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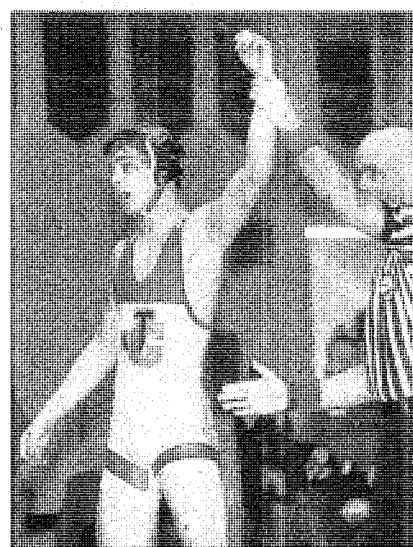
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AROUND TOWN

Anderson in town

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold district coffee hours Monday, Feb. 8, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

There will be a coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford roads. A coffee hour will follow 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, phone, or e-mail:

•Mail: P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933

•Phone: (866) 262-7306

•E-mail: SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov

Frog & Toad Survey

The location of Friends of the Rouge's Feb. 27 Frog & Toad Survey Training Workshop has been changed from Northville Township Hall to Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty. It will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27. Visit www.therouge.org to register or call (313) 792-9621.

Every year in February and March, the group trains volunteers to distinguish what type of frog or toad is making the various peeps, quacks and twangs heard in local wetlands.

Volunteers then survey nearby wetlands to determine what species breed there and submit results to Friends of the Rouge.

The survey has been conducted since 1998 and provides information on the health of Rouge wetlands. The presence of several species of frogs and toads is a good indication of healthy wetlands. Wetlands are critical in restoring the water quality of the Rouge River because they absorb rain water, filter pollutants, reduce flooding as well as provide habitat for many species.

As many as 600 people participate in the survey each year and include families (children welcome when accompanied by a participating adult), seniors, students, Scouts, etc. Learning to identify the calls and hearing them in their survey block is what participants find fun and satisfying.

Survey areas are limited to wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed, which encompasses 466 square miles in the Detroit area. Participants must be willing to survey after dark several evenings a month March through July.

Other workshops will be:

•7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway.

•10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.

•10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 21, Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph.

Park plan approval in the mail

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three years after Central City Park was closed for environmental concerns, Westland and Wayne County officials are eagerly awaiting an approval letter that will clear the way for the first phase cleanup.

"It's really incredible news. We've received word from the MDNRE (Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment) that the phase one remediation plan for Central City Park has been approved," said Mayor William Wild at Monday's council meeting. "We haven't got the letter in the mail yet.

Everyone here has been working on this for a long time."

Once the state approval is received, a Request of Proposals can be released and bids obtained for the first phase remediation, which would address environmental problems on the 12 acres at the east end of the park, and installing new soccer fields, pavilions and concession stands. The plan calls for installation of a geo-textile membrane, 12 inches of fresh soil and other landscaping to prevent park users from coming into contact with contaminated soil. Other areas would be covered by asphalt or concrete.

"The letter is ready to go — it is an

approval letter with a couple of conditions," MDNRE project manager Beth Vens said. "Our division chief is to sign it. She was having her staff review it but it's ready to go."

On Wednesday morning, the MDNRE reported that the signed approval had been mailed.

Wild had most of the 100-acre park, owned by Wayne County and operated by the city, fenced off and closed after he took office in January 2007. Outside the 12 acres, the remainder of the park would remain fenced off until additional phases of remediation are completed. The county's plan also calls for several measures to address findings of

methane gas from the former landfill.

Plans call for the estimated \$1.2 million in remediation work to be funded through a combination of brownfield redevelopment money, which will require EPA approval of the project, and \$200,000 from the Wayne County Parks millage for the required 20 percent match.

"We're very encouraged after all these years working with the MDNRE," said Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive. "Our objective is to get working when the frost is out of the ground."

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Friendship's in the cards at senior center

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Harry Fill, 76, of Westland jokes, "I got my master's in pinochle from Michigan State."

There may not be any such degree program at the East Lansing university, but Fill was playing with great skill. He was with Robin Wright, 58, of Wayne and Robert Roza, 72 and counting. That's because I had two heart bypasses," the Dearborn resident added.

The city of Westland's Friendship Center, on Newburgh south of Ford Road, offers pinochle, bridge and euchre throughout the week. Fill, Wright and Roza were playing pinochle, but put the cards down to talk.

"Just coming here and playing with other human beings," said Fill, retired from Plumbers Local 98. "We hear some other interesting stories," added Wright, a retired photographer.

"The women tell the dirty jokes," said Roza, an electrician retired from Ford Motor and UAW Local 600. He's a Wayne State University graduate.

The three play several times a week at the Friendship Center, where pinochle and other card lessons are also offered for newcomers. "It's complicated," Wright said of pinochle. "There's a lot to know about it."

"It's all in the bid," Roza added.

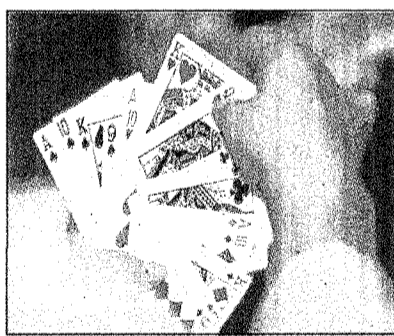
Fill said pinochle is easier than bridge. "A lot easier than bridge. Euchre and pinochle's about the same" in difficulty.

They play seven games in about two hours, rotating tables. "Some of us play six days a week," Fill said.

Down the hall Monday at the



Nancy Lovell enjoys a card game at the Friendship Center in Westland. Bridge, euchre and pinochle are offered.



Playing a hand takes skill and some secrecy.



Robin Wright laughs at one of the many jokes told by Robert Roza during Monday's pinochle game. "It's complicated," she said of the card game. "There's a lot to know about it."

Friendship Center was a euchre group including Bill DeCesare, 76, of Westland. "We keep switching every game," he said of players. DeCesare, senior vice commander of the Westland American Legion Post 251, has been playing about five years.

"But some of them have been

playing a lot longer," he said. "It's just the friendship of the people here. It's just the people here, to be around them."

He's also retired: "You haven't got enough paper to list them all," he said of his jobs including working

in the beer industry and as an air traffic controller.

Euchre's not hard to learn, said DeCesare, who hasn't played bridge.

The Friendship Center can be reached at (734) 722-7628.

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AFSCME notified of 10 city layoffs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland's largest employee union has been notified that 10 workers will be laid off this month as part of reductions aimed at eliminating a projected \$3.5 million budget.

Although the city's contract with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602 expired over a year ago, Mayor William Wild said notifications of the layoffs were made following the contract provisions.

"We've made ourselves available about when we can sit down with the local president to determine exactly who will be laid off," Wild said. "This is not going to be an easy time for anyone. This is not a fun time to be mayor or on council or probably to be a city employee."

The layoff notification came as a surprise to employees, AFSCME local president Larry Roman said.

"We were not expecting it. During bargaining, the possibility of layoffs came up but there was no time frame," Roman said. "The time frame they gave us (now) was by Feb. 19. The city putting me on notice, more than likely it's definite we'll have layoffs."

The AFSCME local represents public services workers, clerical staff, and parks and recreation employees. Without knowing where city plans to cut positions, Roman said it isn't known who would be laid off and whether they would bump into another position based on seniority.

"A 10-day notice is required contractually. We'll identify the affected positions, then the bumping procedure," Roman said. "Not knowing which positions the city

wants to cut, I can't say it would be the bottom 10 people on the (seniority) list. We have inside positions (clerical) and outside (maintenance)."

The layoffs will save the city about \$258,000, Wild said, noting the projected \$3.5 million budget deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The 2011-12 fiscal year is projected to have a \$12.5 million deficit, Wild said, adding he was meeting with police and fire unions, which are under contract, seeking concessions.

"Plante Moran (the city auditors) said we need to cut 25 percent of our workforce through a combination of concessions, buyout packages and layoffs," said Wild, who under the city charter is to have a proposed balanced budget to council by April 1. "We

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will continue to make cuts in the upcoming budget. We're moving forward seeking more concessions. The employees who leave early will reduce the number of layoffs that will be needed."

Additionally, Wild later said that he had met with department heads to freeze non-essential spending, a move that saved the city \$500,000 last year, and eliminating non-emergency overtime. Some police and firefighter overtime may be required due to contracting

manning requirements, he said. The city also expects to save about \$15,000 from closing the Westland Municipal Golf Course until early April. The course was open over the winter to allow patrons to use simulators, which Wild said might be moved to the Bailey Recreation Center.

Department heads earlier had a pay freeze and a reduction in car allowances.

During bargaining sessions, Roman said cost saving measures had been suggested by the union, which had two members laid off in July and about five other positions left unfilled.

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Revelers share in luau fun, support Rotary work

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From the neon palm tree in the corner to the shells on the table, the Hawaiian Luau theme was evident Saturday.

The occasion was Westland Rotary's annual fund-raiser, held Saturday night at Joy Manor in Westland. The evening included live and silent auctions to raise money for Rotary's charitable work.

"Really great," said Antoinette Martin, Rotary president, as she visited tables. "People were very generous." She singled out club members Gary Bulson and wife Brenda, Mary Vellardita and Dick Isham "for pulling it all together at the end. Everybody did their part. In the end, it's about those last people who pull it all together."

Rotarians and other area business people had been generous this year, including with donations ranging from gourmet dinners cooked at home to oil changes and area rugs.

Amanda Apfelblat of Michigan Chiropractic Specialists, with husband Adam, was the evening's major supporter, drawing thanks from Martin, who also praised other supporters.

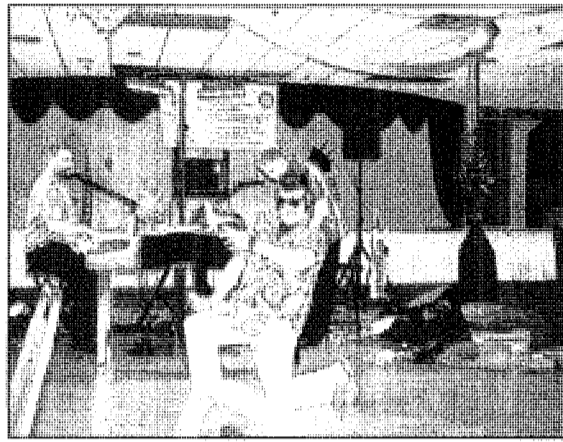
"It's done to raise funds for worthy causes in Westland and internationally," she said, surveying the room of more than 100 revelers.

Westland Rotary supports



PHOTOS BY DAN MARTIN

Jim Vermeulen and Betsy Deak of Vermeulen Funeral Home react to her pulling the winning Island Raffle ticket for \$500. Vermeulen had the No. 2 ticket. The Vermeulen group donated the winnings back for Rotary scholarship use.



The dueling piano format was popular again this year.

the after-school and summer day camp programs of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. The club provides annu-

al scholarships for graduating seniors who are college-bound from Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high

schools, as well as the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

International work of Rotary includes literacy and clean water projects, along with the high-profile fight against polio, which remains in parts of Africa and Asia.

Major auction items included golf for three at Oakland Hills Country Club. Use of a Comerica Park suite for a Detroit Tigers game had revelers thinking of warmer weather, with bids inching up just over \$1,200 by dollar increments at the end. As auctioneer, Gary Bulson kept things moving right along.

Entertainment was the Cool2Duel dueling pianos music also used last year, with the crowd having lots of requests.

The Vermeulen Funeral Home attendees who won the Island Raffle of \$500 returned the money for Rotary charitable work. City Councilman Jim Godbout, who won the 50-50, also returned winnings.

"I think everybody had a good time," Vellardita said. "A lot of people who won things donated them back. We enjoy when we can all come together for the benefit of the community."

May 20 will be Rotary's annual golf outing at Fellows Creek Golf Course, the club's other major fund-raiser. For details, call Vellardita at (734) 729-5401.

CORRECTION



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Investors need a level head, emotions in check

January started on a good note and then fizzled. Many investors are asking what caused the market to take a U-turn. It is very difficult to really know what moves the market over short periods of time. Many people think that when the market goes down there must be a specific reason. That is not necessarily the case. Markets and stocks move based upon many factors and some of them make no sense. Over the last couple of weeks there have been a number of factors cited for the market downturn including the booming federal deficit, the problems with debt held by governments throughout the world and a variety of other geopolitical factors. The bottom line, it's hard to say what has caused the recent downturn. However, the issue for investors is how they should react.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

There is a general belief in the investment world that as goes January, so goes the rest of the year. If January is down the whole year will be down. Although, you can look through history and find that's generally true, that doesn't mean history will repeat.

decided to bail out. We all know what happened. By the year's end all three of the markets had double digit increases and 2009 was one of the best years for the stock market. When it comes to the market, I warn investors not to make generalizations. This is a new economy and one thing is for sure — things change at a very rapid pace. Think about how fast things change in our world. A year ago, President Barack Obama had over 60 percent approval ratings. Today, he's below 50 percent. Two weeks ago the Democrats had a filibuster-proof Senate and now, because of the election in Massachusetts, that has changed. Investors must accept that change is a constant and be cautious not to let these changes affect investment strategies. Fear and greed are the two emotions that plague investors and lead to bad decisions. In times of rapid change, emotions are on a roller coaster ride. A perfect example is what happened last month. In the beginning of January, after the market came off a very good 2009, many investors were feeling good and decided to jump back in the market. Then, mid-January comes and

the market begins to sell off. Investors are now questioning whether they made the right decision. In a short two-week period we've seen emotions go from confidence in the market to fear. If investors changed their portfolio every time their emotions change, ultimately they will find they are buying high and selling low. It is best to keep emotions in check and guard against making irrational decisions when it comes to investments. One way of is to not look at the market on a day-to-day basis. After all, the market is irrational over the short run but is much more certain over the long run. As we go through some gyrations in the market, investors must be cautious not to let fear dictate investment decision. No one said being an investor is easy. However, you can make it easier on yourself by making sure when it comes to managing money your emotions stay on the sideline. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Rotary Club holding benefit luncheon

The Rotary Club of Westland will hold a luncheon to benefit the Westland Historical Society. It will be 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the William D. Ford

Career Technical Center, on Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland. Speakers include Jo Johnson and Georgia Becker of the Westland Historical Society.

Cost is \$15 per person with donations to benefit the historical society. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 4 to Sandy Kollinger, (734) 722-3660, Ext. 101.

Dine out, support Special Olympics

Stop by for a bite at Applebee's Monday and help local residents participate in the Special Olympics.

The Westland restaurant, 36475 Warren, at Central City Parkway, will donate 20 percent of the bill to the Wayne-Westland Special Olympics on Monday. Just present the event flier to the server to get the donation.

The poor economy has taken a toll on the local Special Olympics fund raising, said Normie Brazier, whose

son had been a participant.

"Wayne-Westland Special Olympics is broke and we won't be able to send athletes to the regional and state tournaments. Some of those involve overnight stays," Brazier said. "People don't understand that Special Olympics has to allow participation but not assess parents."

In the past, Special Olympics had been successful with fund raising at events such as the Westland Festival, Brazier said.

The Special Olympics has events in Mount Pleasant, Canton, Warren and Holly over the course of the year.

"It really hits hard with the athletes. They are so happy to participate and receive a ribbon," said Brazier.

Fliers for the fund-raiser are available at the Bailey Recreation Center and Westland City Hall, along with being distributed at Applebee's on Monday.

—By LeAnne Rogers

Pet groomer marks milestone with open house

Amazing Pet Grooming is celebrating its five-year anniversary with an open house from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7.

Owner Lisa Jacques is inviting present and prospective customers to her salon located at 31014 Ford, between Middlebelt

and Merriman.

There will be refreshments, \$5 nail trims and free bandanas.

"In these tough economic times, we just wanted to say Thank You," Jacques said. Jacques said that she is

pleased to have her business in this community. "I have always liked Garden City and the people here in the city."

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A Wendy's employee at 123 N. Inkster who was mopping the floor about 9:14 p.m. Jan. 29 thought a thief was kidnapping when he jumped over the counter of the restaurant and demanded money.

"I ain't playin'," said the thief who reportedly drew a black, semi-automatic gun from his coat.

The man reportedly stole currency from the register and ran out of the store.

A Garden City police officer along with K9 Deuce set up a track which ended in the 170 block of Arcola.

The suspect is described as a black man, in his mid-30s, almost 6-foot and about 190 pounds. The hood of his coat was pulled over his head, with a scarf wrapped around his face. He was dressed in black with a thigh length coat. He carried a red plastic bag similar to the kind used to wrap up newspapers during wet weather.

A customer called the police

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

to report that he thought that the restaurant was being robbed.

Inkster police were first on the scene followed by Garden City and Westland police.

The five employees who were in the store weren't harmed.

Only two of the five employees were willing to sign witness statements. One woman said that she was in the bathroom at the time of the robbery.

Armed robber

While a clerk at the Metro PCS store located at 211 Middlebelt said that he was talking to his wife on the phone, he said that a man came in and robbed him.

The clerk said that two men entered the store about 3 p.m. Jan. 24.

One forced him at gunpoint to a back room while the other

remained in the front of the store and stole cash by throwing the register on the floor, he said.

The man later said that the man with the gun told him to lie on the floor while the other man filled a large bag with more than 40 phones.

The thief fled the store first. Minutes later, the gunman fled and ran northbound behind the store's north wall.

A witness reportedly said that he saw the suspects on Kathryn Street.

The suspected gunman is described as a black man, in his 20s of slim build, who wore a blue and green ski mask and a hooded sweat shirt inside his coat.

The second suspect was a black man in his 20s, 6-foot, with a stocky build and wearing a black puffy coat and blue jeans.

Larceny

A videotape at the Ford/Inkster Sunoco gas station

at 27410 Ford reportedly captured the theft of an air compressor which was tied to a pole about 2 a.m. Jan. 26. It showed a Ford 150 truck with the air compressor in the flat bed of the truck.

Theft

A Detroit couple came to the police station at 6000 Middlebelt to report that someone used their debit card to make purchases in Garden City on Jan. 23-25.

They were notified about the ATM transactions by National City Bank but the bank didn't disclose the locations of the ATMs. About \$500 was withdrawn on Ford Road and about \$500 was withdrawn on Warren Road.

Property destruction

A Garden City resident said that he damaged his 2010 Ford Escape in the 32300 block of Windsor about 9:15 p.m. Jan. 31 when he swerved to avoid a Ford Taurus that

was speeding down the center of the road.

The driver told police that he struck a rock after the Taurus turned a corner quickly from Hubbard.

Retail fraud

Police arrested a 43-year-old Inkster man about 5:30 p.m. Jan. 30 who reportedly concealed two music CDs in his clothing. He joined other family members who were checking out at the Kmart store. They paid for their items but he didn't pay for his CDs, police said.

Property destruction

A Garden City woman said that someone shot out a window on her car with a BB gun that was parked about 3:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in the 31300 Block of Barton.

Fraud

The owner of JSA Coney Island located in the shopping plaza on Middlebelt, north of

Ford Road, said that he had problems beginning last year with a Bay City contractor who he later found had no license.

He said he gave the man \$20,000 to purchase equipment for the store that he was renovating and didn't get reimbursed for faulty equipment. He reportedly had problems with equipment which either didn't fit, didn't work or wouldn't meet the necessary city codes.

He wants to prosecute.

Retail fraud

Loss prevention officers at Kmart became suspicious when a man wearing a backpack entered the store located on Ford Road and Middlebelt.

They arrested the 20-year-old Beverly Hills man who reportedly stole an iPod and two packages of powdered Hawaiian Punch.

— Reports compiled by staff writer Sue Buck.

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Larceny

On Jan. 31, a Dearborn Heights woman told police that someone had stolen her purse while she played bingo at Harris-Kehrer VFW, 1055 S. Wayne Road. The purse, valued at \$100 and containing \$20 in cash, had been left on a chair.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Westland woman told police that someone had smashed a window on her vehicle and stolen a factory installed GPS system while she was parked at Town and Country Lanes, 1110 S. Wayne Road, Jan. 27.

The GPS unit was valued at \$1,000.

Stolen vehicle

A 2002 Dodge Durango valued at \$7,000 was reported stolen from the parking lot of an apartment building at 37098 S. Orchard Circle Jan. 26. He said he had locked the paid for vehicle and had both sets of keys.

Vandalism

A Garden City woman told police Jan. 28 that someone had smashed the passenger window on her vehicle while she was parked at Sav-On Checker Drugs, 190 S. Wayne Road. The damage was set at

\$500. The store manager told the officer there had been an ongoing problem with tires being slashed and windows broken on vehicles owned by employees at the drugstore, nearby Family Dollar and Speedway.

Larceny

A resident in the 2300 block of Second told police Jan. 31 that someone had stolen a mini bike which was stored behind his shed and covered with a tarp. The mini bike was taken between Jan. 18-25, he said. The homemade mini bike had no serial numbers and was valued at \$500.

Larceny

The manager of the Venoy Pines Apartments, 7127 W. Bonnie, told police Jan. 28 that someone had arrived at the building and began removing screens from windows. A second person was going through the Dumpster when maintenance personnel asked the first man what he was doing. The man didn't respond and the pair drove away.

The men were apparently collecting scrap metal, the manager told police, and did not appear to be attempting to break into the apartments. The five missing screens were

valued at \$150.

Retail fraud

A Howell man was arrested for shoplifting a telephone at Meijer, 37201 Warren, Jan. 31. An employee told police he watched the man pick up the telephone while shopping with a woman. When the woman made purchases, he said the man left without paying for the telephone which was valued at \$30.

On Jan. 27, an employee at J.C. Penney, 35000 Warren, told police that a man entered the store, grabbed an unknown amount of clothing and walked out without

paying.

Vandalism

Police were dispatched to Belle Tire, 1528 S. Wayne Road, Jan. 31 after an anonymous caller reported a man had used a BB gun to shoot out a window at the business. The officer reported finding two small holes in the shattered entry door. The building was secure and no one was there.

The suspect, reported to be driving a full-size red Chevy pickup truck, was wearing a baseball cap.

— Reports compiled by staff writer LeAnne Rogers

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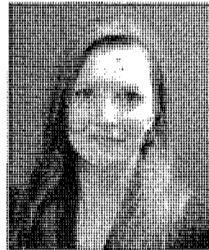
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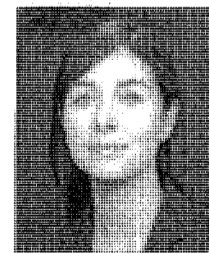
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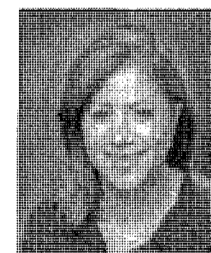
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In good shape: Curves campaign boosts fitness for women

Curves of Westland is joining other Curves facilities worldwide in a company-wide campaign, Stronger+Together. The international movement is designed to make one million women healthier in 2010.

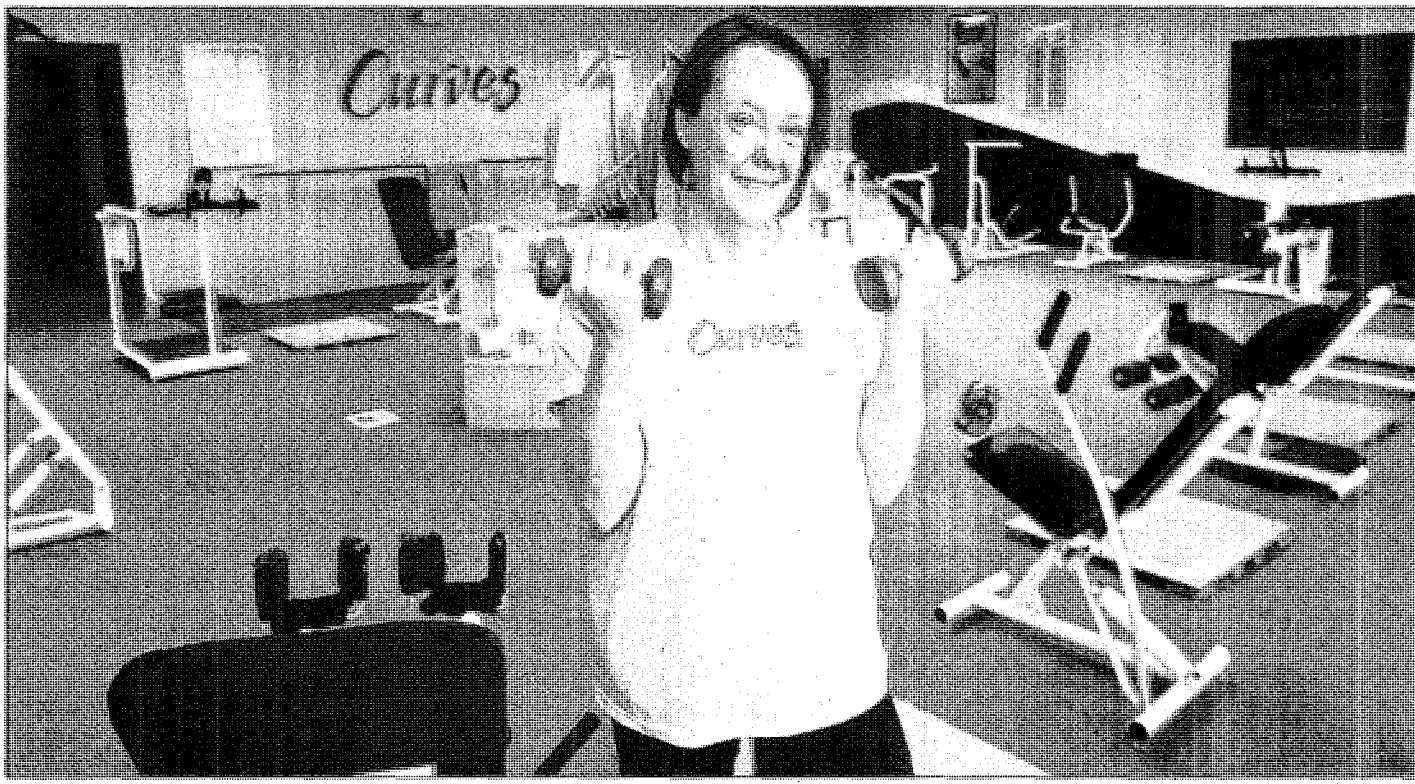
The program will rely heavily on women sharing their success stories and providing confidence and inspiration to others.

"It's a really good program," said Jeanette Humphrey, owner of the Westland Curves and the Livonia Curves.

The Westland Curves is at 8323 N. Wayne Road, between Joy and Central City Parkway. The Livonia Curves is at Five Mile and Farmington roads. For information, contact Humphrey at (734) 458-5004 or 9BJ8E4ML@curvesmail.com.

The heart of the program lives online at www.Curves.com/StrongerTogether, where women can find useful information about the campaign, register to join the cause, share personal success stories about their healthier lifestyles, and find useful tools, such as easy-to-send e-mails designed for women to send messages of inspiration to loved ones. There's also the option to create a personal profile to promote your story on the Web site.

According to Curves founder Diane Heavin, a strong com-



Staffer Sandy Belisle gets some exercise at the Westland Curves.

ponent of the new campaign is that if one woman is able to share her strength in wanting to improve her health, she can help another woman gain confidence, become fit, discover focus and avoid disease.

"By making your own health a priority, you become a strong link in the chain and have the

power to affect those around you," Heavin said.

"We decided to take on this new, ground-breaking challenge because there are so many women out there suffering from preventable diseases," she said. "If we can get just a million women focused on getting healthier and stronger,

those diseases can be avoided."

She added, "It's important that women make their health a priority, and we are here to help every step of the way. We want to challenge women to take charge of their lives: live better, longer, healthier and with more confidence."

With the campaign comes a

"join now and get 30 days free" promotion to get women on the bandwagon of getting healthy. According to Humphrey, the mission starts with helping women take concrete steps to help achieve health and wellness goals.

"Our existing members in the Westland community

have demonstrated that they are committed to improving their health by joining our programs; we want to use that confidence as an example for other women to also make that commitment," Humphrey said. "It just takes that first step to get the cycle going, and that could be joining a regular exercise program like Curves, being informed of health topics, or listening to success stories to inspire you to stay focused."

Studies have shown that regular exercise has long-lasting benefits to health. In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health.

Exercise helps reduce risks of a myriad of diseases, including cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome and some cancers. Regular exercise also improves your mental health and mood, your ability to do daily activities and increases your chances of living longer.

Curves' 30-minute circuit training helps women work every major muscle group, strengthen their hearts and burn up to 500 calories with each workout.

For information online, visit www.curves.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Allstate customer service kudos

As a business leader and involved citizen in the Garden City area - Allstate exclusive agency owner Bill Jones of the Jones Insurance Agency has been designated a Premier Service Agency for 2009.

This designation is being presented to Jones for exceeding customer expectations in their agency. Less than 21 percent of Allstate's nearly 15,000 agency owners countrywide are honored with this designation. The Premier Service Agency designation is awarded to Allstate agency owners who have consistently met designated levels in customer service and business performance. Jones' recognition as a Premier Service Agent proves their agency's ability to deliver accessible, knowledgeable and personal customer service allowing them to achieve outstanding business results.

The Jones Insurance Agency is located at 32667 Ford Road in Garden City and can be reached by phone at (734) 427-7500.

As a business leader and involved citizen in the Garden City area - Allstate exclusive agency owner Jim Beaudrie of the Jim Beaudrie Insurance Agency has been designated a Premier Service Agency for 2009.

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The Jim Beaudrie Insurance Agency is located at 29207 Ford Road in Garden City and can be reached by phone at (734) 427-6020.

Credit union scholarships

As parents struggle financially to send their children to college, Co-op Services Credit Union's scholarship program gives students an opportunity to receive much-needed funds. The credit union is currently seeking scholarship applicants among graduating high seniors in the class of 2010, who will attend a college or technical school. The deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 19.

"Since Co-op Services' scholarship program began 25 years ago, we've awarded more than \$120,000 in scholarships to qualifying seniors,"

said Marketing Director Lisa Fawcett. "This year, we'll be awarding seven scholarships totaling \$14,000 and ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$4,000."

Scholarship guidelines and application forms are available on the credit union's Web site at www.cscu.org or at any of its eight full-service branch locations. To qualify, students must also provide letters of recommendation and be members of Co-op Services Credit Union, where anyone can join.

Special recognition is given to scholarship recipients and their parents at the credit union's annual meeting in March. The scholarships are named in honor of longtime credit union leaders and volunteers.

"Talking with these outstanding students and learning about their future plans is one of the highlights of our annual meeting," added Fawcett.

For more information about the credit union's scholarship program, applicants are welcome to call Kathy Hurt at (734) 466-6107.

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 52,000 members and maintains eight full-service branch offices in the Detroit metro area. Members also have access to more than 3,000 shared branches and 28,000 ATMs nationwide. For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union Web site at www.cscu.org or call (800) 321-8570.

SERVPRO cleans up

Amid the economic turmoil of the current recession, one local business says its franchise system reported solid growth in 2009. SERVPRO of Westland, which is part of the nationwide system of more than 1,500 franchises, said 2009 year-end system-wide revenue hit the \$1 billion mark for the first time in SERVPRO's 40-year history.

"The SERVPRO franchise system is built around solid core values," said Gary Gasser, owner of SERVPRO of Westland. "As long as we provide superior service and focus on saving our clients money, we will continue to earn their business." Gasser added that 2009 was the 10th time in 11 years the SERVPRO system experienced double-digit volume growth. "It's reassuring to know that I am part of a company that continues as the leader in the restoration industry."

SERVPRO of Westland specializes in the emergency cleanup and restoration of fire- and water-damaged homes and

businesses, among other services. Disaster restoration can be a messy business, Gasser says, but the reward is always worth it. "There's just nothing quite like the look on a homeowner's face after you have helped make it 'Like it never even happened,'" Gasser said. "We often see our customers at a very stressful and worrisome time in their lives.

It's a great feeling to help put them back in control."

Besides the billion-dollar benchmark, the company also recently ranked among the best of the best from two highly coveted franchise rankings. *Entrepreneur Magazine* listed SERVPRO as the No. 1 restoration services franchise system for the sixth consecutive year in its 2010 Franchise 500 ranking. The company jumped 19 places from No. 28 overall in 2009 to No. 9 overall in the 2010 rankings. In addition, *allbusiness.com* - a Dun and Bradstreet subsidiary - ranked the SERVPRO System as the No. 9 franchising opportunity, a 15-place jump over its 2009 ranking. Both lists cited SERVPRO as a growing franchise despite an economy that has taken a serious toll on many small businesses.

According to Rick Isaacson, executive vice president of Servpro Industries, Inc., these achievements are attributed in large part to the franchise owners' dedication to the business.

"We thank our team; we couldn't have accomplished these results without our franchisees, including the Westland business. They have earned this honor," Isaacson said. "We also want to thank our customers for their continued support."

These milestones add to the company's history of accomplishment. In 1967, Ted and Doris Isaacson launched SERVPRO as a painting business in Sacramento, Calif. With a background in cleaning and restoration, however, the two decided to transform the company into a cleanup and restoration franchise. After selling its first franchise in 1969, SERVPRO continued to grow, acquiring the Bristol-Myers Domesticare Division and its 175 Franchises in 1979. The company relocated its corporate headquarters from Sacramento to Gallatin, Tenn., in 1988 in a strategic move to place itself within 600 miles of 50 percent of the U.S. population. The corporate office quickly became a key contributor in its community, and in 1991 the *Nashville Business Journal* named

SERVPRO the Small Business of the Year.

At the time of the relocation, the system consisted of 647 franchises. By 2000, the company sold its 1,000th franchise, then set a record of selling 100

franchises in a year in 2002 and was chosen by the *Wall Street Journal* out of 2,900 franchise brands as one of the 25 High-Performing Franchises.

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OUR VIEWS

Youth program makes Westland a better place

The auto show may have had the glitz and glamour this past January, but closer to home a meal for Westland Youth Assistance Program honorees was equally special.

Honored were: Male Youth of the Year, Henry Pavlich II; Female Youth of the Year, Rachel Von Pagels; Mentor of the Year, Wendy Headland; and Agency of the Year, Lou Toarmina of Toarmina's Pizza.

"We recognized kids who did wonderful things. There are others out there doing wonderful things, too. Sometimes it takes a while, but never give up — keep working," said Paul Motz, program director, speaking at the Friendship Center dinner.

The youths were praised for their leadership skills and positive attitude. "Community service seemed to be his specialty — he went above and beyond," Deputy Director Michele Bracy said of Pavlich.

"She is a wonderful person," Motz said of Von Pagels. "I'm very proud of her, but not as proud as her parents."

Making that extra effort was the common thread among those recognized at the annual dinner, including Headland as Mentor of the Year. A full-time veterinarian, wife, mother, athlete and breast cancer survivor, Headland has been a volunteer mentor for three years.

"She keeps a positive attitude. She provides consistent support, is a good listener and always shares her wisdom and experience when training new mentors," Bracy said. "When I first met her, I was impressed with her infectious smile."

Toarmina, who garnered Agency of the Year kudos, is known for his unflagging community support.

Toarmina isn't just a volunteer with Youth Assistance, 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli said, noting he annually provides backpacks filled with school supplies to students at Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns elementary schools.

Youth Assistance has made another recent appearance on the pages of this newspaper. Since 1992, when the Juvenile Awareness Group program was initiated, Michael O'Gorman said more than 20,000 teens have gone through the program, meeting with prisoners to hear their stories. The young people, 12-18 years old, came to the program from all over metro Detroit, including the Youth Assistance Programs in Westland, Garden City and Livonia.

O'Gorman, a Westland resident and Garden City native, recently retired after working at the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan, and is helping kids stay on the straight and narrow. He was recently lauded by the Westland City Council.

Youth Assistance does a great deal to help young people of our community find their way. It's great to have opportunities like the annual dinner to recognize them, as well as their mentors and community supporters.

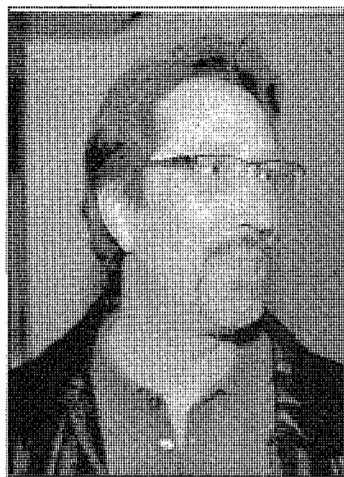
COMMUNITY VOICE

Who will win the Super Bowl, the Indianapolis Colts or New Orleans Saints?

We asked this question at a 5 Star Business Group chamber mixer at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City.



"I think Indianapolis is going to win but I'm hoping New Orleans will win."
Gus Barbas
Livonia



"New Orleans, for sure. New Orleans has something to fight for. That's going to be a fun game."
Greg Solovey
Livonia



"New Orleans. Because they're the better team."
Basima Farhat
Livonia



"I have to go with the Colts for my girlfriend. She goes to the games every year. That's her favorite team."
Cheryl Solovey
Livonia

LETTERS

Mentoring rewarding

January is National Mentoring Month. On Jan. 25, 2010, I attended the annual Westland Youth Assistance Volunteer Mentor dinner.

Grateful. Sincere. Full of hope. Radiating newly discovered self-esteem.

Those words and thoughts came to my mind as I listened to a few youths describe how lucky they were to be a part of the Westland Youth Assistance Program. The youths painted a picture of their experiences they shared with their mentors — the positive reinforcement, a trusted friendship, someone to listen to them, someone they can depend on speeding time with on a consistent basis. Another youth was thankful to the entire staff of the Westland Youth Assistance Program and thanked her

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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parents. I could not help but smile as I shed a small tear of happiness for these young

people and for the gratification they feel towards this wonderful program.

I am a board member of the Youth Assistance Advisory Council. I am also a volunteer mentor for the Westland Youth Assistance Program. I have mentored 12 youths in the past 14 years. I have personally witnessed negative situations transform into positive results. To consolidate what I feel in a few words: it is incredibly rewarding — to say the least!

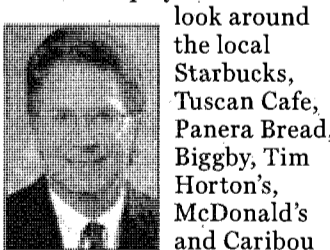
I just wanted to share a bit of happiness regarding the Youth of Tomorrow.

To close, I would like to share this quote, "You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person" ... (attributed to late mentor and Observer reporter Doug Funke).

Diane Diem
Westland

Local coffee shops become 21st century unemployment offices

National chains and local coffee shops have become the Michigan (doesn't) work gathering places for the new and long-term unemployed. Take a



look around the local Starbucks, Tuscan Cafe, Panera Bread, Biggby, Tim Horton's, McDonald's and Caribou Coffee and you will see the faces of Michigan's unemployment statistics. The numbers are measured by real people, fathers, mothers, grandmothers and grandfathers out of work.

Affluent suburb or inner city coffee shop — they have become the 21st century watering hole for the unemployed and underemployed.

With the nation's highest unemployment rate officially at near 15 percent (but much higher if you include the long-term unemployed and those who have fallen off the stats government keeps on the pain and misery), these watering holes are attracting many of the historically unemployed. Yet, also warming their hands with a cup of black coffee, like the vision of the down and out of the Great Depression around an oil barrel fire, are the new statistics that this decade's long economic decline have snagged — the college-educated 40-50-year-old, recent college grads and those who never stood in an unemployment line.

No, they are not soot cov-

ered, disheveled or unshaven. Most are in professional attire, be it white or blue collar. Their tools are laptops and notebooks tapping into the free Wifi seeking new job leads, sending out resumes and typing out thank you letters after receiving a job rejection.

'RETREAT TO ESCAPE'

"Coffee houses are the retreat to escape the isolation of sitting at home when the unemployment and sub-paychecks stop coming and the family and friend networking make you feel as welcome as a Jehovah's Witnesses making a third stop at your house in one evening," explained Fred at a Plymouth Caribou Coffee. "Look around," he continued, "it is the middle of the day and this place is packed with 50-year-old men and twentysomethings busy tapping on their computer keys desperately seeking work."

Fred motions for Susan to join us and she sheepishly, with a matter of fact tone, explains she lost her high paying logistics job with an auto supplier two years ago and has yet to find meaningful work.

"Sure, I have worked at temporary, low-paying jobs

without benefits to try to survive, but I am college-educated, I have skills," she continued, her voice falling off. "I am losing my savings along with hope."

Since my encounter with Fred and Susan I have made it a point to pay attention to people in coffee shops as I travel the state. No, these unemployed are not as visible as the person at the freeway entrance and exit ramps with signs reading, "Will work for food," or the day laborers congregating in city centers. But many are becoming desperate and are hurting just the same.

I suspect it was the same type of people who vented their anger and frustration in electing the first Republican to the U.S. Senate in the bluest of blue Democratic states, Massachusetts.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

People with needs are all around us. No, Michigan is not Haiti, where the pain and need is great, where roughly half of the country's 10 million citizens live on the edge, without work, perched precariously on hillsides. Yet, Michigan and its 10 million citizens, where nearly a quarter million people lost jobs last year and close to a mil-

lion over the last decade, are perched precariously, yet, less visibly along economic fault lines as well.

While there has been some economic good news of late, University of Michigan economists predict continued job losses in 2010. Michigan loses jobs and employers in roaring tsunamis and replaces them in teardrops.

It can be argued that much of Michigan's economic troubles have their origins at the international and national level or failed state policies over which a few have control.

Here are a few things that could be done to help:

- The state should post job information from Michigan Works and the Talent Bank at all coffee shops across the state including education and training programs through the "No Worker Left Behind" program.

- In collaboration with the private coffee shops, install computer terminals/kiosks linked to job and training opportunities to be available to those without computer access.

- If you are an employer, stop by any coffee shop and post or announce your employment opportunities. People like Fred and Susan would be most appreciative. If you are a politician seeking votes, stop by any local coffee shop, there are many voters there that will give you an earful.

Tom Watkins is the former state superintendent of schools (2001-05) and state mental health director (1986-90). He is currently a business consultant.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

In response to a Sunday story on a woman indicted in a student aid fraud case:

50yrsinWestland wrote:

Replying to westlandresident: "this city just wants your money"

What happened to get the bee up your bonnet?

Westland charges pretty much the same fees, fines, taxes and charges that ALL other metro cities charge. Apparently you just don't like city living, like my brother. He moved to a small town Up North. Lower taxes, less rules and fees. He also has no police dept, fire dept or ambulance when he thought he had a heart attack. We all have a choice.

The city doesn't make a dime when ANYONE goes to any jail. It actually costs the city money when they hold them for one day and then transfer them to the real jail, so there.

Hockeytown is right, it is out of local hands anyway.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Credit Card Fraud Alert

The Westland Police Department has received information that criminals are capable of modifying ATM machines to record account and PIN numbers. Visit www.cityofwestland.com and select Police Department from the main menu to view a slide show on what to look for to help identify an altered ATM machine. Don't become a victim.

Anyone who suspects an ATM machine in Westland has been altered should contact Westland police at (734) 722-9600 or 9-1-1.

Charity walk

A Sjögren's Awareness Walkabout will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Westland Shopping Center. The walk will help to raise funds to support research and education programs offered by the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation and community awareness.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

Sjögren's syndrome is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the white blood cells attack the moisture producing glands. Approximately 10 percent of its victims will develop lymphoma, a form of cancer. Due to lack of awareness, it takes on average 6.5 years from onset of symptoms to diagnosis. All proceeds from the "Walkabout" will go directly to the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation.

LeBlanc tapped for tourism committee

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, was recently named as a member of the House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee for the remainder of the 95th Legislature. LeBlanc fills the open seat left by State Rep. Mike Simpson, D-Jackson, who died in December.

"I am very pleased to be able to serve on this committee and continue the important work that my friend and colleague, Mike Simpson, cared so much about," LeBlanc said. "Tourism, outdoor recreation and our abundant natural resources are all important parts of our economy and what makes our state great. I look forward to working with my fellow committee members to protect our air, land and water so that we can attract more visitors and investment to our state and create jobs for Michigan workers."

LeBlanc is also a member of the House Appropriations Committee where he serves as chair of the Michigan State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee.

In addition, he serves as vice chair of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee and as a member of the House Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee and School Aid Appropriations Subcommittee.

Upon making the new appointments, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, said: "Our hearts are heavy as we fill the spots that Mike Simpson leaves empty, because he is truly irreplaceable. Mike would be proud of the colleagues chosen to carry on the work he was doing so passionately to reform our state government and, most of all, stand up for our workers and create the jobs they need."

Simpson, 47, died of a heart attack on Dec. 18, while returning home from the Cleveland Clinic, where he was receiving treatment for a rare blood disorder called light-chain deposition. He was in his second term representing the residents of Jackson, Eaton and Lenawee counties.

For more information, call the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation at (800) 475-6473.

2010 Westland Fire Academy

The Westland Fire Department will be posting applications for the 2010 Citizens Fire Academy on www.cityofwestland.com starting Monday. The department will accept up to 12 applicants for the 2010 Citizens Fire Academy which will be held on May 14-16 and May 21-23.

These dates comprise approximately 32 hours of classroom and practical time for the participants. Anyone is welcome to apply for this free opportunity to learn about the fire service in your community.

If you have any questions about the application process or the academy itinerary, contact Assistant Fire Chief Scott Neal at (734) 467 3182.

Pastors heed call of those who dislike church

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're one of those people who don't like church, a Westland congregation wants to hear from you.

For a second year, the members of Ekklesia are hosting a video contest called "Don't Like Church?" People are asked to create and submit videos about why they don't like church.

"It's outreach. We let people voice their dislike of church. They can bring whatever and we let them throw it at us," said Chris Lambert, one of Ekklesia's four co-pastors. "But there can't be swearing or inappropriate sexual material."

Letting people express their reason for not liking church isn't an idle exercise for Lambert and members of

'It's outreach. We let people voice their dislike of church. They can bring whatever and we let them throw it at us.'

CHRIS LAMBERT, Ekklesia co-pastor

Ekklesia. Comments from the videos are used as the basis for five weeks of sermons that will begin after Easter.

"If people say they don't like church because they hate gays, we'll have to respond to that," said Lambert. "We want to listen to what people say is a problem. A lot of what they say is probably true. We want a way forward — not all churches are like that."

The deadline for submitting a video is April 30. Last year, the contest attracted about 60 entries from over 30 people. The posted videos attracted

over 15,000 hits, Lambert said, from over 60 countries.

Ekklesia — the ancient Greek word for church — formed in early 2008 and began meeting at Livonia Mall. Within a few months, the congregation moved to a former church in Westland. Since October 2009, Sunday services have been held at Westland John Glenn High School.

With over 200 members — about 130 attending services on an average Sunday — Ekklesia is an interdenominational church that is part of the Vision 360 Network.

"We have four pastors who work as team — each one has an area of specialization. Jesus is our senior pastor," said Lambert, who does most of the preaching at Ekklesia services. "A lot of our members are people who

had walked away from church — they didn't like God. We're good at outreach and committed to create a culture of love. Those who hung around with Jesus were outcasts and prostitutes."

The church members have an active spiritual life, Lambert said, adding that 40 percent of the congregation spends five minutes in prayer most days and fasts on Wednesdays. He said many congregation members have been able to give up drug use.

"Jesus loved the sinners, not the sin. We're passionate about that culture," said Lambert. "We try to live with Christ-like love. A lot of religious people don't like it."

For more on the contest, visit www.DontLikeChurch.com.

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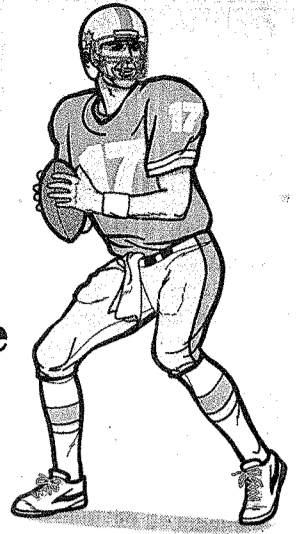
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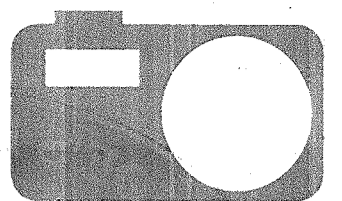
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HOMETOWN LIFE

Shamrocks dominate Observerland mat tourney

Pats surprise by taking third

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team racked up points on the board during Saturday's 19th annual Observerland Invitational like a pinball wizard.

The Shamrocks, putting nine grapplers in the finals and coming away with six individual titles, racked up what is believed to be a tournament record 296.5 points to repeat as team champion in the 15-school in a meet hosted by Livonia Churchill.

How impressive were the Shamrocks?

By comparison, CC scored 218.5 last year en route to the title.

"We have some high goals and we had some goals coming into this tournament - continuing to progress and continuing get better," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, whose team is ranked No. 2 in Division 1. "We have our goals set on one thing - Feb. 26 and 27 (state team finals in Battle Creek). And if these guys continue to improve like they are, and continue to work like they are, they can accomplish their goals. Our guys came in here today, had their heads on straight, and were ready to battle."

State-ranked Canton, meanwhile, was runner-up with a total of 203, while Livonia Franklin raised some eyebrows with a third-place showing, edging state-ranked Westland John Glenn, 170-166.

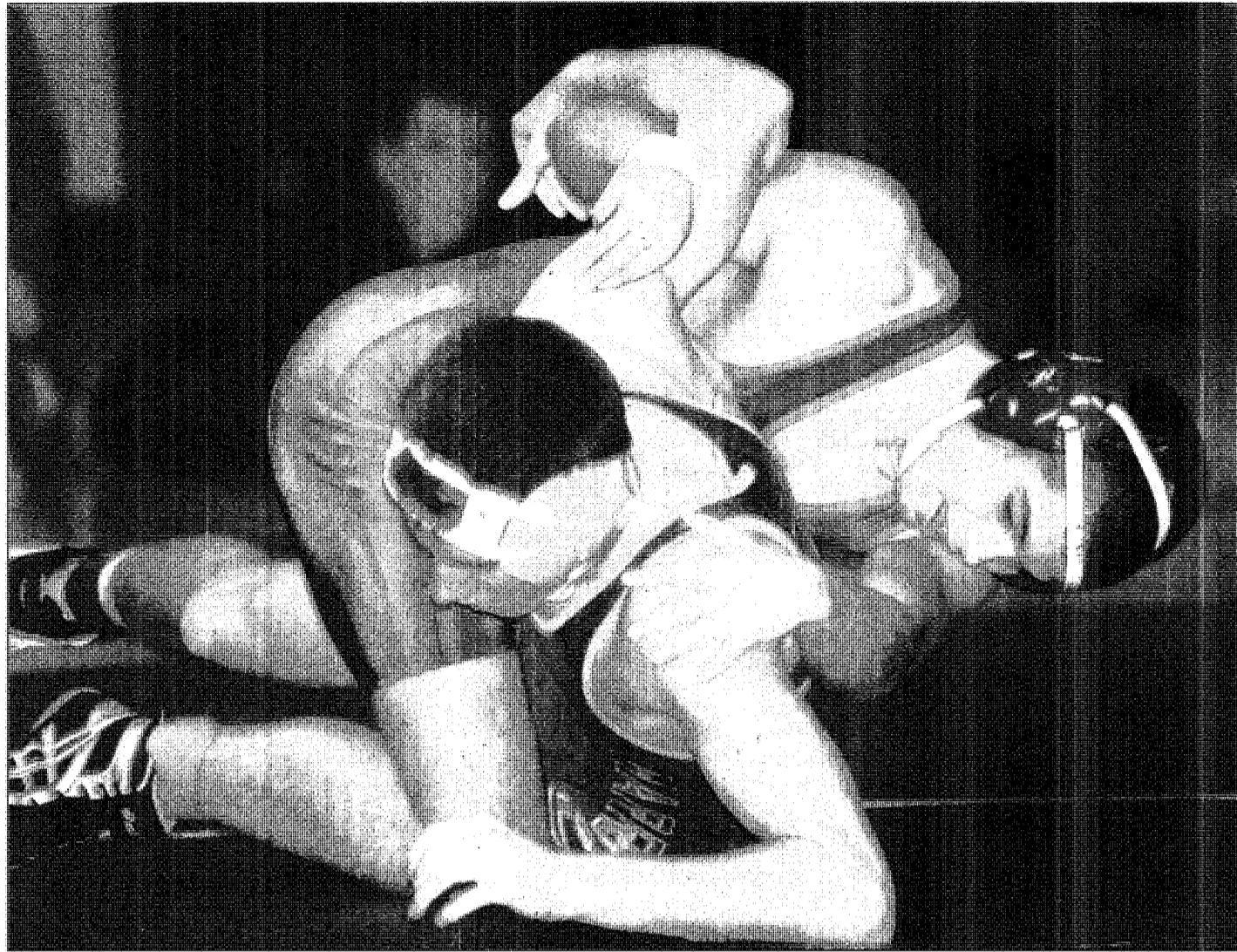
Belleville was fifth overall with 114, while Farmington Hills Harrison turned it one of its better Observerland performances in sixth with 96.5.

But the day belonged to the Shamrocks, who received individual titles from T.J. Fagan (103 pounds), Ken Bade (112), Alec Mooradian (125), Justin Melick (140), Doug Eldridge (145) and Mike Kinville (215).

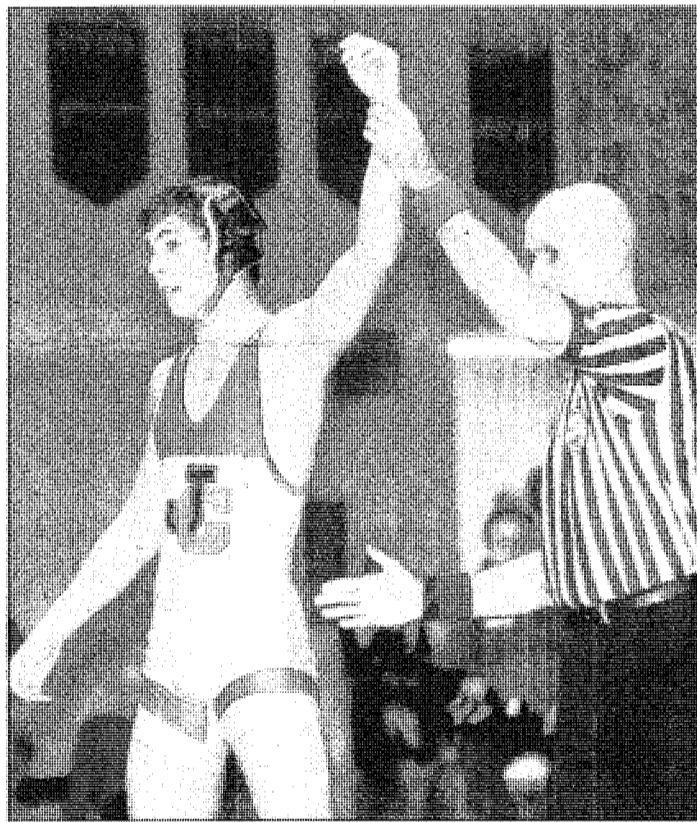
Also reaching the finals were Todd Melick (119), Gerid Gee (152) and Miles Trealout (189).

"We had couple guys in

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Franklin's Jordan McGuire (top) took the 135-pound Observerland title with a 20-13 win over Harrison's James Roberts.



Westland John Glenn's Anthony Pavlich raised his hand in victory after edging Belleville's Tyler Schneider for the 130-pound Observerland Invitational title.

OBSERVERLAND MAT RESULTS

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 296.5 points; 2. Canton, 203; 3. Livonia Franklin, 170; 4. Westland John Glenn, 166; 5. Belleville, 114; 6. Farmington Hills Harrison, 96.5; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 84; 8. North Farmington, 79; 9. Plymouth, 59; 10. Farmington, 56.5; 11. Livonia Churchill, 53.5; 12. Lutheran High Westland, 53; 13. Wayne Memorial, 38; 14. Salem, 34; 15. Garden City, 9.5.

INDIVIDUAL FINALS RESULTS

103 pounds: T.J. Fagan (CC) decisioned Keshav Patel, 4-0; **3rd place:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) dec. Dan Martinez (LF), 1-0; **5th place:** Nimantha Herath (Farm) dec. Shadi Jumou (Ply), 3-0.
112: Ken Bade (CC) dec. Steve Wakeford (WJG), 6-0; **3rd:** Gabe Martinez (LF) won by injury def. over Alec Breckenridge (Ply); **5th:** Jacob Meadows (LC) won by major dec. over Daniel Filippelli (Canton), 16-8.
119: Josh Austin (WJG) won by major dec. over Todd Melick (CC), 14-6; **3rd:** Matt Jaisle (NF) dec. Andre Sanders (FHH), 9-7; **5th:** Steve Tuyo (LF) won by major dec. over Said Youssef (Ply), 15-2.
125: Alec Mooradian (CC) won by technical fall over Lath Francis (LW), 15-0; **3rd:** Waleed Faraj (Canton) won by major dec. over Devon Stratton (Salem), 15-4; **5th:** Erik Czech (LF) dec. Rob Schramm (LS), 8-6.
130: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) dec. Tyler Schneider (Bell.), 3-0; **3rd:** Charlie Joseph (CC) dec. Justin Palka (LW), 3-0; **5th:** Mitch Wolski (Canton) pinned Garrett Fish (NF), 0-47.
135: Jordan McGuire (LF) dec. James Roberts (FHH), 20-13; **3rd:** Nick Mason (CC) dec. Jonny Bannoura (LC), 5-2; **5th:** Carter Sherman (Bell.)

dec. Zach Marsh (Canton), 10-3.
140: Justin Melick (CC) dec. Donnie Watkins (Canton), 4-3; **3rd:** Charlie Kokenakes (LS) dec. Mikkel Tipton (WJG), 5-4; **5th:** Kyle Skotak (Bell.) dec. Sean Rowe (LW), 6-3.
145: Doug Eldridge (CC) dec. Mike Johnson (WJG), 9-2; **3rd:** Nick Tomski (Farm.) dec. Josh Hatfield (LF), 5-2; **5th:** Andrew Majewski (Bell.) dec. Jacob Mailoux (LS), 6-4.
152: Matt Roos (LF) p. Gerid Gee (CC), 1-41; **3rd:** Sean O'Keefe (Canton) dec. Dan Leeb (FHH), 7-4; **5th:** Chris Arnold (LS) dec. Zach Juchartz (Bell.), 5-0.
160: Brent Winekoff (Canton) dec. Kevin Beazley (FHH), 14-12 (overtime); **3rd:** Andrew Erickson (CC) dec. Brian Miller (NF), 6-3; **5th:** Jimmy Gross (Salem) dec. Shames Delhaye (Bell.), 8-3.
171: Keith Zech (Canton) dec. Curtis Castleberry (LC), 4-3; **3rd:** Kameron Jones (WJG) dec. Zach Leibenberger (LF), 9-6; **5th:** Brandon Bennett (CC) dec. Dan McCarthy (LS), 1-0.
189: Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Miles Trealout (CC), 12-5; **3rd:** Andrew Schramm (LS) dec. Craig Kowalsky (LW), 5-2; **5th:** Courtney Drew (NF) dec. Dimitrus Renfro (WJG), 12-7.
215: Mike Kinville (CC) won by major dec. over Ben Poirier (Canton), 9-1; **3rd:** Forrest Sampson (Bell.) p. Majd Mokbel (NF), 3-45; **5th:** Justin Roe (Farm.) dec. Nick Simmons (LF), 10-8.
285: Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) p. Dustin Staton (Bell.), 1-21; **3rd:** Dylan Wells (Farm.) dec. Wally Eppler (Ply.), 6-2; **5th:** Dave Knuth (CC) p. John Shekell (LC), 1-32.
MOST VALUABLE WRESTLERS
Lower weights (103-140): Josh Austin (John Glenn).
Upper weights (145-285): Kevin Beazley (Harrison).

White gets early jump among area football signees

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wednesday, Feb. 3, was National Football Signing Day, but one of the area's marquee players - Livonia Stevenson's All-State running back Austin White - already has a head start.

The 6-foot, 190-pound senior, who rushed for 5,056 career yards and scored 85 touchdowns during his stellar four-year prep career, graduated from high school a semester early and is already attending classes and working out at the University of Michigan.

"Personally, I am really looking forward to watching his progress given

the sort of intensive position coaching he will receive at Michigan," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said of the three-time All-Observer selection. "He

has such a vast skill set on top of an intensely competitive nature, I think he could make an impact soon."

The area's other signature player - Westland John Glenn running back and defensive back Jeremy Langford - signed his NCAA letter-of-intent



Nate Coleman Franklin



Sean McAuliffe Franklin



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Wednesday in the school library with Michigan State.

The 6-1, 190-pound Langford burst onto the national recruiting scene his senior year after rushing for 1,934 yards to go along with 25 touchdowns for the 8-2 Rockets. He'll be joining another former Glenn standout at MSU, Keshawn Martin.

"He is a tremendous athlete and a great leader," Glenn coach Tim Hardin

said. "Michigan State is a great fit for Jeremy and I expect that he will do great job there."

Livonia Franklin's two first-team All-Observer selections - two-way tackle Nate Coleman and defensive end and guard Sean McAuliffe - are also headed to the collegiate ranks.

Coleman, a 6-3, 305-pound senior who started 32 straight games, attracted the interest of Division I-AA Howard University in Washington, D.C.

The Patriots' three-year starter hopes to turn around a Bisons' program that finished 2-9 in 2009.

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SIDELINES

Hovermale signs

The Grace College baseball team has signed Livonia Churchill High School's Steven Hovermale to its roster for next season.

Hovermale has played pitcher, first base and outfield for the Chargers for the past two years and was a member of the Livonia City championship team.

"I chose Grace College because of the terrific atmosphere with everyone committed to their faith," Hovermale said. "I want to help make Grace a contender for a title every year."

While at Grace, Hovermale plans to major in sports management.

"He is a solid student and a tremendous young man which we're excited to add to our program," Grace baseball coach Josh Bailey said. "I look for Steven to make an immediate impact on our program beginning this fall."

Junior volleyball

Tryouts for the 2010 Crusader Juniors Volleyball Club, now in its 24th season, will be Sunday, Feb. 7 and 21, at Madonna University Activities Center.

The cost is \$695 (includes four tournaments along with the AAU state tourney in Grand Rapids). The season runs from March until June. There are no tryout fees.

Tryouts for ages 12-13 will be from 3-4:30 p.m. followed by 14-year-olds from 5-6:30 p.m. - both on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Tryouts for ages 15-16 will be from 3-5 p.m. followed by ages 17-18 from 5:30-7 p.m. - both on Sunday, Feb. 21.

For more information, call MU assistant women's volleyball coach Brian McClain at (734) 432-5612; or e-mail bgmccain1@aol.com.

Patriot fund-raiser

A trivia challenge to raise money for the Livonia Franklin wrestling program will be Sunday, Feb. 21, at Buffalo Wild Wings, located at 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland (just south of Warren).

All ages are welcome. Registration will be at 1 p.m. with the trivia contest beginning at 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

First-place prize money is \$200; second, \$125; and third, \$100. There will also be a raffle.

For more information, call Franklin coach Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340.

Baseball training

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

Glenn coach Tom Wakefield will offer hitting, pitching and catching at the camp.

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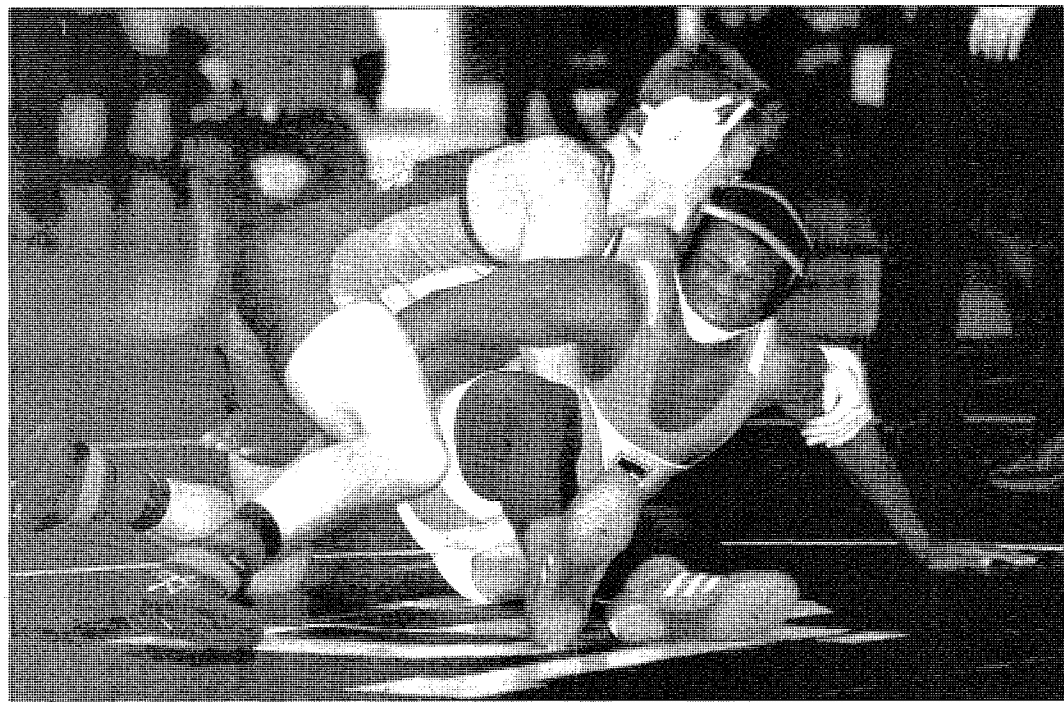
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Doug Eldridge (left) of Catholic Central battles Mike Johnson of Westland John Glenn in a 145-pound clash. Eldridge went on to capture the individual crown and help his teammates repeat as tourney champions.

WRESTLING

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finals that have never reached the finals before," Hancock said. "Gerid Gee had a heck of a day and Miles Trealout continues to progress. T.J. Fagan had one a heck of a tournament.

"But these guys, as a team, are so happy for each other, and continue to progress and get better. That's what this is all about — the team — something we've been pushing all year. If we continue to work hard and train hard at CC, we'll be all right."

Canton boasted six finalists and came away with three titles led by champions Brent Winekoff (160), who had to go overtime to beat Harrison's Kevin Beazley; Keith Zech (171), who avenged a loss earlier in the week to Churchill's Curtis Castleberry, 4-3; and Anthony Abro (189).

"I give our team an A-minus today — we wrestled very well," Canton coach Cory Mancuso said. "Our 152 (Sean O'Keefe, who placed third), did really well and our 103 (Keshav Patel) made the finals and beat a kid (Dan Martinez of Franklin) that majored him before in the

semifinals. And I thought Anthony Abro (189) kind of dominated for the tourney."

Franklin came away with two individual crowns led by 135-pounder Jordan McGuire and Matt Roos at 152.

"We wrestled good, and poorly in spots overall," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "We had one bad round before the medal round. But considering we had kids who had never wrestled here before, we did very well."

"I know John Glenn had their 135-pounder out of the lineup, but the way Glenn and Canton handled us recently, we're happy to be in the top three. This third place is more gratifying than all the seconds we've taken here before. We're happy."

McGuire defeated Harrison's James Roberts in a high scoring final, 20-13, while Roos pinned CC's Gee with 19 seconds left in the first period.

"Very impressive by both," Chiola said. "Roos was a surprise even though he was the top seed. McGuire is just learning. He just came out for the team last year. He's matured and grown. He's a great kid. He has natural talent and is a hard worker."

Glenn, despite missing four starters out of its lineup,

earned three individual titles led by Josh Austin (125), who earned lower weights MVP honors with a 14-6 major decision of CC's Todd Melick.

"He's so athletic, fast and talented," Glenn coach Bill Polk said of Austin. "His instincts are not like most kids. He has great hips and great instincts like his brother Jeremiah."

Meanwhile, the Rockets' Anthony Pavlich (130) had to grind out a 1-0 victory over Tyler Schneider of Belleville.

Pavlich, a state placer last year, is a senior and has only two losses. He recently broke the Glenn pin record and notched his 150th win over a week ago.

Heavyweight Dustin Gajowiak gave Glenn its other first place with a 39-second pin against Belleville's Dustin Staton.

Repeat champions included Mooradian, a state champion last year at 112, Justin Melick, and Kinville — all of CC — along with Winekoff of Canton.

Ironically, Beazley was voted the upper weights MVP by the tournament coaches for his sterling effort in a near-upset of Winekoff in the 160 final.

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Wayne wins thriller in 3 OTs, 69-64

Stevenson stays on top in KLAAs Central Division

Wayne Memorial's boys basketball victory Tuesday night over visiting Plymouth required extra time — and then some.

The Zebras needed three overtimes to subdue the Wildcats in a KLAAs South Division game, 69-64.

Derric Horton's 18 points paced the Zebras, who improved to 9-3 overall and 5-2 in the division.

Also in double figures for Wayne was Jamiel Strickland (17), Daniel Hill (11) and Brian Gray (10).

Junior Brennen Beyer scored a game-high 21 points, while Mike Nadratowski and Pat Salo each added 17 as the Wildcats fell to 6-7 overall and 3-4 in the KLAAs South.

It was 49-all at the end of regulation and 54-54 after the first four-minute OT.

Nadratowski's back-door layup sent the game to a third overtime at 61-all, but Wayne finally gained control of the game with an 8-3 run during the last four minutes.

The Zebras, who lost senior starting center Nick Mills to an ankle injury in the third period, made 17-of-22 free throws on the night.

Meanwhile, Plymouth was 7-of-12 from the foul line.

KLAAs BOYS BASKETBALL

STEVENSON 65, S. LYON EAST 44: Senior guard Bobby Naubert's 19 points sparked Livonia Stevenson (9-3, 6-1) to a KLAAs Central Division triumph Tuesday at South Lyon East (3-9, 2-5).

Junior guard C.J. Mwila chipped in with 10 points, while senior forwards Jordan El-Sabeh and Frank Sopko added nine and eight respectively, for the division co-leaders. "We're playing good team basketball," said Stevenson coach Mike Allie, whose team led 29-21 at halftime and 52-37 after three quarters. "We shared the ball on offense and defended well."

Drew Mapley and Blake Jones each scored 11 for the Cougars, who were 6-of-13 from the foul stripe. Stevenson made 17-of-25 free throws.

JOHN GLENN 55, FRANKLIN 52: Junior guard Marcus Mecks tallied 14 of his game-high 21 points in the third quarter Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (4-8, 3-4) held off Livonia Franklin (4-9, 1-6) in a KLAAs South Division matchup.

Austin Omagbaya added 12 points for the victorious Rockets, who outscored Franklin 20-11 in the third quarter after trailing 23-22 at halftime.

Mecks also went 5-for-5 at the foul line to key the third-quarter surge.

Omagbaya's two free throws with 1:23 left gave Glenn the lead for keeps, 53-51. Chris Tolentino and

Marquise Graves each added throw-downs the stretch preserve the victory.

Senior guard Andy McCaffery also scored 21 for the Patriots, who were 12-of-14 from the foul line. McCaffery's free throw cut the deficit to 53-52.

Senior forward Jack Chinavare added 11 for Franklin.

CANTON 62, CHURCHILL 48: Junior point-guard Dietrich Lever's 25 points and 11 assists Tuesday lifted the host Chiefs (9-4, 6-1) to a KLAAs South victory over Livonia Churchill (7-5, 3-4).

"That was probably Dietrich's best game of his career as far as scoring at the rim," said Canton coach Jimmy Reddy. "He made us go tonight, getting other people shots."

Sophomore center Paul Baumgart and senior forward Kevin Weisz each added 12 points for the first-place Chiefs.

The Chargers trailed 29-14 at halftime, but rallied in the third to pull within 36-33.

Canton then built the lead back up to 44-36 after three periods and closed out the win with an 18-12 fourth-quarter run.

Adam Bedell, a 6-6 senior center, had 13 points and 10 rebounds. D'Juan Cook added 12 points.

The first half Canton outplayed us in every phase," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We responded well in the third quarter and we hope it carries over until Friday (home vs. Livonia Franklin). But we dug too deep a hole."

Huron Valley wipes out Calvary

Senior guard Bryan Gruenewald's 19 points propelled Westland Huron Valley Lutheran to a 59-25 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference boys basketball win Tuesday night over host Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

The Hawks, who improved to 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the MIAC Red, also got 10 points from senior guard Mark St. John.

Jonah Langenderfer paced the Cougars (2-9, 1-7) with 10 points.

Huron Valley jumped out to an 18-6 first-quarter lead and never look back.

On Jan. 29, host Huron Valley fell to first-place Novi Franklin Road Christian in a

MIAC Red game, 65-49.

Alex Fikes, who tallied 18 second-half points, finished with 24 points along with teammate Nick Ward as the Warriors improved to 6-4 overall and 5-1 in the division.

Gruenewald and Tyler Waganam scored 16 and 11, respectively, for the Hawks.

ROPPER 55, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 40: On Tuesday, Ryan Zinser poured in a game-high 26 points and Cole Stasek added 14 as unbeaten Birmingham Roper (12-0, 11-0) toppled host Lutheran High Westland (6-6, 6-5) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference encounter.

Gage Flanery tallied 12 points for the Warriors, who couldn't overcome a 16-8 first-quarter deficit.

"It was a tough game for us against a very good team," Lutheran

Westland coach Doug Haller said. **HARPER WOODS 50, CLARENCEVILLE 43:** James Patrick, a 6-foot-8, 280-pound center, was too tough to handle Tuesday night as Livonia Clarenceville (1-11, 1-4) dropped a Metro Conference game to the host Pioneers (2-12, 2-3).

Patrick finished with a game-high 20 points. He had 18 in a 53-50 setback to Clarenceville on Jan. 15.

"We played good defense, but we couldn't keep him (Patrick) off the glass," Clarenceville first-year coach Justin Johnson said. "He had five putbacks and hit four free throws."

JaJuan Collins and Cortez Dorsey each added 10 points for Harper Woods, which jumped out to a 19-8 first-quarter advantage.

Ben Watts led the Trojans with 10 points, while Levonte Brooks, Gaven King and Dave Jones each added six.

No. 18 Saints escape Crusaders

The Madonna University men's basketball team put a scare Saturday night into the No. 18-ranked Siena Heights University.

But in the end, the host Saints pulled out a 65-62 triumph.

Chris Lemm scored a team-high 20 points for Siena Heights, which improved to 63-19-5 overall and 6-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Jon Jones and Derrick Owens added 16 and 13, respectively.

Freshman guard Kevin Henry led MU with a game-high 22 points — his sixth 20-plus point game of the season.

Senior forward Leroy Allen added 20 points and a game-high nine rebounds for the Crusaders, who fall to 4-19 and 1-7.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Siena Heights led 36-31 at halftime and built a nine-point lead, 53-44, with 8:59 left only to have MU go on a 10-0 run to take a brief 54-53 advantage.

A Henry jumper pulled the Crusaders to within one, 63-62, with 1:44 to go.

Neither side could convert from the floor over the next 1:30 to set up Henry with a chance to put the Crusaders on top. Henry drove the lane and was whistled for an offensive foul.

On the ensuing play MU was forced to foul and Reynolds converted both free throws to put the Saints on top 65-62 with three seconds left.

MU junior guard Bryant Slaughter was able to get a

good look on a potential game-tying three but it ball rimmed out, allowing Siena Heights to escape with the 65-62 win.

"I'm so proud of the way our guys played tonight," MU first-year coach Noel Emehiser said. "I'm impressed with the way that we worked defensively and the way that we worked, never quit and the guys worked their butts off tonight."

MOTT 97, SCHOOLCRAFT 45: Bobby Lewis scored 24 points Saturday as Mott Community College (18-3, 8-1) moved within a half game of the MCCA Eastern Conference led by routing host Schoolcraft College (3-18, 1-10).

Doug Anderson added 13 points, while Mike Brigham and Torian Oglesby added 13 and 11, respectively, for the victorious Bears, who enjoyed a 55-15 halftime lead.

Adam Creech scored a team-high 13 points for the Ocelots, who made 10-of-19 free throws.

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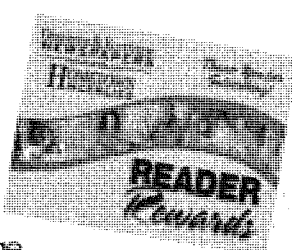


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Patriots defuse Rockets, 57-37

No head coach, no problem on Tuesday night for the Livonia Franklin girls basketball team.

With Dave McCall serving a one-game suspension following last Friday's 52-26 win over Plymouth (after he received three technical fouls), Franklin cruised to a 57-37 triumph over visiting Westland John Glenn.

Assistant Julie Sako guided the Patriots, who jumped out to a 30-19 halftime and never looked back.

Junior point-guard Chelsea Williams led the Patriots, now 10-3 overall and 6-1 in the

KLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

KLAA's South Division, with a game-high 21 points.

Junior forward Amanda Nixon chipped in with 15 points.

Senior forward Michelle Vanover topped Glenn (4-9, 3-4) with 10 points.

Glenn was only 12-of-28 from the foul stripe, while Franklin made 13-of-24.

STEVENSON 70, S. LYON EAST 40: Junior center Kristen Balhorn tallied 16 points and junior forward Monika Rudis added 13 Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson downed South Lyon East (1-12, 0-7) in a KLAA Central Division encounter.

Sophomore guard Molly Knoph added nine as the Spartans, who led 26-16 at halftime, pulled away with a 19-4 third-quarter run.

Kate Grunewald and Taylor Jones scored 15 and 10, respectively, for the Cougars.

"They (East) sub four or five players at a time and play full-court man (defense) - it's chaotic," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "The second half we went back to a zone (defense) and did a good job of changing the pace of the game. They had no field goals in the third quarter."

Stevenson was 20-of-36 from the foul line, while East made 18-of-25. **CANTON 46, CHURCHILL 20:** Sarah Schmitt scored 11 points to lead a balanced scoring attack Tuesday as the state-ranked Chiefs (12-1, 7-0)

rolled past host Livonia Churchill (7-6, 2-5).

Canton led 24-5 at halftime and hit 8-for-8 from the foul line.

Sophomore center Erin Menard led the Chargers with eight points.

PLYMOUTH 61, WAYNE 21: On Tuesday, the host Wildcats (4-9, 2-5) jumped out to a 24-3 first-quarter lead en route to the KLAA South Division win over Wayne Memorial (1-11, 0-7).

Stacey Klonowski and Alex Roberts each tallied 17 points for Plymouth, which led 42-9 at halftime.

The Wildcats outrebounded Wayne 50-25.

Holland Boertje and Jane Thayer led the Zebras with eight and six points, respectively.



WYAA champions

They caught Lightning in a bottle on Jan. 30 by earning the 2010 Westland Youth Athletic Association Tournament title in girls volleyball at the Bailey Recreation Center. Members of the Lightning include (floor level, from left): Sara VanHoucke, Carissa Seman; (second row, from left) Kristina Nolte, Emily Allor, Olivia Alcalá; (third row, from left) Bobbie Hubbard, Amanda Hawkins, Kailey Capen; (back row, from left); coaches Chris Hawkins and Jim Capen. (Not pictured is Karley Buford, who was injured in the last set and was taken to the hospital.)

Burgess spurs Clarenceville girls cagers

Junior forward Jenna Burgess recorded a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds Tuesday night to lead Livonia Clarenceville to a hard-fought 47-44 girls basketball victory over visiting Harper Woods.

Senior Kristen Jolly turned in a solid performance with 11 points, while seniors Paige Davis and Ashley Devon each added eight as the Trojans improved to 5-9 overall and 4-2 in the Metro Conference.

"The girls put in a solid performance on both sides of the

ball to squeak out a close one on Senior Night," Clarenceville coach Brady Gustafson said.

The loss drops Harper Woods to 6-7 overall and 3-4 in the Metro.

LIGGETT 55, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 32: Sophomore Madison Ristovski torched the nets for 31 points and younger sister Haleigh Ristovski added 14 Tuesday night as Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (12-1, 8-1) thumped host Lutheran High Westland in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division play.

Nicole Zehel, Emilie Freeman and Amanda Terranella each scored

eight points to pace the Warriors. Rachel Storck contributed six points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Knights jumped out to a 17-6 advantage after one quarter and led by a comfortable 28-10 margin at halftime.

CALVARY 40, HURON VALLEY 39: In a MIAC Red Division game Tuesday, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-8, 2-8) coughed up a 10-point halftime lead Tuesday night in falling to host Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (4-7, 2-5).

Jaime Thurmond and Kali Hunley paced victorious Cougars, who rallied with a 15-5 fourth-quarter run.

Huron Valley led 25-15 at half-

time and 34-25 after three quarters. Junior guard Katie Nell's 14 points led the Hawks. Senior forward Claire Wood, who left the game in the third quarter with a knee injury, added 11.

"We missed Claire Wood's leadership down the stretch," Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth said. "We played very carelessly tonight. We did not have good possessions on offense, and really played poor defense down the stretch."

"Games are lost on the free throw line and you cannot expect to win when you miss 17 free throws. We need to play with more emotion and passion for the game."

Ocelots' foe bites off more than it can Chew

The unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Schoolcraft College women's basketball team, getting a career-high 20 points from Emelda Chew, rolled to their 39th straight MCCA Eastern Conference victory Saturday with a 101-30 rout of visiting Flint Mott Community College.

The Lady Ocelots, now 22-0 and 12-0 in the conference, jumped out to a 14-0 lead during the first three minutes of the game and never looked back to notch their 46th straight home victory.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft extended a 49-13 halftime lead to 75-17 with 10 minutes left in the second half.

Amber Avery led Schoolcraft in scoring with 21 points.

Also getting into the act was April Goins (16 points, five steals); Jasmine Brown (12 points); Antania Shepherd (11 points, 14 rebounds); Kim Bee (eight blocks); and Angela Burrell (nine assists).

Adrienne Weaver paced the Lady Bears (4-16, 3-8), who

shot only 12.9 percent from the floor, with 10 points.

MADONNA 87, SIENA HEIGHTS 85 (OT): It took an extra five minutes Saturday afternoon, but host Madonna University (8-12, 4-4) survived an early 25-1 run by Siena Heights University (15-9, 4-4) to escape with an overtime win in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action.

Freshman guard Shantelle Herring led MU with 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

"I was a little shaky at the beginning and knew I had to step up my game because we knew it was going to be a tough game,"

said Herring, who hails from Macomb Dakota. "I think overall I played well under the pressure we had."

Fellow rookie Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) added 15 points, while juniors Tabatha Wydryck and Katie Mount, along with sophomore Heather Goodwin, each contributed 10.

Goodwin also posted 10 rebounds for her second double-double of the season.

Shalaha Hubbard led all scorers with 23 points, connecting on five triples for the Saints, who led 32-28 at halftime.

It was 73-all at the end of regulation.

SIGNEES

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"Once he gets settled into one position - which is defensive line - he'll improve because of his size and strength," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "He needs more strength and more aggressiveness."

McAuliffe, at 6-2, 240 pounds, will play next season at Wayne State University, which is coming off a 6-5 season and 5-5 record in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

McAuliffe, who had a total of 85 tackles, including 11 for loss his senior year, will join another former Patriot stand-

out, Pat Cecile, at WSU.

"Because of his hard work and great work ethic, he'll be a great player for them," Kelbert said. "He gets off the ball and his aggressiveness is what they like."

Another area player headed to the GLIAC is Livonia Clarenceville's speedy 5-7, 170-pound running back Levonté Brooks, who signed Wednesday with Ferris State (which finished 1-10 in 2009).

Brooks, the Metro Conference's Offensive MVP and first-team All-Observer selection, had more than 3,000 yards and scored 40 touchdowns during his three-year varsity career with the Trojans.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 5
Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.
Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 4
Warren Regina at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Feb. 4
Franklin vs. South Lyon at Kensington Ice House, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Feb. 4
Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Feb. 6
KLAA Tourney at John Glenn, 9 a.m.
Metro Tourney at Luth. West, 10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6
Stevenson at Saline, noon.

PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Feb. 4
Clarenceville vs. Novi, John Glenn vs. Canton, Wayne vs. Plymouth at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Feb. 6
Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

PREP SKIING
Thursday, Feb. 4
Divisional Meet at Alpine Valley, TBA.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Feb. 6
Southgate Invitational, 10 a.m.
Bishop Foley Invitational, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 6
Davenport Univ. at Madonna, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 6
Madonna at Davenport Univ., 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Churchill captures 5-2 victory at K-Wings Stadium

Livonia Churchill made the 2-hour trek Saturday to Kalamazoo and came away happy following a 5-2 victory over Portage Central at K-Wings Stadium.

The Chargers, now 12-6-1 overall, have won seven in a row after the triumph in the Southwestern Michigan High School Hockey League Showcase.

Churchill built a 3-0 lead midway through the second period.

Cam Benson's goal from Ben Proben with 1:11 left in the opening period made it 1-0.

Jake Otto followed with an unassisted goal at 1:26 of the second and Joe Williams gave the Chargers a three-goal cushion off an assist from Steve Klisz at 6:07.

Jeremy Renda's unassisted goal at 8:29 of the second period got the Mustangs on the board.

In the third period, Christo Papaioannou, off an assist from Mike Woynick, put Churchill back on top by three, 4-1, at 4:47.

Portage Central's Kegan Hoerle (from Renda) cut the deficit to two goals with 3:30 left.

But Churchill's Devin Smythe ended the suspense with an empty netter from Nick Proben with 24 seconds remaining.

Churchill goalie Aaron Crouse had to make only 10 saves in the victory, while the Mustangs' Brogan VandeVelde stopped 31-of-36 Churchill shots.

"The boys played well and got off to a pretty good start," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team has won 11 of their last 13 games. "It really set the

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tone for the remainder of the game. I'm pleased with where we are at right now after the (season) start that we had."

The loss drops Portage Central to 7-8-1 overall.

DEARBORN 4, FRANKLIN 1: In a non-league game Monday at Kilpatrick Arena, host Dearborn Unified (5-9-1) came away with a victory for the second time this season over Livonia Franklin (1-16-1).

Franklin's Robbie Ringe opened the scoring with an unassisted first-period goal, but Dearborn regained the lead on goals by Nicholas Field (from Cody Cowart and Connor Ryan) and Trevor Brown (unassisted).

Dearborn went up 3-1 on Cody Brown's unassisted second-period goal.

Brett Knepper capped the scoring from Field and Cowart in the final period.

Franklin goaltender Anthony Crechiolo made 29 saves, while Dearborn's Pat O'Brien also made 29 stops.

CRANBROOK 4, LADYWOOD 1: Sydney Sakwa figured in all four goals Saturday as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (11-2, 9-2) downed host Livonia Ladywood (4-10, 3-10) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Sakwa recorded two goals and two assists to lead the victory over the Cranes, who led 3-0 after one period.

Caley Chelios added a goal and three assists, while Amanda Schimpke collected a goal and two assists.

Ladywood cut the deficit to 3-1 in the third period on Julie Bushart's goal from Kaitlin Gaule and Kelsey Campbell.

Ladywood goaltender Marisa Ellswood made 20 saves, while Cranbrook's Colleen Jacoby had 29.

PREP SKIING RESULTS

GIRLS SKI RESULTS
Feb. 1 at Alpine Valley
LADYWOOD-SACRED HEART 16
HARTLAND 20
Giant Slalom: 1. Val DiMilia (L-SH), 22.88; 2. Mallorey Reader (Hartland), 24.08; 3. Devon Corby (L-SH), 26.32; 4. Sarah Vicary (Hartland), 26.91.
Slalom: 1. Reader (Hartland), 16.16; 2. DiMilia (L-SH), 16.44; 3. Rhianna Dilworth (Hartland), 16.52; 4. Vicary (Hartland), 16.78.
Overall: 1. DiMilia (L-SH), 39.32; 2. Reader (Hartland), 40.24; 3. Corby (L-SH), 40.24; 4. Vicary (Hartland), 43.69.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 10
LADYWOOD-SACRED HEART 37
Giant slalom: 1. Kelsey Young (WLN), 21.67; 2. Kim Holzkecht (WLN), 21.69; 3. Rachael Anderson (WLN), 21.96; 4. Caitlin Richards (WLN), 22.85.
Slalom: 1. Jamie Clark (WLN), 15.5; 2. Anderson (WLN), 15.86; 3. Holzkecht (WLN), 15.87; 4. Richards (WLN), 15.98.
Overall: 1. Holzkecht (WLN), 37.56; 2. Young (WLN), 37.7; 3. Anderson (WLN), 37.82; 4. Richards (WLN), 38.83.
Dual meet records: Northern, 7-0 overall; Ladywood, 2-7 overall.

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FEB. 4-10

Christ Our Savior Lutheran
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will hold an organizational meeting for its 2010 Apostles Build program. The program brings together any interested religious organizations in the community to sponsor and help build a Habitat for Humanity home. Clergy, outreach directors and other lay leaders interested in involving their congregation in this local outreach program may attend.
Contact: Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com

First United Methodist Church of Wayne
Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Feb. 5
Location: 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: A dinner fund-raiser for Haiti will include mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, beverages and dessert, for a free will offering. The money raised at the dinner will go to United Methodist Committee On Relief, which works with many denominations to help the Haitian people. Everything - from paper plates to pasta - for the dinner fund-raiser is donated by the church and all proceeds will benefit Haiti. Helping Haiti comes naturally to the church. It sends school supply kits, hygiene kits, blankets and other items to the island nation every year.
Contact: (734) 721-4801
St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia
Details: WXYZ-TV reporter, weekend anchor, and former host of "Sunday Sports Update", Vic Faust, is the guest speaker at "Why Be Catholic," a new program series. Faust was joined the evangelistic fundamentalism movement during his teen years. He shares the story of his return to the church, along with his wife and three young children, and the new insights he has found for living a Christian life in a secular world. No admission charge
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 207

FEB. 11-17

First United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Friday, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 26
Location: 3 Town Square, across the street from the Wayne post office, in Wayne
Details: 4th Annual Fish Fry offers choice of baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato, Cole slaw, roll and beverages, for \$8. A child's portion will be available. Fresh pie will be offered by the women's group for \$1 per slice. The money raised goes to help needy family's during the holiday season
Contact: (734) 891-2523

Lola Park Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6:15 p.m., soup and sandwich supper, followed by Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Free will offering accepted for soup supper
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Feb. 12
Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner includes a salad and ice cream bar. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 4-10 and under 4 free. Prince of Peace also will collect health kits for Haiti. Items include: soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb. **Contact:** (248)

553-3380
St. John Lutheran
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11
Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Details: St. John Lutheran Church and St. Gerald Catholic Church will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God. The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr of St. John and the Rev. Festus Ejimadu of St. Gerald will deliver messages during this 25th annual Service of Christian Unity. Special music will be provided by the choirs of both congregations
Coming up: 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14 "Songs of the Heart" concert with Canadian baritone, John Worthington, and pianist Wesley Fishwick. A free will offering for Haiti relief will be collected during the concert. An intermission reception will be held in the church lobby
Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m., pasta bar and desserts; 7 p.m., the movie "Casablanca"
Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Hearts for Haiti" dinner and a movie fund-raiser costs \$10 per person, \$18 per couple, and \$6 for children 5-12. An appropriate movie and activities will be available for kids. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but event organizers request an RSVP
Contact: (313) 570-4443 or e-mail to yd@stmatthewslivonia.com

FEB 18-24

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia
Details: The Lutheran Choraliers will sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal
Contact: (734) 522-6830

Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Feb. 21

Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This is the first of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit and spiritual advisor to the COCC, will preside at the service, assisted by other members of the Clergy Brotherhood. The Very Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris), abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Greek Orthodox Monastery, Hayesville, Ohio, will be the homilist. An inter-Orthodox choir under the direction of Victoria Kopistiansky, choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, will sing during the service. Refreshments will be served after the service
Contact: Robert Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or e-mail to rmitc02@ameritech.net

FEB. 25-MARCH 3

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Feb. 28
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: 78th Annual Inter-Congregational Men's Club Dinner with guest speaker Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. Cost is \$54 per person and will include kosher dinner catered by Paul Wertz of Koshier Too Catering. Advance reservations are required.
Contact: Members of local synagogues and temples may contact their Men's Club or Brotherhood by Feb. 1 to make reservations and advance payment. Others may make reservations through Beth Ahm by calling Ron Jedwab by phone at (248) 788-3068 or by e-mailing him at dannysldad@comcast.net or by mailing a check in the amount of \$54 per person (payable to Cong. Beth Ahm Men's Club) to: Beth Ahm (ATTN: Ron Jedwab / Men's Club), 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield MI 48322

Newburg United Methodist Church
Time/Date: Orders taken for Cornish Pasties, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 1-2. Call in orders only. Any orders left on the answering machine, faxed or e-mailed will be ignored. Pick up is 1-6 p.m., March 11 and noon-5 p.m., March 12
Location: 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Cost is \$4.
Contact: (734) 422-0149

ily with two adults and children
Contact: (734) 261-1455

Classes/study
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday
Location: 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) 846-4615

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

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia
Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome
Contact: (734) 261-1455

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

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
Canton Christian Fellowship
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

Food Bank
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton
Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

Lenten services
Lola Park Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: This year's theme is "Prominent Places of The Passion" with insights from Pastor Gregory Gibbons' recent trip to the Holy Land. There will be free treats after the services
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

St. James Chapel
Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24 and Maundy Thursday, April 1
Location: 25350 West Six Mile, Redford
Contact: (313) 534-7730

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) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

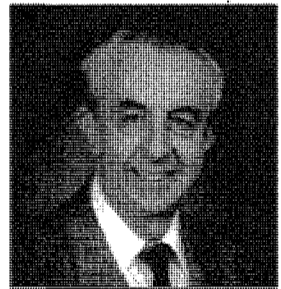
St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows
Contact: (734) 261-1455

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

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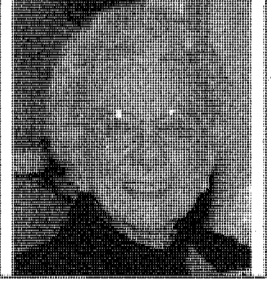
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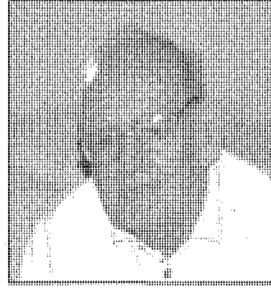
WILLIAM G. CAREY
 Suddenly, January 30, 2010, age 80. Beloved Husband of Dolores (Dee). Dearest Father of Debora (Jim) Clements, and the late Laura. Loving Grandfather of Lyndsey and David. Dear Brother-in-law of Marianne (Jack) Rusin. Dear Uncle of nieces and nephews. Mr. Carey was a retired national sales manager in the computer industry. Visitation The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at St. Fabian Church, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334
www.mccabefuneralhome.com

THOMAS PAUL POMORSKI
 Of Redford, Mi. Age 62, died January 27th, peacefully in his sleep, at his home in Lake Charles, Louisiana. His son Scott, his daughter Caryn, son-in-law William Gerhard, granddaughter Hannah, life partner Guilherme, and sister Sharon survived Tom. Funeral arrangements have been made at Keehn Funeral Home, in Brighton, Mi. Viewing will be on Friday, February 5th at 2-4 and 6-8, and the funeral is on Saturday, February 6th at 11am.



MARCELLA IRENE (BECHLER) STOEBBAUER
 Marcella Irene Stoegbauer, 91, of Henderson, NV, passed away January 16, 2010 in Indio, CA. She was born January 14, 1919 to Louis and Mary Ann Bechler in Athens, WI. She married Norbert A. Stoegbauer on October 2, 1943 in Athens. Marcella was a registered nurse for 50 years and a graduate of St. Joseph's Nursing School in Marshfield, WI. She was a member of St. Francis Assisi, La Quinta CA. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Kay Gallagher of Henderson and Jean Ann Murphy of Hadley, NY, and sons James N. Stoegbauer of Glendale, AZ and Michael J. Stoegbauer of Henderson; as well as seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert. Services were private. Internment took place January 26, 2010.

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MARCH 11-17
St. Joseph Parish
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, March 11
Location: 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon
Details: A panel discussion on domestic violence will include Joyce Hyttinen, director, Office for Catholic Social Action, Domestic Violence Education and Action with the Archdiocese of Detroit; Samantha Lederman, psychotherapist specializing in ways to end the cycle of abuse and break free from repression; and Cristy S. Cardinal, director of prevention at HAVEN in Pontiac. Question and answer session after the presentations; refreshments will be served
Contact: Elaine M. Young at (248) 719-6855

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

Breakfast
St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia
Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a fam-

Designer Passover tables on display

More than 20 exotic Passover "tablescapes" innovated by the interior designers, home décor business owners and area activists are on display from 6-8:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 4 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

The event, which will include cocktails and small plates catered by Excellence Too Catering, will benefit Temple Beth El's Religious School programming.

Would-be passover hosts can glean innovative table-setting strategies from table designers from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin and West Bloomfield, who will incorporate special and personal themes into their tablescapes. Each table will also incorporate the traditional symbols of Passover, such as the Seder plate.

"This event is not necessarily just about using your most beautiful linens and finest china. It's about incorporating those beautiful pieces into a tablescape that reflects your own special sentiment or makes a bold statement," said Elyse Foltyn, event co-chair. "It will provide guests a venue to gather table-setting ideas to apply to their own dining room tables—and not necessarily just for Passover."

A special twist to this first-ever holiday-inspired event is that many of the tables feature the combined talents of teams—mother/daughters, aunts/nieces, multi-generational friends, sister-in-laws and even children — each of whom has found an added way to extend their family feeling or tradition into their design and holiday.

Fair Radom of Bloomfield Hills, who co-chairs the event with Foltyn, has a long history of designing tables for Cranbrook's Holiday Tables. Members of the Host Committee include Karen and Jon Borenstein, Jody and Daniel Boorstein, Lillian and Alex Erdeljan, Kimberly and Gary Goodman, Laura and David Gorosh, Rose and David Handleman, Rozlyn and Scott Jacobson, Heidi and Jay Kreindler, Nicole and Steven London, Liz and "JJ" Modell, Louise and Edward Sable and Julie and Ron Yolles. Tickets are \$75 per person, or \$125 per patron, and \$200 per patron couple.

Established in 1850, Temple Beth El is the first Jewish congregation founded in Michigan and is the religious home to 1,200 families. For tickets or information call (248) 865-0617 and press 1. Temple Beth El is located at 7400 Telegraph.

Prayer breakfast speaker shares lessons from Operation Babylift

LeAnn Thieman was a volunteer, helping to raise money and supplies for war orphans in 1975, when she agreed to escort six babies from Saigon to their adoptive homes in the U.S.

By the time she arrived in Vietnam, Saigon was falling to the Communists and Thieman, a nurse, was told her charges had grown from six to 300. Thieman struggled through the extraordinary circumstances and found the courage to succeed, helping to rescue the tiny war orphans who were loaded into cardboard boxes and strapped into a cargo plane.

Thieman will share the lessons she learned by "accidentally" being caught up in the historic Vietnam Orphan Airlift, with listeners at the 36th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast on Friday, April 30, in Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center. In addition to Thieman's keynote address, the



LeAnn Thieman

program will feature music by the Livonia Youth Choir. "The story she tells is a phenom-

enal story that appeals to everyone," said Sally Butler, a member of the prayer breakfast planning committee. "The story has appeal to the heart. That's why we wanted to have her."

Thieman wrote about her life-changing experience in her book, *This Must Be My Brother*. She's also co-author of the *New York Times* best-seller *Chicken Soup for the Nurse's Soul*, as well as *Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman's Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Father and Daughter Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Grandma's Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Mother and Son Soul* and *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul II*.

Through her multi-media presentation, "Light a Single Candle," she'll tell listeners how ordinary people can make a difference in the world.

"LeAnn is quite well known in

medical community. She does a lot of seminars for nurses," Butler noted. "She does a great deal of public speaking."

Her presentations help people focus on the importance of balance, the power of positivity, finding hope in the world and maintaining good health and happiness.

Tickets for Thieman's multi-media presentation are \$15 per person, \$10 for students in K-12, or \$150 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes a full breakfast and the program. For tickets call Butler at (248) 476-9427.

"It's a lovely morning," Butler described the event. "Tickets won't be mailed until April, but people are welcome to send their checks now."

For more information about the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, visit www.livoniaprayer-breakfast.org.

—By Sharon Dargay

B'nai Moshe planning centennial events

Got a story to share about Congregation B'nai Moshe, in West Bloomfield?

The synagogue, which will celebrate 100 years in 2011, seeks past members and family of past members to contribute their recollections of the congregation and its history

Congregation B'nai Moshe held services in Detroit when it was founded in 1911. It was located on Hastings and later moved to Dexter before moving to Oak Park and then West Bloomfield.

The anniversary planning committee is chaired by past president Pearlina Bodzin and Carol Pollack. Anyone with memories to share can call Bodzin at (248) 357-1157 or e-mail her at pearlpal@aol.com. Pollack's e-mail is cpollack000@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B4

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
Contact: (734) 421-8451

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday
Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association
Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off
Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

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Theater troupes stage murder thriller, interactive mystery

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

8:40 p.m. may seem like an odd curtain time for a play, but it's the perfect beginning for a dinner gathering tainted by murder.

Audience members are likely to feel like they're on the party guest list when they take their seats at Barefoot Productions' upcoming production of *Rope*. The suspense thriller will run without intermission.

"The dinner party takes place in the evening and to add to realism it's run in real time as if the audience are actual participants in the party," said Kristin Heitmeier, Barefoot marketing director. "It's a unique twist. Barefoot thinks out of the norm."

The play, set in the 1920s was written by Patrick Hamilton and inspired Alfred Hitchcock's famous 1948 movie of the same name, which starred Jimmy Stewart. It opens Friday, Feb. 12, and also runs at 8:40 p.m. Feb. 19-20, and 26-27, with 2 p.m. matinees Feb. 21 and 28, at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 North Main Street, Plymouth. Tickets are \$12 per person; \$10 for students.

It's one of two plays about murder in the 1920s being staged locally next weekend.

Funeral for a Gangster, by Spotlight Players, takes a playful, interactive look at the murder of mob boss Vito "The Gut," Marzetti in a dinner theater-style performance at the Biltmore Studio, inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the play at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. Tickets are \$45 per person, with discounts available for tables of eight.

"The audience serves as the mourners to the wake," said Laurie Kondek, Spotlight



Kim Elliot (left) of Canton and Maureen Paraventi of Redford rehearse for the 2nd Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Feb. 13 by Spotlight Players at the Village Theater in Canton.

Players marketing director. "So, they are part of it. They're invited to dress up like the 1920s. There will be prizes for the best costume."

INTERACTIVE FUN

The audience helps solve the mystery — Who killed Vito and where did he hide his wealth — listening to evidence and clues unfurl during the wake.

"It's really fun," said Kondek, adding that Spotlight Players will perform the play again on March 13.

The theater is transformed into a speakeasy for the local actors who mingle with the audience and with each other. Rebecca Biber is

the piano player Bella Ciao; Lisa Brawley is the Club Hostess; Kimberly Elliot is Lena Marzetti, the grieving, scheming widow; Rick Holland is Joey "the Lump" Marzetti, the rum-runner and enforcer of the family; Mike Martin is Frankie "Marbles" Marzetti, con artist and master of many parts; Maureen Paraventi is Ruby "Finger" Marzetti, former pickpocket and current owner of Ruby's Place, the speakeasy where the wake is being held; and David Zolotarchuk is Special Agent Farmer, of the FBI.

A NAIL BITER

While theatre-goers are likely to leave the dinner



Barefoot Productions presents the thriller, "Rope" by Patrick Hamilton, featuring Nathan Corliss (left) of Livonia as Brandon and Ken Karges of Plymouth as Rupert Cadell. The show runs Feb. 12-28 at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main, Plymouth.

theater laughing, Barefoot Players' *Rope* will keep them in suspense.

"The plot revolves around two wealthy collegians who perform a cold-blooded murder. Then they place the body in a trunk in the center of the living room and host an elaborate party," Heitmeier explained. "I've had the good fortune to have see a sneak preview in dress rehearsal and it's riveting. Even though I know the play, I sit there and don't realize I'm holding my breath."

"I don't believe anyone will leave disappointed. It's a very powerful, intense ending."

Craig Hane, Barefoot artistic director, directed the drama. The cast includes father and son, Michael and Nathan Corliss of Livonia, Joy Holloway of Livonia, William Brezina of Dearborn Heights, Ken Karges of Plymouth, Samantha Lowry of Novi; Ethan McIntyre of Livonia and Matthew Williams of Redford.

"The original play was said to be inspired by the infamous Leopold and Loeb murder in Chicago," Heitmeier said. In 1924, Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, two affluent University of Chicago students, kidnapped and

murdered a neighbor, Robert Franks, for the exhilaration of plotting and executing the perfect crime. They were sentenced to prison after confessing.

"This particular genre is one of our most highly anticipated," Heitmeier said. "It's a great story, an outstanding cast and it will leave people breathless."

For "Rope" tickets, call the Barefoot Productions box office at (734) 560-1493 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com For "Funeral for a Gangster" tickets, VillageTheater box office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

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Make veggie-licious snacks for Super Bowl Sunday

Every winter, football fans come together for the viewing party of the season. This year, as you prepare to host a hungry crowd for the big game, intercept unhealthy appetizers and lighten up your favorite game-watching dishes by infusing vegetables.

Jodie Shield, mom and childhood nutrition expert, knows first-hand the challenge of making dishes that not only taste good, but are good for you.

"People don't traditionally think veggies when they think about game-day entertaining, but incorporating vegetables into your favorite recipes is an easy way to feel good about the food you are serving while still scoring points for home team health," says Shield. "Veggies are full of nutrients and flavor, are a great way to add flavor, texture and color to your recipes, and can even be used as edible serving pieces."

To ensure your guests enjoy their veggies before and after the final whistle is blown, here are some of Jodie's tried-and-true tips for making vegetables delectable on game day and every day:

- **Shred the evidence.** Shred veggies, like broccoli, carrots, bell peppers or mushrooms, and toss them into turkey-sliders, sloppy Joes, quesadillas, tacos or pizza. A small amount will blend right into your favorite dishes and boost the nutritional value, too.

- **Contain their interest.** Tempt big and small appetites by using the vegetables themselves as edible serving pieces. Serve veggie dips in hollowed-out bell peppers, mashed potatoes in potato skins or even squash soup in mini pumpkins.

- **Dip it.** Don't be afraid to pair up vegetables with tasty sauces or dips. A 2006 study found that children eat more vegetables when paired with a moderate amount of ranch dressing.

For great veggie-filled recipes, check out the recipes below or go to www.loveyourveggies.com or www.hiddenvalley.com.

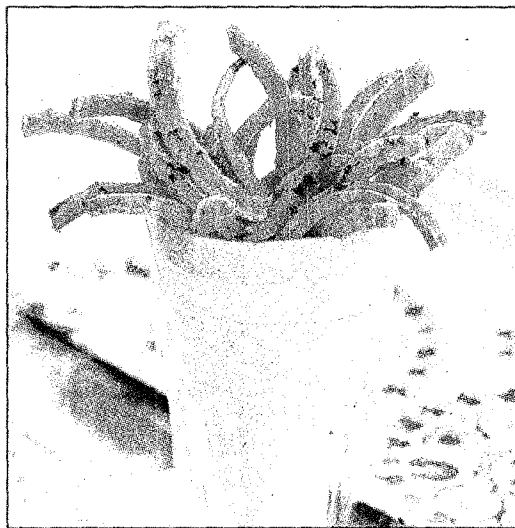
ORIGINAL RANCH SPINACH DIP

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Chill Time: 30 minutes

Makes 2 cups

- 1 (1.1-ounce) packet of Hidden Valley Original Ranch dip mix
- 16 ounces sour cream
- 10 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well-drained
- 8 ounces water chestnuts, rinsed, drained and chopped
- 1 round loaf French bread Fresh vegetable sticks
1. Combine Hidden Valley Original Ranch dip mix, sour cream, spinach and water chestnuts.
2. Chill 30 minutes or until just before serving.
3. Cut top off the bread and remove center (use firm bread pieces as dippers).
4. Fill bread bowl with dip.
5. Serve with cubed bread and vegetables.



CARROT OVEN FRIES

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 pound carrots (about 5 or 6 large) peeled and cut into 4- by 1/4-inch sticks
 - 1 teaspoon olive oil
 - 1 (1.1-ounce) packet ranch dressing & seasoning mix
 - 1 teaspoon corn starch
 - Vegetable cooking spray
1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
 2. In a large bowl, combine the carrots together with the olive oil, corn starch and ranch dressing & seasoning mix, and toss until well coated.
 3. Use a sheet tray or quarter sheet pan. Spray generously with cooking spray.
 4. Arrange the carrots in a single layer on rack and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until crispy. Bake for 35 minutes for extra crispy fries.

PICK-A-PECK-OF-PEPPERS FIESTA RANCH DIP

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Serves 8

- 1 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
 - 1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
 - 1/2 cup nonfat, plain yogurt
 - 1 (1.1-ounce) packet ranch dip mix
 - 2 each: green, red, orange and yellow bell peppers
1. Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, yogurt and ranch dip mix in a medium-size bowl; place in the refrigerator to chill.
 2. Meanwhile, remove the tops of the bell peppers, rinse and remove seeds.
 3. Slice one green, red, orange and yellow bell pepper into quarters. Place one quarter of each color bell pepper into a food processor and chop until fine. Remove and drain excess water.
 4. Add the diced bell pepper mixture to the fiesta dip and stir until well combined.
 5. Pour the dip into each of the remaining whole bell peppers and serve with the remaining bell pepper cut into strips.

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Score a 'Touchdown Team Brownie' for dessert

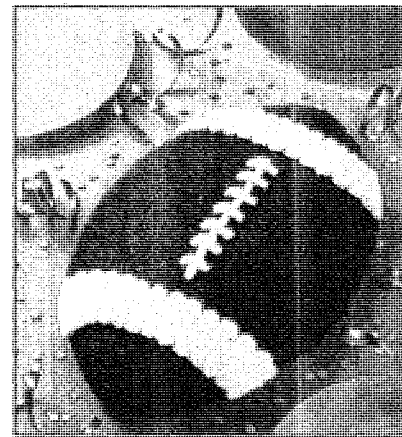
TOUCHDOWN TEAM BROWNIE

Makes about 20 servings

Everyone needs a game plan: a winning menu to keep armchair quarterbacks fueled through all four quarters of the big game.

Kick off the festivities with easy-to-serve, easy-to-eat pre-game nibbles like chips and salsa, veggies and dip plus plenty of liquid libations. Fans will cheer at halftime when they're offered favorites like make-your-own sandwiches, hearty chili and coleslaw to tackle their hunger. Rely on the super-market deli/prepared foods sections and purchase some or all of the foods ready to serve...that way everyone can enjoy the game instead of spending time in the kitchen.

Make the final quarter memorable with a fabulous dessert...Touchdown Team Brownie. It's easy to bake and decorate, and it can be made a day in advance of the game. Bake the brownie (use a mix for convenience) in Wilton's first and ten football pan, then simply add the zigzag stripes and outline stitching with white decorator icing. It's a winner.



Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray First and Ten Football Pan with vegetable pan spray. In large bowl, prepare brownie mix following package instructions; spread into prepared pan (will only fill pan about 1/3 full). Bake 30-35 minutes or until brownie tests done. Cool in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely. Place cooled brownie on serving platter. Add zigzag icing stripes and outline stitching.

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The owners of Livonia's newest authentic Mexican restaurant are bringing a whole new meaning to "Catch the Z."

With abundant big-screen televisions so diners can catch the big game, a game room and coloring books for the kids and an enjoyable family atmosphere, Zorrito's Mexican/American Grill (across the street from their other Livonia restaurant, Giulio's Cucina Italiana) is anything but sleepy, offering a total package for family entertainment.

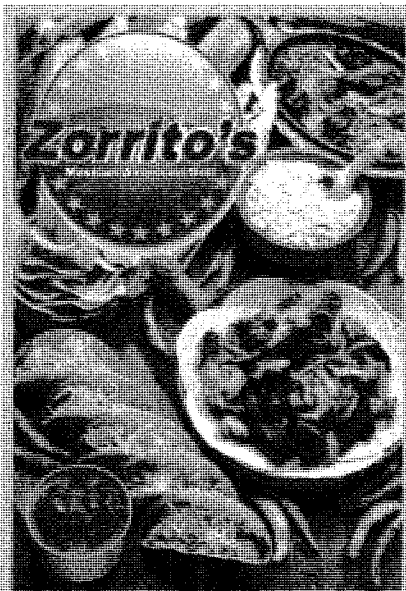
We pride ourselves on being a family friendly combination restaurant and sports bar that fills a need in the area for Mexican food," manager Norman Raymon said of Zorrito's, which opened in November. "You can watch the game, families are welcome and we love to see the kids."

The atmosphere shifts a little after 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, when live music takes to the stage. But that's not the only entertainment the restaurant features: Dart tournaments highlight Mondays, while Thursdays feature live trivia contests.

The restaurant offers delicious homemade Mexican entrees. The house speciality is steak or chicken fajitas and quesadillas. Lots of appetizers are available to munch on before dinner or during the game. Zorrito's American entree's include burgers, salads, and even fish and chips.

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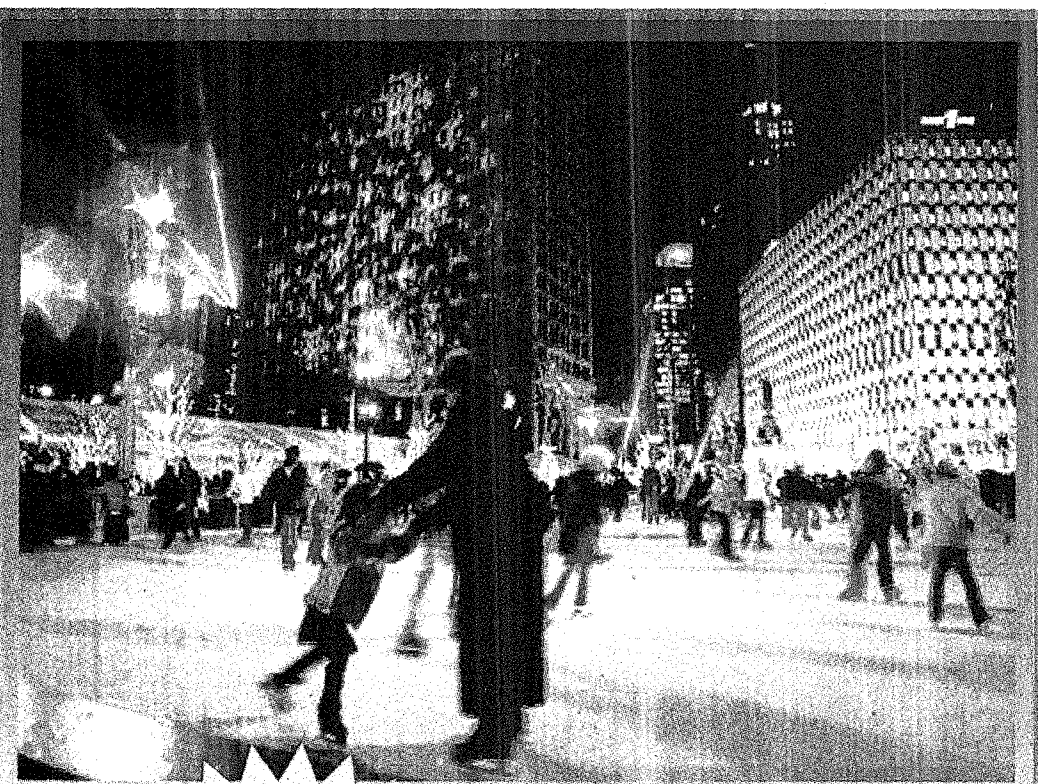


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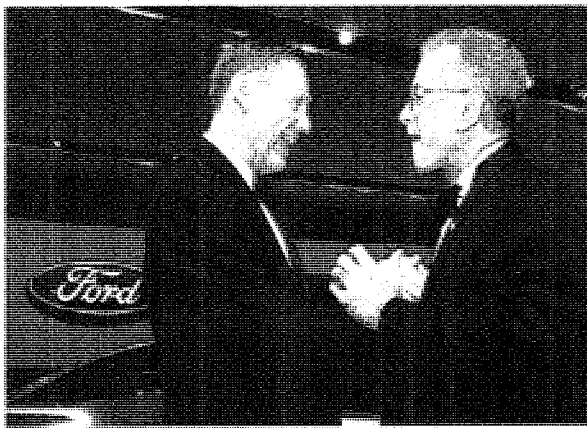
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