Mission, call (734) 525-0022.

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HAITI

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People were sleeping in the parking lot overnight, while severe aftershocks continued to affect the country.

The second compound that houses Salvation Army administrative offices is

being used as an emergency operations center; damage was slight to this compound, according to Salvation Army reports from Haiti.

Chris Merritt said the 10- to 12-foot wall around the compound is down. "That whole wall has collapsed," she said. "They're not concerned about that. They want to help the neighbors."

The director's home collapsed, she said, and many buildings are damaged. "They're not usable," Merritt said.

The Salvation Army hospital in Fond-des-Negres (75 miles west of Port-au-Prince) reports some minor damage, but no injuries.

Merritt attended Salvation Army training with a man now in the adjacent Dominican Republic. She spoke with him on Facebook and he said aid trucks were able to leave at 5 a.m. Friday for Haiti.

"People don't have places to store clothes or to cook food," Merritt said. Fresh water is a major problem, and "will have to come from other countries. There isn't any in Haiti."

She agreed people feel overwhelmed at the tragedy and want to help — money is best, as is prayer. "I just think people need to pray," Merritt said. "We just really need to pray for those who are able to do that" rescue work.

She added it's important to remember the Tuesday earthquake as news coverage lessens. "People need to remember that it's still there," said Merritt, whose brother may go to Haiti soon to help.

Efforts are being coordinated nationally, with the

Dearborn Heights Citadel not doing its own effort.

That's also true of the Wayne-Westland corps, commanding officer Capt. Joanna Rose said.

The Salvation Army's World Services Office, based in Alexandria, Va., has committed \$50,000 to the relief effort and the organization is prepared to commit more financial resources, as well as food, water and other emergency supplies, to assist in the recovery.

The organization is preparing to send more than 44,000 pounds of pre-packaged emergency rations to the country, along with emergency disaster teams. The Salvation Army is working with other agencies to identify appropriate transportation for the food. As with all such relief efforts, the Salvation Army will be a part of the initial emergency response while assessing longer term needs of the residents.

The Salvation Army is accepting monetary donations to assist in the effort via, www.salvationarmyusa.org, (800) SAL-ARMY and postal mail at: The Salvation Army World Service Office, International Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 630728, Baltimore, MD 21263-0728.

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Ford development aims to be pedestrian-friendly

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

To steal a phrase popular with the federal government, Westland's concept for future development along Ford between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway is getting shovel ready — at least in terms of zoning and design regulations.

Approved for last week by the council, the Ford Road Overlay District creates a new zoning district in an effort to attract developers and facilitate projects.

"It's having the tools in place to facilitate modern, long-term development," said Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson. "If we don't do it, nothing will happen on its own in this economy. We're trying to act like the developer and get modern, up-to-date development."

The FROD designation codifies the Ford Road 2020 conceptual design master plan for the corridor between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway. As an overlay designation, the existing zoning and uses of the properties in

the FROD will be unchanged and only commercial projects requiring site plan approval will need to meet the design and development standards.

The goal is creating a pedestrian-friendly downtown area with businesses located closer to the road, residential development above stores in two and three-story buildings and shared parking with common architectural designs.

Residents who spoke on the FROD at a Planning Commission hearing questioned the impact on their homes.

"People were not afraid of

new development adjacent to them — they were afraid the city would take their homes," said Thompson. "All those concerns were addressed. If a developer can't obtain the property, they can't develop."

The Ford Road 2020 plan also calls for development of village green open space areas for special events, farmer's markets and civic gathering spaces and parks. It is designed to provide connection to and from the city center including the City Hall Complex and Central City Park up to Westland Shopping Center.

Previously, the Westland Downtown Development Authority had largely focused its efforts on the southwest corner of Ford and Wayne Road. Mayor William Wild and the DDA recognized that while Ford and Wayne Road is a very important spot, it's not the only location needing attention, Thompson said.

"It's a different way of looking at it. There are a lot of older properties in that area (west of Wayne Road)," said Thompson, noting the improvements that had already been made by larger business located east on

Ford such as the Red Holman auto dealership and a nearby credit union. "They all needed to buy into needing bigger lots — many of the lots (along Ford) are only 110 to 125 feet deep. It doesn't work unless they all felt it was very important."

There have also been reinvestments in the area west of Central City Parkway, said Thompson, noting the extensive renovation at Kroger, new restaurants and public improvements such as the outdoor spray park.

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Westland woman defendant in mall carjacking in Livonia

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A Detroit man and a Westland woman were charged Thursday afternoon in the carjacking and unlawful imprisonment of a 47-year-old Canton resident at Laurel Park Place mall.

Antwan Bertel Cross, 20, of Detroit and Dominique Esther Baptiste, 20, of Westland were arraigned before 16th District Judge Sean Kavanaugh in Livonia.

Cross was charged with carjacking, armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment, unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle, possession of a firearm by a felon, felony firearms, habitual offender-fourth time and commission of a felony with a motor vehicle advisory.

Baptiste was charged with carjacking, armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment, unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle, and commission of a felony with a motor vehicle advisory.

Bonds were set at \$750,000 cash for Cross and \$500,000 cash for Baptiste. Both defendants are scheduled for a preliminary examination Jan. 21 in the 16th District Court.

Livonia police believe the two suspects followed the woman, who drove a newer model Cadillac Escalade, to the Laurel Park Place mall parking lot, where the man, armed with a handgun, ordered her to surrender her vehicle and get inside with him at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. The female accomplice did not get into the Escalade.

The man got onto I-96 and

drove about six miles before exiting at Merriman and letting the woman out of the car, where she called police from a local business since her purse and cell phone were still in the car.

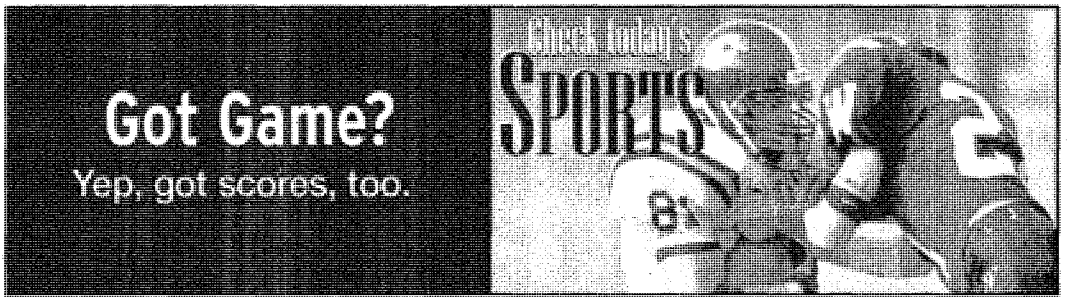
Using OnStar, Livonia police tracked the vehicle to a Detroit neighborhood, where they later found it hidden in an abandoned residential garage.

Officers arrested the suspects about two hours later after they showed up in a Ford Escape, the same vehicle in which they had been following the woman.

The woman let the man out of the car, and officers arrested him after a foot chase. They pulled the woman over and arrested her.

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EDUCATION

Burger 'success stories' lead way in learning, independent living

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tyler Hager is a success story, one of many from the Garden City school district's Burger School.

Hager of Westland was at the Garden City school board meeting Monday, where he was praised by woodshop teacher Patrick Crosby.

Hager, a former student of Crosby's at the school for autistic students, had behavioral problems but was good with electronics and small appliance repair. Despite reservations, Crosby helped get Hager enrolled, at first part time, at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

"There's nothing I can give this kid that he can't do," Crosby soon heard back from the auto body repair teacher. Hager's now a senior full time at the career technical center and hopes to pursue an associate's degree at Washtenaw County Community College.

"Tyler truly is one of Burger's success stories," Crosby said.

The curriculum highlight presentation Jan. 11 at the Garden City school board meeting focused on Burger, which serves autistic students from throughout the county. The program has sent some 11 students back to their home districts recently, five from Garden City.

Teachers Rebecca Viola and Madonna Bernard outlined the modular program for high schoolers which includes a focus on daily living. There's a diploma track collaboration with Cambridge High School, along with partnerships with the home school districts.

Job preparation for the teens includes food preparation on site, a greenhouse and micro enterprises. Students learn about accessing the community, including role playing a



Allison Hollis, speech therapist, and Lynn Sossi, assistant director, at Burger School for Students with Autism, share a laugh during lunch.

phone call for the SMART bus for a bowling outing.

Social interaction is vital for the high schoolers. "It's a good peer program," Viola said. Students learn about going out to lunch "and doing that horrible thing of leaving a tip."

The teens had a dance with a disc jockey, a former student. "It was really a lively after-

noon," Viola said. "We do a lot of social skills and interaction."

The older students transition to jobs and adult day programs, depending on their abilities.

For the K-8 students at Burger, there was a recent "A Carnival Cruise" theme. The Garden City school board members received Australian outback hats, which at least

some tried on.

"We recognize the wide abilities of our students," said teacher Colleen Polin, who made the presentation with colleagues Debbie Furlow, Bonnie Dexter and Diane Pitt. The younger students' hallways were divided up so they could learn about the ocean, desert and rainforest.

Students who function at a higher level did in-depth reports, said Polin. She drew chuckles from the board and audience in describing the Australian food Vegemite, not known for its good flavor, but which many bravely tried.

Wrestling four blow-up "crocodiles" also proved popular at Burger. "Before you knew it,

that entire gym was engulfed in kids wanting a turn to wrestle a crocodile," Polin said.

The coming year's date, Dec. 8, and theme of "Home for the Holidays" have been chosen, she added, with staff planning under way.

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With the Plymouth Ice Festival scheduled for downtown Plymouth Jan. 22-24, here are a few things to know about the popular festival:

• It was all by chance the quaint Western Wayne County community of Plymouth became the perfect winter setting for an ice-carving festival. The town square centers on Kellogg Park, and over 100 shops and restaurants enhance the visitors' overall experience, creating the foundation for the oldest running and largest ice carving event in North America.

The event is presented by the Plymouth International Ice Carving Spectacular, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit Michigan corporation, and is produced by first-year organizer Signature Professional Group of Wixom. The organizers raise all funds necessary to present the festival from the sale of sponsorships, donations, and the sale of ice sculptures.

• Carving teams from Russia, Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Japan (where this art form originated) have participated in past festivals, though this year's festival was downsized and renamed without the international flavor.

In addition, past Plymouth champions Ted Wakar and Jim Bur of Frozen Images, and Tajana Raukar of Ice Dreams have won international competitions including: The World Championships in Asahikawa, Japan (Wakar and Bur), the World Ice Art Championship in Alaska (Tajana Raukar, Bur and Wakar), and they have also competed in the Winter Olympics where ice carving is a demonstration sport.

• Each block of ice used for the festival weighs some 330 pounds, and carvings are made from a single block to as many as 100 blocks. The ice is specially made to ensure its clarity. Between 200,000 and 300,000 pounds of ice are carved annually at the festival. The multi-block carvings require much physical prowess by each carver, and the assistance of forklifts and skilled drivers to stack the blocks ice into a proper and safe configuration to start the desired statue.

• Carving techniques were developed by a French chef, prior to the invention of refrigeration, who created carved serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. The art form became a mainstay in the culinary field as a way to offer dishes in an unusual fashion, and to decorate banquet tables.

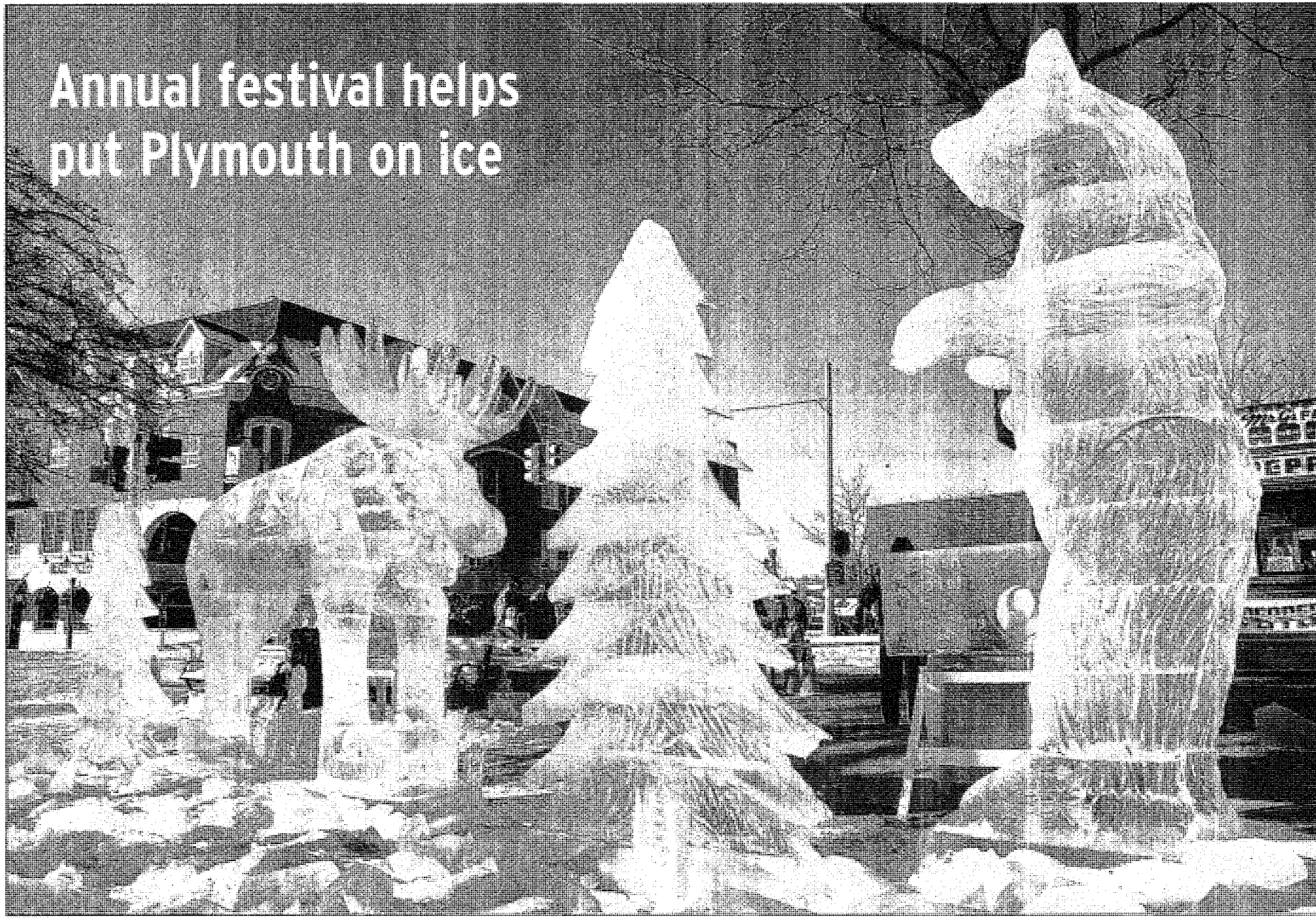
Carvers use specially made and finely sharpened chisels, handsaws, files, power tools, and blow torches to create their works of art. One of the special aspects of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular is that the artists are making the art as the spectators view them.

Ice carving is still closely tied to the culinary arts, and students from Schoolcraft, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, Grand Rapids, and Henry Ford community colleges, as well as students from University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University, all have participated at the festival.

• Why is this event spectacular? Because it has placed a small, quiet bedroom community in southeastern Michigan on the national and world main stage for one week a year. People all over the world access the Web site, associate ice carving with Plymouth, and plan trips to the area just to view the dazzling works of ice art.

The event has become one of the most popular events in the area over the last quarter century. People who came with their parents or grandparents as children are now bringing their own families, giving it the distinction as the best free winter family event around.

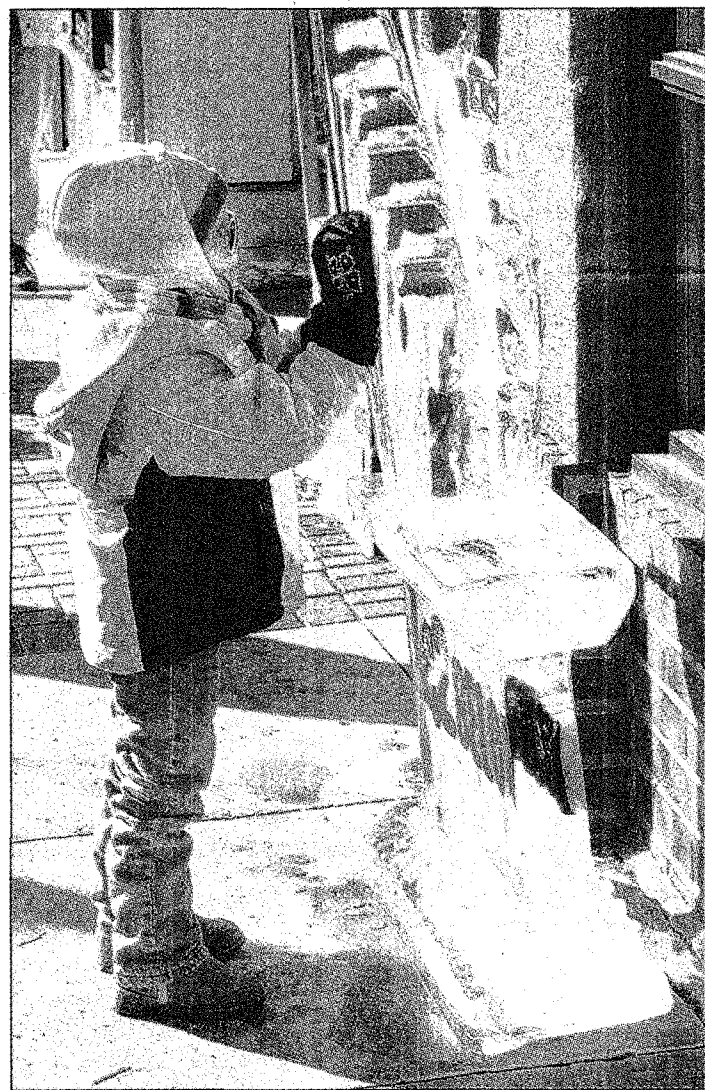
For years, couples have made the Ice Spectacular a date destination; some have fallen in love here, got engaged here, and even married here as the event takes on a romantic ambience in the evening when colored lights bathe the sculptures.



Annual festival helps put Plymouth on ice

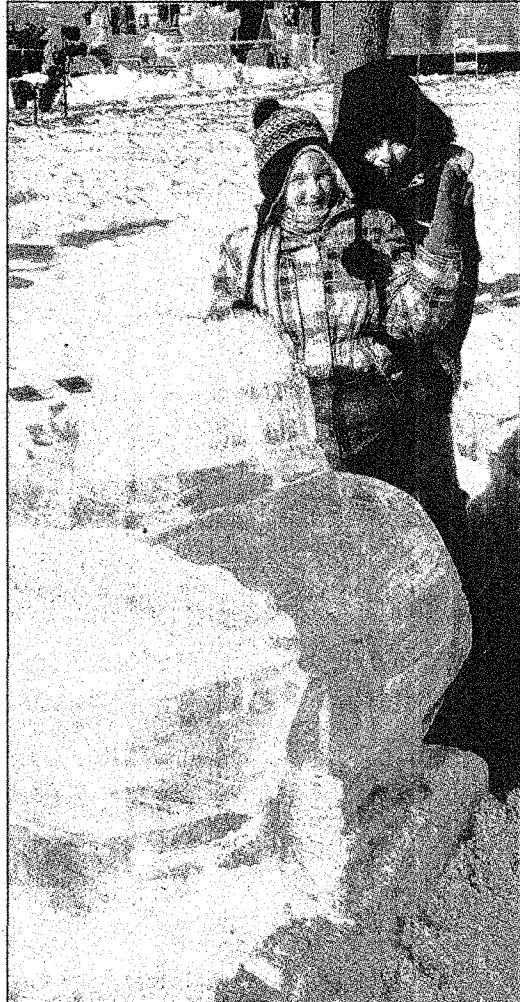
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The northwoods tableau certainly fits the generally frigid temperatures that greet the annual ice festival.



Three-year-old Ellie Brandon examines a sculpture in front of a Main Street business. Ellie, sister Charlotte, and mom and dad Pam and Mark Brandon, Livonia residents, visited last year's Plymouth Ice Festival.

Lindsay and Haley Kazmierczak ride an ic snowmobile. They visited last year's festival with their parents, Mark and Vicki Kazmierczak.



Carvers had some repairs to make when temperatures got a little too warm at last year's ice festival.



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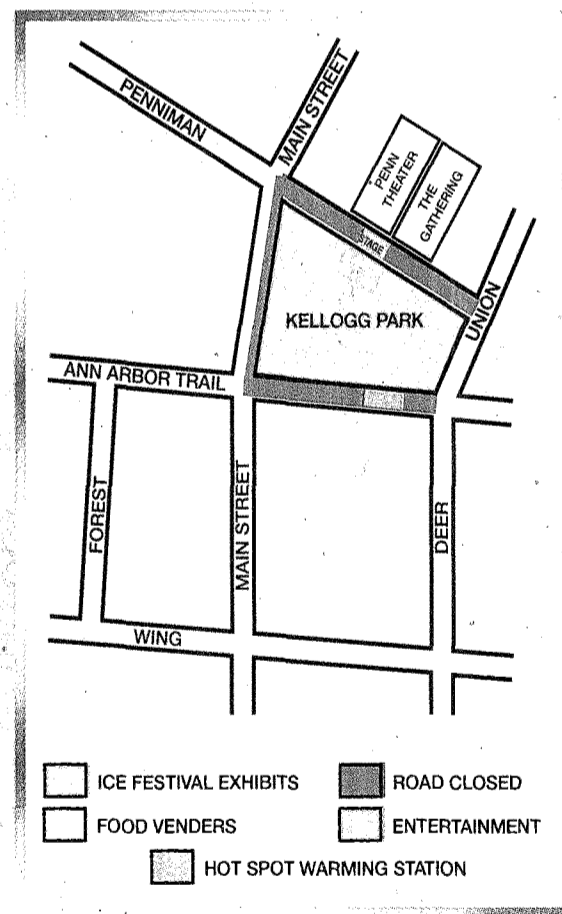
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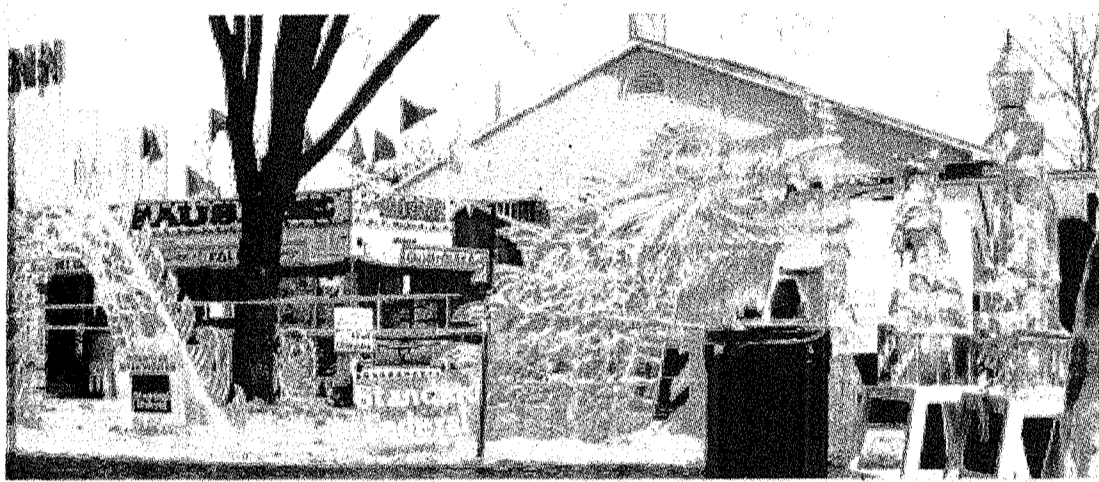
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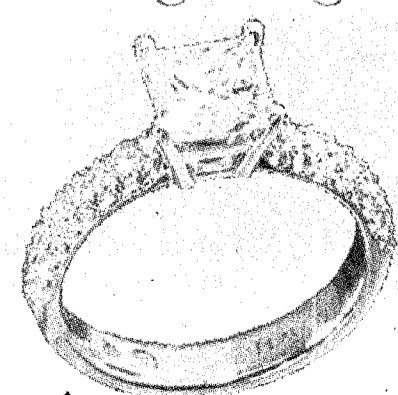
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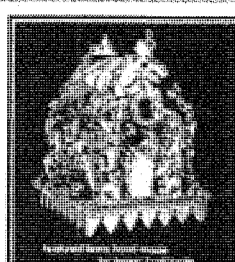


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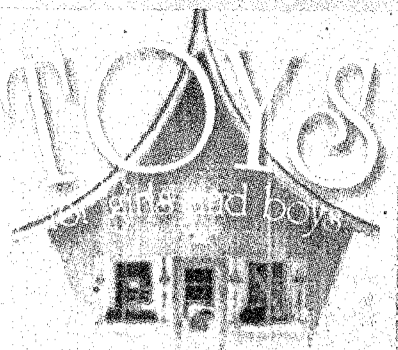
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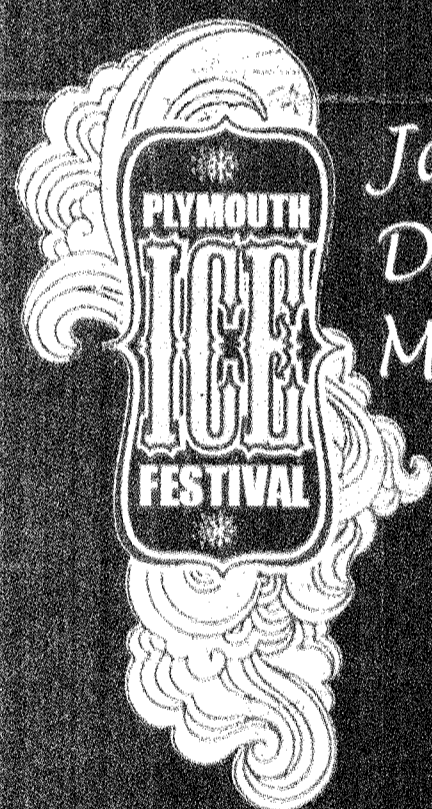
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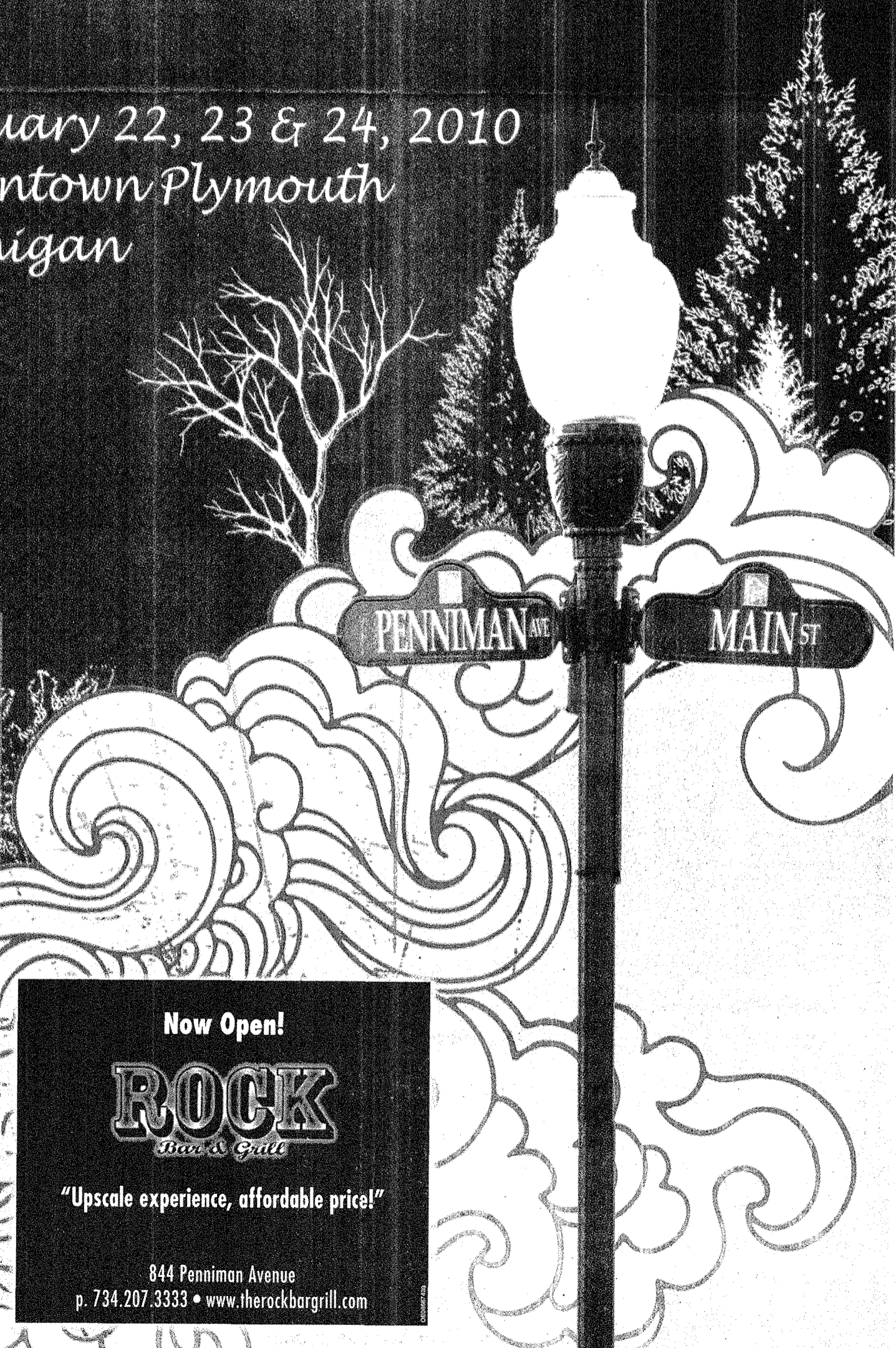
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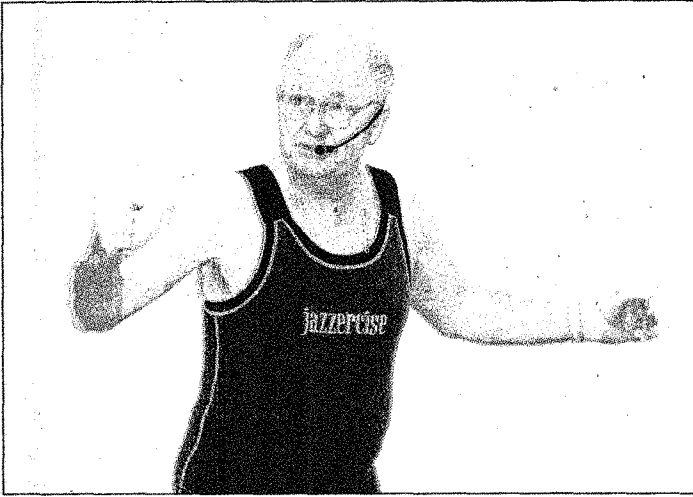
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Instructor Robert Cassidy has been teaching at the Westland Friendship Center 12 years. He calls Westland home.

Jazzercise 'lifestyle' has older folks feeling fit

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Juanita Kelly, 82, of Wayne has a quick answer about her participation in Jazzercise Lite at the Westland Friendship Center.

"So I'm not sitting home getting old," Kelly said following a workout Monday morning. She's starting her ninth year of Jazzercise and said "a lot of good friends" help her come to class each week.

"For many of them to get out of the house is important," added class member Barbara Riehl of Westland, who's 76. "He's very enthusiastic and very faithful," Riehl said of instructor Robert Cassidy. "Always here."

The women had just finished a workout that included use of hand weights. "The exercises aren't as strenuous yet they're vigorous," Riehl said. She said quality of life often improves when older people exercise even if life isn't lengthened.

"I must have been here four or five years," said class member Linda Stover of Wayne, 68. "It's wonderful. It's geared for us but yet it's vigorous, too."

"He's amazing, he's absolutely amazing," Stover said of Cassidy. "I love it. It's just what I need. I get here three or four

times a week."

Jazzercise Lite is designed for those age 40 and up, and is offered 10:15 a.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday, as well as 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

This coming Monday's class will be canceled due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Class cost is \$25 per month unlimited or \$5 walk-in with membership at the Friendship Center required.

The class is designed to provide a moderate workout and improve strength and flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance.

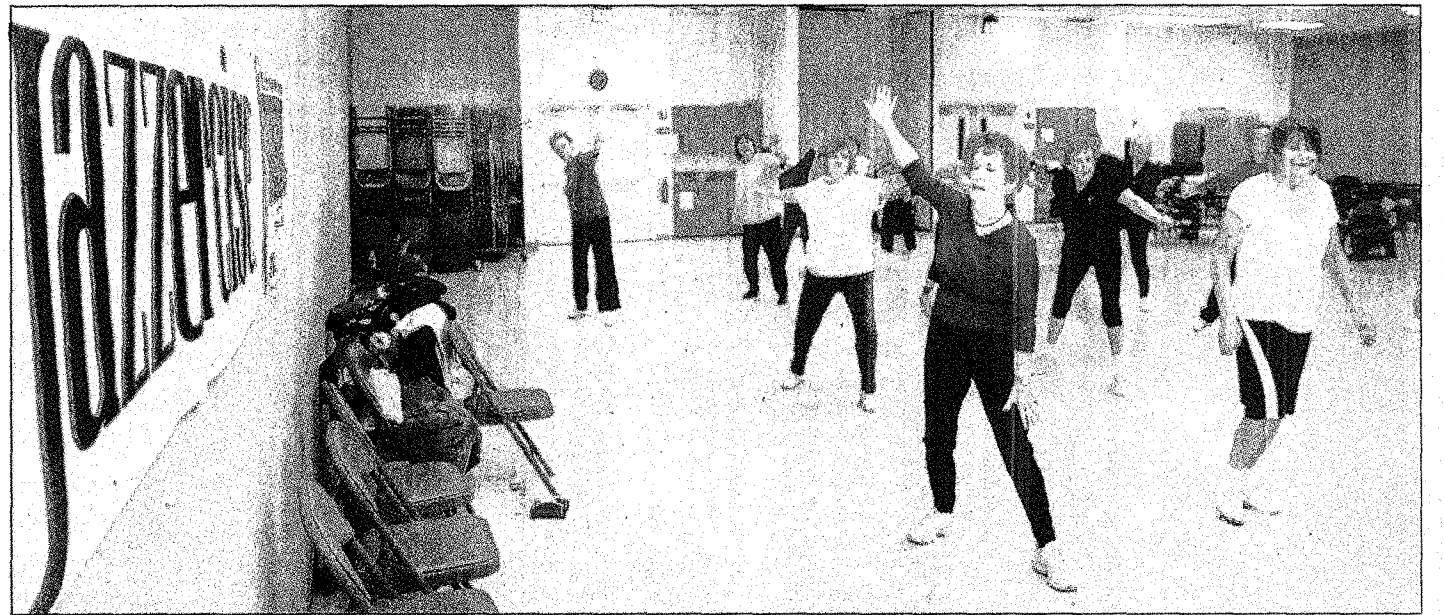
"I've been teaching here 12 years," Westland resident Cassidy said. "A lot of these ladies come four times a week."

"The key is it becomes a lifestyle for them," said Cassidy, a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer who's called Westland home since 1964. Cassidy, who next month turns 76, emphasizes "fun."

He's monitored by the national Jazzercise franchise for safety and intensity of the workout. "We never leave the floor" in jumps, he said of the low-impact workouts.



Juanita Kelly, 82, of Wayne is going strong by taking Jazzercise Lite. "So I'm not sitting home getting old," she said of her participation in the class taught by Robert Cassidy.



Mary Loughlin and other class members get a good workout under Robert Cassidy's instruction.

Class members don't have knee problems, and he watches closely for any signs of physical trouble. Participants sign a form that they've spoken with their doctor about working out, with Cassidy noting he's never had a doctor object.

Men are welcome to partici-

pate. "I'm from Scotland and in Scotland all the boys danced," he said, although his Jazzercise is 90 percent women.

"A lot of them go to Weight Watchers, too. It becomes a lifestyle. The kids know better than to ask to baby-sit on a Jazzercise day."

Workouts exercise the mind, too, helpful for older people.

"Of course, it's careful exercise," he said. "They all go at their own pace." Three times a week is ideal, he said, and often those who start out with less increase their involvement.

Most people prefer older

music, which Cassidy chooses from Jazzercise selections. "They're great people, they really are," he said. "They're family."

The city of Westland helps with the facility, he added.

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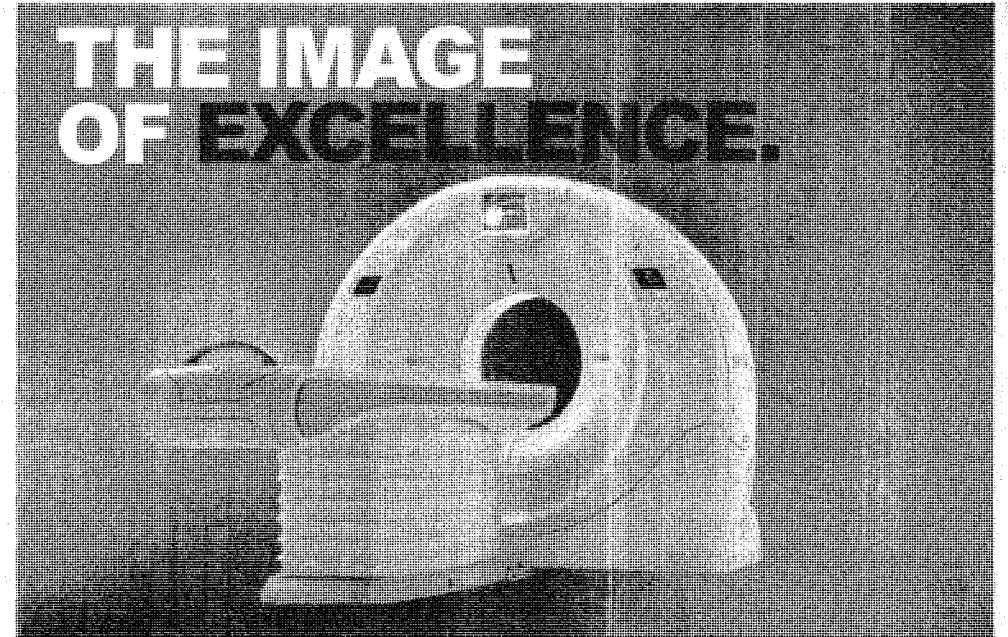
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1938, when Superman debuted in the first issue of *Action Comics*. Many novel-length comics appeared between 1920 and 1960, but it wasn't until the 1970s, when Will Eisner used the term to describe his illustrated book *A Contract with God*, that the

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Memoir Writing for Older Adults, Jan. 19 1:30-3:30 p.m., adults 50 and over, The second week of memoir writing class for older adults. Last week to sign up. Inquire at the Reference Desk.

Adult Book Discussion Group, Jan. 19, 7 p.m. Join us as we discuss *The Lottery* by Patricia Wood. Perry L. Crandall knows what it's like to be an outsider. With an IQ of 76, he's an easy mark. Before his grandmother died, she armed Perry well with what he'd need to know: the importance of words and writing things down, and how to play the lottery. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk. All are welcome.

Anime/Manga Discussion Group for Teens, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m. Come discuss your favorite manga books and anime shows. Books for each meeting are available at the Reference Desk.

Open Mic, Jan. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., teens and adults, Open Mic continues rolling through the winter months with its mix of singers, singer-songwriters, poets, storytellers, and performers. All types of artists are welcome. Singer-songwriter Dave Boutette emcees.

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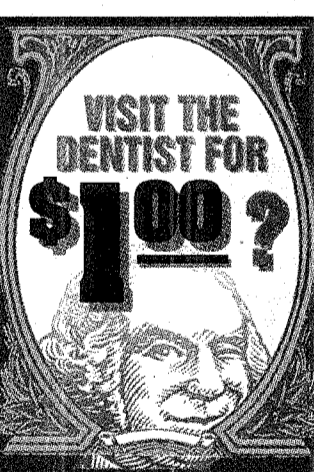
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AAUW's 'Oz' offers live theater for local kids

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The American Association of University Women, Plymouth-Canton branch, will perform *The Wizard of Oz* in early February.

The play will be performed at O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School. It's the AAUW's 50th anniversary of presenting live theater for children with proceeds funding scholarships for women.

"Proceeds from each play have gone to help fund college scholarships for women," said member Monica Nick. "The plays have been a significant fund-raiser for the organization. About 2,000 people attended the play last year."

The first play, performed in 1960 by six cast members, was *Snow White and the Red Rose*. It was performed at the old Plymouth High School in downtown Plymouth, Nick said.

Other annual plays have included *Snow White*, *Cinderella*, *Peter Pan*, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Pinocchio*.

Cast members for the current production of *The Wizard of Oz* include Katie Bellows as Dorothy, Sharon Belobraidich

as the Scarecrow, Becky Copenhaver as the Tin Man, Pam Dean as the Cowardly Lion, and Karen Stemberger as the Wicked Witch of the West. Co-directors are Mickey Edell and Jan Blumberg.

"Because this is a special milestone year for the play, we'd like to invite all former cast members to come to the play, free of charge, for the Friday or Saturday performances," she said. "They will be recognized by current cast members."

Show times for *The Wizard of Oz* are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

A special Feb. 4 performance is scheduled for Girl and Boy Scouts and their leaders

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door of Garden City High School.

Tickets are available at Sideways, Plymouth, 505 Forest Ave.; Fanatic U, Garden City, 30409 Ford Road; and Perkos Shoes, Livonia, 33426 Five Mile.

For more information on Scout Night or tickets, call (734) 546-3122 or e-mail AAUW_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.com.

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The cast includes (left to right): Sharon Belobraidich, Scarecrow; Katie Bellows, Dorothy; Pam Dean, Cowardly Lion; and Becky Copenhaver, Tin Man.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Location: Garden City, Livonia and Westland

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Volunteers can specify days, times and areas they're willing to drive. **Contact:** Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Nominations sought

Details: Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is asking the community to submit nominations to recognize adults who provide exemplary service to Girl Scouts. Nominations and letters of endorsement are due Feb. 1. Nomination forms are available online at www.gshom.org, "Volunteers" link, or by calling (800) 49-SCOUT. Girl Scout volunteers create opportunities for girls ages 5-17 to build courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. Nominations are sought for national recognitions given by Girl Scouts of the USA, including outstanding volunteer and outstanding leader. Girl Scouts will formally honor recipients at a council-wide ceremony in Lansing on May 1 and at regional recognition events later that



Wish you were here

Dolores Kapanke of Garden City took along her Garden City Observer during a fall pilgrimage to Padua and Assisi. An audience with Pope Benedict XVI was included. She enjoyed a gondola ride in Venice, museums in Florence and the Vatican. Travelers visited Tuscany, Pisa and the ruins of Pompeii. She adds, "Is it any wonder that all of that shopping led me to the bank in Tuscany?" Send your "Wish you were here" photos taken with your Observer during travels to Sue Mason, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-second level, Detroit, MI 48226. Photos may be sent via e-mail to smason@hometownlife.com.

month. **Contact:** Send nominations to GSHOM Ann Arbor Regional Center, 1900 Manchester Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Railroadiana

Time/Date: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7

Location: SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, one mile west of Merriman, Westland.

Details: The Ushers Club is hosting a Toys and Train Show in the church hall. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm

at (734) 595-8327. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free.

LifeCare

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

Details: LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges. **Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or (734) 956-2109.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's

entertainment/performance nonprofit group composed of kids ages 9-16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There are opening for girls ages 9-11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys ages 9-12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare. **Contact:** www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

TOPS 869 meetings

Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

American Legion Post 251

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

Location: 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

Details: All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join.

Contact: www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607

Higher Rock Cafe

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

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

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

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

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

Contact: Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918

Writing Group

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

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

Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays.

Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepy@yahoo.com

TOPS M128

Time/date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

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Garden City Democratic Club

Time/date: 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)

Location: Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

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Westland officer works on Internet safety task force

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland police officer has joined a federally funded task force targeting Internet crimes against children.

Currently assigned to the Detective Bureau, Sgt. Brian Miller is working three days a week for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Based at the Michigan State Police offices in Livonia, the ICAC Task Force has officers from the Michigan State Police, U.S. Secret Service, FBI, Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Livonia Police Department, Michigan Department of Corrections and United States Post Office.

"About a year ago, I finished my basic school for computer forensics. I've done this for our department for the past year," said Miller, who has completed over 480 hours of training in Cyber Crime Investigations and Basic Computer Forensics at Eastern Michigan University.

The forensic examinations

Miller has done on suspect's computers for the Westland Police Department for the past year will be among some of his duties with the task force.

"With the economy and with it being such a changing field, you need to keep up with training. The task force pays for the training," said Miller. "We have ongoing training in addition to having the resources from all those other jurisdictions. With the Department of Corrections, we can do home checks for sex offenders and make sure they are meeting the conditions of their parole."

In addition to conducting computer forensic examinations, Miller will be assisting with the investigation of Internet crimes against children and online child exploitation. The resources of the task force will allow Miller to focus directly on offenders committing crimes against children in the community, as well as educating children and parents on the dangers of the Internet through presen-

tations.

"The task force is geared for crimes against children but I will still be able to work Westland cases," said Miller, a 12-year veteran. "We (the task force) can focus on Westland. Community education is a big part of the task force — making sure that kids are safe."

The task force can do an Internet safety program designed for children of any age, Miller said.

"The City of Westland is pleased to join this partnership, the additional resources that will be available to our police department will be a tremendous asset in protecting the children of our community," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

Each state has a federally funded ICAC Task Force — headed by the state police in Michigan — which includes an online cyber crimes tip line. For more information on ICAC, visit <http://michiganicac.com/>.

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Guaranteed rates of return come with strings attached

Q: Dear Rick: After reading your column a few months ago, I decided that when my CD matured I would buy a fixed annuity. I am a very conservative investor. I like the idea that the annuity was insured and that I could not lose money. When my CD came due, I talked to someone that I knew who sells annuities. Although he liked your suggestion, he recommended another type of annuity that would guarantee 5 percent a year. This sounds very good to me considering what CD rates and other annuities are paying. Do you have any thoughts?

A: I think I know the type of annuity and it is not one I would recommend. The type of annuity he recommends is a variable annuity with a guaranteed income option attached. These annuities are very popular, particularly with people who sell annuities. Unfortunately, they are not very good for most investors.

There is no doubt that a guaranteed 5-percent rate of return is very good in today's world. After all, when CDs are only paying 2 to 3 percent, 5 percent seems like a great rate of return. However, like most things, the devil is in the details.

What the salesperson did not tell you is that although the income is guaranteed, the principal is not. For example, if you purchased a \$50,000, 3-percent, one-year CD at a federally insured institution, not only do you receive your 3 percent, but at the end of the year the \$50,000 that you initially deposited is insured and you receive that money back. This is not the

way it works with some of the guaranteed income annuities. Therefore, it is possible that when the annuity matures, you will not get your original money back. The reasoning is your initial investment is not guaranteed and your principal can be used to cover your income.

If you invest \$100,000 into an annuity with a guaranteed income option, when your annuity matures it is possible — and, in many cases, probable — you will get back substantially less than the \$100,000.

Salespeople do not like to tell you this because with variable annuity products they make very high commissions and high ongoing fees.

In the type of annuity I recommend, when it matures you get all your income and your original principal back. I'm not a fan of guaranteed income annuities and I don't recommend them to investors. They are stuffed with high fees, they mislead investors and principal is at risk.

I recommend fixed annuities for a conservative investor who does not want any principal fluctuation and wants their investment guaranteed. That is exactly what you will get from a fixed annuity and that is why I like them. I typically use fixed annuities as CD substitutes. However, not all fixed annuities are the same and many are not very investor friendly. For example, some fixed annuities will lock you into the annuity for many years — some lock you in for over a decade and then at the same time they have very high penalties for early withdrawals. Obviously, those are the fixed annuities that you need to avoid.

I like the fixed annuities that are investor friendly and make it easy to withdraw money while, at the same

time, have fair penalty provisions. I recognize that with the nature of annuities, as with CDs, there are penalty provisions for early withdrawal. However, the problems I have with some annuities are the overaggressive salespeople who sell annuity products and the upward of 20 percent penalties for early withdrawal.

It would be nice if you could buy a fixed annuity directly from the annuity company like you can a mutual fund. Unfortunately, that is not how these products are marketed.

To buy a fixed annuity, you must go through an agent. One of the keys to buying a good annuity is to deal with a reputable individual. One individual whom I've dealt with for years is Jim Hutton and I recommend buying annuities through Hutton Financial, at (800) 870-4444.

Like everything else in the investment world, the key is to buy the right product for your situation. For investors who are looking at adding to their portfolio without any principal fluctuation and be guaranteed up to \$100,000, a fixed annuity may be the way to go.

Before you invest money into an annuity, make sure you understand the terms, length of time that you are committing to and what penalties are involved. When you start seeing double-digit penalties, it's a sign that you should walk away. Some of the best financial moves I've made are when I have walked away from an investment.

Good luck!
Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at monymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



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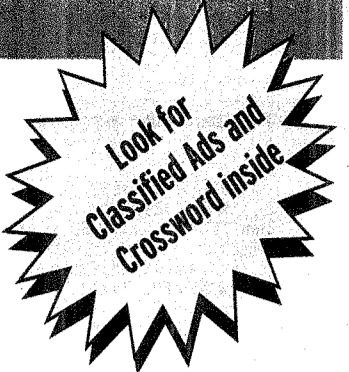
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Going for Gold

Livonia's Kesler to wear Team USA sweater

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Livonia's Ryan Kesler and he plans to soak up every moment.

The 6-foot-2, 202-pound center for the NHL's Vancouver Canucks learned New Year's Day that he will become the third Livonia native to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic men's hockey team, joining the likes of Al Iafraite (1984) and Mark Beaufait (1994).

The fifth-year pro will also spend the Olympic break (Feb. 15-29) playing on his adopted sheet of ice — GM Place — which will host all the Winter Games.

The 25-year-old will have an entourage of family and friends staying at his house during the tournament.

"There are 15 people right now," Kesler said. "They're all excited, but I probably won't get to see them that much because I'll be with the team."

Canuck fans will be changing their allegiances for the Games and Kesler will be the enemy at his home rink. He'll even be lining up against several of his own Vancouver teammates.

"It's going to be a little weird," Kesler said. "You play with guys like the Sedins (Henrik and Daniel of Sweden), (Robert Luongo (of Canada), (Sami) Salo (of Finland), then you're playing against them. It's strange in that way. But there's an old saying in

hockey, 'There are no friends on the ice.' But we're all happy for each other."

Kesler, the Canucks' alternate captain, has played in all 47 games and ranks second in points (41) behind teammate Henrik Sedin with 12 goals and 29 assists.

Kesler, considered one of the NHL's top three defensive forwards, won over Team USA general manager Brian Burke during a developmental orientation camp last summer in Chicago.

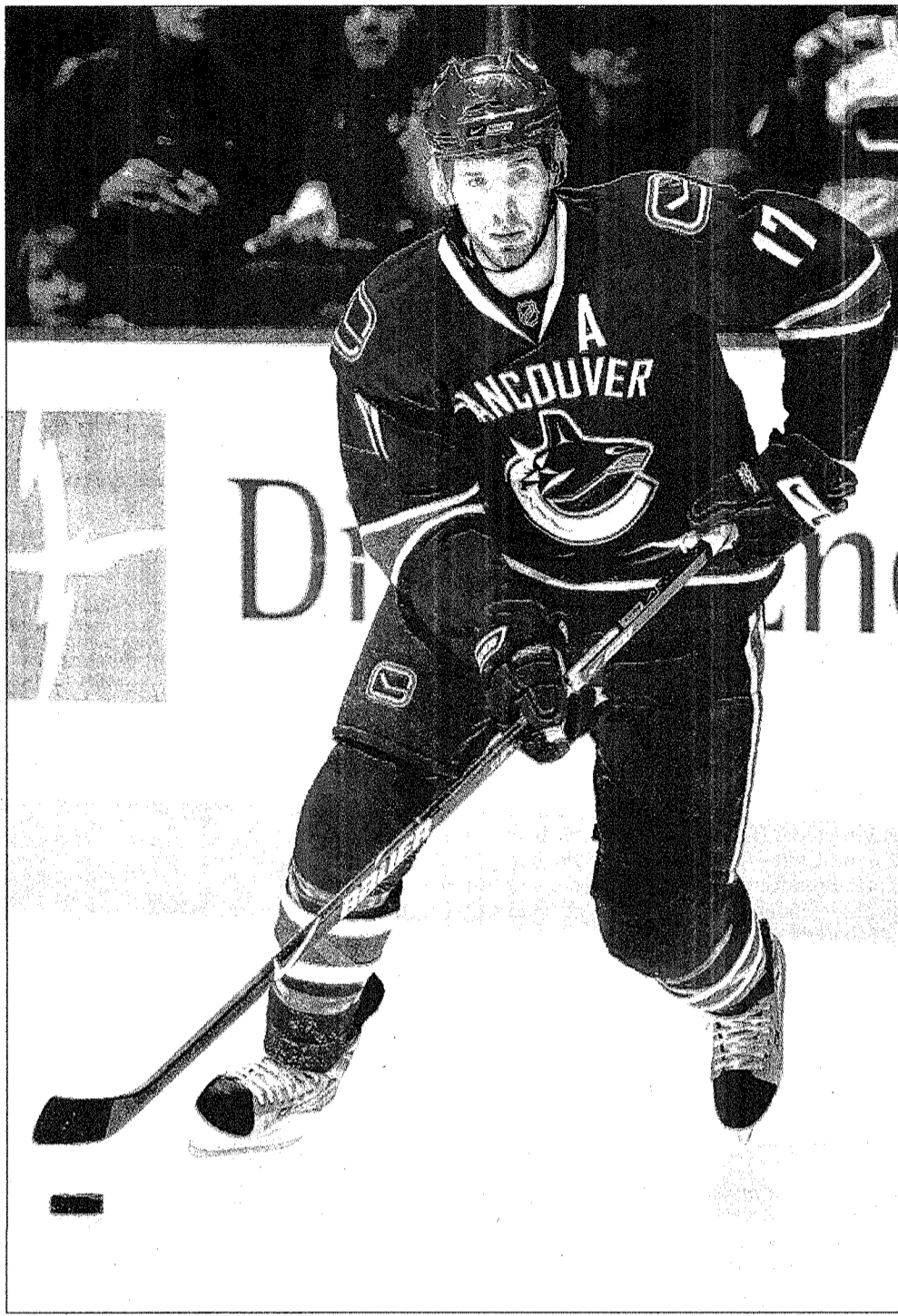
The Churchill High grad also has considerable international experience while representing his country on a number of occasions, most recently at the 2006 World Championships.

Kesler helped lead the U.S. to a gold medal at the 2004 World Junior Championships. And at the 2002 World Under-18 Championships, he recorded two goals and five assists in eight games while receiving the Best Player Award for the tournament.

Kesler is ready and looking forward to his first Olympic Games experience.

"There won't be too many adjustments because we're playing on an NHL-size rink," said Kesler, who played one season at Ohio State (2002-03) before turning pro. "It's the same skills. It's the same game, but it's a different system. It's an attack type, very offensive. It's not a system where you stay back."

Please see **KESLER, B3**



JEFF VINNICK | VANCOUVER CANUCKS

Livonia native Ryan Kesler, center for the Vancouver Canucks, will be playing at on his home ice representing Team USA in the Winter Olympic Games, Feb. 15-29.

SIDELINES

Rafko honored

The NAIA National Office announced that Madonna University freshman softball student-athlete Amber Rafko (Monroe) is one of 13 student-athletes selected to participate in the 2010-2011 Red Cross/NAIA Collegiate Leadership Program.



Rafko

The initiative is now in its fourth year, and will inspire, motivate and create a new and diverse generation of American

Red Cross volunteers and leaders through exemplifying the five core values of the NAIA Champions of Character program.

Rafko earned four letters for at Monroe where she helped her squad to a trio of Mega Red Division and Division I district championships, along with two regional titles.

Last year she hit .431 for the state quarterfinalist.

1st Pitch Banquet

The Madonna University baseball team will stage its first pitch banquet to kick off its fund-raising effort from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Italian-American in Livonia.

Former Philadelphia Phillies pitcher and long-time University of Detroit baseball coach Bob Miller will be the featured speaker. Former Detroit broadcaster Ray Lane will be the master of ceremonies.

Adult tickets are \$50 each, or \$90 per couple. Youth tickets (12-and-under) are \$30.

Table sponsorships are available including single (\$100), double (\$200), triple (\$300), home run (\$400) and grand slam (\$1,000).

Silent auction items will launch the social hour at noon. The dinner buffet will be from 1-2:30 p.m. and the 2010 MU baseball team, coming off an NAIA World Series appearance, will be introduced at 3:30 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to: Madonna Baseball, c/o: Greg Haeger, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

For more information, call co-chairs Paul Flavin at (248) 380-5142; or Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820. You can also e-mail 1stpitchbanquet@gmail.com.

Dynamic boxers

Westland's Dynamic Boxing, led by Wyandotte's Aaron Policelli's two wins in the 90-pound division, competed in last month's 2010 Silver Gloves Tournament held in Monroe.

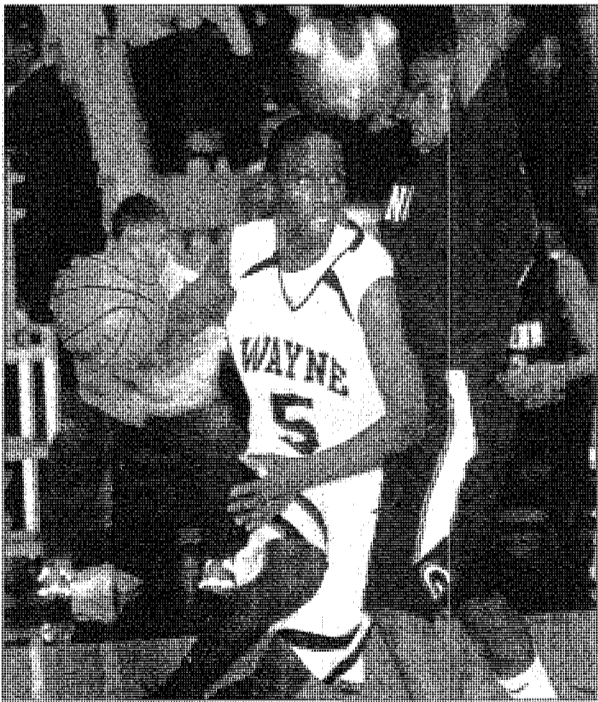
Policelli won by decision over Austin Keurger of Saginaw in the finals after downing Ricky Salinas of Pontiac in the semifinals.

Dynamic's David Fecteau of Westland defeated Jackson Roback of Pontiac in the 75-pound division.

Four other Dynamic boxers lost close decisions including: Detroit's Robert O'Quinn (125), who lost to Alex Aguilar of South West Detroit; Detroit's JaRico O'Quinn (119), who lost to Davis Jasso of South West Detroit; Livonia's Tony Hernandez (95), who fell to Sammy Sausoe of Lansing; and Westland's Skippy Marks (75), who lost to Juan Senchez of Monroe.

Wayne storms back to intercept rival Rockets, 58-52

Jamiel Strickland (with ball), who led the Zebras with 15 points, is closely guarded by Glenn defender Zarick Barnes during Friday's KLAA South Division clash.



Zebras earn key KLAA South victory

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial saved its best quarter for last Friday night as the host Zebras delivered in crunch time to down boys basketball rival Westland John Glenn, 58-52.

The Zebras, who improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA's South Division, overcome a 42-36 deficit after three periods with a 22-10 fourth-quarter surge.

"I guess it was our (full-court) press and the fear of losing set in," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said of the comeback. "Once we got a few turnovers, it energized us and we got a few buckets. We were able to get some putbacks and offensive rebounds."

Glenn missed its first six shots in the final quarter and did not score a field goal until 2:27 left on a three-pointer by Brett

Hudy to cut the deficit to 51-49.

That came after Wayne grabbed the lead for good when Jamiel Strickland, who led all scorers with 15 points, nailed a short jumper in the lane after a Rocket turnover with 6:46 remaining.

The Zebras staved off a late Glenn charge by making 11-of-21 free throws in the final quarter. Wayne was 20-of-33 for the game, while Glenn was 7-of-12.

Senior Jeremy Langford paced Glenn with 11 points before fouling out with 1:57 left.

"We were right there with a chance to win on the road and just didn't get it done," said Glenn coach Dan Young, whose team slipped to 3-5 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South. "We had good looks and were right there. The kids played hard and I'm proud

Please see **ZEBRAS, B2**

Cagey competitor

Fischer goes on display at 'Battle of the Burbs'

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jason Fischer isn't quite sure of the destination, but he is confident in the journey.

Fischer, a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, has delved into the rapidly-growing sport of mixed martial arts and, in just a short time, has emerged as a future star.

He elevated his status in the sport last December when he claimed the MMA Lightweight Championship with a victory in competition held at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

And now, courtesy of that decisive victory, Fischer for the first time will enter the circle of competition as the hunted, instead of the hunter, when Triple X Cage Fighting brings Battle in The Burbs to the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Livonia Saturday, Jan. 22.

"It was a big step up for me," said Fischer, who improved his amateur standing to 4-0 with the victory that

gave him possession of the lightweight belt. "It was my most significant win because it was for a belt. I really enjoyed that opportunity and am looking forward to others."

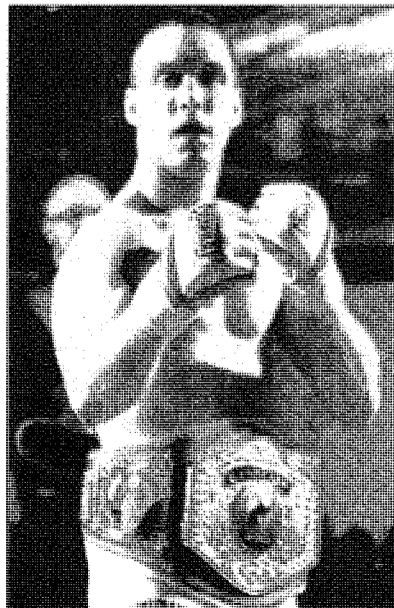
Fischer, who trains at the Mash Gym in Redford, will be one of five fighters from that site to compete in Saturday's 12-match card that begins at 8 p.m.

"We have some great guys training there," Fischer said of the facility run by Don Richard and co-owned by Todd Allee. "It's a top-of-the-line facility with everything you need to train there. They have great boxing and Jiu-Jitsu instructors and everybody is out there working hard trying to better themselves and other guys around them."

Creating mayhem

Fischer's introduction into martial arts came while attending Central Michigan University. Muay Thai, which is a form of kick-boxing

Please see **FISCHER, B4**



Jason Fischer, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson who trains out of Mash Gym in Redford, will defend his MMA Lightweight Championship Saturday, Jan. 22, in Battle in the Burbs to be held inside the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Livonia.

Crusaders fall to NAIA's No. 1

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a half, the Madonna University women's basketball team had its one shining moment and played like the No. 1-ranked team in the country.

But the Crusaders couldn't sustain their valiant effort during the final 20 minutes of breakneck-paced game Wednesday night, falling to Davenport University, the top-rated NAIA Division II school, 79-68.

The Panthers, winners of 18 straight, improved to 18-1 overall and 3-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

MU, which dropped its seventh straight, led by as many as eight points in the first half, hitting 13-of-24 field goal tries (54.2 percent), including 5-of-11 from three-point range.

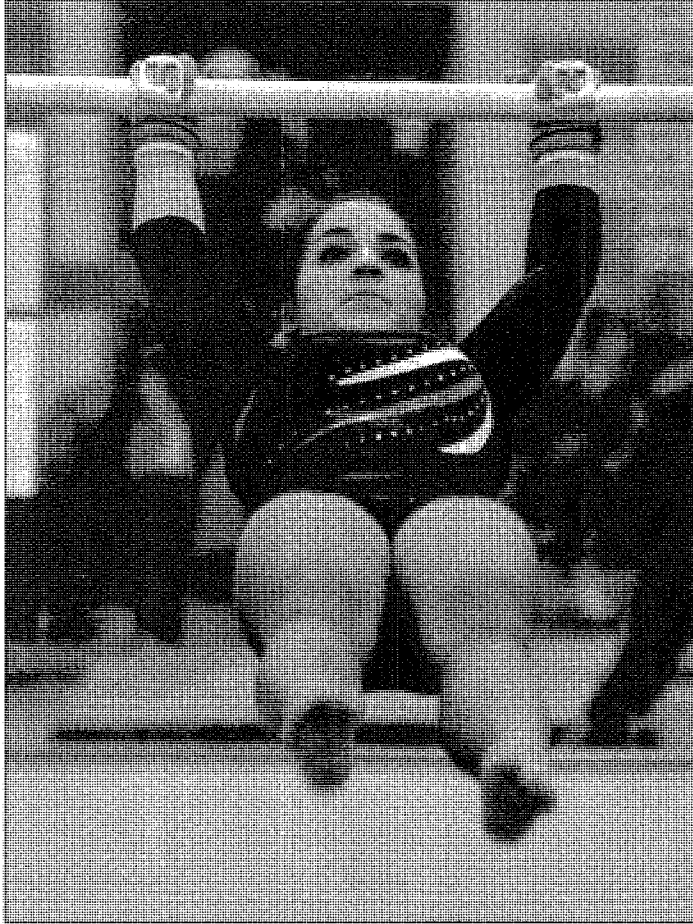
Freshman guard Shantelle Herring scored 11 of her game-high 20 points during the surge, while freshman center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) added eight of her 14.

"This is her style of basketball, Shantelle

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

LIVONIA BLUE 136.15 SALEM 129.60 Jan. 13 at Churchill H.S. Vault: 1. Nicole Jacobs (S), 8.95; 2. (tie) Katie Bridges (Blue) and Brittany Caldwell (Blue), 8.6 each; 4. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.5; 5. Haley Olsen (Blue), 8.25. Uneven bars: 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 8.85; 2. Sara Bridges (Blue), 8.65; 3. Jacobs (S), 8.55; 4. Kitz (Blue), 8.45; 5. K. Bridges (Blue), 8.4. Balance beam: 1. Jacobs (S), 9.4; 2. Sarah Hoag (Blue), 8.55; 3. Ade Jepperson (S), 8.4; 4. Meredith Albers (Blue), 8.35; 5. K. Bridges (Blue), 8.2. Floor exercise: 1. Jacobs (S), 9.2; 2. Quint (Blue), 9.15; 3. K. Bridges (Blue), 8.95; 4. Kitz (Blue), 8.65; 5. Katie Winczkowski (S), 8.3. All-around: 1. Jacobs (S), 36.10; 2. K. Bridges (Blue), 34.15; Jepperson (S), 33.10; 3. Winczkowski (S), 31.65. Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 1-0 KLA A Kensington Division. LIVONIA RED 132.35 PLYMOUTH 131.10 Jan. 13 at Plymouth H.S. Vault: 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 8.75; 2. Sarah Uhlian (P), 8.7; 3. (tie) Mallory Dorton (Red), Katina St. Pierre (Red) and Alisha Punjabi (P), 8.45 each. Uneven bars: 1. St. Pierre (Red), 8.75; 2. Katie Kretzschmer (Red), 8.55; Jessica Luibakka (P), 8.15; 4. Lauren Patla (Red), 8.1; 5. Meghan Lark (Red), 7.85. Balance beam: 1. Engstrom (P), 8.9; 2. Lark (Red), 8.85; 3. Luibakka (P), 8.8; 4. Dayna Esper (Red), 5. Uhlian (P), 8.15. Floor exercise: 1. Jane McCurry (P) and Uhlian (P), 8.4 each; 3. Engstrom (P), 8.3; 4. Brittany Swazey (Red), 8.25; 5. (tie) Patla (Red) and Luibakka (P), 8.2 each. All-around: 1. Luibakka (P), 33.5; 2. Engstrom (P), 33.40; 3. St. Pierre (Red), 33.05; 4. Uhlian (P), 32.95. Livonia Red's dual meet record: 4-2 overall, 1-0 KLA A Kensington Division.



Katie Bridges of Livonia Blue works the uneven parallel bars during Wednesday's meet with Salem. She was second in the all-around with a score of 34.15.

CRUSADERS

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likes to get up and down the floor, we saw that in her when we were in the recruiting process," MU coach Carl Graves said. "Going into the season we knew Shantelle would be a big lift for us." And 6-foot-1 junior guard Tabatha Wydryck also did her part by pulling down eight of her team-high 12 rebounds (all on the defensive end). After leading 40-38 at intermission, the Crusaders found themselves on their heels as Davenport took control of the game with a 36-10 run to start the second half. "We seem to get up by double digits over just about everybody that we play, then have that offensive low the second half," said Graves, whose team is 4-11 overall and 0-3 in the WHAC. "Our defense does a pretty good

job. We've got to get past that." MU ended up with 27 turnovers as Davenport took advantage by capitalizing with 28 points on the other end. "One thing we struggle with is attacking and playing that pace of basketball this year, but we're learning and getting better at it," Graves added. "And there's no better testament than playing the Davenport Panthers. They're a pretty good basketball team and they get up and down the floor." Davenport, an Elite Eight team a year ago, got 19 points from Carrie Grubius and 15 from Kristi Boehm. The Panthers also made 12-of-33 three-point attempts. "We play a schedule that I don't think anybody else in the country has, or can match up to what we've done schedule-wise — maybe Davenport," Graves said. "We're a young

team and learning. Our hope is that by the time playoffs roll around that we're the team that nobody wants to play." Adding insult to injury was the loss of last year's leading scorer and rebounder Kim Olech, who left the game during the opening minute of play with a knee injury. The 6-foot senior center, a graduate of Plymouth High, has played limited minutes this season. After averaging 11 points and 10 rebounds a year ago, the first-team All-WHAC selection is down to 9.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. "She's a big strong kid with a big heart," Grave said. "It's hard to see that happen. She's not been 100 percent all year and for her it's the end of a long fight. She's only done that (double-doubles) a couple of times this year. She had tears (in the lockerroom). It's a tough situation."

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ZEBRAS

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of them. Hudy, Langford and (Zarick) Barnes also got on foul trouble and it hurt. Langford was out of there for three minutes. It's tough when you're leading scorer is out." Hudy came off the bench to add 10 points, while the backcourt of freshman Nick Daniels and sophomore Marquise Graves added nine and eight, respectively. "I thought overall our young guards, Graves and Daniels, had a nice game," Young said. "They're good players, no matter what their ages.

I thought they dealt with Wayne's pressure pretty well." Wayne's top scorer and rebounder, 6-foot-3 senior center Daniel Hill, added 12 points, but drew plenty of attention from a slew of Glenn defenders. "I thought (Zarick) Barnes, among others, did a really good job on Hill," Young said. "He's such a hard guy to deal with. You try get help here-and-there and make it difficult for him." Wayne's Derric Horton finished with nine, while Nick Mills contributed eight. Brian Gray added seven, all on the foul line. "They (Glenn) played straight man-to-man and I

thought Marquise (Graves) put great pressure on the ball," said Woodard, whose team led 15-9 after one quarter before trailing 31-27 at the half. "We did not get into our sets and they took us out of what we were trying to do. Give them credit. "They also did a great job on Daniel (Hill). They really collapsed on him and did everything they could to keep him out of there." Wayne was 19-of-38 from the field (50 percent), while Glenn was 20-of-51 (39.2 percent). The Zebras committed 19 turnovers to Glenn's 13.

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KLA A QUAD MEETS Jan. 13 at Livonia Churchill LIVONIA CHURCHILL 38 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 36 103 pounds: Jon Locklear (LC) d. Jack Newa, 9-7; 112: Jacob Meadows (LC) d. Dan Martinez, 11-5; 119: Jake Hale (LC) won by disqualification; 125: Steve Tuyo (LF) pinned James Locklear, 0-35; 130: Paul Hanni (LF) p. Addeh Yaffai, 0-15; 135: Jonny Bannoura (LC) d. Jordan McGuire, 5-4 (overtime); 140: Avery Opperman (LF) p. Ben Leck, 0-29; 145: Josh Hatfield (LF) p. Devin Hawkins, 0-33; 152: Tyler Farnstrom (LC) won by void; 160: Matt Roos (LF) p. Cody Carrier, 1-0; 171: Curtis Castleberry (LC) p. Alex O'Connor, 0-59; 189: Mike Harp (LC) p. Zach Leuenberger, 1-16; 215: Nick Simmons (LF) p. Dillon Morantes, 1-23; 285: John Shekell (LC) p. Omar Haymour, 1-20. LIVONIA FRANKLIN 37 PLYMOUTH 27 103 pounds: Shadi Jammoul (P) p. Jack Newa, 0-45; 112: Alec Breckenridge (P) d. Dan Martinez, 4-3; 119: Said Yousef (P) d. Gabe Martinez, 3-2; 125: Steve Tuyo (LF) p. Chase Kallil, 4-00; 130: Paul Hanni (LF) won by technical fall over Ziad Tamini, 19-3; 135: Jordan McGuire (LF) p. Brett Echols, 4-35; 140: Jimmy Ahearn (P) d. Avery Opperman, 8-7; 145: Josh Hatfield (LF) d. Brandon Crowther, 6-5; 152: Jackson Chalmers (P) won by void; 160: Jon Roos (LF) won by tech. fall over Robbie Barackman, 23-6; 171: Alex O'Connor (LF) won by major dec. over Curtis Crosier, 10-2; 189: Zach Leuenberger (LF) won by major dec. over Brand Varner, 13-5; 215: Nick Simmons (LF) won by major dec. over Brett Keys, 15-5; 285: Wally Eppler (P) p. Omar Haymour, 15-5.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 44 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 21 103 pounds: Pablo Flores (WM) d. Jon Locklear, 6-2; 112: Jacob Meadows (LF) d. Tristan Jarosiewicz, 10-4; 119: Darryl Ison (WM) won by technical fall over Jake Hale, 17-1; 125: James Locklear (LC) d. Micheil Hood, 8-3; 130: Devon Adams (WM) p. Addeh Yaffai, no time available; 135: Cody Allen (WM) d. Ben Leck, 7-2; 140: Jonny Bannoura (LC) p. Kyle Szalai, NTA; 145: Anwar Oliver (WM) d. Tyler Farnstrom, 9-2; 152: Jalen Jones (WM) won by void; 160: Brandon Whittenburg (WM) d. Cody Carrier, 2-0; 171: Curtis Castleberry (LC) p. Amanda Prough, 1-45; 189: Dimitrus Renfro (WM) p. Mike Harp, 1-47; 215: Nate Cavanaugh (WM) p. Manny Haddad, 2-15; 285: John Shekell (LC) d. Chris Bowie, 2-0. PLYMOUTH 40 WAYNE MEMORIAL 19 103 pounds: Shadi Jammoul (P) pinned Pablo Flores, 1-21; 112: Trey Berry (P) d. Tristan Jarosiewicz, 8-5; 119: Said Yousef (P) won by injury default over Darryl Ison; 125: Chase Kallil (P) p. Micheil Hood, 2-49; 130: Ziad Tamini (P) d. Devon Adams, 10-6; 135: Cody Allen (WM) d. Jimmy Ahearn, 7-1; 140: Anwar Oliver (WM) p. Brett Echols, 3-07; 145: Jalen Jones (WM) won by major dec. over Brandon Crowther, 13-2; 152: Ryan Schultz (P) d. Kevin Newborn, 10-3; 160: Robbie Barackman (P) d. Brandon Whittenburg, 8-4; 171: Curtis Crosier (P) p. Amanda Prough, 1-27; 189: Dimitrus Renfro (WM) d. Brandon Varner, 8-2; 215: Brett Keys (P) won by major dec. over Nate Cavanaugh, 15-4; 285: Chris Bowie (WM) d. Wally Eppler, 5-3. Dual match records: Franklin, 11-7-1 overall.

1-1 KLA A South Division; Churchill, 3-6 overall, 1-1 KLA A South. Jan. 13 at South Lyon East LIVONIA STEVENSON 43 SALEM 34 103 pounds: Sheldon Kabrovich (LS) won by void; 112: Nick Kim (Salem) pinned Ashruf Alhaj, 3-15; 119: Cody Korpus (Salem) p. Omar Mostafa, 2-18; 125: Devin Stratton (Salem) p. Robert Schramm, 2-50; 130: Corey Davis (LS) p. Matt Lang, 0-40; 135: Kody Roy (LS) won by void; 140: Charlie Kokenakes (LS) d. J. Middlefield, 10-9; 145: Dylan Hatcher (Salem) won by major dec. over Zach Auner, 13-4; 152: Nathan Collins (LS) p. Joe Williams, 3-06; 160: Colin Gross (Salem) p. Chris Arnold, 5-52; 171: Joseph Scott (LS) p. Alex Brown, 2-31; 189: Daniel McCarthy (LS) p. Jordan Zhou, 3-36; 215: Andrew Schramm (LS) won by major dec. over Adam Turner, 10-2; 285: Blake Abbey (Salem) p. Jacob Range, 2-50. LIVONIA STEVENSON 60 SOUTH LYON EAST 15 103 pounds: Tyler Foley (SLE) pinned Sheldon Kabrovich, 1-42; 112: Ashruf Alhaj (LS) won by void; 119: Nick Byrnes (SLE) p. Omar Mostafa, 4-29; 125: Robert Schramm (LS) won by void; 130: Corey Davis (LS) won by void; 135: Kevin Case (SLE) d. Kody Roy, 6-2; 140: Charlie Kokenakes (LS) won by void; 145: Zach Auner (LS) won by void; 152: Nathan Collins (LS) won by void; 160: Chris Arnold (LS) d. Jake Haddad, 3-1; 171: Joseph Scott (LS) d. Jon Burke, 11-9; 189: Daniel McCarthy (LS) p. Tim Mindlin, 1-15; 215: Andrew Schramm (LS) won by void; 285: Jacob Ringe (LS) won by void. Stevenson's dual match record: 9-9 overall, 2-0 KLA A Central Division.

Advertisement for 'Guide to Employment' featuring various job listings. The ad includes a large headline 'Guide to Employment' and a sub-headline 'CHECK OUT THESE EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES! For even more opportunities see our "award winning" classified section!'. Below the headline are several columns of job listings, each with a title, location, and contact information. The listings include roles such as 'Activity Director', 'Banking' positions at DFCU Financial, 'Driver Transportation Dept. Aide/Driver', 'Personal Trainers Needed Immediately!', 'Web Fed Press Operator', 'Office Manager', 'Michigan Cosmetic Surgery Center', 'Physicians Wanted', 'RN Manager', 'Program Director', 'Receptionist', 'Front Desk Receptionist', 'Histotechnologist', 'Medical Assistant', 'Medical Receptionist', 'Clerical', 'Legal Secretary', 'Bookkeeper/Accountant', 'Maintenance Tech', 'Ophthalmology Group', 'Receptionist', 'Technician, FT', and 'Customer Service Reps'. Each listing provides details on qualifications, benefits, and how to apply. The ad also features a 'Recycle this Newspaper' logo and a 'Got Property?' section with a 'FOR SALE' sign and the phone number 1-800-579-7355.

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Other than that I don't know too much."

Kesler, who plays center, said he will accept any type of role given to him by Team USA coach Ron Wilson (of the Toronto Maple Leafs) whether it's on the second- or third-line.

"What my role is right now is tough to say — create offense and at the same time be responsible defensively and play in all situations," Kesler said. "If it's penalty killing or the power play, you try and excel."

"It really doesn't matter who I play with. I'd like to play with anybody because everybody on this team is unbelievable. We just hope to mesh well and be a team that can win the gold."

The weeks leading up to and after the Olympic Games will test Kesler's physical and mental stamina for sure. The Canucks, currently in the playoff hunt in the Western Conference, will play eight straight games on the road followed by six more away from GM Place following the Olympic break.

"We're on the road 14 days, then go straight to the Olympics," Kesler said. "My daughter (Makayla) is 20 months. It's tough being away from her, but it's part of the job. She understands I play hockey. She's a smart girl. We have iChat, which makes it easier."

Kesler, meanwhile, feels he has come along way since he chosen as the Canucks' first-round draft pick in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft.

"Every year I feel more comfortable and I feel I'm getting better each year," said Kesler, who has 79 career goals and 106 assists in 378 games (including the playoffs). "The beginning of the season was tough on us, but lately we've played great hockey and I feel good right now."

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Churchill hangs on in OT

Newcomer Mwila sparks Stevenson past Salem

It took extra time for Livonia Churchill to subdue rival Livonia Franklin in a KLAASouth Division boys basketball game Friday night.

The visiting Chargers overcame the 25-point effort of Franklin senior guard Andy McCaffery to earn a 58-55 overtime triumph.

It was 51-all at the end of regulation. Churchill then outscored the Patriots 7-4 in the four-minute OT as D'Juan Cooks' dunk off a pass from Anthony Frezzell with only 16 seconds left bolted down the victory.

"Both teams played extremely hard and we were able to hang on," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team is 4-3 overall and 2-1 in the KLAASouth. "We were desperate for a win. It was a good hard-fought win."

Senior center Adam Bedell finished with a team-high 22 points and 11 rebounds. Frezzell, a senior guard, added 15, while Cooks, a senior forward, contributed 13. Reynard Allen also added eight.

Mike Gadsby, a senior guard, added 13 points for the Patriots, who slipped to 2-6 and 0-3. Nate Coleman added eight.

McCaffery's three-point attempt at the horn in OT fell off.

"That's the best I've seen him

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play in three years," Solak said of the Franklin guard. "He had a heckuva game."

STEVENSON 70, SALEM 55: Newcomer C.J. Mwila, a transfer from Orchard Lake St. Mary's poured in game-high 23 points in his season debut Friday to lead Livonia Stevenson (6-1, 3-0) to a KLAASouth Division triumph over the host Rocks (5-3, 1-2).

Mwila, a junior guard, scored 19 of his points in the opening half as the Spartans led 37-19 after a 19-2 second-quarter run.

Senior guard Bobby Naubert chipped in with 18 points, while senior forward Jordan El-Sahab had nine.

"I thought C.J. (Mwila) was fantastic, he brought energy on defense and creativity on offense," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "Both he and Bobby are tough to stop when they're on the court together."

Zinoviy Pelekh scored all 12 of his points in the final quarter to lead the Rocks. Tyler Stewart added 10.

CLARENCEVILLE 53, HARPER WOODS 50: It was a parade to the free throw line Friday as host Livonia Clarenceville (1-7, 1-0) opened Metro Conference play with a victory over the Pioneers (0-9, 0-1).

Ben Watts and Damien Quarles tallied 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the Trojans, who gave rookie coach Justin Johnston his first win.

"It was a big one," Johnson said. "I thought both Watts and Quarles played a great fourth quarter and

helped us seal the win. They were really solid."

Clarenceville led 22-18 at halftime without scoring a field goal. The Trojans made 22-of-31 free throws and finished the game hitting 31-of-55.

James Patrick scored 18 points to pace Harper Woods. Danzel Broaden added eight as the Pioneers made only 9-of-26 foul shots.

LIGGETT 74, LUTH. WESTLAND 54: Being held scoreless in the second period was too much to overcome Friday night for Lutheran High Westland (3-5, 3-4), which came up short in this MIAC Blue Division tussle with Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (5-2, 5-2).

The Warriors trailed 24-14 after one quarter and fell behind by a 38-14 margin at intermission.

Mark Ghafari paced Liggett with a game-high 27 points, while Dominic Janett was one of three Knights to finish with 10 points.

Marc Rosin tossed in 20 points to lead the Warriors.

HURON VALLEY 47, LUTH. SOUTH 45: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-2, 3-1) nearly led this one slip away Thursday, but held on for a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over visiting Newport Lutheran South (3-3, 1-3).

Tyler Wagaman led the winners, who soared out to a 16-0 first-quarter lead, with 18 points. Bryan Gruenewald chipped in with 14 as the Hawks watched their lead evaporate by halftime.

Phillip Anderson topped the Saints with 15 points, while Tony Southern and Jesse Smrcka added 10 apiece.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

written parental consent. For more information, call David Lengel at (734) 516-4930.

MU softball camps

Madonna University will stage a winter softball camp at the MU Activities Center featuring specialized individual instruction covering all phases of the game for girls ages 7-18.

The Fundamental No. 2 camp will be from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 (cost \$150). For more information, call MU

head coach Al White at (734) 432-5783; or Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail awhite@madonna.edu.

Winter baseball training

The US Baseball Academy will offer sessions for grades 1-12 from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 24 and 31; and Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at Westland John High School, located at 36105 Marquette.

Glenn coach Tom Wakefield will offer hitting, pitching and catching at the camp. Visit www.usbaseballacademy.com.

Free throw contest

The 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls age 9-14 will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Registration starts at 2 p.m. Winners will advance through local, district and state competition. International champions will be announced by the K of C international headquarters based on state level competitions.

All participants are required to furnish proof of age along with

For more information, call MU

BOYS SWIMMING RESULTS

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CANTON 104 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 72

Jan. 14 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Jacob Dillon, Victor Zhang, Mike Carlson), 1:48.53; 2. Canton (Matthew Gran, Ryan Boes, Ryan DeFrain, Steven Watts), 2:00.18; 3. Franklin (James File, Chris Wurster, Scott Ansteth, Tyler Lee), 2:07.47.

50 freestyle: 1. Scott James (LF), 1:59.66; 2. Christopher Krebs (C), 2:00.37; 3. Madison Derian-Toth (C), 2:16.25.

200 individual medley: 1. Brandon Larkins (LF), 2:11.22; 2. Kyle Kemp (C), 2:20.84; 3. Larkins (LF), 2:22.62.

50 freestyle: 1. Lee (LF), 24.50; 2. Dillon (C), 24.71; 3. Carlson (C), 24.84.

1-meter diving: 1. Ryan Kilgore (C), 165.10 points; 2. Alex Sogge (C), 129.80; 3. Wayne Roberts (C), 113.40.

100 butterfly: 1. Zhang (C), 54.61; 2. Ansteth (LF), 56.73; 3. Krebs (C), 1:06.23.

100 freestyle: 1. Lee (LF), 54.81; 2. Carlson (C), 55.10; 3. Kemp (C), 56.31.

500 freestyle: 1. Jin (C), 4:58.76; 2. James (LF), 5:23.38; 3. Justin Larkins (LF), 5:32.58.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Evan Champine, Dillon, Krebs, Carlson), 1:38.39; 2. Franklin (B. Larkins, J. Larkins, James, Lee), 1:40.18; 3. Canton (Adrian Simion, Derian-Toth, Eric Tian, Kemp), 1:45.84.

100 backstroke: 1. Ansteth (LF), 1:03.21; 2. Kyle Bindas (C), 1:18.77; 3. Nathan Benjamin (C), 1:31.09.

100 breaststroke: 1. Zhang (C), 1:03.92; 2. Larkins (LF), 1:07.58; 3. Boes (C), 1:10.90.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (J. Larkins, James, Ansteth, Larkins), 3:46.15.

Dual meet records: Canton 2-0 KLAASouth Division, 2-0 overall; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAASouth.

PLYMOUTH 118 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 68

Jan. 12 at Plymouth

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Tim Castle, Ethan Christenson, Chris Wilson), 1:48.08; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Levi Cavender, Paul Gutu, Dave Wilton), 1:50.36; 3. Plymouth, 1:59.64.

200 freestyle: 1. (tie) Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:58.81 and Ethan Weiner (P), 1:58.81 each; 3. Peter Burns (P), 2:05.81.

200 individual medley: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 2:15.61; 2. Adam Wing (P), 2:16.21; 3. Alex Johnson (P), 2:17.71.

50 freestyle: 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.02; 2. Wilson (P), 23.85; 3. Castle (P), 24.07.

1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (WJG), 185.70 points; 2. Ian Smith (P), 159.40; 3. Connor McManus (P), 147.70.

100 butterfly: 1. Christenson (P), 58.55; 2. Earls (P), 1:02.77; 3. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:06.93.

100 freestyle: 1. Jooney (P), 54.38; 2. Gutu (WJG), 54.42; 3. Adam Liakos (P), 54.58.

500 freestyle: 1. Ferguson (WJG), 5:20.96; 2. Wilson (P), 5:23.61; 3. Burns (P), 5:29.73.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Castle, Liakos, Weiner, Jooney), 1:39.63; 2. Plymouth (Burns, Scott Wang, Matt Eudy, Zack Koch), 1:46.81; 3. John Glenn, 1:47.93.

100 backstroke: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 58.99; 2. Earls (P), 1:02.32; 3. Wing (P), 1:03.64.

100 breaststroke: 1. Castle (P), 1:06.71; 2. Brett Jia (P), 1:13.56; 3. Cavender (WJG), 1:16.13.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Wing, Liakos, Jooney, Wilson), 3:38.1; 2. John Glenn (Gutu, Wilton, Ferguson, Joey Wakeford), 3:39.47; 3. Plymouth, 3:50.79.

Glenn's dual meet record: 2-2 KLAASouth, 0-2 overall.

ROCK KILGORE INVITATIONAL

Jan. 9 at Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 319 points; 2. Northville, 249; 3. Zealand, 208; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 183; 5. Salem, 130; 6. Canton, 94.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay (Heat C): 1. Ann

Arbor Pioneer (Max Benson, Chris Klein, Renato Queilhas, Scott Marlatt), 1:50.50; 4. Stevenson (Shayne Battjes, Brendan Stanisz, Dave Plashnik, Adam Ferrara), 1:55.0; **(Heat B):** 1. Pioneer (Chandler Spaid, Eli Cornblath, Thomas Deegan, Zach Averill), 1:49.42; 2. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Bryan Bieliicki, Andy McLeod), 1:47.87; **(Heat A):** 1. Zealand (Ty Daugherty, Chad Stears, Dylan Zwiers, Jason VanderPlaats), 1:42.71; 2. Stevenson (Kellen Schloff, John Loria, Adam Dabkowski, Aaren Marecki), 1:43.15.

200 freestyle (D): 1. Chris LaFayette (N), 1:55.82; 2. Evan Shatter (LS), 1:56.07; **(C):** 1. Nick LeVeque (AAP), 1:52.16; 4. Adam LaPorte (LS), 2:00.39; **(B):** 1. Kyle Anderson (AAP), 1:49.63; 4. Brandon Bieliicki (LS), 1:57.16; **(A):** 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:47.09; 4. Danny Schoff (LS), 1:53.74.

200 individual medley (D): 1. Chris Klein (AAP), 2:09.48; 3. Brandon Stanisz (LS), 2:15.18; **(C):** 1. Anthony Adamowicz (S), 2:09.28; 3. McNamara (LS), 2:13.27; **(B):** 1. Max Boyea (AAP), 2:05.30; 5. Bryan Bieliicki (LS), 2:11.61; **(A):** 1. Y. Zhang (C), 1:59.54; 2. K. Schoff (LS), 2:02.92; 6. J. Zhang (S), 2:13.15.

500 freestyle (D): 1. A. J. Aquino (N), 23.85; 2. Mohamed Ghotemli (LS), 24.14; **(C):** 1. Michael Ferrara (AAP), 23.44; 3. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 24.17; **(B):** 1. Tyler Hampton (AAP), 23.45; 3. Andy McLean (LS), 23.95; **(A):** 1. Grant Cole (AAP), 22.40; 3. Marecki (LS), 22.62.

1-meter diving (D): 1. Brandon Fields (N), 248.40 points; 3. Eric Rathgeber (LS), 217.45; **(C):** 1. Jonah Heemstra (Z), 304.75; 4. Jesse Damesworth (LS), 217.90; **(B):** 1. Will Price (N), 374.95; 6. Josh Damesworth (LS), 178.40; **(A):** 1. Tyler Keelean (Z), 416.55; 4. Ryan Kilgore (C), 254.60; 5. Jack Beaudoin (LS), 253.20; 6. Nick Griwicki (S), 247.47.

100 butterfly (D): 1. Quellas (AAP), 1:01.42; 4. Brian Lester (LS), 1:09.84; **(C):** 1. Deegan (AAP), 58.38; 5. Ptashnik (LS), 1:06.18; **(B):** 1. Kyle Gunderson (AAP), 55.23; 5. Dabkowski (LS), 59.27; **(A):** 1. Dylan Zwiers (AAP), 55.46; 4. K. Schloff (LS), 56.49.

100 freestyle (D): 1. Averill (AAP), 51.88; 4. Loria (LS), 54.70; **(C):** 1. Alex Miller (N), 51.59; 3. Ghotemli (LS), 51.74; **(B):** 1. Tyler Hampton (AAP), 50.03; 3. Brandon Bieliicki (LS), 52.50; **(A):** 1. VanderPlaats (Z), 49.63; 5. Marecki (LS), 50.32.

500 freestyle (D): 1. Kevin Muscott (AAP), 5:10.44; 3. Jake Hiltz (LS), 5:31.71; **(C):** 1. LaFayette (N), 5:02.69; 3. Nick Belmore (LS), 5:29.54; **(B):** 1. Anderson (AAP), 4:56.46; 5. LaPorte (LS), 5:13.23; **(A):** 1. Seroka (S), 4:50.13; 5. D. Schoff (LS), 5:02.78.

200 freestyle relay (C): 1. Pioneer (Chandler Spaid, Sean Winters, Scott Marlatt, Jasnisk Parmar), 1:37.93; 3. Stevenson (Shatter, Stanisz, Hiltz, D. Schoff), 1:40.43; **(B):** 1. Pioneer (Averill, Kurt Jensen, Kevin Smith, LeVeque), 1:35.22; 3. Stevenson (A. Ferrara, Loria, McNamara, LaPorte), 1:37.87; **(A):** 1. Pioneer (Hampton, Ferrara, Kevin Naud, Cole), 1:31.67; 3. Stevenson (McLean, Brandon Bieliicki, Ghotemli, Dabkowski), 1:33.41.

100 backstroke (D): 1. Ty Daugherty (Z), 59.48; 4. Brian Fredrickson (LS), 1:05.94; **(C):** 1. Zylstra (Z), 58.50; 4. Battjes (LS), 1:04.15; **(B):** 1. Seiji Osawa (AAP), 57.13; 3. Bryan Bieliicki (LS), 58.65; **(A):** 1. Zwiers (Z), 55.54; 4. J. Ferrara (LS), 57.49.

100 breaststroke (D): 1. Brandon Bloomer (Z), 1:09.09; 3. 4. Hiltz (LS), 1:16.06; **(C):** 1. Klein (AAP), no time available; **(B):** 1. Adamowicz (N), 1:06.92; 3. McNamara (LS), 1:08.32; **(A):** 1. Cornblath (AAP), 1:05.43; 4. Loria (LS), 1:06.58.

400 freestyle relay (C): 1. Pioneer (Spaid, Davis Argeringer, Jensen, Averill), 3:32.79; 4. Stevenson (A. Ferrara, Shatter, Fredrickson, J. Ferrara), 3:38.81; **(B):** 1. Pioneer (Osawa, LeVeque, Boyea, Gunderson), 3:23.86; 4. Stevenson (Bryan Bieliicki, LaPorte, D. Schoff, McLean), 3:43.44; **(A):** 1. Pioneer (Hampton, Naud, Anderson, Cole), 3:19.20; 3. Stevenson (Marecki, Ghotemli, Brandon Bieliicki, K. Schoff), 3:22.60; 4. Salem (Santer, Mills, Collingwood, Seroka), 3:25.99; 6. Canton (Champine, Tolinski, Jin, V. Zhang), 3:29.05.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 19
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20
Westside Christian at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 19
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
S.H. Parkway at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Warren Regina, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20
Luth. Westland at Birm. Roeper, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22
Luth. Westland at Oak. Christian, 6 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

TREAP HOKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 19
Ladywood vs. Univ. Liggett at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20
Franklin vs. Salem; Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Churchill vs. Novi at Novi Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22
Churchill vs. Northville at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23
Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Grosse Pte. North at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Grosse Pte. North at G.P. Civic Arena, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Jan. 20
Churchill at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin, John Glenn, Canton at Wayne Memorial, 5:30 p.m.
Stevenson, Northville, South Lyon at Novi H.S., 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21
Franklin at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23
S.H. Stevenson Invitational, 8 a.m.
Southgate Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Wayne Co. Tourney at Romulus, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Jan. 19
Churchill at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 21
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Salem, Pioneer at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Tuesday, Jan. 19
Livonia Red. vs. Birm. Groves at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23
Salem Inv. at Plymouth, 10 a.m.

PREP BOWLING
Tuesday, Jan. 19
Clarenceville vs. John Glenn, Wayne vs. Northville at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 21
Clarenceville vs. Grand Blanc John Glenn vs. Lakeland, at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22
Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Thunderbird Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Oakland County Girls Championship at Fairlane Bowl (Madison Hts.), TBA.

Saturday, Jan. 23
Wayne County Championships at Cherry Hill Lanes, 9:30 a.m.
Oakland County Boys Championship at Fairlane Bowl (Madison Hts.), TBA.

PREP SKIING
Tuesday, Jan. 19
Ladywood vs. W.L. Western at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20
Ladywood vs. Lakeland at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS FIGURE SKATING
Monday, Jan. 18
Ladywood in Team Competition at Farm Hills Ice Arena, 4 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Thursday, Jan. 21
Clarenceville Lutheran Northwest at Lutheran Westland, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23
Grosse Ile Invitational, 10 a.m.
Brighton Invitational, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 20
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21
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FISCHER

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originating from Thailand and serving as that country's national sport, was first on Fischer's platter. He, along with pal Shea Butler, went on to form Mayhem Combat, a mixed martial arts team at the university, which is still active today.

"I've just always loved sports and competing in them," said Fischer, whose athletic history includes four years of varsity competition on the Livonia Stevenson High School wrestling team. "I didn't wrestle at CMU, but I got into watching UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) events on TV. I really loved it and couldn't get enough of it."

It was there Fischer, 24, decided to turn his attention toward what has become the fastest-growing sport in the United States among the 17- to 30-year-old crowd. He did some research into where he would get the highest-quality of training and ultimately have the greatest chance of excelling

on a national level.

Mash Gym quickly came to the forefront with its dependable equipment, knowledgeable staff and opportunity to venture into some of the more intriguing forms of martial arts. One that caught Fischer's eye was Caique — a form of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu that can best be described as submission wrestling.

"I just found Mash Gym to have the very best and I want to be part of the foundation they are building over there," Fischer said. "I'm there five to six days a week, three to four hours a day, trying to get better. I just earned my bluebelt in Caique and just keep working hard to get better."

Career move

Currently Fischer is fighting in amateur events, but is hopeful his continued training with Richard and association with Allee will eventually turn into a professional career.

"I have ideas of turning pro sometime this year," said Fischer, who seems well on his way to achieving that goal after recently being issued the moni-

ker 'The Finisher.' "The MMA is the fastest growing sport, and UFC with it being played on cable, is definitely grasping attention.

"This whole thing has changed my life around. I got in a little trouble when I was younger, probably not any more than other kids, but I never knew what I wanted to do. Getting into martial arts has been a great thing because it keeps me in shape and gives me something to look forward to."

Fischer, who holds a degree in recreation and athletic coaching and is currently employed in the operations department of Lifetime Fitness in Commerce, knows he will enter his upcoming match with a little different perspective.

"This is going to be my first title defense, so now I have the target on my back," he said. "But I know I just have to keep doing what I'm doing, stay humble and enjoy the ride. Too many people start shooting their mouths off when they have a little success and it gets them. I want to continue to help this sport grow."

Spartans win in Traverse

Goalie Sager earns 3rd shutout in 3-0 triumph

Goaltender Danny Sager notched his third shutout in four games Friday as state-ranked Livonia Stevenson blanked host Traverse City Central, 3-0, at Gordie Howe Arena.

Sager made 25 stops as the Spartans improved to 10-1-1 overall.

The loss drops the Trojans to 6-8 overall.

After a scoreless opening period, Stevenson got on the board with a pair of second-period goals and added another in the final period.

Trevor Baruzzini had a goal and assist for the victorious Spartans. Tim Pruchnik and John Strauch (power play) also added goals. Justin Shureb and Cole Rochowiak also contributed assists.

"A very good win in what is so far a very good experience for us," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We got stronger as the game went on. It was a nice win for the program to come up here and beat a very solid Traverse City Central team."

"We were committed to our own end and played a very solid third period. Danny Sager was again outstanding in net."

STEVENSON 7, NORTHVILLE 2: Matt Fox scored a pair of goals, including a short-handed tally, as Livonia Stevenson (9-1-1, 6-0-1) skated to

a KLAAs Central Division victory Wednesday at Edgar Arena over the visiting Mustangs (4-7, 0-2).

It was 1-1 all after one period, but state-ranked Stevenson broke it open with four goals in the middle period.

"The first period we came out a bit slow, made some adjustments and got better as the game went on," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "It was a good win for us heading into Traverse City."

John Strauch chipped in with a goal in three assists for the Spartans, who outshot the Mustangs, 36-21.

Cole Rochowiak and Justin Shureb each added a goal and two assists.

Evan Malick and Trevor Baruzzini also tallied goals, while Jake Poynter contributed a pair of assists.

Danny Sager started in goal for Stevenson and played the first 44 minutes before giving way to Scott Massa.

CHURCHILL 6, ANCHOR BAY 4: Christo Papaioannou's two goal and one assist sparked Livonia Churchill (6-6-1) to a non-league triumph Friday over the Fair Haven Anchor Bay (2-7-2) in a game played at Port Huron's McMorrin Arena.

Drew Carlson added a pair of goals for the Chargers, who led 3-0 after one period.

Mike Woynick and Cam Benson also scored goals, while Ben Proben collected three assists.

Churchill outshot the Tars, 55-19, as Anchor Bay netminder Aaron Gagliardio made 49 saves.

Aaron Crouse was in goal for

Churchill before being relieved by Jesse Chambers in the final period.

DEXTER 7, FRANKLIN 1: John Brosch recorded second-period hat trick to spark a four-goal surge Wednesday as the Dreadnaughts (6-6-1) downed host Livonia Franklin (0-11) in a non-league game at Edgar Arena.

Brosch finished with three goals and one assist, while Matt Stirling contributed a pair of first period goals to go along with three assists on the night.

Joey Bartlett had a goal and assist, while Andrew Erber tallied a power-play goal.

Franklin's Jacob Wirgau scored from Tyler Dewhirst with 47 seconds left in the first period to cut the deficit to 2-1.

Dexter goaltender Alex Everard stopped 25-of-26 shots.

Franklin senior netminder Anthony Crechiolo had 21 saves.

G.P. NORTH 2, LADYWOOD 0: Goaltender Jessica Pavela turned in a sterling performance Wednesday, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Ladywood (4-6, 3-6) fell to host Grosse Pointe North (8-3, 7-2) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game at Community Arena.

Pavela stopped 36-of-38 shots, while Norsemen netminder Ella Huellmantel had to make only seven saves to earn the shutout.

Kailey Sickmiller scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the opening period from Sara Villani and C.J. McCarthy.

Jennifer Cusmano added an insurance goal in the final period with assists going to Taylor and Bryn Moody.

T-Birds run over Blazers, 55-44

It was a frustrating night for the Livonia Ladywood basketball team.

The Blazers fell behind 24-14 at halftime and closed within four minutes in the final three minutes, but fell short in a non-league encounter Friday at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 55-44.

"We came out flat and they (Edsel Ford) hit some shots and played tough defense," said Ladywood coach Pat Cannon, whose team fell to 6-4 overall. "We just couldn't make any 'bunnies.'"

The Thunderbirds' one-two punch of Charisse Carr and Danielle Cowart tallied 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Molly Gacioch and Jenny Kelley tallied 11 and 10, respectively, for the Blazers.

Ladywood was 14-of-19 from the foul line, while Edsel Ford made 10-of-19.

The T-Birds improved to 6-3 with the victory.

GIRLS HOOPS

HARPER WOODS, 42, CLARENCEVILLE 35: Livonia Clarenceville (2-7, 1-1) failed to put together four solid quarters Friday and it proved costly against the host Pioneers (2-1 Metro Conference).

Angela McAlpine and Kristen Jolly each scored 10 points to lead Clarenceville, which trailed 22-15 at halftime.

Jenna Burgess also contributed eight points, grabbed 15 rebounds and collected four steals.

"We had opportunities all game to take the lead, and could not close," Trojans coach Brady Gustafson said. "If we want to compete for a conference title we need to put together four solid quarters."

PLY. CHRISTIAN 42, LUTH. WESTLAND 28: Freshman Karen Dwindle scored 12 points and Brianna Harris added 10 as Plymouth Christian Academy (3-6, 2-3) posted the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win Friday over host Lutheran Westland (3-6, 1-4).

Senior center Emilie Freeman

led the Warriors, who trailed 17-13 a halftime, with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Nicole Zehel, Lauren Switzer and Rachel Storck added four points apiece.

PCA outscored the Warriors 25-15 over the final two periods of play to clinch the victory.

BAPTIST PARK 53, HURON VALLEY 37: Taylor Baptist Park improved to 5-0 in the MIAC Red Division with a convincing win Friday night over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-4, 2-4).

Junior guard Carissa Thompson topped Baptist Park, which jumped out to a 16-7 first quarter lead with 19 points. Senior guard Jamie Jamiec followed with 11 points.

Huron Valley got a team-high 16 points from junior guard Katie Nell and 14 points and nine rebounds from senior forward Claire Wood.

"Baptist Park is a quick team that runs the court real well," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "We let them get to the free-throw line too much tonight. When we slowed things down and controlled tempo, things went well for us."

Rockets sprint past rival Wayne

Westland John Glenn used a balanced attack Friday to earn a 45-38 KLAAs South Division girls basketball triumph over visiting Wayne Memorial.

Danyelle Terry scored nine points, while T.J. Carson-Callaway added seven as the Rockets improved to 3-5 overall and 2-1 in the division.

E'Aijsha Guster and Amber Dunson each chipped in with six as Glenn pulled away with an 18-9 third-quarter run.

Senior Allie Coleman tallied 13 points, while Jane Thayer added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Zebras, who fall to 1-6 and 0-3.

KLAAs GIRLS HOOPS

Wayne was 17-of-27 from the foul line, while Glenn was 5-of-15.

FRANKLIN 34, CHURCHILL 21: Junior guard Chelsea Williams scored 10 points as KLAAs South Division co-leader Livonia Franklin (6-2, 3-0) downed host Livonia Churchill (4-4, 0-3).

Franklin led 18-9 at halftime and stretched its lead to 28-13 after three quarters.

Erin Menard scored seven for the Chargers, who were 3-of-8 from the foul line.

Franklin was 8-of-12 from the stripe.

SALEM 55, STEVENSON 37: In a KLAAs

Central Division game Friday, Sara Stone's game-high 25 points carried the host Rocks (6-3, 3-0) to victory over Livonia Stevenson (3-5, 2-1).

Salem jumped out to a 17-9 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

Brett DeBear added 13 for Salem, which made 9-of-10 free throws.

Stevenson junior center Kristen Balhorn scored a team-high 19 points. Jordan York added eight.

But Stone, who had 16 first-half points, was the story.

"She plays in-and-out," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "She's a good, all-around player. We did a better job on her the second half, but she was still tough."

"I thought our girls played hard. They were just up against a great opponent."

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Answers to common ice festival questions

The answers to some commonly asked questions about the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the oldest and largest continuously running ice carving event in America.

How and why did the event begin?

Scott Lorenz, the son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post-holiday retail slowdown. (Hotel, restaurant, and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after the holiday season.)

The concept was to create an event that was so unique that it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth (750,000 in 1999) in the hope that they would also shop and eat. With an average annual attendance of over 500,000, the event has exceeded expectations of the festival's founders.

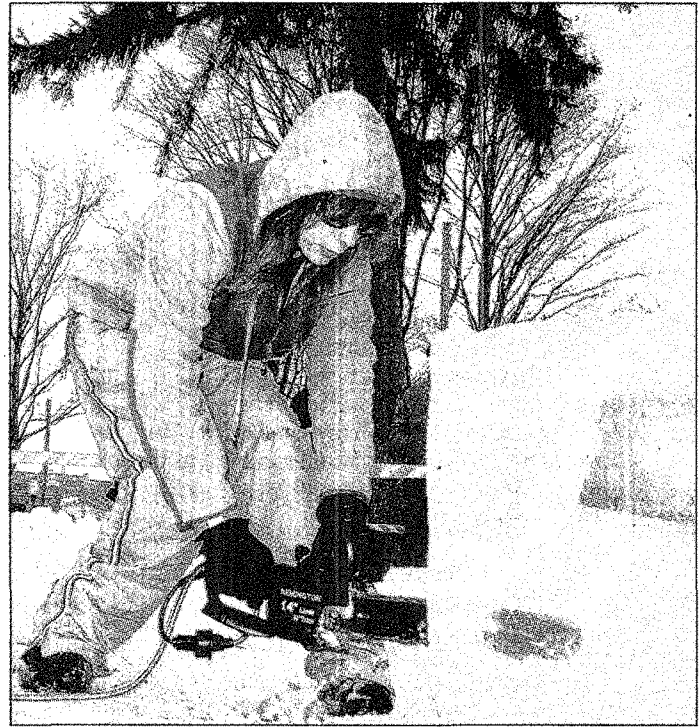
How did the art of ice carving start?

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day, the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise, love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Baikal, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple was married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice, and eventually people from all

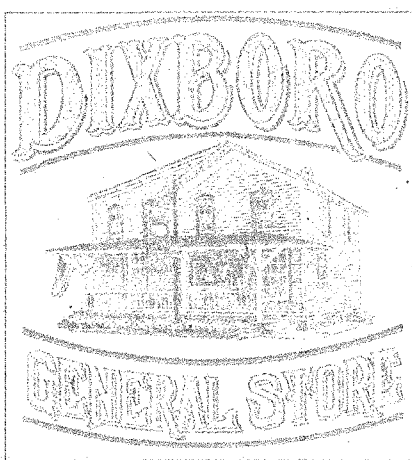


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Oakland Community College student Gerneil Franklin carved a dinosaur in last year's college carving competition.



Oksana Habsburg of the Oakland Tech Center's Culinary Arts Hospitality Program rocked her sculpture for the high school competition last year.



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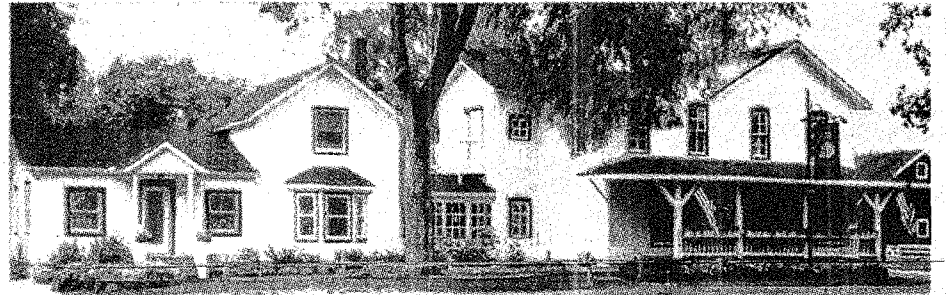
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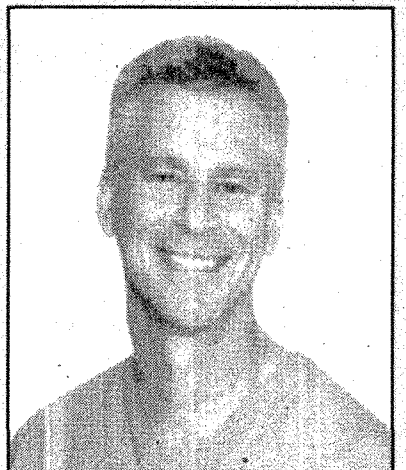
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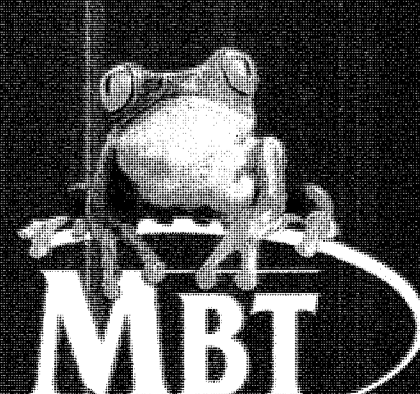
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No, it's not a brain. Valerie McGowan, a member of the Henry Ford Community College Ice Club, was working on a mushroom, part of a larger piece carved by club members at the 2009 ice festival.

Amy Presley made sure her 3-year-old son Christian Presley was bundled up against last year's bitter cold.



ICE FEST

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over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular that it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

How did the art of ice carving spread?

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

Who carves the ice statues at the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular?

Professional ice carvers, chefs, culinary instructors, and culinary art students from the area and across the country, as well as a team from Japan, Canada, Russia, Norway, and Switzerland have carved the displays. The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete in the team and individual carving competitions.

Who presents the event?

The Plymouth Ice Festival is owned and operated by the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Incorporated, a non-profit (501 (c) 3) corporation, administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Who funds the event?

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fund-raisers. All the monies collected go to the presentation of the event.

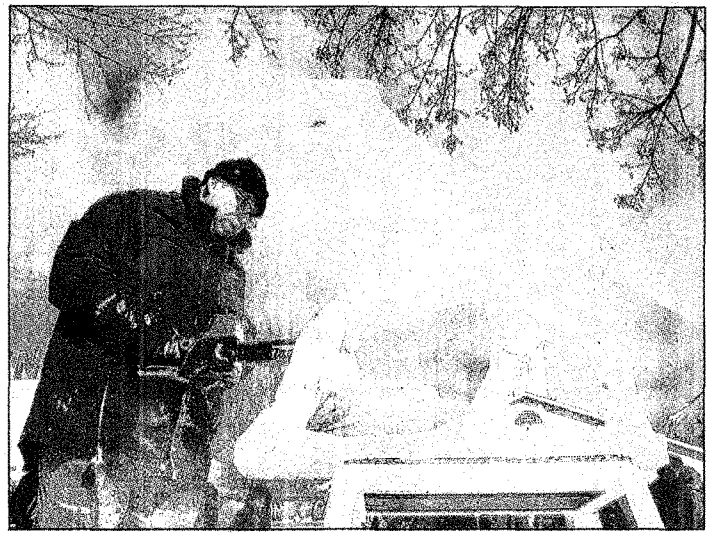
How much does it cost to present the event?

Sam Walton of Signature Professional Group, the first-year organizer of the event, hopes to raise some \$75,000 to fund the 2010 Plymouth Ice Festival.

Who benefits from the event?

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the ice festival. This event has become one of the single busiest retail and restaurant weeks of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to make ends meet in the two to three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community, and most importantly garners over \$1 million annually in local, regional, national, and international publicity for the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township area.

Culinary art students at the metropolitan area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice-carving skills to enhance their education benefit from the event. Money donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and carving tools. Students who compete in the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during, and after each event.



Harry Werwinski of Henry Ford Community College carved a giraffe last year.



Debbie Fronkowiak of Canton and her dog, Floyd, looked at the sculptures at last year's ice festival.



Tonie Day, a student at the Oakland Tech Center, worked on her sculpture with an ice chisel.

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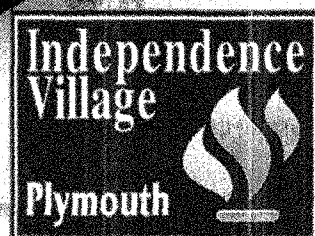
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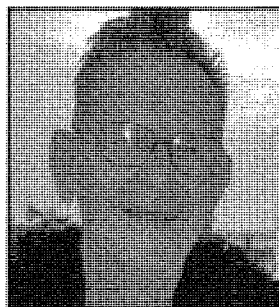
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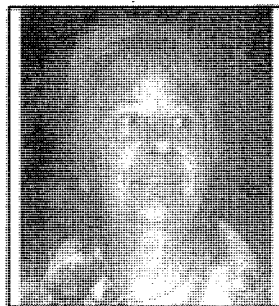
MARJORIE JEAN (NUNN) KLUCK

85 of Redford, died on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Born May 13, 1924 in Detroit, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy (O'Dwyer) Nunn. She graduated from St. Cecilia High School in Detroit with the Class of 1942. She then graduated from Siena Heights College in Adrian with the two-year Secretarial Class of 1944. She and her husband, Donald Kluck, were married June 7, 1947. They have lived on Hazelton since July, 1951. Before becoming a wife and mother, she worked at Pennsylvania Central Airlines (later known as Capital Airlines) at Detroit City Airport and then on Washington Blvd. in downtown Detroit. Marjorie was a USO hostess during World War II where she met her husband. Marjorie was a member of the St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society and the Red Hat Society. She also volunteered each week at the Redford Inter-Faith Relief, the Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Friends of the Rouge. She was also the President of the Siena Heights Alumnae Association. Marjorie was a Cub Scout Den Leader for her sons as well as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for her daughters. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons: David (Tessie) of Whitmore Lake, Daniel (Vicky) of TN and two daughters Suzanne (George) Cromwell of Farmington Hills and Nancy (Joseph) DeMaria of Dearborn; 15 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Marjorie was pre-deceased by her youngest son, Joseph (Debbie) of Howell. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00am Saturday, January 16, in St. Hilary Roman Catholic Church, Redford. Burial will be at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Howell. The family will receive friends from 5-9pm Thursday and 1-9pm Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, in Redford. No flowers, donations to American Cancer Society or your favorite charity. Her family and friends will miss this most remarkable woman dearly.



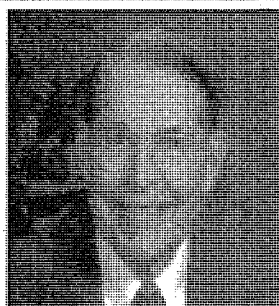
JOSEPH PETERS

Age 83 of Westland, January 9, 2010. Beloved husband of Irene for 56 years. Loving father of Joan (Richard) Strain, John (Lydia) and Lisa (Bruce) Glancy. Dearest grandfather of Ricky (Kristin) Strain, Danny, John Michael, Jessica, Ryan, Andrew, Nathan and Isabelle. Brother of Jean (Bruce) McLean and Joan (Jim) Haller. Mr. Peters was a WWII Naval Veteran. Family entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com



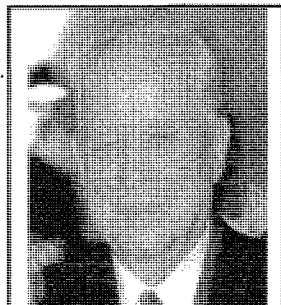
JESSIE J. SHINN

Passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009. She was born January 26, 1931 to John L. Marsh & Peachie P. Hensley in Farmersville, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Shinn, two sisters & two brothers. She is survived by her seven children: Robert Shinn, Floyd Shinn, Edward Shinn, Anna Samuels, James Shinn, Teresa Obst & Wanda Shinn. She is also survived by a brother Richard Marsh & two sisters, Patricia Martin & Vanessa Koehler. She leaves a legacy of 21 grandchildren & 22 great-grandchildren. She was an amazing woman & will be missed by those who knew her & loved her. Jessie will be cremated & funeral services will be held in early spring at Great Lakes National Cemetery.



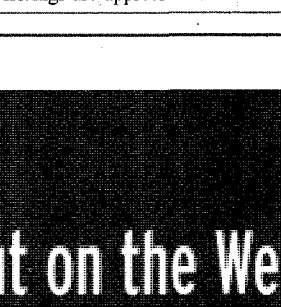
CARLETON WALL

Age 91, of Plymouth, passed away January 14, 2010. Married Margaret Berghorst on October 15, 1940 and together they blessed with four loving children: Krysten Wall, Martha (Richard) Schryer, David (Judith McKay) Wall and Katie (Jim) Fox. Proud grandfather of Lynn (Matty) Sandoval, Dan (Linda) Hasley, Juliette (Michael) Scott, Paul (Julie) Schryer, Laura (Christian) Von Allmen, Stephanie Fox, Amanda (Brady) Gibbons and David Fox. Great grandfather of Sophia, Olivia, Libby, Anna, Grace, Max, Hannah, Luke, Dylan, Caitlyn and Logan. Carleton was engineer and businessman by trade. He moved to Plymouth in 1940 from Detroit. A alumni of Olivet College and long-time member of the Detroit Institute of Arts. He loved the arts, travelling, woodworking, but most of all his greatest love was his family. A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 22, 2010 at 11:00am from the First Presbyterian Church 701 Church St, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Carleton Wall Foundation. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



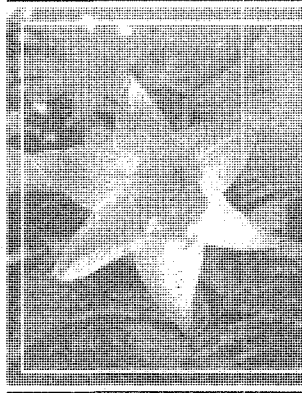
GEORGE J. PATAK

Age 94, of Plymouth, passed away January 12, 2010. Loving husband of the late Rita. Beloved father of Beverly (Thomas) Price, Ann Marie Somppi, Gregory (Maria) Patak and Jackie (Kevin) Hurley. Proud grandfather of Chris Price, Stephanie Price, Jason Somppi, Joshua Somppi, Jake Patak, Jenna Patak, Ryan Hurley and Alexis Hurley. Mr. Patak retired from Whitman & Barnes. He served in the United States Navy and Army during WWII. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church and the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 in Plymouth. An avid golfer, he once shot a hole in one. He also enjoyed ballroom dancing and bowling. Funeral service Monday, January 18, 2010, at 10:30am from St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, with visitation beginning at 10:00am. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Saturday 4-9pm and Sunday 2-9pm. Rosary Sunday 3:00pm. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to the Veteran's Association or Mass Offerings are appreciated.



HAROLD J. McDONALD

Age 83, January 10, 2010. Beloved husband of Virginia. Dear father of Daniel, Michael, Mary McCarron, James, Virginia, Stephen and Joseph. Loving grandfather of Kristin, Jamie and Dusty. In state Thursday 9:30am until a 10am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Memorials suggested to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or ARC of Western Wayne County. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son.

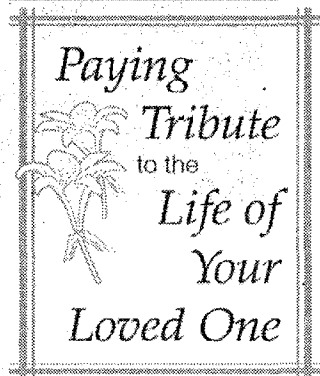


CLARA HERMANN

Died January 10, 2010, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Rochester. She was 86 years old. Clara was born August 11, 1923, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Irene (nee Conant) and David McNair. Clara married Robert Hermann, February 14, 1948. She was a secretary for Swift and Company in Chicago for many years. Clara was a member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham since 1964, where she was involved in several committees, including missions, social committees and work camp projects. She was a volunteer for Readings for the Blind and enjoyed hiking, camping and needlework but especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her. Clara is survived by her children, Carol Hermann, James Hermann, Lynn (Lowell) Rodd and Bonnie (Al) Fisk and grandchildren, Michael Chastine, Joseph Hermann and Ryan and Randy Rodd. Clara is preceded in death by her husband, Robert and siblings, Ruth Schmidtko, Elaine Gunderson, Dave McNair, Jr., Roy Watson and Earl Watson. Services were held yesterday at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. Memorials appreciated to Readings for the Blind, a division of Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, Michigan 48308-5000 or Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076. Condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com



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Dr. Sofia Merajver, (right) director of the Breast and Ovarian Risk Evaluation Program at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, counsels a patient.

Women at high cancer risk need genetic counseling, care

A genetic mutation can significantly increase a woman's risk of developing breast cancer and ovarian cancer. But does that mean everyone should be tested?

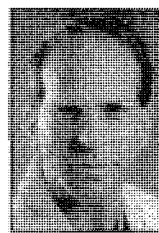
A new direct-to-consumer advertising campaign in select markets nationwide urges women to get tested. But experts from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center warn that the test is not appropriate for all women.

"While the test is a very easy thing to do — it's a simple blood test — the interpretation of the results can sometimes be very complicated," says Mark Pearlman, M.D., vice chair and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

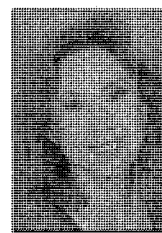
In fact, experts estimate only 2 percent of the population should be tested for mutations, which occur in genes called BRCA1 or BRCA2.

Women who inherit a mutation in these genes face a higher lifetime risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer, and cancer is more likely to develop at an earlier age. Lifetime risk of breast cancer in these women jumps from 12.5 percent in the general population to approximately 60 percent in women with BRCA mutations. Lifetime ovarian cancer risk rises from 1.4 percent up to 40 percent for those with the mutation.

But most breast and ovarian cancers are random, and are not linked to the BRCA genes.



Pearlman



Merajver

Fewer than 10 percent of all women with breast cancer carry one of the BRCA gene mutations and about 15 percent of women with ovarian cancer carry one of the mutations.

"It's very important that the right women seek out genetic testing for breast and ovarian cancer," says Sofia Merajver, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Breast and Ovarian Risk Evaluation Program at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. "Cancer risk is more complex than a simple yes or no, and the test for genetic mutations is only part of the picture."

Women who seek genetic testing should work with a genetic counselor and a physician who is specially trained to help individuals understand what their test results mean for their cancer risk and what they can do to reduce that risk.

"Working with a genetic counselor, somebody who understands genetics, is very important because a positive test has a plan that has to go with it. At the same time, a negative test doesn't always mean that person is no longer at risk. So getting the test results back without any other

knowledge and without any other information is potentially dangerous," Pearlman says.

Pearlman and Merajver work together at the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center to manage women who are seeking or have undergone genetic testing for breast and ovarian cancer, educating women and their families through genetic counseling and providing prevention, risk management and coping strategies for women who test positive.

For women who do test positive for a mutation, Pearlman's clinic helps them decide what to do about it. Options include getting mammograms at a younger age or more frequently, using breast MRI, taking medication to reduce risk, or making lifestyle changes. Women who are finished bearing children typically have their ovaries removed, and women also may choose to have their breasts removed to limit their risk.

Doctors recommend genetic testing for those who have:

- High numbers of family members with cancer diagnoses throughout several generations, either maternal or paternal
- Family member diagnosed with cancer before age 50
- Family members who have been diagnosed with multiple cancers, such as breast and ovarian.
- Male breast cancers, or clusters of other cancers such as colon, prostate, stomach or pancreatic

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School

Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington

High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Oak Park High School

Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City West

Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in

Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Dearborn Heights Haston High

Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Warren Fitzgerald

Class of 1974

35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

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NEIGHBORS

Group shares quilts to heal grieving hearts

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

When her 42-year-old daughter Tracey died during an asthma attack two years ago, Clara Mirti was left with a lifetime of memories and a heart full of grief.

"My life was changed forever," said Mirti, a Westland resident. "Her death was sudden. It is getting easier but the loss will always be there."

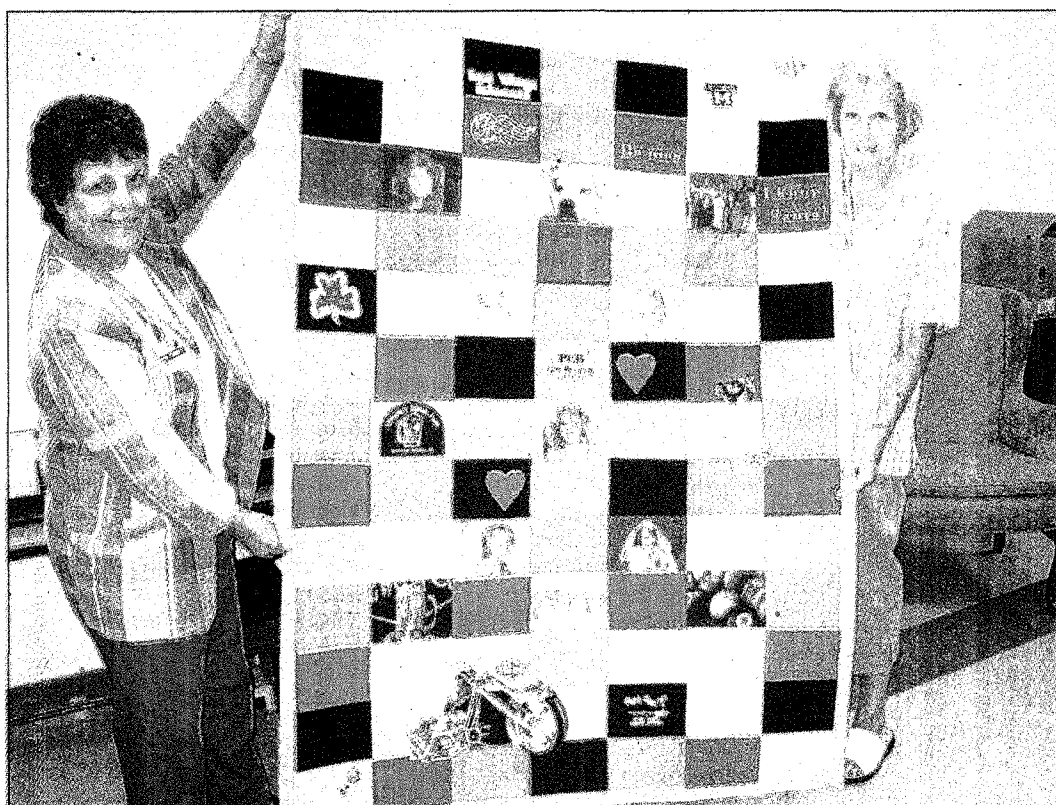
Tracey had never married and she had no children. There was nothing tangible, "no part of her" that Mirti could cherish.

But there were photos and a few T-shirts left six months later when Mirti joined the Grief Support Quilter's Group at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She began coping with her feelings in a creative way by turning her late daughter's clothing into a quilt. She had the photos professionally transferred to the shirt fabric, which she cut into squares and pieced together, sewing them both by hand and machine and creating a tapestry of images, symbols and phrases celebrating Tracey's life.

She was so pleased with the result that she surprised her daughter, Kelly, with a quilt. Then her son, Bob, wanted one. Since joining the Grief Support Quilter's Group Mirti has produced eight quilts for family members.

Now she and other members are reaching out to the community, offering to make personalized memory quilts and teddy bears for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

"They decided it would be a good idea...making quilts for people who can't drive, who can't go to a support group, or making teddy bears for children who have lost a parent or grandparent," said Joan Lee, a bereavement social worker at Angela Hospice who facilitates



Clara Mirti (right) displays the first quilt she created in memory of her daughter Tracey. Also pictured is social worker Joan Lee, facilitator of the Quilter's Grief Support Group.

the quilt group.

Interested individuals can call her at (734) 716-4254 to arrange for a teddy bear or quilt. New fabric, chosen to honor the loved one, can substitute for personal clothing if none is available.

"When we get ready to put the quilt together, we'd love for them to at least participate in that step," Lee said.

SUPPORTIVE, POSITIVE

Those who can attend the twice monthly sessions and craft their own quilts might be surprised by the experience. There's no sewing knowledge required and no pressure to talk

"We'd always encourage them to come to the group," Lee said. "They don't have to talk about their loss, but when they are ready and want to talk, everyone will stop and give them support. It's a wonderful

group. They've bonded with each other and formed friendships. They laugh and tell stories. It's a positive group."

That's exactly what Pat Richardson was looking for when she joined four months ago. Her father had died at home from lung cancer on Thanksgiving Day 2008.

"What drew me was 'grief support group.' That hit the nail on the head for me," said the Plymouth woman. "Something else I liked about the group is that it's not like a support group where you all sit around and talk constantly. The focus is on the quilt and that's what I like about it."

Richardson will supplement the two shirts she retrieved from her parents' home with new material. She had hoped to include fabric from her father's dress pants in the quilt, but her mother had

already eliminated most of his clothing.

She plans to take a cue from Mirti's quilt and incorporate photos into the project.

Mirti, meanwhile, is in charge of the teddy bear outreach.

"It's an easy pattern, cuddly and cute," Mirti noted.

Lee said memory quilts also can be a cuddly comfort to those who make or receive them.

"It's a wonderful thing to wrap yourself up in a loved ones clothing. When you lose someone close to you and you wear their sweater or jacket, it feels special. In this way it becomes a warm quilt," she said.

The Grief Support Quilter's Group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Be on stage

Inspire Theatre will hold auditions for *Once Upon a Trunk*, a musical comedy revue with a lighthearted look at the music and comedy bits that have shaped the culture.

The show needs men and women of all ages who can sing, dance, or tell a good joke. Actors should come prepared to do cold readings and at least a few bars from a show tune. Non-singing parts also are available.

The show will be taped for broadcast on access television.

Auditions are 6:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 18-19. Arrive a few minutes early and plan to stay until 9:30 p.m. Direct questions to director Len Fisher at inspire@inspire-theatre.com or call (734) 751-7057.

Tasty and wild

Jim and Theresa Magyari, who studied under Botanist Ellen Weatherbee at University of Michigan adult education classes, will share what they've learned at a program and luncheon, 11:45 a.m., Friday, Jan. 22, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.

Their goal is to help people learn how to feed themselves with edible plants that grow in urban areas. Tickets are \$16 per person and preregistration is required. To register call (734) 462-4443.

"Edible Wild Plants" is the first in the Transition Center's Winter 2010 Luncheon Series. Other programs are:

• Feb. 19 — Dr. Ken Stevens, a professor at Eastern Michigan University, will present "Down in the D" a "walking" history tour as seen through pictures of downtown

Detroit, featuring some of the city's most famous, and some not so famous, landmarks.

• April 9 — Kim Glmarro, a local historian will present "The Children in our Midst," featuring photography and a historical presentation from the Michigan Hospital School that provided schooling, camping, swimming, music and much more to children convalescing from childhood diseases in the early part of the 20th century.

For more information visit www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/transitions/2009_Fall_Luncheon_Series.pdf.

Emotions workshop

Kirk of Our Savior in Westland is offering a series of workshops for individuals with family members in prison. The first session is 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1 at the church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland and will focus on "Anger and Bitterness. Other topics are "Beyond Shame and Embarrassment" on Feb. 15 and "Forgiving and Moving Forward," on Feb. 22.

RSVP to Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail her at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com.

The group also runs an on-going support meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of the month, at the church. Visit the group's Web site at www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Language presentation

Michigan Japanese Bilingual Education Foundation will sponsor a talk on two-way immersion Japanese-English education, 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 24 in the auditorium at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia. For more information call Theodore Delphia at (734) 266-0611.

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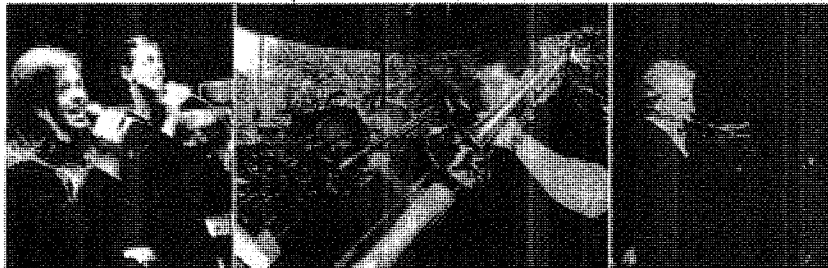
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Butterfly program

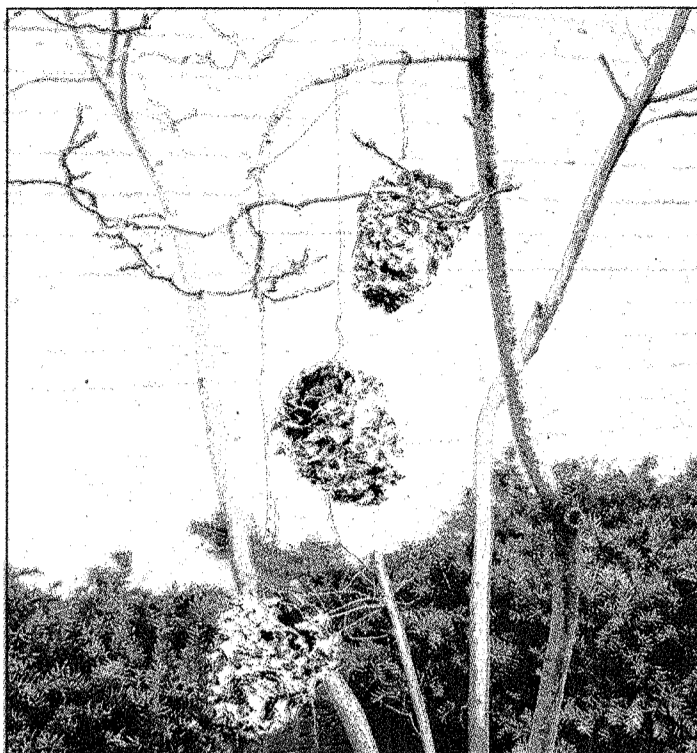
The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present a program titled "What Butterfly Is That?" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Cost is \$3 for non-members. Parking is available on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578; www.semba-butterfly.com

At English Gardens

Learn how to create outdoor living areas at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at all English Gardens stores.

Two in-store sessions will focus on birds on Saturday, Jan. 30. Adults can learn how to attract birds to the backyard at 1 p.m. Youngsters can make bird feeders from pine cones at a workshop at 2:30 p.m. The youth session costs



Make a pine cone bird feeder at English Gardens.

\$5; the adult program is free. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-

4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Hear Brahms, Ravel at 'Sunday Serenade'

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will present the second in a series of Sunday concerts at 2 p.m., Jan. 24, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Brahms Sunday Serenade will include a diverse selection of chamber ensemble pieces that, though small in instrumental size, are mighty in artistic impact. The Johannes Brahms Serenade No. 1 is the centerpiece of the program.

Featuring a chamber orchestra of nine musicians, Brahms' first venture into symphonic writing is a virtuoso showcase for all of the performers.

Two works by French composers, *Mouvements Perpetuel* by Francis Poulenc and the ethereal *Introduction and Allegro* for solo harp and ensemble by Maurice Ravel will contrast the German Romantic sound of the Brahms. The orchestra's harpist Maurice Draughn will step out as the soloist. The program also will



include *Lullaby and Doina* written by Osvaldo Golijov. Having grown up in Argentina in an Eastern European Jewish household, Golijov creates a tapestry of sounds blending elements of Jewish liturgical, klezmer, gypsy and Argentine "new tango" music into his works. Following the concert a

High Tea will be served in the Reception Hall. The tea will feature a full compliment of meats and other delights and is \$20. Reservations for the tea can be made by calling the Symphony Office at (734) 451-2112.

Concert tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students.

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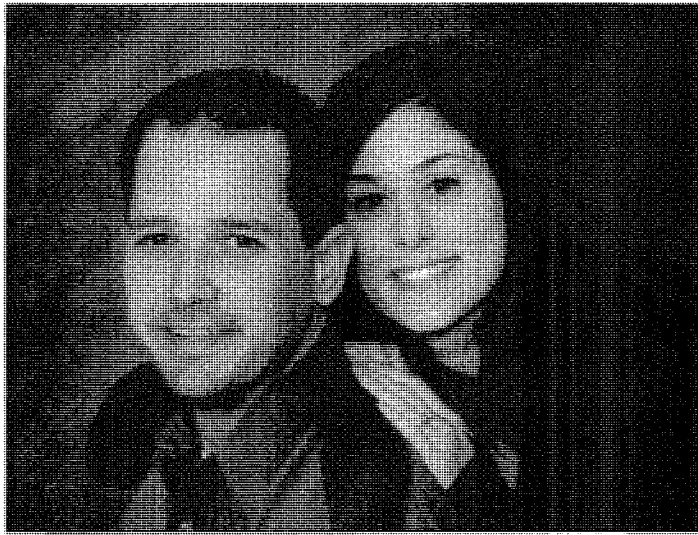
Dail-Krieger

Christine Dail of Canton and David Krieger of Westland announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Doug and Connie Dail of Ann Arbor, is a 1987 Cedarville University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. She is the owner and director of Sylvan Learning Centers of South Canton and Brownstown.

Her fiancé, son of Diana and Larry Knak of Thompsonston, Pa., is a 1991 graduate of State University New York at Buffalo. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and is employed as controller for Formsprag LLC, in Warren.

A wedding is planned for March at Calvary Baptist Church, in Canton Township.



Kaczor-Obudzinski

Lawrence and Marianne Kaczor of New Hudson and Kenneth and Diane Obudzinski of Plymouth are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Anne Mary Kaczor and Christopher Edward Obudzinski.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Schoolcraft Baking and Pastry Program. She works as a cake decorator at Costco.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and Central Michigan University, where he acquired a master's degree in human resources. He has been employed at Ford Motor Company for 10 years and is currently works in human resources.

The couple enjoys playing volleyball and bowling together. They plan a May wedding at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon and will make their home in Canton.

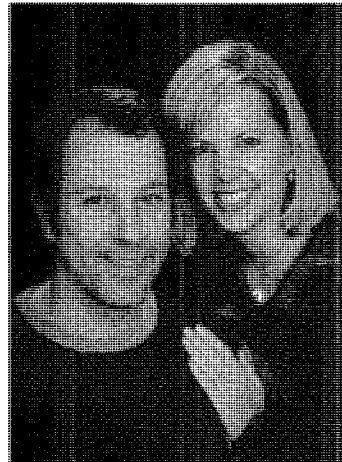
Bibik-Williams

Maxine Bibik of Livonia and Jack and Mary Sue Williams of Northville announce the engagement of their children Elizabeth Bibik and Daniel Williams.

The bride-to-be, a Berkley resident, is a human resources professional. She is a graduate of Adrian College and holds a bachelor's degree in vocal music and theatre. She's also the former director of human resources for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Her fiancé, a Canton resident, works in the information technology industry. He earned a bachelor's degree in jazz studies for piano from Wayne State University and holds a master's degree in media writing and production from the University of Miami, Florida.

The couple plans to wed in September 2010 in Livonia.



Rosowski-Karsten

Kate Karsten and Gary Rosowski were married Nov. 7, 2009 at Mill Race Historic Village, in Northville. A reception followed at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center.

The bride, daughter of Ned and Laurie Karsten of Zeeland, is a graduate of Zeeland High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed at Digitas.

The groom, son of Don and Mary Jane Rosowski of Westland, is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Team Detroit.

The bride's attendants were Andrea Brink, Amanda Huizenga, Kristie Welte and Emily Rosowski.

The groom's attendants were Jim D'Antonio, Larry Pociask, Mark Rosowski, Brad Kaminski and Chris Sanchez.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Jamaica. They reside in Northville.

Wilson-Mondoux

Jennifer Michelle Wilson and David Patrick Mondoux were married Nov. 28, 2009 at Emerson UnitarianUniversalist Church in Troy.

The bride, daughter of Suzanne and George Wilson of Romeo, is a Michigan State University graduate and works for a background check firm in Sterling Heights.

The groom, son of Linda and William Mondoux of Farmington, also graduated from Michigan State University and is employed as a U.S. border patrol agent.

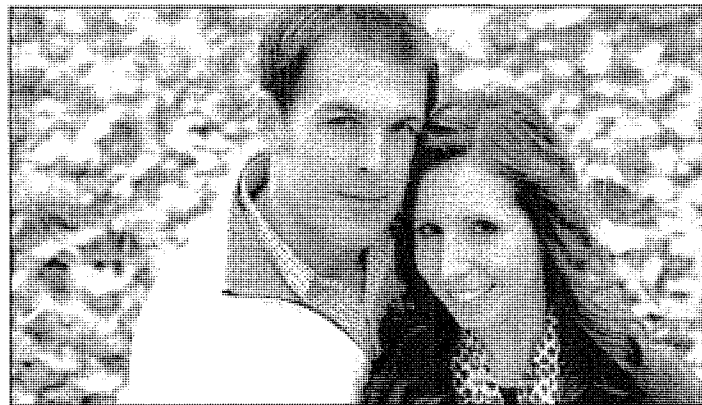
The Rev. Jonathan Rohrer officiated at the ceremony.

The bride's attendants were Katie O'Connor, Laura Strong, and Amanda Bachelder. Laura Malburg was the Maid of Honor.

The groom's attendants were George M. Wilson, Ray George, and Jason May. Jonathan Doot was the Best Man.

A reception was held at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. The couple also took a honeymoon trip to Marco Island, Fla.

They reside in Gibraltar.



Dickerman-Brzezinski

Nancy and Tim Roddy of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaitlyn Dickerman, to Dr. Bradley Brzezinski, son of Thomas and Deborah Brzezinski of Brooklyn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy and Eastern Michigan University and is currently teaching fourth grade at St. John's Elementary School in Jackson.

Her fiancé graduated from Columbia Central High School, Michigan State University and Palmer College of Chiropractic and is currently in practice in Brooklyn.

The couple plans a late summer wedding.

Boglarsky

Albert and Cecile (Naval) Boglarsky will mark their 50-year wedding anniversary on Feb. 13.

The Westland couple was married in 1960 at Our Lady of Help of Christians Catholic Church in Detroit.

Their children are Mary Oesterwind of Canton, Cheryl Boglarsky of Brighton, Chris Ferguson of Livonia, and Terry Millis of Livonia. They also have five grandchildren.

Both Albert and Cecile have been retired for 10 years from employment with the State of Michigan.

They are active at St. Bernardine's Catholic Church, the K of C and the Moose Lodge.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with family this summer.



Prover

Mini Mary (Winkler) Prover of Livonia will mark her 90th birthday Feb. 15. She was born in 1920 in Detroit.

She grew up in Detroit and married Richard Prover in 1942. They raised three children in Dearborn Heights and moved to Livonia after their children graduated from high school. Her husband — and best friend — died in 2004. Their children are Larry (Marlene) Prover, Linda (John) Cowell and Laura (Bill) Cascaden.

She also has seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Family members say her secret to a long life is a positive attitude. Prover will celebrate her birthday with family and friends on Valentine's Day.



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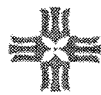
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ART

Costick Center

Time/Date: Through Feb. 26**Location:** 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills**Details:** "Metallics: Photography by Janna Bissett"**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth**Details:** Ronnie Wood is the artist of the month**Contact:** (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House

Time/Dates: "Made of Wood: Multiple Perspectives" through Jan. 30**Location:** 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville**Contact:** (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

plan B gallery

Time/Date: Through Jan. 30**Location:** 167 Union, Plymouth**Details:** "Undomesticated" show includes contemporary sculpture, painting, drawing, installations**Contact:** (734) 834-3827

AUDITIONS

Farmington Players

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. sign-in for ages 8-17 and 2:30 p.m. sign-in for ages 18 and over, Sunday, Jan. 24;

call backs at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25

Location: The Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 West Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills**Details:** "Gypsy" is about a relentless stage mother, Rose, who travels the country with her two daughters, June and Louise, and their manager, Herbie. While June and Louise wish their mother would settle down and marry Herbie, Rose continues to pursue dreams of stardom for her girls. The auditions for those between 8 and 17 will include singing, reading and dancing. All materials for these auditions will be available on the Gypsy home page at www.farmingtonplayers.org. Those who are 18 and over should be prepared to perform a 60- to 90-second monologue for the reading audition.**Contact:** E-mail Jason Wilhoite at counterpoint78@gmail.com or call him at (734) 765-4535.

Oakland Community College

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Jan. 26 and 5-7 p.m., Jan. 27**Location:** Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.**'Sisters'** by Janna Bissett. Her photography is featured at Costick Center in Farmington Hills.**Details:** "Black Comedy" revolves around the efforts of a young man to impress his fiancée's father while desperately and hilariously dealing with the ensuing confusion among his invited and uninvited guests. Needs five men and three women, ages 17 to 60. Auditioners should arrive 15 minutes early and be prepared to read a character and scene of their choice from excerpts posted at www.oaklandcc.edu/theatre.**Contact:** E-mail preferred date and hour for audition to dohill@oaklandcc.edu or leave a message at (248) 522-3636.

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall

Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit**Details:** Show Up, and Go Up, opencall, free w **Contact:** (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays,

Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local

Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays,

Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Livonia

Details: Bill Dwyer, Jan. 20-23; Tom

Cotter, Jan. 27-30

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Clinton Jackson, Jan. 21-23;

Andy Pitz, Jan. 28-30

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road

in Canton

Details: Three members of the

Stand-Up Dads will perform. The

group features Dan St. Paul, who

has appeared on VH1 & Comedy

Central; Tim Bedore, a frequent

guest on NPR's "Marketplace" and

A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour;"

Milt Able, who has more than 15

years standup comedy experi-

ence; and Kelly McDonald, who has

appeared numerous times on NBC's

"The Tonight Show." Billed as a

"clean comedy show," the Stand-

Up Dads may deliver some adult-

themed humor and subject matter.

Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$22

for seniors and youth

Contact: (734) 394-5460; cantonvillagetheater.org

This chair by artist Kevin Ewing is on display through Jan. 30 in the 'Undomesticated' show at plan B gallery in downtown Plymouth.

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: NewFound Road, Jan. 17;

Jorma Kaukonen & David Bromberg,

Jan. 18; Tim Eriksen & Bill Bynum &

Co., Jan. 21; The Macpodz, Jan. 22;

Yiddishe Cup, Jan. 23; Katie Herzig,

Jan. 24; Take a Chance Tuesday

featuring Chris Proctor, Jan. 28; 23rd

Ann Arbor Folk Festival featuring

Iron and Wine, Jay Farrar & Benjamin

Gibbard, Jan. 29; folk festival featur-

ing Rosanne Cash, Richie Havens and

Doc Watson

Location: 316 South Main, Ann

Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live con-

certs, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts

Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open

mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth**Details:** Baseline Folk Society

open mic is for acoustic, folk and

traditional musicians. Admission

is \$5. Baseline Folk Society open

mic runs every third Saturday of

the month through May **Contact:**Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: Joey McIntyre, Jan. 19;

The Backbeats, Jan. 22; the

Mega 80's, Jan. 23 and 29, Feb. 6;

Robert Gordon & The Gang They

Couldn't Hang, Jan. 24; Lloyd Cole,

Jan. 28; Fifth Way, Jan. 30; Cowboy

Mouth & Junior Brown, Feb. 5

Location: 22920 Woodward,

Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Music Hall Jazz Cafe

Time/Date: Tim Reeves, 7 p.m. and

open jam session, 9 p.m. Jan. 19;

Discovery Series, 7 p.m. and open

jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 20; Ben's

Friends, 7 p.m., Jan. 21; Stage to

Stage, Jan. 22; Ain't Misbehavin',

7 p.m., 7 p.m., Jan. 26; Discovery

Series, 7 p.m. and open jam session,

9 p.m.; Jan. 27

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit**Details:** No cover most shows; \$5

Ben's Friends

Contact: (313) 887-8500

Plymouth Coffee Bean Co.

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 23**Location:** 884 Penniman, Plymouth**Details:** Bobby Pennock and Barry

Holdship

Contact: (734) 454-0178

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 30**Location:** On the campus of Detroit

Country Date School, 22305 W. 13

Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: Berlin Philharmonic Wind

Quartet presented by Chamber

Music Society of Detroit; tickets

range from \$43-\$75

Contact: (248) 855-6070

Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30**Location:** 38840 West Six Mile,

Livonia

Details: Luke Winslow-King per-

forms original songs in the ragtime

blues and jazz traditions with

national slide guitar and voice with

Joshua Davis; tickets \$15, \$12 for

subscribers

Coming up: Peter Mulvey with Drew

Nelson, 8 p.m., Feb. 6, tickets \$15,

\$12 for subscribers; Jo Serrapere,

8 p.m., Feb. 12, tickets \$15, \$12 for

subscribers; Erik Brandt and the

Urban Hillbilly Quartet, 8 p.m., Feb.

13, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers;

Cats and the Fiddler, 8 p.m., Feb. 19,

tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Mike

Mangione and His Band, 8 p.m., Feb.

26; tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road

in Canton

Details: Five Vegas quality vocal-

ists will croon the classic standards

of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat

King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy

Davis Jr. and Peggy Lee at "Salute

to the Great American Songbook."

Tickets are \$20

Contact: (734) 394-5460; cantonvillagetheater.org

DANCE

Music Hall for the Performing Arts

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 23**Location:** 350 Madison, Detroit**Details:** Russian National Ballet

Theatre of Moscow performs an

assortment of pieces; tickets are

\$50, \$40, and \$30

Contact: (313) 887-8500; www.musichall.org

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave.,

Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays**Details:** Target Family Sundays, sto-

rytelling, performances, free with

admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

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JAN. 17-20

St. John Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17
Location: Gill Road between Grand River Avenue and Freedom Road, in Farmington
Details: Pianist Wesley Fishwick, cellist David Levine and The Adventure Club Cello Quartet play music by Scandinavian composers; The program includes works by Grieg, Sibelius, Gade and Carlberg. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served during intermission, including Swedish meatballs, Danish pastries, and glogg.
Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. Theodore Catholic Church
Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday, Jan. 17
Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, beverages. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421

St. Thomas a' Becket Parish
Time/Date: Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

JAN. 21-27

Congregation B'nai Moshe
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Havdalah service, 7 p.m., Jan. 23, silent auction, kosher wine and cheese tasting and gold party where guests sell unwanted gold jewelry; \$10 at the door
Location: 6800 Drake between Maple and 14 Mile in West Bloomfield
Contact: (248) 408-7275

St. John Neumann Parish
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Rick Cucchi, Director of Liturgical Music, will give an organ concert on the parish's Wigton Pipe Organ. The concert will feature works by Leon Boellmann, Marcel

Dupre, John Bull, Alec Rowley and Richard Purvis. Several of Cucchi's organ students also will perform. One student will accompany the silent film, "One Week with Buster Keaton."
Contact: (734) 455-5910

JAN. 28-FEB. 3

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The deacons at the church offer a wellness seminar in response to the poor economy that is creating anxiety, depression, stress and desperation in many people. Paul Melrose, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, will discuss how to work through this difficult time and relieve stress. The focus will be on ways to understand emotional and physical responses and to explore coping skills, including faith.
Contact: (248) 474-6170

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 29
Location: 40000 Six Mile, at Haggerty, Northville
Details: John Tesh will perform at a celebration of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan's 75th anniversary. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$75 for the VIP reception, starting at 6 p.m., that includes food and drink, valet parking, preferred concert seating and a silent auction.
Contact: Order tickets online at www.lssm.org or by phone at (313) 823-7983, or mail orders with checks, payable to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, to 8131 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attention Development

ONGOING

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday
Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5
Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Details: Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.
Contact: (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 486-4615

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820.

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home
Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday
Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Bible study

Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

United Methodist Church of Wayne
Time/Date: noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 3 Townsquare, Wayne
Details: Celebrate Recovery Bible Study is a Christ-centered and Bible-based 12 Step Recovery Program
Contact: (734) 721-4801

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Films
Kenwood Church of Christ
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie
Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free
Contact: (248) 476-8222

Moms
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive

mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer
Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Prayer, spiritual healing and outreach
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-4896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows
Contact: 734 261-1455

Singles
First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m.

opening, 8-9 p.m. program
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Support
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling
Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

Abandoned vehicle auction: 01/23/2010 10am
 Sparks Auto and Towing, 31797 Block Street Garden City MI

1.	1993	Chevrolet	2G1WL54T5P1151796
2.	2000	Dodge	2B3HD46R4YH131302
3.	1993	Pontiac	1G2JB14T2P7583606
4.	1992	Chevrolet	2G1WL54T8N1148937
5.	1997	Ford	1FALP52UXVG128854
6.	2000	Dodge	2B3HD46R9YH139203
7.	1999	Dodge	2B4GP2438XR279513
8.	1996	Ford	1FMDU24X8TUB01918
9.	1993	Dodge	1B4GH44R4PX606584
10.	1992	Honda	1HGEG8648NL020028
11.	1989	Cadillac	1G6CD5150K4211383
12.	1999	Mercury	1MEFM505XXG638169

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1164	Djuana Pearson	boxes, bags, totes
1252	Gregory Marvin	dresser, chair, box
1325	Stanley Wilson	boxes, luggage
1360	Luana Dixon	boxes, totes, tv
1446	Alfred Boston	boxes, bags, totes
1478	Mary Green	boxes, bags, dresser
2304	Jorell McNair	boxes, bags, totes
2388	Sheila Alcini	boxes, sofa, dresser

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL RECORD OF ATTENDANCE 1/1/2009 - 12/31/2009

Pursuant to City of Westland Council Resolution No. 8-85-441, the following record of attendance of Council members at regular and special meetings is published for the year 2009

Councilperson	No. of Meetings	Meetings Attended	Percentage
James R. Godbout	24	21	88%
Cheryl Graunstadt	24	23	96%
Bill Johnson	24	22	92%
Michael Kehrer	24	24	100%
Charles W. Pickering	24	24	100%
Dewey Reeves	24	24	100%
Robert Stottlemeyer	24	23	96%

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104	Tom Finnley	1991 Ford Tempo VIN 2FAPP36U7NB104843
215	John Charles	
	Allen Hutchinson	boxes, bags, totes
313	Christina Koliba	bags, totes, dresser
408	Jill Redfield	boxes, dresser, tool box
603	Michael Wisniewski	boxes, bags, totes
717	Joshua Rushlow	boxes, bike, dresser
931	Victoria Concord	boxes, bags, totes
943	Larry Cooper	boxes, bags, dresser
1030	Yasmen M Harris	boxes, bags, totes

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSIONS RECORD OF ATTENDANCE 1/1/2009 - 12/31/2009

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Councilperson	No. of Meetings	Meetings Attended	Percentage
James R. Godbout	20	19	95%
Cheryl Graunstadt	20	19	95%
Bill Johnson	20	18	90%
Michael Kehrer	20	19	95%
Charles W. Pickering	20	18	90%
Dewey Reeves	20	20	100%
Robert Stottlemeyer	20	15	75%

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2005	Holly Cacilhas	boxes, bags, tv
2009	Danny Tittle Jr	boxes, dresser, tv
2051	Talis Dugas	boxes, totes, sofa
3003	Sandy Long	boxes, bags, tv
3035	Joann Rodriguez	boxes, sofa, dresser
3042	Erma Austin	boxes, dresser, chair
3050	John F Zacchi	boxes, bags, sofa
3064	Andrew Jones	boxes, bags, washer
4016	Betty Blanchard	boxes, bags, totes
4050	David Alan Cole	boxes, tv, chair
5006	Ben Tolliver	boxes, bags, totes
5080	David Elliott	boxes, bags, totes
6022	Theresa Vargo	dresser, tv, refrigerator
6028	Ebony Boatman	tv, bike, grill
6040	Lisa Arnold	boxes, totes, dresser
6049	Nicholas Jones	boxes, tables
6099	Tammy Goupill	boxes, bags, chair
7010	Janet Ball	dresser, table, chairs
7032	Matthew Oates	boxes, totes, tv
7130	Tisha Goriee	boxes, totes, tv
9003	Don Zarbaugh	boxes, table, luggage
9036	Julie Villagomez	bags, totes
9078	Terrance Vassarwest	stove, exercise equipment
9090	Felicia Bachman	boxes, bags, totes

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 12851 Inkster, Livonia, MI, **January 30th @ 10:00 A.M.**

#161: Kevin Bartel
 #235: Richard Demrose
 #236: William Gansen
 #250: Barbara Traviss
 #256: Clifford Eason
 #287: Zelda Thompson
 #356: Carolyn White
 #377: Francesco Iaquinta
 #423: Cheryl Henry
 #431: Salvatore Desanto
 #472: Michael Fluker
 #1005: Barbara Tobachak
 #1117: Nathan Fleszar
 #1188: Tanya Louise Perkins
 #1202: Wilma Weems
 #1206: Reginald Hamer
 #1208: Mark Woodruff
 #2102: Sharon Demorse
 #2115: Stephanie Shaft
 #3111: Thelma Bryant
 #3174: Michael Smith
 #3175: Shaylen Hutchins
 #4176: Tonya Carree

Units contain: misc household items.

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B045	Pamela Copeland	boxes, chair, dresser
B065	Patrick Spangler	totes, washer, dryer
B086	Donyald Borck	boxes, sofa, mattress
B104	Rhonda Houston	bags, totes, washer
B128	Dwain Puryear	boxes, bags, totes
B131	Dina Sanders	boxes, bags, totes
B152	Trina Moore	bags, totes, tools
B185	Tabita Latham	boxes, dresser, totes
B250	Miguel Gates	totes, grill, tools
B369	LaMarr Holley	bags
C013	Ted Konesky	boxes, bags, dresser
D038	Melissa Flynn	boxes, totes, lawn mower
D047	Eric Fields	chair, desk, lamp
E008	Jason Hall	boxes, bags, totes
E016	Minnie Monson	boxes, bags, dresser
E022	Matthew E Eskola	chairs, sofa, table
F006	Jennifer Collier	bags, totes, tv
F014	Sturge Moreland	boxes, bags, bike
F042	Anisia Peoples	boxes, bags, totes
F047	Monica Garcia	boxes, bags, sofa

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Get bone, cardiovascular tests at Livonia church

Life Line Screening will offer several health tests beginning at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 5 Mile, in Livonia.

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart

disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

Screenings are fast, non-invasive, and painless.

Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Cancer survivors needed for wellness class, study

Researchers at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak are seeking 24 women to participate in a study of an eight-week wellness program called Silver Linings.

Silver Linings, offered by Beaumont since 2005, is designed for women who have survived any kind of cancer and includes meditation, yoga, breast awareness/self-exam, mindful listening and expressive writing. The program aims to help cancer survivors explore and heal the physical, emotional and spiritual effects of the disease.

"Facing life after cancer



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is challenging," said Ruth Lerman, M.D., medical director, Silver Linings and co-investigator of the study. "Our

unique, eight-week program teaches tools of mindfulness and empowerment. Thanks to a research grant through the Beaumont Hospitals-Oakland University collaboration, we'll measure the effect 'Silver Linings' has on the quality of life of female cancer survivors."

Lerman is a specialist in diseases of the breast and is on staff at the Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Beaumont. She is actively involved in planning and implementing a variety of programs for patients with breast disease and those with a high risk for cancer. Her special interests include mind-body medicine and the spiritual aspects of healing.

Silver Linings program is free to participants, regardless of where they received treatment for cancer. An information and registration session will be held Jan. 12 and

19 at the Beaumont Cancer Institute, on the hospital campus at 13 Mile just west of Woodward Ave. Participants must attend one of the sessions, be at least 18 years old and have completed their cancer treatments.

The program meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m., for eight consecutive weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Women interested in participating in the study should contact Pam Jablonski at (248) 551-4645 or e-mail to pjablonski@beaumont.edu to find out if they are eligible. www.beaumont-hospitals.com/silverlinings.

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HANDS WON'T HOLD

If a person finds that he or she is dropping objects or experiences difficulty opening a car door or twisting a lid off a jar, then that person could reasonably conclude that arthritis is setting in.

The arthritis that most often causes such problems is osteoarthritis. Because much of handling and grasping requires a wrist movement, the joints involved are in the wrist not the hand. In turn, the part of the wrist joint that is most often impaired is the wrist at the base of the thumb. Over a lifetime, the thumb and the joints that move it receive the most wear. The result is that these parts of the wrist are prone to wearing out, causing pain and a risk of dropping objects.

The next most common reason for difficulty grasping and holding comes from the palm of the hand.

For unclear reasons, some people develop a thickening of the palm that causes the tendons coursing through the palm to the fingers to lose their mobility to extend and flex. As a result, the fingers cannot curl around an object or handle in the manner required to hold or twist an object.

Arthritis of the hand is not the reason why objects slip from one's fingers. In such a case, the problem is with the nerve endings in the fingers. The brain is not receiving information from the nerve endings sufficient to tell the hand muscles to squeeze down.

Each of the above causes for impaired hands has its own treatment; thus, proper diagnosis is important.

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Web site offers tips to parents on flu, colds

A Birmingham-based doctor has teamed with a physician from Pennsylvania to create a Web site that advises parents about flu prevention.

The site, www.flusavvymoms.com, created by Dr. Jennifer Turnbull-Bonde, BS, D.C., ND of Birmingham and Dr. Kellyann Petrucci, BS, MS, D.C., ND, CNC of Bucks County, Pa., provides readers with information including flu prevention

tips, tips for helping your body get over the flu, and a quick reference guide to the different symptoms of colds, "regular" flu, and this year's H1N1 virus.

The site also offers homeopathic remedies, vitamins and other natural products that the two doctors recommend for helping parents of young children ward off or recover quickly from colds and flu.

As working mothers them-

selves, both doctors say they are well aware of the challenges facing working parents during flu season. And, as holistic practitioners with many years' experience, they say they understand the importance of prevention as well as treatment.

"Preventing colds and flu is the key," said Turnbull-Bonde. "It takes much less time and stress to prevent the flu beforehand than to arrange for time

off from work or school if our children become ill. With our Web site, we've provided parents quick tools and information to help them do their most important job — protecting their family's health."

For more information on Flu-Savvy Moms, visit: www.flusavvymoms.com. For more information about the site's founders, call Best of Organic, LLC at (866) 430-3071.

ALS Association celebrates research, supporters

The ALS Association will present a Research Update and Celebration of Excellence Reception Feb. 2 to educate individuals about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) research in Michigan and across the nation, and to recognize individuals who have supported the chapter in a special way.

ALS commonly is known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The program will start with light refreshments from 6-6:30 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen. A research update and awards presentation to top ALS Michigan Chapter volunteers will follow. Bill Emerson, CEO of

Quicken Loans, will receive the top award for his role as Corporate Chair — 2009 Detroit Walk to Defeat ALS.

Keynote speakers include Eva Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute at U of M, Kirsten Gruis, M.D., director of the ALS Clinic — University of

Michigan Health System and Daniel S. Newman, M.D., director of Hoenselaar ALS Clinic, at Henry Ford Hospital.

The event is free and open to the public, although an RSVP is requested. For more information or to RSVP, call Suzi Terebello at (248) 680-6540 or e-mail to susan@alsa-michigan.org.

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