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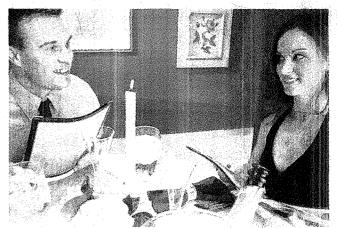
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Surplus food

The dates have been set for the monthly federal surplus food distribution for Westland residents.

Residents living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

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

For the month of February, the distribution includes canned chicken, frozen beef, pears, spinach, great northern beans and possible additional items.

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

Break time

Westland Parks and Recreation is hosting some programs for youngster during mid-winter break next week.

• On Monday, Feb. 15, kids can stop in at Westland Bowl from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The price is \$5 and that includes three games of bowling, a hot dog and a drink. There will be prizes and other special activities.

·Have soccer fun in the Bailey Recreation Center gym 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, with instructors from the Detroit Rockers Soccer program. The program is open to boys and girls in firsteighth-grades. It costs \$15 per child. Pre-register at the Bailey

For more information about the Rockers Soccer programs, kick on to www.detroitrockers.net, or you can e-mail the Rockers at rockerssoccer@ sbcglobal.net. Wear comfortable clothes, athletic shoes, and bring a water bottle with your name

•On Thursday, Feb. 18, come to the Mike Modano Ice Arena for a 30-minute ice skating lesson as well as open skating 12:15-1:45 p.m. The price is \$5 per student.

• End the week of fun on Friday with a Detroit Pistons training camp at the Bailey Center. The camp will run from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per participant.

For registration or more details information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

State clears way for remediation of park

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It's official - Westland and Wayne County have received state approval for plans to begin remediation of Central City Park.

"It's really remarkable news. Everyone here has been working on this for a long time," said Mayor William Wild, who ordered the park fenced off due to contamination shortly after taking office in January

"It's good to show people there has been some real progress," said Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive, who credited the cooperative efforts of city and county officials in getting the project approved.

Wayne County is hoping the remediation project, which is expected to take a few months, can get under way this spring.

While the first phase of remediation plans was being developed and working its way through the process of negotiation to reach approval by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, the county was also developing a Request for Proposals for the project.

"It's completed on our end. We will need EPA (federal Environmental Protection Agency) approval because brownfield money will be used

that is part of what Wayne County is bringing to the table," Helmkamp said. "We are hoping for a quick turnaround from the EPA."

The first-phase remediation would address environmental problems on the 12 acres at the east end of the park. 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.

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Aidan Beroff warms up for the hoedown by doing the Bunny Hop.

Hoedown marks 30th year of family dancing

Adults and children did the Bunny Hop, the Virginia Reel and other square dances as part of the recent annual Family Hoedown at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Close to 30 dancers followed the commands of caller Mike Brennan during the 30th installment of dance.

"They even did the Chicken Dance as squares," recreation Supervisor Margaret Martin said. "Everyone who came had a good time."

Youngsters received a cowboy hat and "were deputized for the night," Martin said. There also were complimentary photographs by the Steve Allen Studio, cookies and punch. goodie bags and games in which adults had to catch the cowboy hat their date tossed through a lasso and voungsters had to retrieve a prize hidden in a cowboy hat under a para-

The hoedown is one of two adultchild dances the recreation department hosts as a prelude to Valentine's Day. Little girls dressed up in their finest for the Princess Ball, held the day after the hoedown.

"All the kids seemed to have a great time," Martin said.

- By Sue Mason



For more than two decades, to sounds of a hoedown has filled the Bailey Recreation Center. A favorite Valentine's activity, the Family Hoedown brings together as adults and children who try their hand at square dancing. Getting in the swing of things at this year's event is Joyce Brooks and her grandson Wesley Brooks.



Juliana Johnson shows off the cowboy hat and badge she received at the hoedown.

W-W spending cuts trims 2009-10 losses

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will hang on to more of its fund equity this year by spending less, but that won't be enough to offset anticipated funding cuts next year.

"The governor made it very clear, the state has a \$1.7 billion hole in its budget and schools are going to share in the loss," Supt. Greg Baracy said. 'School funding is short and revenue losses are expected to continue. We expect a \$400 (per pupil) loss in part because of the increase in retirement

Baracy's comments came as the school board approved a revised 2009-10 budget which has the district receiving \$579,000 less than anticipated in revenues and spending \$2.2 million less. The bottom line is a fund balance of \$5.3 million as opposed to the \$2.05 million budgeted last June. According to Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services, the

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City digs out from first big snowfall of winter

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

City workers expected to have subdivision streets cleared by midnight Wednesday as Westland continued digging out from a winter storm that dumped more than eight inches of snow over the metro area.

The snow emergency, triggered by six inches of snowfall, was declared at 8 p.m. Tuesday night and initially slated to end at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Under city ordinance, no vehicles can be parked on city streets until the snow emergency is lifted.

Department of Public Services crews worked over night Tuesday into Wednesday clearing major thoroughfares in the city. Late Wednesday morning, the crews began working on subdivision streets.

"We'll work continuously until 11:30 p.m. or midnight and we'll get the majority of the city cleared tonight. We won't work through the night again," DPS Director Kevin Buford said. "We have every piece of equipment out there and all of our guys working, even a couple of building inspectors.'

Although the Westland Faust Library closed early Tuesday due to the storm, all city facilities were open Wednesday.

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Police seek duo who took coaxial cable

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Westland police are looking for information about thieves who stole two spools of coaxial cable from a local business.

The cable, valued at \$6,660, was reported stolen Feb. 5, but had actually been taken more than two weeks earlier from T-Mobile at 400 Manufacturing

"The company didn't know the cable was missing. They found empty spools and checked their surveillance video," Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

The surveillance video showed a van or SUV driving along the north side of the building. The suspects, both wearing hoods, apparently jumped the fence to get to the cable, which was stored on

'They were there 2 1/2 hours. They cut the cable into threefoot lengths and threw it over the fence, then loaded it into the vehicle."

STEVE BORISCH, Westland sergeant

large spools outside the build-

They were there 2½ hours. They cut the cable into threefoot lengths and threw it over the fence, then loaded it into the vehicle," Borisch said. He added the thieves could be seen using a hacksaw to cut the

The thieves apparently visited the business Jan. 13 and Jan. 16 between 11:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. The company is no longer storing the cable outside.

Used at cellular communi-

cations towers, the 1.5-inch coaxial cable or coax is an electrical cable with two inner layers of copper. That makes it attractive to thieves who sell the stolen cable to scrap metal dealers, Borisch said.

The cable does carry a serial number which could make it identifiable, Borisch said, but due to the time lapse in the theft being reported, the cable had likely already been stripped and the copper melted down.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Lovefest

AMVETS Post 171 is hosting a Valentine's Lovefest with Elvis at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the post hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Palmer, Westland.

The event costs \$30 per person and includes dinner, a show by Elvis tribute artist Fred Wolfe and open bar. Tickets are available at the post hall. Call (734) 721-9440 for more information.

Spring Craft Show

Wayne AMVETS Post 171 will hold a spring craft show noon-6 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the post hall, 1217 Merriman, between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

The show will feature holiday crafts, homemade goods and collectibles. Vendor tables

are available for \$20 each. For more information, contact John at (734) 729-8930.

TOPS open house

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Time for a change, time to take off pounds sensibly. TOPS, a nonprofit low cost program, is holding an open house 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Adams Community Center, 2011 Kaaley Ave. Westland. Everyone's welcome. Call Brenda at (734) 729-3833 for more information.

Used book sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale Friday through Sunday.

The sale will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Go Green with the Saturday Bag Sale — for \$6, shoppers can fill their own brown

paper grocery bag or comparable-sized reusable bag with

From noon to 4 p.m. Sunday there will be a \$4 bag sale — bring your own bag.

The regular sale prices are: \$1 for hardcover books, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records, 10 cents for magazine; and \$2 for a green reusable Friends bag.

Money raised help fund programs at the library for all ages.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Open House Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool in Westland will be hosting an Open House 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet the teachers, tour the school, learn about its educational programs, and have refreshments. Classes are available for parent-tots, young 3's, 3- and 4-year-olds and enrichment for 4-year olds. Willow Creek is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

Craft Show

Wayne AMVETS Post 171 will present a "Think Spring Craft Show" from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the AMVETS Memorial Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. The hall is south of Cherry Hill, north of Palmer.

Vendor tables are \$20. Contact John at (734) 729-8930. There will be holiday-

themed crafts, homemade collectibles and a bake sale. Hot dogs and Polish sausage will be served.

Game time

Seniors can stop by the Westland Friendship Center 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays to play on the Wii video game system, donated by state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. The Wii will be set up each week in Hall B for various games.

The Friendship Center has put the Wii to good use with numerous bowling events. The Wii is a wonderful tool for social interaction and a great way to keep active. The Friendship Center is on Newburgh south of Ford.

For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

Tax preparation

AARP tax preparation is being offered free at the Friendship Center. The program is aimed at low to moderate income people who are filing simple returns although there are no age or income restrictions. This site is a e-file site only. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

Appointments are necessary. Taxes will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question regarding a return must be taken by a staff person, and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

Call (734) 722-7628 for an appointment.

biggest loss this budget year has been the \$165 per pupil cut in state school aid. The district had budgeted for \$88.7 million in state funding, but now expects to receive \$83.9 million.

However, a higher pupil count brought in an additional \$843,000. The district added 106 pupils to its enrollment, bringing this year's

count to 12,893 students. Martin told the school board that expenditures are up \$279,000 for salaries and

benefits, due to the higher enrollment. The district's Workers Compensation Insurance also is up almost \$100,000. However, the district will spend \$280,000 less for utilities and \$168,000 for supplies, purchased services and capital outlays.

The revised budget leaves the district with a fund equity that's less than 5 percent of expenditures.

"It's the lowest it's been since 1995-96, it's enough for about two weeks — 17 days - of operations," Martin said. "And this is happening all over the state. We're receiving \$11 million less in funding than four years ago."

The governor's proposed budget is due out today, and Baracy said Wayne-Westland officials are prepared to work with lawmakers on solving the state's financial problems.

"There's an awful lot of work to be done in Lansing," he said. "We will do whatever we can and work with the Legislature so we can solve this structural problem once and for all.'

"It seems like every message out of Lansing gets worse," school board Trustee William Gabriel said.

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"It (the first-phase remediation) was approved with suggestions. They want us to measure the methane gas in the trenches. We'll try to implement that," Helmkamp said. "I'm having it costed out now. We'll follow through. We're taking their suggestions to heart."

Wayne County owns the park and leased it to Westland on a 30-year lease which expired in 1978, although the arrangement has been contin-

"The city built and operated the park. We've continued that on an extension. That's one of the things we need to figure out - the ownership, maintenance and operation of the

park," Helmkamp said.

The county has spent more than \$800,000 in recent years on the extensive environmental investigation required by the state and professional services needed to prepare the plans, Helmkamp said.

The first-phase remediation is expected to cost \$1.5 million, funded in part through brownfield money and \$200,000 in county park millage funds.

The city is seeking a \$350,000 grant from the DNRE with a \$150,000 local match to fund restoration of Central City Park. The plan would include a walking path, large pavilion, concession stands and soccer fields. Public comments on the grant application will be taken at the city council meeting that begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

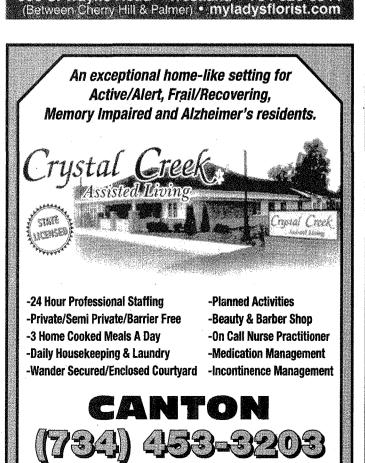
Wayne County had used the park property to dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings between the 1940s and 1970s. Westland (formerly Nankin Township) also used portions of the property for landfilling activities in the 1950s. These materials, along with additional fill material deposited in the area from an unidentified source, are contaminated primarily with lead. Photographs taken in 1971 documented extensive illegal landfilling practices and the presence of numerous

55-gallons drums. When he announced the remediation plan approval was imminent, Wild noted the efforts of Council President James Godbout and Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

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Located at 8121 Lilley

between Joy & Warren Roads

"We got all of the parking lots cleared, so everything is open," Buford said. "I noticed last night some business, restaurants, closed early, too. No one was there."

As the crews moved into subdivisions, Buford said he and other staff would be knocking on doors to enforce the parking ban, if vehicles are found on the street.

"It makes it tough to clear

the streets (with vehicles parked on the street). On some of our narrower streets, like in Norwayne, our trucks can't get through if there are two vehicles parked on the street," Buford said. "There are dead end streets and we have to back out. It's difficult driving those big trucks. It's for the safety of our guys, but also to let us do the best job we can."

Once a snow emergency is declared, police can begin ticketing vehicles left on the street. Local television and radio stations, along with WLND, are notified once a snow emer-

gency goes into effect. It's also announced on the city Web site and through Nixle alerts. "We put it out anywhere we

can. When the kids are home on a snow day, people should realize there is a snow emergency," Buford said. Tickets can also be issued

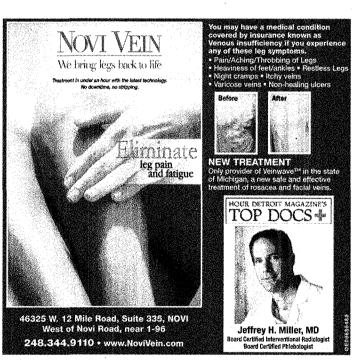
to people who put snow in the street while clearing their driveways and sidewalks — it's a violation of city ordinance. "They are not supposed

to blow snow into the road — they need to blow to either side of their driveway," Buford said.

This has been the first winter Westland has used a brine application on city streets as part of its snow removal program.

"We've used the brine three times and it has worked very well. It definitely has cut down on the time our guys have been out plowing," Buford said. "The brine is put down before the snow falls and that has made it easier to clear the street. It has helped us tremendously and we're using tons of less salt.'

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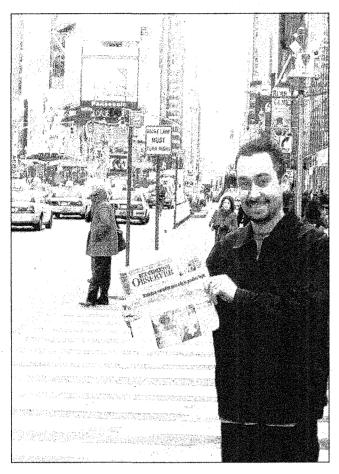
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NEWS BRIEFS

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.

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.

It's Blizzard time: DQ opens for season

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bar Dekle is all about celebrating and she's not about to let a little bit of snow get in the way. The owner of the Dairy Queen of Garden City, Dekle is opening the soft serve hot spot for the season this afternoon.

"I'm shooting for 1 p.m. All the crew is coming back," Dekle said.

Dekle has been in the store on Ford east of Merriman over the last month, getting ready for the season that's sure to please fans of the Blizzard. The tasty treat is celebrating its 25th anniversary and throughout the season there will be special Blizzard offers on the 25th of every month.

Of course, there's a lot more than just that to celebrate this year. Dairy Queen itself turns 70 this year, and Dekle is marking her 35th year as owner of the Garden City store.

"It's fun, it keeps me young," she said.

The Blizzard celebration kicks off Feb. 25 with a buy one Blizzard get one for 25 cents. April 19-25, it will be buy a Blizzard for 25 cents. If your birthday is on the 25th of the month, you can buy a Blizzard for

\$1.25.
In addition to the specials,
Dairy Queen is bringing back
the top 25 Blizzard flavors for
the year. They include Oreo,
cookie dough, Oreo cheesequake, Reese's peanut butter cup,
Butterfinger, Snickers, Heath,
banana cream pie, strawberry

cheesequake and banana split, chocolate cherry, Hawaiian, chocolate-covered strawberry, raspberry truffle, chocolate Xtreme, turtle pecan cluster and Georgia mud fudge,

"Banana split is the number five seller at our store," Dekle said. "My husband loves the raspberry truffle. Heath was his favorite until the raspberry truffle came out. I have so many I like, but of these, raspberry truffle is my favorite. It's refreshing, but still has the sweetness of a truffle."

Regulars will notice a few changes around the store. The exterior of the building is getting a makeover. It has a new blue color, LED lights around the building and up lights that highlight the blue trim. A new sign is due to arrive by the end of the month. Inside, the floor in the main part of the store has new tile.

Dekle's longevity as the owner is reflected in her crew. On average, she has 16 employees. Most started working for her when they were 14-15 and have stayed

"Sometimes I hire more so I have some for next year in case a few leave," Dekle said.

Both Jonathan Sobieski and Stephanie Hanson started working for Dekle when they were 14. Sobieski is starting his sixth season, Hanson has been there 10 years.

"It's an easy place to work. If wasn't for the people, I wouldn't be here," Sobieski said. "I've done everything from making the ice cream, to cleaning and filling. The worst was pulling the weeds. I had to do that my first and second year."

"Like Jon said, it's pretty easy, the pay is good and nobody else is hiring," said Hanson, whom Dekle describes as her "premo cake decorator." "I like it most of the time, except when we get 40-50 cakes around Mother's Day."

Unable to add a drive-through window on the building, Dekle has a twist on quick service. Call in an order ahead and save 10 percent. Employees from Garden. City Hospital, the police and fire departments take advantage of the quick service.

"We've had people park on Ford Road, park on the grass, even a bus driver stopped for ice cream," Hanson said.

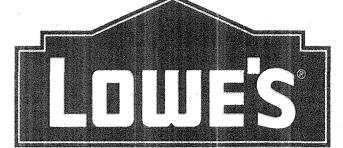
For the first week, the Dairy Queen will be open until 8 p.m. The hours will start expanding as the weather gets warmer. Closing will be 9:30 p.m. while school's in session and 10 p.m. on weekends.

The state's sour economy has had an impact, but business is still up. Last year, Dekle made 0.5 percent more than the previous year.

"It's a happy product that we sell," she said. "It's better than a burger and fries and is 95 percent

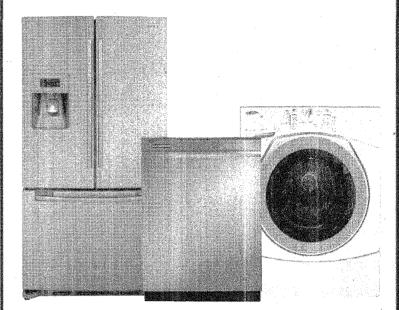
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Report: Alarm scares off would-be thief

Police were called to the 28000 block of Powers Feb. 6 after a resident reported someone had broken into her garage. The resident said the detached garage had a security alarm which had been activated for the night. Hearing the alarm, the woman said she looked out the window and saw an unknown person wearing a dark green jacket with a fur-lined hood exit the garage.

The suspect ran north through the back yard, she said. Nothing was reported to be missing.

The officer found the garage door was open with damage to the jamb and interior trim.

A police dog tracked the suspect and stopped in the rear yard of a home in the 28000 block of Powers, police said. The officer talked with two teens who live at the home but didn't locate a

When the officer returned to update the homeowner, it was discovered that someone had pried open a lock on a neighbor's shed, police said. The resident told police he stored work tools in the shed but nothing appeared spotted the man driving on Joy

WESTLAND COP CALLS

to be missing.

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Larceny from a building

Police were called to Krusty's Pizza, 28985 Joy, Feb. 4 after an employee reported that a man had helped himself to money from a tip jar on the counter. After noticing the jar, which had several dollars in it earlier, was empty, the employee checked the business surveillance video which reportedly showed a man taking the money when no one was looking.

The employee reportedly identified the man as a resident of the Mohawk Trailer Park. The man had paid for his pizza with a credit card and his trailer number was located, police said. No one answered the door when the officer attempted to talk with the man. The officer left a citation on the trailer door after the trailer park manager indicated the man was inside but wouldn't open the door for police.

Several hours later, an officer

near the trailer park, police said. After he was stopped, the man admitted taking \$2 from the tip jar, police said. He was alerted to the citation and told not to return to Krusty's Pizza.

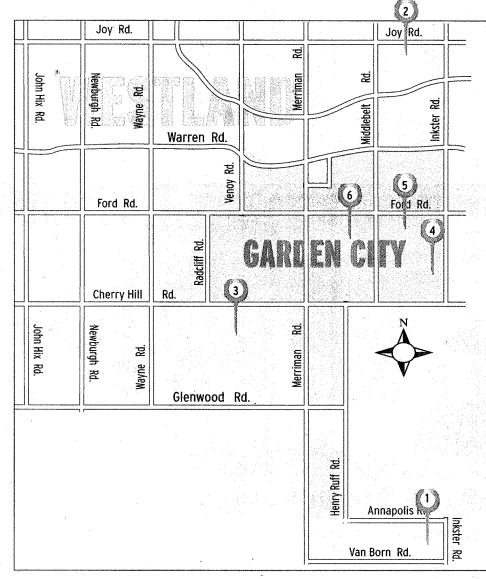
A Ypsilanti man told police Feb. 6 that someone had stolen a gas meter from a multifamily unit that is under construction in the 2000 block of Eastport. The meter was last seen Jan. 30. The gas was turned off and the units unoccupied before the meter, valued at \$350, was stolen.

The owner told police that someone had stolen tools from the location a week earlier.

Flag missing

A resident in the 1500 block of John Hix told police Feb. 8 that she heard a loud noise about 4 a.m. and looked outside but didn't see anything amiss. The next morning, she reported that someone had broken her 12-foot flag pole and stolen her U.S. flag. The loss was estimated at \$150.

- By LeAnne Rogers



Police investigate reported robberies at Wendy's and Sprint

Armed robberies

A reported robbery at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Sprint store at 173 N. Inkster marked the second reported robbery in that area in less than a week. The Wendy's restaurant at 123 N. Inkster was reportedly robbed at about 9:14 p.m. Jan. 29.

At the Sprint store, when an employee left to get change from the gas station across the street, a thief reportedly entered and held up another store employee.

'What up, homeboy?" asked the man as he reportedly pulled out a black semi-automatic pistol.

The employee put his hands up and stepped away from the counter, allowing the man to walk around the counter and steal money from the cash reg-

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

ister, police said.

There were no customers in the Sprint store.

Garden City Police reportedly found a "live" bullet near the counter which they confiscated. Police believe it fell out of the suspect's gun.

The suspect was described as a 30-year-old man who had a black mask covering his face. He wore white gloves and light brown boots. The hood of his blue hoodie was pulled over his

In the Wendy's robbery, the suspect reportedly jumped over the counter of the restaurant and demanded money. He also reportedly drew a black, semiautomatic gun from his coat,

stole currency from the register years old, who was cool and and ran out of the store.

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

The Wendy's suspect is described as a black man, in his mid-30s, almost 6 feet tall 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.

Retail fraud

Alert employees at Orin Jewelers at Ford Road and Middlebelt helped police capture an alleged shoplifter about 11:30 a.m. Jan. 26.

The suspect was described as | Identity theft a short, elderly woman, 60-70

collected at the store when she asked to see a pair of \$3,500 earrings, police said. The employee who was waiting on her reportedly said that she turned to get a calculator and when she turned back around the earrings, which were on the

The customer said that she didn't take the earrings. The employees noted later that she kept her purse on the floor and not on the counter, police said.

counter, were gone.

The woman reportedly left shortly after in a blue SUV. Police used license plate information provided by store employees to locate the woman in Dearborn Heights.

A man who lives in the

31200 block of Hennepin reported Feb. 3 that someone stole his identity and opened and maxed out - at \$3,000 each - credit card accounts in his name. The accounts were all opened Jan. 25. A Target account was opened in Southfield, a Walmart account in Dearborn, a JCPenny account in Troy. A Lowe's account was denied.

The thief reportedly used phone numbers from four years

Drunken driving

 Police arrested a 21-year-Old Westland woman for drunken driving after they reportedly stopped her when she tried to turn from the wrong lane.

She had just left Albert's on

the Alley on Middlebelt about 2:30 a.m. Feb. 3 and was in the wrong lane eastbound on Ford Road, trying to get to the McDonald's Restaurant, south of Ford Road, police said.

The woman said that she drank two Long Island iced teas during a 90-minute period and subsequently registered a .17 blood alcohol level which is twice the legal limit, police said.

She told the police that the reason she couldn't balance herself well during the sobriety tests was because she was wearing high heels, police said. The officer asked if she had flat shoes she could change into and she said she only had heels in the car.

- By Sue Buck

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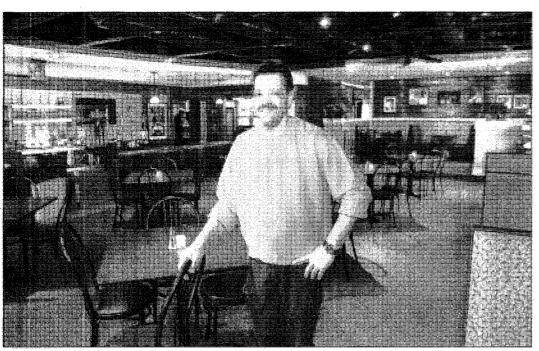
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Westland-Garden City Strictly Business



Smokey's Rib and Fish House co-owner Frank Muger poses in the restaurant.

Smokey's puts flavor in barbecue

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

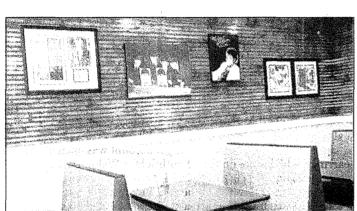
A restaurant focusing on barbecue has opened on Ford and the name says it all — Smokey's Rib and Fish House.

"The menu mostly focuses on ribs, pulled pork and prime rib, chicken and fish," said Frank Muger, who co-owns the restaurant with Chris and Dario Tomei.

Unlike Knockouts, the establishment it replaced, Smokey's focus in on food, Muger said.

"The ribs are the best items on the menu. The response has been very good since we opened. We really focus on dining," said Muger, adding there was quite a bit of remodeling at the restaurant before it opened in late November.

While this is the first time Muger has owned a restaurant,



Music memorabilia decorates the walls at Smokey's Rib and Fish House.

he has previous experience in the food industry having worked at Papa Joe's and Montana's Restaurant.

Smokey's does have a liquor license, so drinks can be ordered with meals. The restaurant also features two big screen televisions for patrons

who like to watch television while enjoying a meal.

Located at 36980 Ford, nearly opposite the Westland police station, Smokey's is open daily at 4 p.m. The restaurant closes at 10 p.m. weekdays and is open until 11 p.m. on the weekend.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Warren Rd.

John Hix

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Membership meeting

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 Location: Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The credit union will hold its 56th annual membership meeting in the board room. On the

agenda is the election of board members: The nominating committee has nominated the following incumbents who have agreed to serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term: Andy Spisak who has served on the board since 1991; Mike Donovan who has served on the board since 1999, and Wayne Bennett who has served on the board since 1991. There will be no nominations from the floor.

Contact: (734) 721-5700 or www. wwfcu.org

Product Launch

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 Location: Marvaso's Italian Grille, 6569 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: Join Face Flair for its 2010 "Where's Your Flair kickoff party. The cost is \$10, if paid by Feb. 21 online at www.faceflair.com or send

check or money order to P.O. box 85717, Westland, MI 48185. Cost is \$12 after Feb. 21 or at the door. It includes a "Face

Flair" of your choice, premium hors d'oeuvres, games, prizes and fun. This is a fun, family friendly, casual dress event. Drink specials will be announced at event.

Contact: (734) 844-7672

Romantic time

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday Feb. 13th **Location**: Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, Westland **Details:** Join Salute to the Superstars at Hawthorne Valley 's Romance With

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Say it with flowers

Location: My Lady's Florist, 930 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Sunday is Valentine's Day and My Lady's Florist has the perfect way to ask the certain someone to be yours - a dozen long stem roses with a heart box of chocolates for \$24.99 (metro Detroit deliveries only) with free local delivery in Westland, Wayne and Garden City.

Contact: (734) 326-6344

ONGOING

Mask fitting Clinic

Time/date: 5 p.m. Wednesday Location: Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland

Details: Attention CPAP and BiPAP users, did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the center any Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Contact: (734) 458-3330.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

On Botsford staff

Dr. John Coppola has joined the medical staff at Botsford

Coppola practices at the Skin & Vein Center at 305 N. Leroy in Fenton, 32669 W. Warren Road, Suite 9, in Garden City and 44056 Mound Road, Suite 101, in Sterling Heights.

Coppola is a member of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, the American Academy of Dermatology, the Michigan Dermatologic Society and the American Osteopathic Association. He received his medical education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He completed his internship at Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, Fla., and his dermatology residency at Botsford Hospital.

Botsford Hospital is an independent 330-bed community teaching hospital in Farmington Hills. It was founded in 1965.

For small businesses

Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA), operator of Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) and Willow Run Airport (YIP), hopes to

engage the talent and resources Airport Authority. of more local, small businesses through a Small Business Opportunity Forum 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23,. in the L.C. Smith Building (former check-in lobby area) at DTW.

The Forum will focus on becoming a WCAA certified Small Business Enterprise as well as upcoming contract opportunities and proposal development techniques for SBEs.

"The Airport Authority's mission includes creating economic vitality in the region we serve; and our commitment to Small Business Enterprises is a high priority for our organization," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "We are passionate about certifying more small businesses and having them participate in Airport Authority business opportunities."

The Small Business Opportunity Forum will kick off with a continental breakfast followed by testimonials from small businesses that have experienced success in providing goods and services to WCAA. Several WCAA division representatives will also share information about anticipated contract opportunities with the

From 10 a.m. to noon, participants will have a chance to network with key WCAA staff members. Additionally, outside organizations that offer business support services such as insurance, bonding and financing/lending will also be in attendance. The forum will conclude with a workshop that includes tips on preparing quality proposals.

This Small Business Opportunity Forum builds on the Airport Authority's established Small Business Enterprise Program launched in 2008. Small businesses with headquarters in Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw or Wayne counties are eligible to become WCAA SBE certified. Details regarding this program can be found online at www. metroairport.com/business/ SBEProgram.asp.

Space is limited, so reservations are encouraged by Feb. 12. Complimentary parking will be provided to participants who reserve a spot in advance.

For more details about the forum and to reserve your spot, contact the WCAA Procurement Division at (734)

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CHAMBER CHAT

Here are a few reasons why joining the Chamber of

Commerce matters: • The Garden City Chamber's program with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan offers the most options, best available prices and money saving services to compliment their coverage. Now members can save even more with Advantage Pricing which rewards them for having a complete health plan. Whether you are an individual looking for insurance or a small business looking for insurance, the chamber has the right plan

package for you. · Chamber members only receive a free business listing in the Chamber's Membership and Community Directory. This directory keeps members in touch with more than

15,000 residents and businesses via direct mail.

 Numerous telephone calls come into the Chamber office daily requesting referrals to area businesses offering specific services. Chamber membership automatically places your company's name in our referral bank.

 Chamber members have the option to choose from their current promotion or take 5 percent off rate plans of \$35 or higher through an exclusive program with Verizon Wireless. Members also receive 25 percent off accessories for equipment and larger discounts for multiple phone plans.

• Members can receive substantial discounts and savings on office supplies and furniture through our joint benefit program with Office

Depot. The program features discounts on office supplies and furniture, timely next day delivery, availability to order via e-commerce, as well as instore purchases.

• Chamber membership provides you with a automatic listing on the Chamber Web site in the membership directory section.

• The new Resident Welcome Packet offers business the opportunity to reach all new and relocating families entering Garden City. • Space is available at the

Chamber office for your busi-

ness to display promotional

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materials. For more information, call the chamber office at (734)

> **Amelia Oliverio Executive Director**



Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS



The Westland Observer was there when sisters Joyce Bornholdt and Donna Prieskorn, both breast cancer survivors, helped kick off Westland's Painting the Town Pink.

Newspaper investment enhances local lives

For the last couple of years, as Michigan's economy continues to tank and businesses everywhere have struggled, we have covered the efforts of local retailers to get people to "shop local" in an attempt to get our readers to spend their dollars to help local businesses get through and hopefully thrive in tough economic times.

It's not only our sincerest desire to help those most invested in our local communities, it's at the heart of our credo to help our readers and our advertisers — our businesses — to prosper in the communities in which they work and live.

For more than three decades, the Westland Observer has been proud and honored to develop a relationship with the community we serve. We are the hometown newspaper of record for your successes, your good news and bad.

It's our role to be the community watchdog, to keep an eye on the city council and board of education you elect, to watch them as they protect you, serve you and spend your money. We've been there to chronicle state championships, academic achievements, business successes. We're at festivals and community events like the Westland Summer Festival, Relay for Life and Painting the Town Pink, meetings and games.

If you doubt we're your hometown newspaper, look around and count the other media bringing your good news to the community. We publish births, weddings and anniversaries. We cover the ups and downs of our towns.

We're at football games Fridays in the fall, baseball games in the spring. We're at school board meetings and town hall gatherings. We're at band concerts and school plays. We provide the stories and photographs that end up on your refrigerators, hung there with a magnet for all to see. Our stories and photos end up in scrapbooks, preserved for posterity.

We use our editorial voice to shape the debate in our communities and, through our Letters to the Editor, provide readers with a voice of their own. In recent years, we've added a Web component (www.hometownlife.com), which not only updates your communities on a daily basis, but provides yet another forum for discussion.

We've been privileged and proud to play this role in our communities for years. It's always been a mutually beneficial relationship — our stories and photos supply our readers with memories, and our pages are a proven advertising vehicle that drives customers into local busi-

But here's a message that sometimes gets forgotten: We're a local business, too.

We depend on the support not only of our advertisers, but of our readers. The Westland Observer has been successful at carrying your advertising message, but the only way we can continue that success is if you continue to advertise with us. Likewise, we're happy and proud to provide the refrigerator- and scrapbook-worthy stories of which memories are made. But we can't do that without a subscription base that keeps the engine running.

We understand times are tough. But times are tough in our industry, as well, and there's only one way to make sure the Westland Observer is still around in another 30 years, and that's to invest in it, through your advertisements and your subscriptions.

An investment in the Observer is an investment in your memories, good government, good schools, local business and your lives.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What grade would you give Gov. Jennifer Granholm and why?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"I'd have to say E, I don't like how she does or doesn't handle things."

Melinda Powell



"I haven't been in Michigan long enough to form an opinion."

Anna Fowlkes



"I'm a Granholm fan, I'd give her a B for her effort." Norm Feliks

Garden City

"I would give her a C. She really couldn't help the economy. What could she do?"

Mable Feliks

LETTERS

A valuable resource

I do not know how many people are aware of a valuable resource right here in the city of Westland. The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is here to assist people to overcome the fear of public speaking, hone their skills and provide leadership training.

Toastmasters International is an international organization with a mission to help people who wish to improve their career opportunities. The membership of Toastmasters is a diverse group of people from different walks of life, occupations and backgrounds.

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets at 6:45 p.m. every Thursday at the Bailey Center, located behind Westland City Hall. The club is not limited to Westland residents. Anyone is welcome. For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734)

Curt Gottlieb Westland

Fiscal responsibility

Welcome to the new members of Westland City Council. Your mission as newly voted in council members is to show the people that voted you in that city council will function better with fiscal responsibility. If we the people have to stretch pennies during these hard times, city council should learn to do the same.

The Jan. 4 City Council Motion 1010-01-05 includes spending \$50,441 on a new GMC Hybrid Yukon to replace a 2000 Yukon. This does not sound fiscally responsible. I'm sure city council could find a better less expensive model that will fit the bill than a Hybrid Yukon.

Why is city council approving a purchase of Hybrid Yukon when during these tough economic times citizens have to make due with bare minimums at our dinner table? Why are we still offering car allowances for city officials during these tough economic times? Why not just offer paying mileage for use with their private car like most competitive American companies do? Is this why many Westland citizens are having our property taxes raised to pay for this?

I have a 10-year-old Ford Sable with more than 108,000 miles that I drive for business and with proper maintenance practices, I'm sure I will be able to get another 100,000 miles out of this good old American-made product.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Look, during these tough economic times the city council should act with more fiscal responsibility. Many companies are cutting corners by cutting wages, company cars, cutting operating costs and even layoffs. You the city council asked to be voted in. Now here is your chance to show the voters you will act responsibly with our tax dollars.

At the company I work for, I have found ways to cut 50 percent to 70 percent cost from vender purchases just by doing simple cost comparing research and analyzing product efficiencies. Fifty percent to 70 percent cost savings from just looking online and having venders line up and compete for by business. Businesses are hurting right now and they are willing to reduce their prices to stay in business. In our present business climate, if you're not getting the best deal for your dollar, you're not doing your job.

May I remind you there are many qualified educated people out of work that would gladly work for less than what we pay some of our city officials. The San Antonio, Texas, city council members are a great example of fiscally responsible government. The city council members only get paid \$20 per week.

I agree with Mayor Dave Bing, who says, "Folks in government ... had this entitlement attitude that says, 'It's always been this way. It's always going to be this way." I challenge our new city council members to change this attitude. Do your homework, stop unnecessary spending, reduce high salaries and departmental waste. Let's keep Westland fiscally sound. Westland citizens will be watching.

> **Carlos Manzo** Westland

Corporatist states

All doubt, as if any really existed, about whose corner the Republican Party stands in has now been removed. Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority leader from Kentucky and long an opponent of the people, was unabashedly giddy, almost unable to contain his joy.

Now the downtrodden, beleaguered corporations would finally, after all these years, be able to emerge from the darkness and fully claim the final most important blessing of full citizenship in this democracy; one that they so richly deserve and have been denied: freedom of speech. John Boehner, Republican from Ohio and House Minority leader, similarly elated and obviously moved, in a cracking voice stated as tears seemingly welled up in his eyes, "It's high time, this a victory for the First Amendment."

They were acting as if some grand initiative that would really help humankind like "peace in our time" or "an end to disease and poverty" had been achieved instead of what really had happened. The Republican leadership and most of their brethren were celebrating something really monumental: the facilitating of the entire hijacking of the electoral process by big money, the corporations of America and yes, the rest of the world; so much for "We the People" and "one man, one vote." Welcome to the Corporatist States of America!

According to Republicans, some solace for Dems should be that organized labor will also benefit from this new degree of enfranchisement, knowing full well that this will more likely be the death-knell for unions. The expansion of the so-called "right to work," the subsequent insourcing of foreign-based auto companies and suppliers without requiring that they pay the going rate in wages and benefits and the outsourcing of American jobs is already killing one of the few advocates for the people's interests and the interests of the middle class that still exists, big labor.

Today unions represent only 10 percent of American workers and miss the clout they once enjoyed that enabled them to boost wages, benefits and working conditions for all Americans, not just those in unions. Thanks to Republican-based facilitation, labor now lacks the resources needed to defend itself against the corporatist-funded electoral onslaught.

This is a conservative Republican gift that will keep on giving, courtesy of Reagan and the Bushes and the justices they appointed.

Mitch Smith Canton

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

• On limiting comments

I think the citizens are tired of the Council Watchers. I would love to be able to understand how they justify wasting the time of everyone at the council meetings.

Judy McKinny definitely can not stand President Godbout. She is so arrogant when she

gets in front of the microphone. She says nothing and complains constantly. She is always telling people to join her, it's their right. Did it ever dawn on her, that people only get up in front of council when they have something to say? Dewitt is like a broken record. What part of the word "estimate" does she not understand? Lastly, Swistek and Davis have issues. Lots of them.

I am sure that if someone has problems with the city, the council will listen to them longer than 3 minutes. People can

still write, call and e-mail all these council people.

Westlander

Finally! Now I only have to suffer through approximately 21 minutes of inane babble by the local self appointed "council meeting celebrities." Getting 1,000 votes in a election of a city that's more than 80,000 or so, does not make a speaker for "the people of Westland." I would have suggested the suspending the televised meeting altogether. Just my 2 cents worth

Azgoodazitgetz

I agree! If you watched the last meeting where they were protesting the reduction of time, they made the best case for why it should be reduced. They stood up there and made a mockery of the allotted time. They were all done well before 3 minutes were up but just rambled on to fill up the remaining time (something they do on a regular basis). One even went into a countdown of the seconds left to use up all of her time

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Keeping investments in balance is key to success

ver the last few weeks, I've been to the Troy, Royal Oak and Sterling Heights public libraries speaking about investing. Unlike many seminars for

investors, mine are meant to be educational and not designed to sell you something. Unfortunately, too many seminars geared toward investors are all too often the hard

sell.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

That being said, one issue I discussed at recent seminars was the importance of rebalancing one's portfolio. During one discussion, a gentleman mentioned he was using an adviser to manage his portfolio. However, during the four years he has dealt with the adviser, his portfolio was never rebalanced. The question was how often he should rebalance and what should he do about his adviser.

As to the adviser, the first question is whether the adviser is paid. In this case, he is. In fact, the investor is paying this adviser 134 percent to manage his account (134 percent is at the high end to manage an account).

My next question is what are you paying him for? The gentleman answered he was paying the adviser to watch his account. I believe when an adviser commits to watching an account and charging high fees for it, one thing he/she

ought to be doing is rebalancing the account. Rebalancing may not seem important, but it is essential for successful

When it comes to investing, most people concentrate on what investments they should buy and sell. Unfortunately, this is a fool's game and not something that smart investors should do. Rather, smart investors recognize that they need to focus not just on the individual investment, but on sectors of the economy that their money is invested.

Over the years, smart investors have recognized that to be successful over the long run you must have a diversified portfolio. Diversified just doesn't mean owning 10 mutual funds or 20 stocks. It means spreading out of money into a variety of different asset classes. These asset classes are such things as large U.S. companies, small U.S. companies, energy, emerging markets and international large and small.

In the portfolios I manage, I typically will have about 15 different asset classes in a portfolio. The theory behind using a variety of asset classes is that different sectors of the economy move at different

able to spread out your risk without sacrificing returns.

The key to a well-balanced and diversified portfolio is to target each individual asset class. For example, 5 percent in an emerging market or 10 percent in large U.S. companies. Having a target ensures that you are not too heavily invested in one sector of the Rebalancing comes in after

you have purchased your investments and a period of time has gone by in which various investments have performed differently, thus your allocation is no longer accurate. Therefore, the key to rebalancing is to adjust the portfolio back to your original allocation. For example, if you allocated 15 percent of your portfolio in small U.S. companies and now small U.S. companies represent 20 percent of your portfolio, you know you have to reduce your exposure by 5 percent and reinvest that 5 percent in an area of the economy that hasn't performed well. In that regard, rebalancing allows you to buy low and sell high. Unfortunately, too many investors never rebalance and after a period of time their original allocations are off. Consequently, the portfolio does not reflect what they are trying to achieve as an inves-

How often should someone rebalance his/her portfolio?

times. By diversifying, you are I recommend, at a minimum, at least once or twice a year. Of course, if you have professional management and you're paying an adviser to manage your portfolio, they should be rebalancing more often.

One of the benefits of periodically rebalancing your portfolio is it allows you to focus on the most important thing and that is your overall game plan vs. what is happening to the market on a day-today basis.

All the independent studies say the same thing and that is that the right allocation is more important to a portfolio than picking the right indi-

vidual investments. If you have not rebalanced your portfolio in a while, it is a great time to do it. Of course, to make rebalancing effective, you must know what you're rebalancing to. In other words, you have to know how you want your portfolio to look before you can rebalance it. If you're the type of investor that never really looks at investments and, in fact, tends to ignore them, then it may be an indication that you need professional management. 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.

Schoolcraft sponsors College Goal Sunday

People planning to attend college this fall can get assistance completing their federal financial aid forms during College Goal Sunday, Feb. 14. A nationwide effort, College Goal Sunday will happen from 1 to 4 p.m. at 27 sites across Michigan, including the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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Individuals attending College Goal Sunday should bring their Social Security numbers, driver's licenses or alien registration cards, family's 2009

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federal income tax returns (2008 federal tax returns, if 2009 has not been filed yet), 2009 untaxed income records, 2009 W-2 forms, bank statements and investment records and information. Students under 23 years of age are encouraged to attend with their parent or legal guardian. These documents contain information that is required in the FAFSA.

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Fat Tuesday: Throw a King Cake party or pack away the paczki - Food, 86

HOMETOWN LIFE



Jiga top shooter

Livonia's Robert Jiga, a

student at Emerson Middle

School, has advanced to the

Great Lakes Regional after capturing the Michigan

Elks Hoop Shoot state con-

2246, captured the Boys 12-

13 age division by sinking 20-of-25 free throws.

He will travel with his

Angela Jiga, to the Great Lakes Regional, March 20, in Angola, Ind. where he

will compete in a field 18 with the winner earning a spot among the top 72 in the National Finals, April

22-25, in Springfield, Mass.

Livonia Stevenson senior Kayla Kimble recently

signed a letter-of-intent to play soccer at Grand Valley State University, the 2009 NCAA Division II cham-

Kimble, a first-team All-Observer pick as a midfielder, also earned

All-Kensington Lakes

Activities Association and

Division 1 All-District hon-

ors. She was the Spartans' captain as a junior and

scored five goals and added

Siena Heights University

women's soccer coach Scott

Oliver announced the signing recently of Livonia

Churchill senior center

midfielder Nicole Marlow

"I am very excited to

come to Siena Heights

because I get to live my

dream of playing soccer

in college," said Marlow,

a starter for the 17-3-3

an all-A student who was

Division 1 regional finalists last spring. "I also love the

small community and plan on becoming a teacher." "Nicole is really one of

those late bloomers from high school," Oliver said of the All-District pick. "She has really developed into a good soccer player and

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Naubert catalyst as Stevenson cages Wildcats

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the KLAA Central Division boys basketball title at stake Tuesday night, Livonia Stevenson would not be

The host Spartans got a sterling effort from the backcourt duo of Bobby Naubert and CJ Mwila, who combined for 41 points in a 56-49 victory over

Stevenson, now 11-3 overall and 8-1 in the Central, is one victory away from clinching the title outright. The Spartans can do it with victory Friday at home over South Lyon.



"I'm proud of these kids winning a division title — any league title is never easy,' said Stevenson coach Mike Allie, whose team avenged a 71-54 setback to the Wildcats on Jan. 19. "Right now

we're division champs,

no matter what. But we could tie with Novi with a loss to South Lyon." Naubert, a 5-foot-11 senior, finished

with a game-high 26 points. The shifty left-hander, whose

style reminds some of former UCLA All-America and Lakers guard Gail

BOYS BASKETBALL

Goodrich (better known as "Stumpy"), scored eight fourth-quarter points as the Spartans held off a late Novi rally.

The Wildcats, who trailed by as many as 14 in the third quarter, pulled to within one, 42-41, on a pair of free throws from Antwan Batwo, with only 4:14 remaining.

Allie then signaled for a timeout and the Spartans responded with a 7-0 run as Naubert made a pair of free throws, coupled with a driving layup and 3pointer from Mwila, a 5-10 junior who finished with 15 points.

"I thought we did a good job of keep-

ing our composure," Allie said. "We knew Novi would make a run, but we were able to hold them off in the last minute of the game.

"At one point we had four seniors on the floor. We told them they had to keep their composure. We're at home, in front of our home crowd. We had to settle down and play basketball. I thought we did that down the stretch."

Stevenson made four 3-pointers in the opening quarter to take a 18-12 lead. The Spartans then led 29-20 at intermission on Naubert's conventional three-point play with 5.62 seconds left.

Please see STEVENSON, B3

Upstart MU trips No. 13 Davenport

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A downtrodden Madonna University men's basketball team turned the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference upside down Saturday afternoon at home by upsetting

MEN'S BASKETBALL

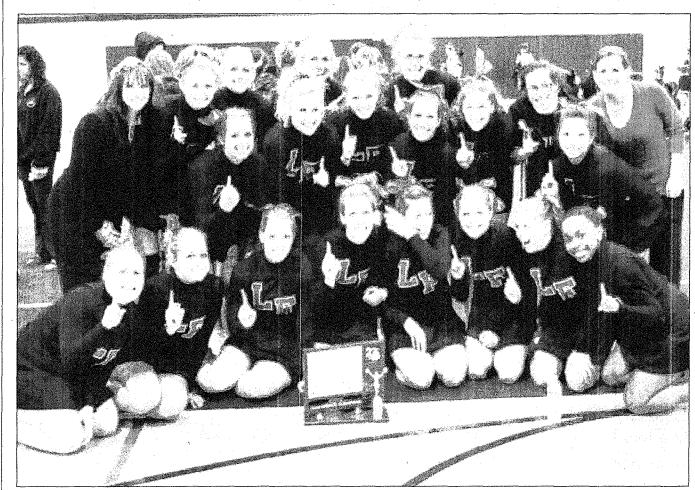
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enport University, 51-44. The Crusaders did it with a suffocating 1-3-1 zone defense as the Panthers, ranked 13th in the latest NAIA Division II poll, shot only 22.7 percent from the floor (15-of-66).

Davenport didn't help its cause either by connecting just 44 percent from the free-throw line (11-of-25) in falling to 20-6 overall and 9-1 in the WHAC.

MU, now 5-20 overall and 2-8 in the WHAC, won despite going without a point from the

Please see MADONNA, B3



Pats cheer champions

Livonia Franklin delighted its home crowd Saturday by capturing the 11-school KLAA Kensington Conference championship. The Patriots scored a total of 709.0604 points in three rounds to best runner-up Northville and third-place Novi with 705.7344 and 704.1724, respectively. Members of the Patriots, coached by Tabetha Waddle and Amy Fuller, include seniors Alecia Geraghty, Emma Robertson, Kelly Plocharczyk, Jenna Ruokolainen, Katie Panyan, Sam Oudeh, Marissa Kreutzfeld, Shannon Niznik, Kim Wonch; juniors Mady Byrd, Catie Hatfield, Breana Ward, Audrey Geraghty; sophomores Abby Killeen, Laresa Smith, Allyson Dominguez, Laura Mitoraj; freshmen Megan Vallimont and Missy Henderson. The Patriots, 4-1 in dual matches this season, return action at 10 a.m. Saturday in Novi for the Association-wide championship.

First KLAA wrestling tourney deemed a success

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite a notable no-show, the first-ever Kensington Lakes **Activities Association wrestling** tournament drew rave reviews

Hartland, ranked No. 3 in the latest Division 1 poll by the Michigan Grappler, led the 24school field with 248.5 points. The Eagles earned points in 13 of 14 weight classes and came away with two individual titles.

Saturday at Westland John Glenn.

Host Glenn, also ranked in the top 10 in Division 1 at No. 7, was runner-up with 202.5 points, while Brighton was a distant third with 144.

Canton, ranked No. 8 in Division 1, elected to send its 'B' squad and finished well back in the pack in 22nd with 17.5.

"It was a very exciting day for the sport of wrestling. I am honored to have been the first team to host arguably the toughest league tournament in the state of Michigan," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "The competition had a 'state Complete tournament results, B2.

finals'-type atmosphere in the final couple rounds. We accepted a runner-up finish to a great program (Hartland), but we are never satisfied with second place."

Glenn individual winners included Anthony Pavlich (130 pounds), Travis Mann (140) and Dustin Gajowiak (285).

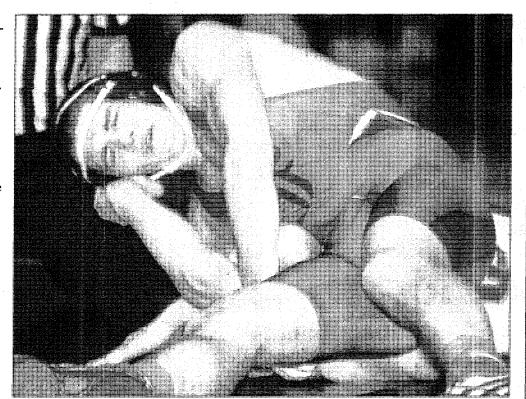
Pavlich notched his 100th career pin during the tourney to eclipse the school record held by Jim Wood.

Steve Wakeford, meanwhile, added a second at 112 and the Rockets added four thirds, including Kyle Gillies (103), Josh Austin (119), Mark Thompson

(135) and Mike Johnson (145). "Looking back, if a few other close matches went our way, we had a shot at the title," Polk said. "Most of our wrestlers performed better then what they were seeded, so as a coach I can't complain. All in all, it was a good day.

Livonia Franklin earned a top 10 finish in eighth with 101 points.

Please see WRESTLING, B2



Franklin's Matt Roos (top), who won the 152-pound division at the Observerland Invitational, contributed a second Saturday in the same weight class at the first-ever Kensington Lakes Activities Association tourney

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Warrior grapplers first at Summit

Going 5-0 on the day, 130pounder Justin Palka earned lower weights MVP honors as Lutheran High Westland finished 4-1 Saturday to capture the Romulus Summit Academy Team wrestling tourney crown.

Laith Francis (125) added a title going 5-0 as the Warriors defeated the Detroit Cesar Chavez (42-26), Livonia Stevenson 'B' (42-42 on the seventh criteria), Summit (42-30) and Onsted 'B' (38-32).

Memphis was the only team to defeat Lutheran Westland, 38-30. But the Warriors, who tied with Onsted 'B' with a 4-1 record, won based on head-tohead competition.

Other medalists for the Warriors included Jacob Bartos (189) and Martin Kemp (171), both going 4-1 on the day to take runner-up honors.

"It was a good tournament for us going into team districts this Thursday," Lutheran

Westland first-year coach Joseph Schmidt said. "It was a nice surprise to win the tourney because Iwas missing two seniors, Sean Rowe and Craig Kowalsky (limited to two matches due to prior commitment).

"The young kids wrestled the best they have all year. Matt Sankey (140-145) had his best day of his young carear going 3-2 with one of his losses a very exciting overtime loss."

Trojans second in Metro

Livonia Clarenceville parlayed four individual titles into a runner-up finish during Saturday's four-team Metro Conference tournament hosted by eventual champion Macomb Lutheran North.

The Trojans were led by lower weight MVP Coy Sillanpaa, who captured the 140-pound weight class.

Other individual champs for the Trojans included Michael

Weiss (103), Travis Edwards (215) and Anthony Giordano

Taking second-place finishes for Clarenceville were David Gibson (103), Aaron Bibik (135) and Brendan Groves (152).

Third-places went to Shane Martin (112), Bradley Martin (119), Chris Edwards (145) and Matthew Ainout (160).

Lutheran North captured the team crown with 182 points followed by Clarenceville (136), Hamtramck (131) and Harper Woods (93).

Lutheran North got individual titles from Kyle Hudson (112), Mitchel Davis (119), Jacob Sassin (135), Chris Stapleton (145), Calvin Kahl (152) and Andrew Devroy (171).

Josh Hadley, a 189-pounder from Harper Woods, was named upper weights MVP. Hamtramck's O'Dale Dillard captured the 160-pound class.



Green & White signee

Livonia Churchill's Sara Kroll (middle), flanked by her parents Anna and Michael, signed her NCAA Letter-of-Intent Feb. 3 to run track and cross country at Michigan State. Kroll qualified for the Foot Locker National Cross Country Championships last December in San Diego, Calif, and finished third in the MHSAA Division I cross country finals last November. She is coached by Sue Tatro (upper left), the cross country coach, and Pat Daugherty (upper right), the track and field coach. Kroll was also the state runner-up in the 800 meters as a junior. Said MSU coach Walt Drentfi: "We're really excited because Sara is a versatile person with great range. She's just the kind of runner we need at the elite level. Her coaches have done a wonderful job with her. She grew up a State fan and her parents are State people. She can't wait to put on a uniform and that connection was vital to the recruiting process."

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ACTIVITIES WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Feb. 6 at Westland John Glenn

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Hartland, 248.5 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 202.5; 3. Brighton, 144; 4. Northville, 132; 5. Howell, 119; 6. Grand Blanc 108; 7. Milford, 102; 8. Livonia Franklin, 101; 9. Walled Lake Northern, 92.5; 10. Walled Lake Central, 89; 11. South Lyon, 85: 12. Salem, 73: 13. Waterford Kettering, 63; 14. Livonia Churchill, 60; 15. Plymouth, 53.5; 16. Novi, 49; 17. Walled Lake Western, 39; 18. South Lyon East, 38.5; 19. Wayne Memorial, 29; 20. Livonia Stevenson, 27 21. Pinckney, 21; 22. Canton, 17.5; 23. White Lake Lakeland, 14; 24. Waterford Mott.

FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 285 pounds: Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) pinned Chad Cook (GB), 2:39; **3rd place:** Wally Eppler (Ply.) decision Jimmy Walsh (Howell), 3-1; **5th** place: Chris Combs (Milford) p. John Meissner

(Hartland), 2:14; 7th place: Jon Skekell (LC) dec Chris Bowie (WM), 3-2.
103: Kyle Pirars (Howell) dec. Tyler Foley (SLE), 6-3; **3rd:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) p. Jordan Amine (Brighton), 2:30; **5th:** Richard Demarois (Canton) dec. Ian Stirton (N'ville), 4-1; 7th: Dan Martinez

(LF) dec. Jay Banks (GB), 8-2 112: Jimmy Schroader (Milford) p. Steve Wakeford (WJG), 5:59; 3rd: Russ Kantola (Hartland) won by injury default over Alex Calandrino (Howell); **5th**: Jake Meadows (LC) won by major dec. over Gabe Martinez (LF), 13-2: 7th: Said Youssef (Ply.) won by technical fall over Jake

The Patriots got a first

from 119-pound junior Steve

Helka (WLN), 16-1

119: Steve Tuyo (LF) dec. C.J. Brish (Brighton), 5-2; **3rd:** Josh Austin (WJG) p. Spencer Hellner (Hartland, 2:14; **5th:** Jordan Schaefer (SL) dec. Chad Czemeski (Howell), 11-7; **7th:** Giddiani Albuerne (Novi) dec. Nick Byrnes (SLE), 6-3. 125: Nick Monitz (Hartland) won by major

dec. over Devin Boria (Milford), 11-1; **3rd:** Montell Watkins (WK) dec. Evan Hoshaw (Brighton), 10-6; 5th: Brooks O'Brien (SL) dec. Devin Stratton (Salem), 2-1; 7th: Taylor Moore (Howell) won by injury default over Alejandro Albuerne (Novi). 130: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) dec. Christian

O'Guinn (GB), 4-1; **3rd:** Chase Snider (Hartland) p. Jordan McGuire (LF), 2:29; **5th:** Trevor Slicker (WLN) p. George McClymont (N'ville), 2:13; **7th:** Keith Kooperman (Brighton) dec. Ziad Tamimi 135: Joe Johnson (SL) dec. Jeff Lopez

(Hartland), 7-3; **3rd:** Mark Thompson (WJG) p. Aaron Calderon (Brighton), 0:49; **5th:** James Middleditch (Salem) dec. Mitchell Tucker (Howell) 6-4 (overtime); 7th: Clayton Hughes (WLN) won by injury default over Jon Bannoura (LC).

140: Travis Mann (WJG) dec. Frank Martin (WLC), 8-2: 3rd: John Julien (Hartland) dec. Josh Wright (N'ville), 6-3; **5th:** Jake Smith (Brighton) p. Jake Hosking (Milford), 1:20; **7th:** Colin Anglin (SL) dec. Charlie Kokenakes (LS), 4-0.

145: Jon Nelson (N'ville) dec. Doug Baughman (Hartland), 11-4; 3rd: Mike Johnson (WJG) dec. Kyle Marion (WLC), 12-5; 5th: Nick Burt (Milford) won by

Tuyo, who upset Josh Austin

of Glenn, the Observerland

semifinals, 10-3. Tuyo then

decisioned Brighton's C.J.

Brish in the finals, 5-2.

Invitational champion, in the

Matt Roos also contributed

Martin Bunney (Novi) dec. Jalen Jones (WM), 9-5. 152: Drew Morris (Grand Blanc) won by major dec. over Matt Roos (LF), 10-2; 3rd: Jake Hickman (WLN) dec. Joe Leavens (Howell), 13-9; 5th: Devin Butler (WLW) p. Jesse Lashbrook (Hartland), 3:56; **7th:** Nick Zakovich (WLC) p. Andrew Rangarger (Brighton), 1:55.

160: Don Kril (WLC) won by major dec. over Colin Gross (Salem), 17-3; 3rd: Kyle Regorrah (Hartland) dec. Alex Engebretson (Novi), 7-4; **5th:** Zach Leuenberger (LF) dec. Dylan Arthur (WK), 3-1; 7th: Josh Mills (WM) dec. Zach Redden WJG), 5-2. 171: Nick Mudar (N'ville) dec. Curtis

Castleberry (LC), 8-4; **3rd:** Ryan Erps (Pinckney) dec. Vince Tkac (Brighton), 11-4; **5th:** Matt Ostermiller (Hartland) dec. Patrick Roeser (WLN), 11-6; **7th:** Anthony Patritto (Howell) p. Kameron Jones (WJG), 1:29.

189: Marco Smallman (WLN) p. Bobby Lahiff (N'ville), 4:15; 3rd: Kurt Alder (Brighton) dec. Andrew Schramm (LS), 9-3; **5th:** Sean Wright (Hartland) p. Sam Welch (WLW), 2:00; 7th: Charles Sovel (WLC) p. Mitch Faulkner (Howell), 1:50. 215: Nick McDiarmid (Hartland) won by majo

dec. over Jesse Vance (WK), 2:26; 3rd: Blake Abbey (Salem) dec. Josh Sasek (GB), 5-1; 5th: Justin Umin (N'ville) won by major dec. over Alex Sokell (Lakeland), 11-0; **7th:** Durim Gega (SL) won Upper weights MVP: Nick McDiarmid, 215

Lower weights MVP: Jimmy Schroader, 112

a second for Franklin at 152.

Churchill's Curtis Castleberry

Meanwhile, Livonia

was runner-up at 171 to

sion in the finals.

Northville's Nick Mudar.

Castleberry lost an 8-4 deci-

Chiefs wrap up crown with victory over Patriots, 51-29

Canton put an exclamation point on the KLAA South Division girls basketball race Tuesday night with a convincing 51-29 victory over Livonia Franklin.

The state-ranked Chiefs, who improved to 14-1 overall and 9-0 in the division, clinched KLAA South crown outright over last year's state Class A runners-up.

Leading Canton's balanced offensive attack was Kayla Bridges (14 points) and Kari Schmitt (13).

Adding nine each were CarolAnn Sexauer (all in the first half) and Alyssa Cottrell.

'CarolAnn had a great first half and Kayla Bridges had a great second half," Canton coach Brian Samulski said.

Amanda Borieo and Chelsea Williams tallied 10 and eight points, respectively, for Franklin (11-4, 7-2),

The Chiefs only led 11-9 after one quarter and 25-14 at halftime before outscoring the Patriots 14-5 in the third to go ahead 39-20.

"It was a pretty solid win defensively," Samulski said.

KLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

"We didn't let them score double figures in any quarters."

In addition to strong defense, the Chiefs were better from the charity stripe, hitting 22-of-30 free throw tries, while Franklin connected on just 11 of 20 attempts.

CHURCHILL 69, WAYNE 21: Senior forward Darcy DeRoo's 18 points catapulted Livonia Churchill (8-7, 3-6) to an easy KLAA South Division triumph Tuesday night over host Wayne Memorial (1-13, 0-9).

The Chargers, who led 27-10 at intermission, also got 12 points from Jackie Dolmetsch and 10 from Nikki Salloum.

Allie Coleman, Jane Thayer and Monica Ovidenie each tallied six points for the Zebras.

PLYMOUTH 58, JOHN GLENN 44: On Tuesday, Stacey Klonowski scored 16 points to spark the host Wildcats (5-10, 4-5) to a KLAA South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (5-

Also in double figures for the Wildcats, who led 28-16 at halftime, were Katelyn Watson (13) and Alex Roberts (11).

Danielle Desilets chipped in with nine points as Plymouth made 27-of-39 free throws. Senior forward Michelle

Vanover scored all 14 of her points in the second half to pace the Rockets, who shot 12-of-22 from the line. Recent sophomore JV call-up Abby Wright added 11 points and six assists, while Danyelle Terry chipped in with six points.

NOVI 64, STEVENSON 47: Alyssa Armiak and Caroline Johnson each scored 12 points to propel KLAA Central Division co-leading Wildcats 14-1, 8-1) to a win over visiting Livonia Stevenson (4-11, 3-6).

Novi led 7-5 after one quarter, but pulled away with a 22-8 second-quarter run followed by a 21-10 third-period outburst.

Junior guard Sarah Smith tallied a game-high 16 points for the Spartans, who shot 8of-12 from the foul line. Sophomore guard Molly

Knoph added nine. The Wildcats made 15-of-20 free throws.

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KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

First-place Zebras stop Churchill

within a game of clinching a share of the KLAA's South Division boys basketball crown with a 67-56 victory Tuesday at Livonia Churchill.

Wavne Memorial moved to

The Zebras, now 11-3 overall and 7-2 in the South, got a team-high 19 points from senior forward Daniel Hill. Jamiel Strickland and

Derric Horton added 17 and 15, respectively.

Churchill's 6-foot-6 senior center Adam Bedell scored 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in the setback.

Raynord Allen and Tony Frezzell contributed 15 and 10 points, respectively, as the Chargers fall to 8-6 overall and 4-5 in the KLAA South.

Churchill, missing 6-5 starting forward D'Juan Cooks (ankle injury), led 34-33 at halftime.

But Wayne came out and

made its first five shots of the third quarter to spark a 16-6 run and were never headed. The Zebras clinched the win by making 7-of-7 free throws during the final quarter.

Wayne can earn a share of the title with a victory Friday at home over Livonia Franklin. PLYMOUTH 37, JOHN GLENN 35:

In a KLAA South Division game Tuesday, the host Wildcats (8-7, 5-4) held on for the victory over Westland John Glenn (4-10, 3-6).

Marcus Mecks, who led the Rockets with 13 points, including three triples, missed a try beyond the arc as time expired in an attempt to win it.

Mike Nadratowski and Pat Salo paced Plymouth with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Glenn made 9-of-12 free

throws, while Plymouth was

CANTON 59, FRANKLIN 42: Senior forward Kevin Weisz poured in 19 points and junior guard Dietrich Lever added 18 to lift the Chiefs (10-5, 7-2), co-leaders of the KLAA South, to a victory Tuesday at Livonia Franklin (4-11, 1-8).

Senior guard Mike Gadsby paced the Patriots with 19

points. Canton jumped out to a 29-20 halftime lead and put it away with a 19-13 third-period

surge. "They (Canton) got hot and Dietrich (Lever) got to the free throw line - 6-of-8," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "They (Canton) hit some big

Canton was 13-of-16 from the foul line, while Franklin was 9-of-14.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Feb. 11 Luth, North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at Lutheran South, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m. Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 7 p.m PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 11 (Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena) Churchill vs. Grosse He. 8 n.m Friday, Feb. 12 (Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena) Churchill vs. Musk. Mona Shores, 12:20 p.m Saturday, Feb. 13 Ladywood vs. Plymouth

at Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m. (Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena) Churchill vs. Musk. Mona Shores, 12:20 p.m Stevenson vs. U-D Jesuit, 6:40 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11 Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m. Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at A.P. Inter-City, 7:30 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Saturday, Feb. 13

(Individual District Tournaments) Division 1 at John Glenn, 9 a.m. Division 3 at Dundee, 9:30 a.m. Division 1 at Plymouth, 10 a.m. Division 4 at Blissfield, 10 a.m BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Feb. 11 Churchill at Pinckney, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Hartfand, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m Wayne at Waterford Kettering, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 MISCA Meet at EMU's Jones Pool, noon. PREP BOWLING Thursday, Feb. 11 Clarenceville vs. Northville John Glenn vs. Salem Wayne vs. Canton at Westland Bowl, 3;30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 Clarenceville vs. Plymouth, John Glenn vs. Northville, Wayne vs. Salem at Super Bowl (Canton), 3 p.m Sunday, Feb. 14

Utica-Eisenhower Doubles Tourney at Sterling Lanes, 8 a.m. PREP SKIING Thursday, Feb. 11 Division 3 Regional at Cannonsburg, 10 a.m GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, Feb. 13

No. 2 Davenport trips MU women

The Madonna University women's basketball team had four players score in double figures Saturday, but it wasn't enough as host Davenport University earned a 90-75 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory.

Davenport, ranked No. 2 in the latest NAIA Division II poll, had 13 different players score led by Carrie Grubius' game-high 18 points.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Janish

off the bench to score 12, while Kallie Benike added 11 as Davenport improved to 23-2 overall and 9-1 in the WHAC.

Heather Pratt's 17 points led the Crusaders, who fall to 8-14 overall and 4-6 in the WHAC.

Katie Mount and Tabatha Wydryck added 11 each, while freshman Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) contrib-

Wydryck, a junior guard, grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

The Crusaders, who couldn't overcome a 50-35 halftime deficit, committed a total of 22 turnovers and were outrebounded 55-33.

1:35 mark of the first half all the way until there was only 11:30 remaining in the game before freshman Kevin Henry broke the drought with a pair of free throws.

MU led 21-19 at halftime, but Davenport rallied with a 13-0 run to take a 32-21 advantage

"Thank God we were getting stops, because if we weren't scoring or stopping them, it would have been a 20-point game," MU coach Noel Emenhiser said. "The entire drought we managed to stay down only seven or eight points. We were playing good defense for the most part. That kept us in the game - defen-

Junior guard Bryant Slaughter (Westland), who led all scorers with 17 points, sparked the comeback by hitting back-to-back 3-pointers to put the Crusaders ahead to stay, 41-40.

Geoff Gaylor's bucket with 1:05 left gave MU a 48-42 advantage and sealed the vic-

"I'm just really proud of our guys," Emenhiser said. "It doesn't matter who we play, they always believe we have a chance, and today they matched the effort, the attitude. We talk a lot about those two things. If give 100 percent in both, you always have a chance to be in the game. Most nights this year we haven't had it for the whole game, and today we did. The guys always believed that there was a chance for us win the game if you kept playing hard."

Henry, a 6-4 freshman from Toledo, Ohio, contributed 15 points and eight rebounds. Senior center Leroy Allen grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds and added eight points.

David Thompson led Davenport with 14 points, while Nathan Cox came off the bench to score 11. Livonia Clarenceville High grad Lonnie Fairfax had four points and two assists in 17 minutes.

Lorenzo Ecford grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds, but MU held its own on the boards as the Panthers only enjoyed a 50-48 edge.

"The guys' will to keep working," Emenhiser said. "A couple guys stepped up and said, 'We're not going to lose.' It was sheer determination as opposed to any anything we did as far as X's and O's."

The win personally brought a great deal of satisfaction to Emenhiser, the first-year

coach. "It's great," he said. "When you see things starting to translate, the things we've said over and over the last four months, starting actually make sense to the guys — that's a great feeling. We just want to be at our peak at the right time. And we have an opportunity to do that."

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Arctic Chill competitors

On Jan. 31, the Livonia Community Recreation Center hosted its Arctic Chill Indoor Triathlon consisting of a 20minute swim, 20-minute bike and 20-minute run. The overall female winner was Livonian Cassandra Smith (left). Her mother, Peggy Gray (middle) of Livonia, captured her age group for the third consecutive year, while sister Clancy Gray, also of Livonia, participated. See men's and women's age-group results on www.hometownlife.com.

TRIATHLON RESULTS

LIVONIA ARCTIC CHILL INDOOR TRIATHLON RESULTS Jan. 31 at Livonia Comm. Rec. Ctr. MEN'S AGE-GROUP STANDINGS **Overall winner**: David Lama, 258.52. **18-30**: 1. Greg Moore, 243.77 points; 2. Chad

Walters, 221.40; 3. Ryan Wheaton, 221.07; 4. Neil Hanser, 204.555; 5. Alan Holt, 178.87. **31-40**: 1. Joseph Pepple, 206.94; 2. Colin Baker, 194.23; 3. Jamie Freese, 182.06; 4. Daniel Verlinde, 179.72; 5. Terrance Valis, 162.83. 41-50: 1. David Lama, 258.52; 2. Ed Green, 219.71; 3. Len Powell, 185.35; 4. Javier Robles, 185.15; 5. Boris Baltes, 173.62. **51-60**: 1. David Koch, 230.31; 2. Greg Dahlin, 217.84; 3. Len Constantine, 206.60; 4. Rick Baloga, 193.11; 5. Mark Kurasik, 173.17

WOMEN'S AGE-GROUP STANDINGS Overall winner: Cassandra Smith, 258.73. 18-30: 1. Elizabeth Hurn, 228.19; 2. Tina

Saucedo, 216.27; 3. Kristen Polanski, 212.56; 4 Chris McCarthy, 192.62; 5. Madeline Riggio, 173.06 **31-40**: 1. Smith, 258.73; 2. Jaclyn Stevens, 220.73; 3. Mindy Miller, 213.14; 4. Tiffany Baker 191.59; 5. Jeannie Barnas-Haratsaris, 188.56. **41-50**: 1: Kimm Bender, 213.66; 2. Kathryn

Walterhouse, 211.91; 3. Lisa Pollack, 209.36; 4. Angelika McCann, 192.90; 5. Heidi Zayan, 186.11. 51-60: 1. Chris Ridenour-Stesney, 152.46. 61-and-up: 1. Margaret Gray, 87.76.

Chargers run winning streak to eight

Senior Mike Woynick's hat trick and one assist propelled Livonia Churchill to its eight straight boys hockey win Saturday over host White Lake Lakeland, 7-2, at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

The Chargers, who have won 12 of their last 14 games, are now 13-6-1 overall.

Christo Papaiaonnou and Matt Sinclair each chipped in with a goal and two assists for the Chargers, who broke away from a 1-1 first-period deadlock with five second-period

Mike Kutek added two goals, while other assists went to Joe Williams, Steven Klisz, Ben Proben and Jake Otto.

GARDEN CITY NOVICE

WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Jan. 16 at Garden City H.S.

SOPHOMORE TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Nov

Catholic Central, 175.5 points; 2. Wayne Memorial, 133.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 100; 4. Livonia

Franklin, 77: 5, Plymouth Salem, 67: 6, Farmington 65.5; 7. Walled Lake Central, 65; 8. Romulus, 59; 9.

CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Garden City, 53, 10, North Farmington, 49,

103 pounds: Nimantha Herath (Farm.)

decisioned Casey Hagan (CC), 4-0; 3rd place:

Owace Aldais (Edsel Ford) dec. Rob Doane (GC)

10-4; 5th: Pablo Flores (WM) dec. Bryan Garland

112: Jacob Jones (LP) dec. Britton Borlace

Bloomfield, 4-0; 5th: Nick Doane (GC) p. Dakota

(Woodhaven), 5-4; **3rd:** Taylor Detoy (GC) won by injury default over Fernando Zriny (CC), **5th:** Marc

Przyblski (Canton) dec. Mitchell Hood (WM), 3-2. 125: Kienuwal Davis (Farm.) won by technical

Marchio (GC) p. Daiki Ideta (NF), 2:40; 5th: Devon

0:37; **3rd:** Clayton DeWitt (CC) p. Munassa Ali (EF), 2:50; **5th:** Marcel Mrech (Woodhaven) won by

5-4; 3rd: James Chapman (LP) dec. Kyle Dulapa

(Salem), 5-3; 5th: Kyler Szalai (WM) dec. Charles

140: Brandon Mahon (Romulus) p. Sadiq

p. Sharif Hegazi (WM), 1:25. 145: Kevin Wacker (WJG) dec. Chris Pierce

152: Danny Croft (WJG) p. Joe Getzen,

0:52;**3rd:** Kevin Newborn (WM) p. Jairo Peralta (Woodhaven), 0:49; **5th:** Jesse Kato (CC) p. David

160: Matt Longe (CC) dec. Gerry Rivkin (NF),

9-2; **3rd:** Alex Brown (Salem) pinned Matt Walsh (P), 0:48; **5th:** Tyler Roth (LP) dec. Andrew Rehling

(Canton), 6-0, 3rd: Thomas Vanassche (Romlus)

won by major dec.; 5th: Doug Rutan (WM) p. David

Alkafkil (Fordson), 2:35; **3rd:** Austin Rohn (Salem) dec. Dylan Weli (CC), 3-2. **5th:** Andrew Joseph (NF)

135: James Jakes (DDC) dec. Ryan Derry (LF),

Adams (WM) p. Aaron Wade, 3:50.

130: Cody Allen (WM) p. Ben Brantley (FHH),

fall over Steve Schmitt (CC), 17-1; 3rd; Devin

major dec. Joshua Miller, 11-1.

Berend (CC), 8-1.

Labute (Woodhaven), 1:10.

Guman (Woodhaven), 3:40,

119: Brian Nisun (LF) dec. Tito Sanchez

(GC): 3rd: Russell Bush (Farm.) dec. Beau-

Clark (GC), 2:35.

Sean Burnock scored for

PREP HOCKEY

Lakeland in the first period from Stefan Kegebien and Nick Sokoll.

The Eagles added another goal in the third period when Sokoll scored from Burnock and Kegebien.

Churchill goaltender Aaron Crouse stopped 15-of-17 shots, while Lakeland counterpart Bobby Stevens had 34 saves.

The loss drops Lakeland to 3-LADYWOOD 7, BLOOMFIELD 0:

Five first-period goals sparked Livonia Ladywood (5-12, 4-12) to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory Saturday over host Knighthawks

NOVICE WRESTLING RESULTS

171: Kenny Phelps (NBH) p. Chase Semonick

(LF), 1:45; 3rd: Paul Massey (R) p. Anthony Jabbour

(CC), 1:28; 5th: Greg Dowdell (WM) p. Devin

Abe Abdeira (EF), 1:14.

Depraw (WJG), 5-2.

(Clarenceville), 13-3.

189: Logan McCann (DDC) dec. Dimitrius

Renfroe (WM), 10-6; 3rd: Reggie Timmons (WJG)

p. Ryan Simmons (LF), 2:30; 5th: Mike Harp (LC) p.

215: Curtis Booth (WLC) dec. Edgar Yante

(CCA), 3-1; 3rd: Jeremy Smith (Clarenceville) p.

Zach Case, 1:59: 5th: Ronnie Hill (WJG) p. Eddie

285: Mike Popiela (CC) dec. Charles Crawford, 3-2; 3rd: Ali Nheme (Fordson) p. Ali Ajami (Salem),

:47: 5th: Killian Diaz (LC) p. Pat Smith (WLC), 1:05.

Livonia Churchill, 110; 4. Woodhaven, 107; 5. Wayne

Memorial, 102: 6, Plymouth Salem, 95: 7, Westland

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds (A): Richard DeMarois (Canton)

won by technical fall over Dylan Frye (GC), 18-3;

3rd: Jon Locklear (LC) decisioned Kyle Polaski

(PC), 6-5; 5th: Segad Al Hussien (CC) dec. Quinn

Deandre Moore (WJG), 6-3; 3rd: Tyler Antonian

Huron), 2:00; 5th: Mikey Weiss (Clarenceville) p.

Kemp (Salem), 3-0; **3rd:** Tyler Solnikowski (LF) dec. Allen Parker (WM), 8-4; **5th:** Austin Pilmer

(Canton) won by major dec. over lan Bunker

(WJG), 7-5;3rd: Ryan Siegler (C) dec. John

Hancock (W), 4-2; 5th: Austin Tucker (NF) dec

119 (A): Addai Yaffai (LC) p. Brent Kutcher, 4:26; **3rd:** Gabe Polgar (WM) dec. Josh Fanning,

8-3; 5th: Joey Camilleri (WJG) p. Alex Hernandez

4:10; 3rd: Darron Nichols (WLC) p. Brett Quinn

(WJG), 4:58; 5th: Josh Lancaster (LF) dec. Jeff

119 (B): Brian Spehar (GC) p. Mike Nicholson

125: Mike Karizat (Salem) p. Mai MacDonald,

Dillan McLeod (LP), 5:20.

112 (A): Cody Briscoe (Woodhaven) dec. Danny

112(B): Kevin Hart (DDC) dec. David Isaacs

(Woodhaven) ninned Brandon Brooks (New Boston

103 (B): Austin Hartford (WJG) dec

FRESHMAN TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Nov

Catholic Central, 153; 2. Garden City, 119; 3.

John Glenn, 68; 8. Plymouth Canton, 67.5; 9.

Farmington Harrison, 65.5; 10. Dearborn Divine

(0-14, 0-14) in a game played at Royal Oak Ice Arena.

Jenny Rohn tallied a pair of first period goals for the Blazers, who outshot Bloomfield 30-5.

Other first-period goals came from Virginia Matherly, Erin Doyle and Sarah Koch.

Rachel Nowaske and Veronica Fradette added third-period goals.

Hannah Periera and Julie Bushart each contributed two assists, while Emann Freij, Rena Freij, Nowaske, Koch, Fradette and Rohn each added one.

Ladywood goaltender Jessica Pavela notched the shutout, while Bloomfield's Marshelle Washington made 23 saves.

2:40: 3rd: Fred Wagner (Edesel Ford) dec. Marcus

130: Brandon Duvall (LP) p. Joe Benjamin

Fortin (WLC), 6-4; **5th:** Ben Leck (LC) p. Matt Lang

135: George Gardner (FHH) p. Chris Naubert

(NE) 4:28: 3rd: Tim McCotter (CC) dec. Alex

(CC), 1:10: 3rd: Johnny Maybin (Romulus) won

140: Mike Babicz (CC) p. John Thomas

(Romulus), 3:50; 3rd: Austin Banfield (Salem) p.

Hussam Atevia (Fordson), 5:49; 5th: Matt Bosas

145: Justin Powers (WJG) dec. Pat Murphy

Canton), 7-5. 3rd: Antonio McKelton (FHH) dec.

Sheehab Natour (Fordson), 10-8; 5th: Jake Filbar

152: Mickey Sutton (Woodhaven) p. Allen Steele (LF), 1:25; 3rd: Tyler Gross (Salem) p. Matt

Wisniewski (GC), 3:08;5th: Sam Ekanem (WM) p. Christian Miner (CC), 1:06.

(Clarenceville) p. Allie Hamblin (GC), 4:10; **5th:** Art Hernandez (LP) p. Christian Miner (CC), 1:06.

171: Nick Maher (Woodhaven) dec. Don Giese (GC), 8-7; 3rd: Josh Childs (DC) p. Justin

Carl (Clarenceville), 5:51. **5th:** Toby Raymond (Woodhaven) p. Tony Agostini, 2:10.

189: Jay Peterson (CC) dec. Tyler Casteels (WM), 7-5; 3rd: Deford Beiscoe (Romulus) p.

John Ristola (LC), 1:40; **5th:** Chris Gutmann (Woodhaven) p. Nathan Hayslip, 1:15.

160: Ryan Soukerland (Farm.) p. Chris

Donaldson (WJG), 4:22; 3rd: Alex Jones

by major dec. over Ryan Skura (NBH), 12-3; 5th:

Victor Lindsey (Fordson) pinned Brett Thrushma

Jordan, 7-6; **5th:** Joe Jabbour (CC) dec. Masato

Yamada, 12-10 (overtime).

(LC) p. Matt Ayoub (P), 1:29.

(CC) dec. Ricky Casas (CCA), 10-7.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Patriot mat fundraiser

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.

Franklin baseball camp

Livonia Franklin will stage its fourth annual Future Stars Spring Baseball Camp for boys and girls (grades 3-6) on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road.

Session 1, consisting of hitting, base running and infield work, will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Lunch follows from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. (bring your own sack lunch).

Session 2, consisting of pitching, catching drills, and outfield approach, will be from 12:15-2:15 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for each session or \$45 for both sessions (includes camp T-shirt). Checks should be made payable to Franklin High School. For more information, e-

mail Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us; or call (734) 968-0499.

Westland soccer signup

Registration for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League's spring 2010 season for boys and girls teams - under-6 through high school age - will run through Sunday, Feb. 21.

For more information, call (734) 467-5260; or visit www. eteamz.com/wwsl.

Spartan baseball clinics

The Livonia Stevenson baseball program will offer a pair of baseball clinics (grades 3-8) on Saturday, March 20 at the high school fieldhouse including:

Pitching - 10 a.m. to noon (cost \$33); and hitting and fielding - 1-3 p.m. (cost \$33).

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com (Checks can be made payable to Stevenson High School.)

Spartan softball clinics

The Livonia Stevenson softball program will offer a pair of baseball clinics (grades 4-8) on Saturday, March 20 at the high school fieldhouse includ-

Defensive skills - 9-11 a.m. (cost is \$25 if postmarked by March 5; or \$35 at the door); and offensive skills - noon-2 p.m. (cost is \$25 if postmarked by March 5; or \$35 at the door). Group rates are avail-

For more information, email Stevenson girls softball coach Rob Witherspoon at rwithers@livoniapublicschools.org. (Checks can be made payable to Stevenson High School.)

T-Ball, Coach-Pitch

Open registration for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation 2010 coed instructional T-Ball (ages 5-6) and Coach-Pitch (ages) is underway.

Registration is open to only those residing in the Livonia or Clarenceville public school district.

The season runs May through July. T-Ball scrimmages will be Monday evenings, while Coach-Pitch scrimmages are Thursday evenings. Registration forms are

available at all schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, which is located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Open registration fees are

\$40 (residents) and \$50 (nonresidents). Late registration will

be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, March 27, at the Non-resident registration

follows at 9 a.m. Monday, March 29 at the Parks and Recreation office. That registration is on a first-come, firstserve basis through April 23.

Late registration fees are \$50 (residents) and \$60 (nonresidents).

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

"Naubert was really a floor general tonight," Allie said. "I thought Bobby played one of his best games in a Stevenson jersey. He really controlled the tempo and found the open men. When game got tight, he took over and went to the basket. And he went 6-for-6 at the free-throw line down the stretch — that's huge."

Novi (12-3, 7-2) got 13 points from senior point guard Jeremy Mims.

Samer Ozeir, a 6-8 junior who burned Stevenson for 22 points in the first encounter, finished with 12, but had only three during the first half after getting into early foul trouble.

"This time they guarded Samer, but everything else was pretty much the same," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said of the rematch. "I thought CJ (Mwila) was more involved offensively instead of Bobby

(Naubert) having the ball most of the time. It made Bobby more effective." Batwo came off the bench to

score 10 for the Wildcats, who shot only 24 percent from the field (13-of-53). "The foul trouble and lack

of making layups affected us emotionally," Heitsch said. "(Foul trouble) happens at all levels of basketball. They let the jersey grabbing and pulling frustrate him (Ozeir). They (Stevenson) were face guarding and pulling on the shirt, and we did not react well early."

Kyle Bambach added six points for the Spartans, but it was his defense that was pivotal in the outcome.

"Kyle Bambach was the unsung hero tonight," Allie said. "He did a great job harassing him (Ozeir). His only job was to keep Samer off the glass and make every shot he took contested. Samer was frustrated all night and that's a credit to Kyle's defense."

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PREP GYMNASTICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS CANTON 144.0, LIVONIA BLUE 139.35 Feb. 9 at Canton H.S. Vault: 1. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 9.3; 2. Robyn

Piwowar (Canton), 9.2: 3. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.15: 4. (tie) Katie Bridges (Blue), Ayana Lewis (Canton) and Brittany Granowicz (Canton), 8.6 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Lewis (Canton), 9.3; 2. Piwowar (Canton), 8.95; 3. Kitz (Blue), 8.8; 4. Alex Fideler (Canton), 8.8; 5. B. Granowicz (Canton), 8.6; 6. (tie) Sara Bridges (Blue) and Hudak (Canton), 8.5 each, Balance beam: 1. Fideler (Canton), 9.25; 2. Piwowar (Canton), 9.2; 3. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.15; 4.

- B. Granowicz (Canton), 8.8; 5. Lewis (Canton), 8.5; 6. S. Bridges (Blue), 8.35. Floor exercise: 1. Piwowar (Canton), 9.6:2
- Quint (Blue), 9.5; 3, Hudak (Canton), 9.3; 4. Fideler (Canton), 9.2; 5. K. Bridges (Blue), 9.1; 6. (tie) Kitz (Blue) and Kali Pierce (Canton), 8.9 each.
- All-around: 1. Piwowar (Canton), 36.95; 2. Quint (Blue), 36.2; 3. Lewis (Canton), 35.2; 4. Hudak (Canton), 35.15; 5. B. Granowicz (Canton), 34.8; 6.
- Dual meet records: Canton, 8-2 overall: Livonia Blue, 3-4 overall, 1-3 KLAA Kensington

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Dulong (P), 0:59; 5th: Robert Coe (CC) p. Quinton Ruddell (Woodhaven), 2:45. 285: Zak Brock (GC) dec. Jacob Chiles (WM), 9-2; 3rd: Aws Khamis (FHH) won by void.

215: Dillon Morantes (LC) p. Brandon Marable (WM), 2:45; 3rd: Collin Mullins (WM) p. Adam

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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-65

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND **ZONING ORDINANCE 248, BY ADDING** ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 9:8.1 THROUGH 9:8.10 TO ESTABLISH A FORD ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICT

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article IX, Section 9:8.1 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby added to provide as follows:

Overlay District Established

The FROD District is a mapped overlay zoning district with boundaries as shown on the Zoning Map. Parcels that are located within the FROD District will have two zoning designations - the underlying zoning designation and the FROD zoning designation.

The FROD District's legal description shall be as follows:

A parcel of land being a part of the northeast 1/4 of section 17 and part of the southeast 1/4 of section 8 of town 2 south, range 8 east, Nankin Township, City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan and being more particularly described as: Beginning at the northeast corner of said section 17 and proceeding thence S.00 09'58"E., 1127.97 feet; thence N.89 57'20"W., 343.00 Feet; thence due north 77.69 feet; thence due west 966.96 feet; thence N.00 11'02"W., 741.03 feet; thence due west 990.00 feet; thence S.00 11'02"E., 60.00 feet; thence due west 330.00 feet; thence N.00 11'02"W, 369.00 feet to the north 1/4 corner of said section 17 being also the south 1/4 corner of said section 8 and proceeding thence N.32 17'25"W., 69.99 feet; thence N.01 20'06"W., 380.84 feet; thence due east 189.02 feet; thence N.01 20'06"W., 60.00 feet; thence due east 183.00 feet; thence S.01 20'06"E., 240.00 feet; thence due east 983.78 feet; thence N.01 20'06"W., 120.07 feet; thence due east 658.21 feet; thence N.00 07'07"W., 40.00 feet; thence due east 330.00 feet; thence N.00 07'07"W., 252.82 feet; thence due east 484.91 feet; thence S.12 50'32"W., 690.10 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 67.044 acres more or less.

The intent of this overlay district is to created a pedestrian friendly, viable, and attractive mixed-use corridor along Ford Road by utilizing higher design standards and flexibility from underlying zoning

Section 2. That Article IX, Section 9:8.2 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

Applicability

- Parcels with Single Family Residential Underlying Zoning Designation. The standards of the FROD overlay zone shall be optional for any parcel that has a single family underlying zoning designation.
- Parcels with Other Than Single Family Residential Underlying Zoning Designation. The standards of the FROD zoning district shall be mandatory whenever any activity that requires site plan approval is proposed. Site maintenance and improvement activities and changes in use that do not require site plan approval may be conducted in accordance with the standards of the underlying zoning district.
- Standards of Section 9.2. The general requirements applicable to business districts listed in Section 9.2 shall apply to any project developed in the FROD standards, unless specifically noted otherwise in this

Section 3. That Article IX, Section 9:8.3 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

Permitted Principal Uses

Buildings in the FROD district may contain more than one use. If a building contains both residential and nonresidential uses, the residential uses shall be located on upper stories and non-residential uses shall be located on lower stories. In no case may a non-residential use be located on the same floor as or above a residential use, with the exception of home occupations. Where there is mixed business/office and residential use in a building there shall be provided a separate, private pedestrian entranceway for the residential use.

The following uses are permitted by right in the FROD

- Convenience commercial uses (see Section 9:4.1 for a
- Personal service uses (see Section 9:4.1 for a listing of
- Comparison commercial uses (see Section 9:4.1 for a listing of uses).
- General commercial uses and repair services (see Section 9:4.1 for a listing of uses).
- Clothing stores.
- Offices, medical and professional.
- Restaurants and/or establishment serving alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.
- Studios (art, dance, sculptor, composer, etc.)
- Theatres, indoor.
- Essential services for which special land use approval is not required in accordance with Section 6.3.
- Attached residential dwelling units (i.e. row houses or town houses) that have a direct ground-level entrance into each unit from the exterior of the building.
- Upper-story residential dwelling units located above a non-residential use.

Section 4. That Article IX, Section 9:8.4 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

Special Land Uses

The following uses may be permitted as special land uses in the FROD District:

- a. Drive through windows.
- b. Drug stores and pharmacies.
- Institutional uses (see Section 9:5.2 for a listing of uses, excluding recreation and social facilities)

Section 5. That Article IX, Section 9:8.5 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

Lot Size Requirements

- a. Minimum lot area: 10,000 square feet
- 80 feet b. Minimum lot width:
- Section 6. That Article IX, Section 9:8.6 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

Yard Requirements

a. Setback requirements for principal structures:

Front: The front faAade of all buildings shall be set back a minimum of 0 feet and a maximum of 10 feet from the front property line, except that the maximum front setback may be increased to 40 feet if a front yard parking modification is granted per Section 9:8.10(b).

Side: 0 feet minimum, no maximum

20 feet minimum, no maximum

Buildings should be grouped towards the street to form istreetwallsî and located in such a manner to create public spaces that have direct physical and visual connections to the street.

Section 7. That Article IX, Section 9:8.7 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

Building Height

- The maximum building height shall be 3 stories or 46 feet, whichever is lower.
- Height exceptions: Special architectural features (e.g. corner towers cupolas, entry treatments, chimneys steeples, belfries, turrets, flagpoles, parapet walls,

etc.) will be allowed to exceed the above height

- The feature is located at a corner (the intersection of two public right(s)-of-way); or,
- The building is located at a designated "gateway" or.
- The feature is deemed to be necessary to the type, use, or style of the building in question.
- Special architectural features shall not exceed the height of the remainder of the building by more than thirty-five percent
- The height of any new building shall not exceed the height of the immediately adjacent new or existing two story or three story building by more than fifteen percent (15%) unless the building is on a significant corner property and is approved by the City Council upon recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Section 8. That Article IX, Section 9:8.8 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

Architectural Guidelines

- a. Building Entrances:
 - All buildings shall have at least one public, pedestrian entrance that faces Ford Road or the main street on the frontage line and is accessible (see American with Disabilities ACT, ADA) from the public sidewalk system.
 - All existing buildings shall retain the original building entrance, if historically
 - Rear and side entrances are permitted, only if there is a primary entrance from Ford Road frontage or the main street.
 - Entrances with recessed doors are encouraged for protection from the elements and from doors swinging out into the
 - Front entrance doors shall be constructed out of wood, glass, steel, or fiberglass or as approved by the City Council upon recommendation by the Planning Commission, provided it is compatible with the character of the district.
- b. Façade Design: All building facades shall conform to the following design criteria:
 - Street Face: Walls facing a public street shall include windows and architectural features customarily found on the front facade of a building such as awnings, cornice work, edge detail or decorative finish materials. Blank walls shall not face a public street. Significant protrusions (more than 6") such as awnings, cornice lines, or details at the top of windows and sills are encouraged to create shadow lines or bands on the façade.

Any building located at a corner site shall provide distinct and prominent architectural features of enhanced character and visibility to reflect the importance of the building's location.

<u>Façade Pattern:</u> Large, long facades shall be subdivided into bays, through the location and arrangement of openings and architectural treatments that are compatible in size and scale to existing buildings. The maximum wall length without modulation shall be thirty feet (30'). The bay width shall be 16'-to 30'.

Façade Height to Width Ratio:

- One story buildings: Single bay facades or individual bays of multiple bay facades, are not to exceed 2 feet of width for each 1 foot of building height unless otherwise approved by the City Council upon of the recommendation Planning
- Two-story buildings: Single bay facades or individual bays of multiple bay facades, are not to exceed 1 foot of width for each 1 foot of height unless otherwise approved by the City Council upon recommendation by the Planning Commission.
- Roof Type: Many of the commercial roof configurations in the corridor are "flat" (less than 3:1 roof slope) with parapets that conceal the roof itself. In order to maintain and create a distinct visual character for the district, roofs shall comply with the following
 - (a) Existing flat roofs and parapets shall
 - All new retail/office buildings shall have flat roofs and parapets
 - Sloping roofs, gabled (6:12) or hipped may be allowed as special architectural features, particularly residential development subject to review and approval by the City Council upon recommendation by the Planning Commission.
 - (d) Parapets may be stepped.
 - Mansard roofs, geodesic domes and A-frames are prohibited.
 - All rooftop mechanical equipment and HV AC systems shall be screened from ground view.
- Fenestration or Window and Door Openings: All facades visible from the street must be glazed with transparent glass. Opaque glass applications are prohibited. Glazing on the first floor (retail space) to occur generally 1'to 2'-6" above the finished floor. Thus, a minimum 1'-to 2'-6" bulkhead is required beneath a storefront display window. Façade glass areas shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) First floor window area: minimum 60% and maximum 70% of façade area.
 - Second floor window area: minimum 25% and maximum 60% of façade area.
 - Butt joint glazing, where panes of glass are glazed together using glue or other adhesive material and without a structural element of the window frame, is prohibited.
 - The use of shutters is discouraged on commercial buildings.
 - Façade openings such as windows and doors shall be vertical in proportion.
 - Sliding doors and windows are prohibited along frontage lines. Roll up windows may be allowed subject to approval by the City Council upon recommendation by the Planning Commission.

c. Building Materials;

i. Exterior materials used on buildings in the FROD district shall fall into two categories, primary and accent building materials. The building material requirement is based on the exterior wall surface area, excluding windows and doors. Primary building materials shall cover a minimum of 60% of the exterior wall

surface area, while accent materials may be used on up to 40% of the exterior wall surface area.

Primary Building Materials include:

- (a) Durable natural building materials such as brick, stone, and other similar materials.
- (b) Exposed logs, timbers, or wood trim.
- (c) Any material that convincingly matches the appearance of the above natural building materials.

Accent Building Materials include:

- (a) Decorative precast concrete block.
- (b) Metal panels and trim.
- (c) Glass.
- (d) Vinyl siding and non-durable materials such as EIFS may be used as accent materials, but may cover a maximum of 10% of any exterior building façade's
- (e) Any other material except those specifically prohibited by the following

Prohibited Building Materials include:

- (a) Plaint concrete block (both painted and unpainted).
- (b) Plywood or T -Ill panels.
- (c) Aluminum siding.

Compliance with Green Building Rating Systems. LEED-NC certification (published and administered by the United States Green Building Council) or an equivalent green building rating qualification such as EnergyStar is encouraged for new buildings. If a building is not certified according to a green building rating system, compliance with the following LEED-NC building material credits is encouraged: MR 4.1 or MR 4.2, MR 5.1 or MR 5.2, MR6 and

ii. Parapet Cap:

- Brick: The brick shall be standard modular brick with common tooled mortar joints. Untooled joints or irregular shaped brick are prohibited. Brick color (commonly red or tan) and texture (smooth or glazed to rough) shall be subject to review and approval by the City Council upon recommendation by the Planning Commission.
- Stone: The stone shall be smooth finish (limestone or sandstone). The stone shall be light to medium buff color. Pre-cast limestone to simulate traditional limestone or sandstone may be used with the Planning Commission's approval.
- Metal: Metal shall be aluminum or painted sheet steel if permitted after review and approval by the City Council upon recommendation by the Planning Commission. The color and finish shall match that of the window framing system.

iii. Canopies:

- (a) Fascia Trim: Fascia trim shall be natural finish aluminum, bronze or
- Soffit: The soffit shall be metal or cement plaster.
- Support Rods: The support rods shall

be metal.

Design: Canopies shall be narrow in elevation, six inches (6") to twelve (12") and flat or slightly angled. Typically, the canopies shall be flat or slightly angled so that the overall height dimension does not exceed eighteen inches (18"). Canopies shallbe self supporting or supported by tension rods. Canopy projections shall be limited to forty-eight inches

iv. Awnings:

- Design: Awnings shall be traditional in design and must be made from fabric or similar material, rather than metal, plastic or rigid fiberglass. Awnings shall not be made of high gloss, shiny or translucent materials.
- Size: Awnings shall be proportional to the window opening and compatible in height, length, depth and bulk with the building façade. Awnings shall not obscure the architectural features of the building but rather the awnings shall respect the overall building façade.
- Shape: An awning that is triangular in section sloping outward and down from the top of the awning or half round is generally preferred. The City Council may approve other awning shapes, such as round top, box or other unusual shapes, where such shape is appropriate to the integral architectural design of the façade.
- Fabric: Fabric shall be standard cloth fabrics in either solid, stripe or patterns that compliment the design and materials on the principal building.
- Location: Awnings shall not cover distinctive architectural features of the building faAade. All awnings shall be attached directly to the building, rather than supported by columns or poles. First floor awnings shall not be located higher than the midpoint between the highest level of the first floor and the window sill of the second floor. First floor awnings area exempt from the setback requirements, and may extend up to 6 feet from the face of the building. Such awnings may encroach into a right-of-way area.
- Ground Clearance: Awnings must provide a minimum of eight (8') feet of vertical clearance from the sidewalk surface grade to the lowest support or awning structure.
- Upper Story Awnings: Upper story awnings shall be permitted only on vertically proportioned windows with a height to width ratio of 2:1 or greater, provided the awning does not exceed the width of the window by more than 6 inches and extends no more than three (3') feet from the face of the building. Awnings shall not extend above the roof line.
- Lighting: Internally illuminated or
- back-lit awnings are prohibited. Awning Signage: Awnings with lettering, symbols and/or other graphics shall be considered to be signs and shall be subject to the sign regulations in Article XV.

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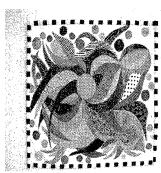
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Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Details: Steve McGew, Feb. 18-20; Ty Barnett, Feb. 25-27 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

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Time/Date: Joe Starr's combination of comic storytelling and physical humor, Feb. 18-20; Denver native Phil Palisoul, Feb. 25-27

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

CONCERTS

Time/Date: My Folky Valentine with Annie & Rod Caps and more, Feb. 14; John Hammond, Feb. 17; Marc Cohn, Feb. 18; Terri Clark Unplugged and Alone, Feb. 19; Blackthorn, Feb. 21 - a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society Action Network, Feb. 21 Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www. theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts Time/Date: Friday Night Live con-

certs, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Location: 5200 Woodward Ave Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Hill Auditorium Time/Date: Banjo virtuoso Bela Fleck with The African Project, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, \$10-\$50

tickets; Swedish Radio Choir, 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, \$10-\$50 tickets; Location: 825 N. University Avenue, Ann Arbor

Details: University Musical Society

Contact: (734) 764-2538

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provide as follows:

to provide as follows:

Windows:

Landscaping Requirements

three (3) feet on center.

Off-Street Parking and Loading

shall apply in the FROD:

or less from the side street property line.

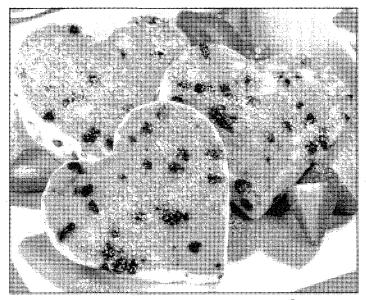
ft. of gross leasable area (gla).

lots between parcels with separate ownership.

building would be acceptable for any of the following reasons:

more parking lots on adjoining parcels.

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1 tablespoon baking powder ½ teaspoon salt

1¾ cups milk 2 large eggs

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griddle and cookie cutters ½ cup packed brown sugar 3-inch heart-shaped metal cookie

cutters (optional) Powdered sugar

1. Combine flour, morsels, baking powder and salt in large bowl. Combine milk, eggs, oil and brown sugar in medium bowl; add to flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (batter may be lumpy).

2, Heat griddle or skillet over medium

recommendation by the Planning Commission.

architecturally significant building.

The following landscaping standards apply to all development in the FROD:

(a) Glass shall be clear. Reflective, mirrored, heavily tinted or unusually

Side and rear facing windows may be faux, to break up long building

façades if appropriate, after review and approval by the City Council upon

Window muntins (which physically or visually divide the glass in a window

sash into separate, smaller units of glass) shall be wood or metal and shall

be painted or bronzed. Windowmuntins are sometimes referred to as

First floor window openings shall not be blocked or covered with a solid

Waiver: These building material requirements may be waived if the City

Council, upon recommendation by the Planning Commission, finds that

alternate materials are high quality in nature and will result in an

Section 9. That Article IX, Section 9:8.9 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to

a. Single Family Residential Buffer: Wherever development in the FROD abuts a parcel or

planting area shall include one canopy tree for each 35 lineal feet or fraction thereof.

parcels that are zoned single family residential and that are located outside of the FROD, a

buffer consisting of a six (6) foot decorative masonry screen wall with a 6-8 foot wide

planting strip located on the commercial side of the screen wall shall be provided. The

Interior Parking Lot Landscaping: One deciduous tree shall be planted within the limits of

the parking lot, or in planting area directly adjacent to the parking lot for every 10 parking

Parking Lot Buffering: Parking lots shall be buffered from any street right of way

according to the DDA streetscape standards. Those standards require a six (6) foot buffer

area, including a 36i tall ornamental fence with masonry piers, one ornamental deciduous tree for each section of fence, and a continuous hedge of shrubs planted not more than

Side Street Landscaping: The DDA streetscape treatment shall be provided along the

property line of parcels abutting a side street except where the building is set back 10 feet

Off-street parking and loading requirements in the FROD: Off-street parking shall comply

with the dimension and construction requirements of Article XVI. Instead of the minimum

parking requirements listed in Article XVI, the following minimum parking requirements

Shared Parking: Shared parking is required between adjacent properties. Blanket cross-

access easements shall be granted between properties to allow the connection of parking

Parking Location: New parking lots shall be located at the side or in the rear of the

building. Parking in front of a building is not permitted unless the City Council, upon

recommendation by the Planning Commission determines that parking in front of the

Minimum parking requirement for all nonresidential uses: 3 spaces per 1,000 sq.

Minimum parking requirement for all residential uses: 1.25 parking spaces per

Marketability of the site would be greatly impaired by parking in the rear of the

ii. Front yard parking is required to maintain the continuity of front building

iii. Front yard parking is required for the purposes of traffic safety and to minimize

driveway curb cuts where the new parking lot is proposed to connect with one or

setbacks in the block while making efficient use of the site, or

Section 11. That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning Ordinance #248 shall remain in

Section 12. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are

All plant materials shall comply with the DDA streetscape plant material standards.

Section 10. That Article IX, Section 9:8.10 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added

heat; brush lightly with oil. Pour ¼ cup batter onto hot griddle into the shape of a heart; cook until bubbles begin to burst. Turn; continue to cook about 1 minute longer or until golden. Repeat with remaining batter. For perfectly shaped pancakes, brush inside of cookie cutters with oil. Place on griddle. Pour about ¼ cup batter into the cookie cutters and cook until bubbles begin to burst. Remove cookie cutters. Turn; continue to cook about 1 minute longer or until golden.

3. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving.

Nutrition Information per serving: 210 calories; 90 calories from fat; 10g total fat; 3.5g saturated fat; 25mg cholesterol; 150mg sodium; 27g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 12g sugars; 4g protein

Jenny Harper is Consumer Test Kitchen Project Manager for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com. Her column is courtesy of Family Features.

CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 3 02/01/10

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves 31: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 01/19/10.

-Approved Lions Club White Cane Sales 4/23-5/2/10 & 11/26-12/24/

-Appr. bid for rescue vehicle to Cedar MI's Fire Dept.; amt. \$161,574.00, paid with CDBG funds. -Appr. Prof. Serv. Agrmnt. w/Plante & Moran for Plan Management

-Adopted. Ord. 248-A-66, rezone CB-1 & CB-3, CB-4 & R-5 to FROD, north & south of Ford, west of Wayne Rd., east of Central

32: Appr. Prop. Land Div. PID 035-99-0007-001, s. side of Stacy, e. of Wayne Rd., n. of Ford Rd.

33: Appr. Rezoning from GAR to CB-4, part of PID 035-99-0007-001, s. side of Stacy, e. of Wayne Rd., n. of Ford Rd. 34: Adopted. Ord. 248-A-65 to amend Ord. 248 by adding Art. IX,

Sec. 9:8.1-9:8.10 to establish FROD with revisions. 35: Appr. Professional Services Agrmnt. w/Plante & Moran for Plan Management with BCBSM Self-Insured Health Coverage from 1/1/ 2010 through 12/31/10; amt. \$84,000 to come from City's General

Government Professional Services line item. 38: Adopted revisions to Council Policies & Procedures.

39: Appr. Site Plan for prop. canopy addition, 8755 Middlebelt, PID #005-01-1260-000.

40: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. 24 hr. convenience store use, 8755 Middlebelt, PID 005-01-1260-000. 41: Adopt. Prep. Res. to grant PILOT Program for Country Court

42: Adopt. Prep. Res. to grant PILOT Program for Country Village

43: Adopt. Prep. Res. to grant PILOT Program for Westland Woods

44: Conf. appt of D. Vaughn to Planning Comm. to fill unexpired

term, term to exp. 7/20/10. 45: Conf. appt of M. Weck to Library Bd. to fill unexpired term, term

ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-66

to exp. 6/20/14. 46: Appr. checklist: \$854,609.90 & Prepaid: \$2,513,845.68.

Mtg. adj. at 9:40 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Council President

Eileen DeHart City Clerk, CMC

Publish: February 11, 2010

FORD ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICT

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

ZONING ORDINANCE. THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

section 17 and part of the southeast 1/4 of section 8 of town 2 south, range 8 east, Nankin Township, City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan and being more particularly described as: Beginning at the northeast corner of said section 17 and proceeding thence S.00 09'58"E.,1127.97 feet; thence N.89 57'20"W., 343.00 Feet; thence due north 77.69 feet; thence due west 966.96 feet; thence N.00 11'02"W., 741.03 feet; thence due west 990.00 feet; thence S.00 11'02"E., 60.00 feet; thence due west 330.00 feet; thence N.00 11'02"W, 369.00 feet to the north 1/4 corner of said section 17 being also the south 1/4 corner of said section 8 and proceeding thence N.32 17^225 W., 69.99 feet; thence N.01 $20^\circ06$ W., 380.84 feet; thence due east 189.02 feet; thence N.01 20'06"W., 60.00 feet; thence due east 183.00 feet; thence S.01 20'06"E., 240.00 feet; thence due east 983.78 feet; thence N.01 20'06"W., 120.07 feet; thence due east 658.21 feet; thence N.00 07'07"W., 40.00 feet; thence due east 330.00 feet; thence $N.00\,07'07"W.$, 252.82 feet; thence due east 484.91 feet; thence $S.12\,50'32"W.$, 690.10 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 67.044 acres more or less.

areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall

Adopted: February 1, 2010 Effective: February 11, 2010 Publish: February 11, 2010

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show FROD (Ford Road Overlay District) district classification where CB-1 - '5f Low Intensity Commercial Budsiness, CB-3 - General Corridor Business District, CB-4 - Vehicle Service District and R-5 Single-Family Residential District classifications are now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

A parcel of land being a part of the northeast 1/4 of

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other

and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

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Section 13. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed. Section 14. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the

Section 15. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as

hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged

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Fat Tuesday

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Throw a King Cake party or pack away the paczki

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

King Cake not only satisfies the sweet tooth, but can make you feel like royalty in a single

"Ours is a traditional New Orleans-style cinnamon coffee cake. We braid it and decorate it with the traditional colors of Mardi Gras, yellow, purple and green," said Jeff Pavlik, owner and baker at Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington.

"Our King Cake feeds 10 to 12 and comes with traditional plastic baby or coin, as well as a set of 10 beads (necklaces). The coin or baby is placed outside of the cake when you buy it, but it's your responsibility to hide it under a slice. Whoever picks that slice has rights to be the king or queen of the party."

The trinket also reminds the royal party-goer to serve King Cake at the next Fat Tuesday gathering, which they also must host.

"We've been doing them for seven years. When we first started doing them no one had seen them. It was a long process of education. They've started to catch on in metro Detroit," Pavlik said, adding that contemporary versions range from pecan praline-filled to cream cheese and bourbonflavored.

"We stay pretty true to the kind of cake that has been around for years in New Orleans. You'll find French and Spanish King Cakes from the same tradition."

King Cake traditionally was served on Epiphany, the Christian observance held 12 days after Christmas that marks the three kings visit to the baby Jesus.

Epiphany gave way to the carnival season, which lasted until Lent.

The carnival season was the ball season and these (King Cakes) were served during the grand balls," Pavlik said. "The king or queen could pick the

partners they wished to dance with. These balls were continuous activities. You could have one every week."

AVAILABLE NOW

Pavlik began making and selling King Cakes last weekend in time for the Super Bowl and will have the traditional Mardi Gras sweet available through Fat Tuesday, Feb. 16.

He'll also sell fruit- or custard-filled Polish pastries, "paczki," but will buy them from a local doughnut-maker. He's taking orders on both King Cakes and paczki.

"We do carry extra in the store, but if you want to guarantee paczki or King Cake I highly recommend ordering ahead."

King Cakes, with necklaces and trinket, are \$15. Paczki are \$13 a dozen or \$1.25 a piece. Sunflour Bakehaus is located at 33250 Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington; (248) 442-2360.

Pavlik said his bakery sells "ouite a few" King Cakes to people who want a Fat Tuesday alternative to paczki.

You can slice off a sliver of King Cake," he noted. "You have better portion control."

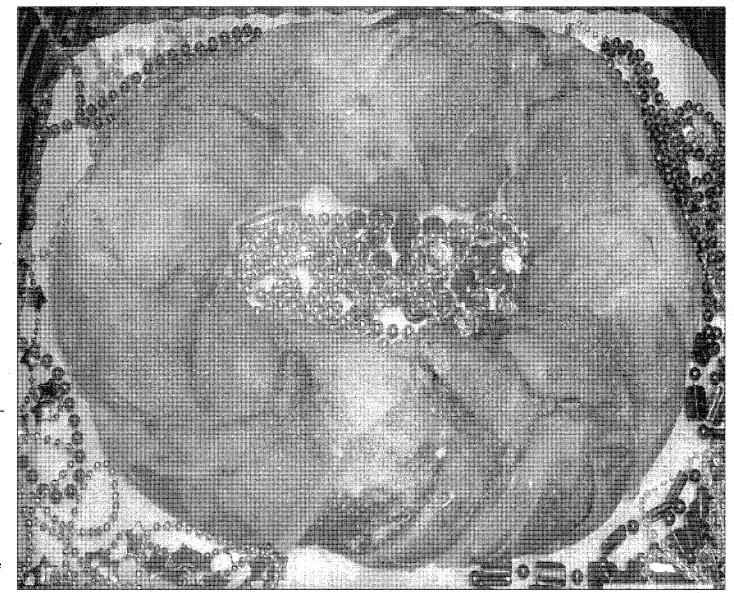
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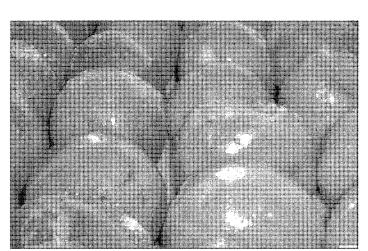
"People have danced. They've polka danced in here. And they love it," said Bridget Domzalski, describing the annual scene on Fat Tuesday at her business,

GM Paris Bakery in Livonia. Joe Czapski will be on hand with music from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., at the business, located at

28418 Joy; (734) 425-2060. But customers don't have to wait until Tuesday for a GM Paris Bakery-made paczki. Domzalski said she has been making "a couple of hundred dozen" a day this week, all while also making a full line of



Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington decorates its King Cake with sugar in Mardi Gras colors.



Paczki is an annual treat at Sunflour Bakhaus in Farmington.

bakery items. By Saturday, the bakery will make only paczki "24 hours a day."

"It is busy. They'll be lined up out the door Tuesday, and on Monday, too."

GM Paris Bakery sells paczki for \$6.50 a half dozen, \$12 a

dozen or \$1.25 each.

Here's a sampling of other local stores with paczki or King Cake for Fat Tuesday:

 Joe's Produce Gourmet Market, 33152 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, has sold out every day since it began offering pac-

zki about a week ago. Debbie Warren, cake decorator for the store, suggests ordering ahead to guarantee they will be available in the fillings requested. Cost is \$6.49 a half dozen and \$1.29 each. (248)477-4333

• Heritage Bakery, 37458 Five Mile, Livonia, sells both King Cake and paczki and is open 5 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday.

"We started two weeks ago. People have been buying us out every day," said Ryan Sarb, who works behind the bakery counter. "The King Cake is more of a bread than a cake, but it does have a sweet taste. About one out of every 15 people who come in for paczki buy one." King Cakes cost \$12.95; the paczki are \$11.50 a dozen or \$1.25 each. (734) 464-1855

 Old Fashioned Bake Shoppe, 27427 Warren, Garden City, usually sells out of paczki around 1 or 2 p.m., on Fat Tuesday, according to owner,

Louie Simovski.

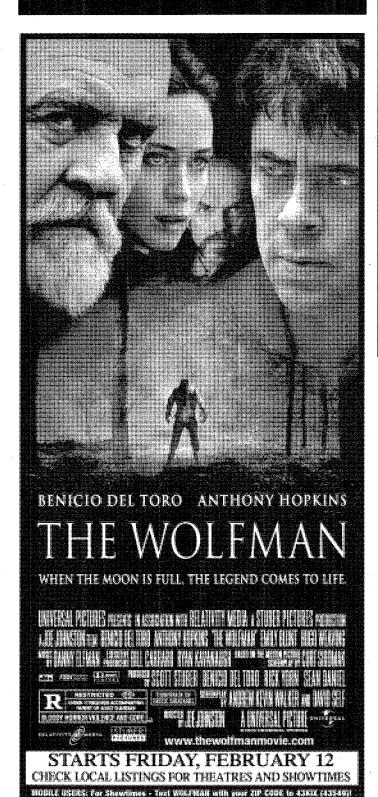
"The best way is to place an order," said Simovski, who admits a weakness for prunefilled paczki. He'll sell raspberry, apple, blueberry, cherry, custard and lemon in addition to prune paczki Monday and Tuesday. Cost is \$8.99 per dozen or 90 cents each. (734) 522-3010.

• Le Cakery Bake Shop, 844 N. Wayne Road, Westland will sell paczki with seven different fillings on Monday and Tuesday and is taking orders this week for both King Cakes and paczki. Owner Pauline Dimovski also said customers can special order buttercream filling for paczki. She'll open her bakery early both days, at 6 a.m. Monday and 5 a.m. Tuesday.

"We're known for our paczki," she said. "I tell you, they are so good."

They cost \$1 each or \$12 a dozen. (734) 326-4151

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Bake a Fat Tuesday tradition

Want to try your hand at making Carnival King Cake? Here's the recipe Jeff Pavlik's uses at his Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington. Don't forget to place a small plastic baby or plastic coin under the cake before you cut and serve it. Its recipient wins the king or queen title and responsibility for the next King Cake and Carnival party.

CARNIVAL KING CAKE

Cake dough

½ cup warm milk

1½ tablespoons butter at room temperature

1 package active dry yeast

½ cup lukewarm water ¼ cup white sugar

1/4 teaspoons salt

½ teaspoon vanilla extract 21/4 - 21/2 cups all purpose flour

1½ tablespoons butter at room temperature % cup white sugar

2 tablespoons cinnamon

Glaze 1 cup powder sugar 1½ tablespoons water

% cup of white sugar for each color

Purple, vellow and green food coloring

1. Warm milk on stove and combine with butter. Set aside until

2. Place yeast in lukewarm water with 1 tablespoon of the sugar. Temperature of the water should be no more than 110 degrees. Let stand until creamy, about 10 minutes.

3. Combine milk and yeast mixture in mixing bowl, whisk in the egg and add the remaining sugar, salt, and vanilla. Slowly add in 2 cups of flour, stirring continuously until a dough forms. Place dough on work surface and knead in the extra $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour, adding small amounts of additional flour if needed to form soft, smooth and elastic dough. Kneed for 10 minutes. If using a bread machine follow instructions for making a coffeecake.

4. Place dough in a lightly oiled bowl. Cover dough and let rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, about 1 hour. When risen punch dough down, let it relax for 5 minutes, then stretch it into a large rectangular piece, approximately 9 by 11 inches.

5. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

6. Spread butter over entire surface of the dough. Sprinkle sugar over the entire surface and then the cinnamon.

7. Fold dough into thirds, cut into three equal strips with a pastry cutter and braid. Let braid relax for several minutes then bring ends together to form an oval.

8. Let cake rise in a warm spot until doubled in size, about 45 min-

9. Bake for about 25 minutes until golden brown.

10. Let cake cool completely. Prepare colored sugars. Mardi Gras colors are purple, green and gold. Mix the icing and spread over top of the cake and then sprinkle colored sugars in alternating pattern.





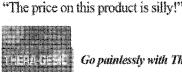




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FEB. 11-17

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 sup-

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

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

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian

Date/Time: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17 Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Ash Wednesday Service, with Communion served and the mark of ashes given, will be held in the sanctuary. Nursery care will be provided. The Young Adult Fellowship Group will host a spagnetti dinner before the service from 6-7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12. Tickets, available at the church office, will be by advance sale only. All proceeds will benefit the Young Adult Mission trip to Janesville, Wisconsin to work with Habitat for Humanity in June

Contact: Church office at (734) 422-0494

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 1-96, in

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 email to rmitc02@ameritech.net



email: oeobits@hometownlife.com

ANGELO BERTUCA

Age 90. February 8, 2010, of Garden City. Beloved husband of Irene. Loving father of Vincent (Deborah), Lawrence, Marlene Young and the late Kenneth. Grandfather of Tyler Francis Wagner. Visitation Thursday 10-12pm, with funeral services at 12:00pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Memorial donations may be directed to Heartland Hospice, 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 600, Southfield, MI 48076. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rggrharris.com

EDITH RAYNER BONNO

Age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 7, 2010. The family will be receiving friends at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon, on Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12 from 4 - 8 PM. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 13, 2010 and will begin receiving friends at 10:15 AM at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook:

www.phillipsfuneral.com

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ALBERT JOHN DEBOUTTE

Age 73, of Westland, February 5, 2010. Beloved husband of Carol. Loving father of Diane (Shane) Puckett, Steven (Janice) Deboutte, Denise (Jim) Fielding and step-father of Mark Young and Tonia Young. Dear grandfather of Garrett, Brennen, Chelsea, Bradley, Amanda, Christ-opher, Nichole, Shelby, Maxwell and Lacy. He is also survived by his siblings Robert (Loraine) Deboutte, Mary (Frank) Kochian and Virginia Macko. He was preceded in death by his son Timmy, his daughter Karen Deboutte, his parents George and Clementine Deboutte. Funeral service was Tuesday, 10:00 AM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Monday, 1:00 ~ 9:00 PM. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to

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RUTH WARNEMUENDE

Age 82, of Canton, passed away 5, 2010. Loving wife of 59 February years to the late Herman. Beloved mother of Jerry (Sandra), Larry (Sharon), Dean (Rebecca), Blair Warnemuende and Dawn (William) Timmreck. Proud grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 11. Dear sister of Virginia (Wayne) Vanderwalker. Ruth was an accomplished artist for most of her life, her oil paintings were known throughout the community and beyond. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 9, 2010, from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Interment took place at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. To share a special thought or memory www.schrader-howell.com



HELEN L. WENDLAND

Age 75, February 9th, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth. Dearest companion of Raymond Disney. Loving mother of Linda (Jeffrey) Douglass and the late Gerald Wendland. Grandmother of Leslie (Jesse) Mason, Kenneth Douglass and Jeffrey Douglass, Jr. Great grandmother to be. Funeral Service Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 2-9 p.m.
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FOOD

Tell your sweetie 'I love you' over dinner on Valentine's Day

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Candlelight, flowers and Sack Meal

Cupid may be on a budget this year, but he's not skimping on style at local White Castle restaurants.

"They all do something a little different," said Diana Ford, district supervisor for White Castle. "It's something special and unique to each location. Each general manager creates their own aura.

"Some might have flowers in vases. Some do candles. Some bring in cider and do a toast. Some might have red tablecloths. They are all a little different.

"One of my stores last year made an arch with balloons. One store bought rose petals and sprinkled them on the floor and had flowers and balloons attached to them."

Although many sweethearts will head to more traditional eateries, all Detroit-area White Castles with dining rooms — including those in Redford, Canton, Livonia and Farmington Hills — are taking reservations for Sunday, Feb. 14, and they are "pretty full" Ford said. For reservations call (248) 477-1450 ext. 10.

The company has offered a sit-down meal served by wait staff — by reservation only — complete with decorations, on Valentine's Day since 1991. Ford said the event has been available in Michigan for about five years. The special day attracts loyal customers and twosomes who originally met at a White Castle and want to celebrate memories.

The dinner event is extended an additional hour, from 4-8 p.m., this

additional hour, from 4-8 p.m., this year because Valentine's Day coincides with a Sunday, Ford said.

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"We thought people would want to bring their kids." The menu doesn't change on Valentine's Day. Everything normally available—including Meal Sack #3 which includes 10 Slyder hamburgers, two soft drinks and French fries for \$12.06—can be ordered.

This year, everyone with a reserved place at the restaurant also will receive a free cupcake for dessert. "Some people think, oh, this is a joke. We're going to White Castle. Then once they get in there they say 'Oh my gosh, this is the best Valentine ever," Ford said.



SEAFOOD, BEEF

If you'd rather say "I love you" with lobster tail and certified piedmontese tenderloin, Jerry Costanza, owner of La Bistecca Italian Grille, in Plymouth, awaits your reservation.

"People this year get the luxury of having all three days of the weekend to celebrate," Costanza said. "We usually are closed on Sunday, but we definitely will be open on Valentine's Day."

Saturday is almost fully booked. Friday and Sunday are still

Saturday is almost fully booked, Friday and Sunday are still open, but Sunday is "getting close."

Costanza said his chef will prepare the grilled medley of lobster tail and tenderloin of beef as a special on Feb. 14. His other suggestion for a romantic meal?
"The chef can prepare two different

entrees and split them on two plates."

The pastry chef hasn't finalized the des-

sert menu but will offer a special, too. Costanza suggests sweethearts visit the martini bar before their meal and stay after to hear keyboard player Paul Fitz entertain.

"Start with a martini. Then it's nice to have dinner and then move back into the lounge for dessert and music."

Make reservations for the restaurant, located at 39405 Plymouth Road, at (734)

254-0400.
With room for 250 customers, reservations for two generally aren't necessary at Amantea in Garden City, but Valentine's Day

likely will be the exception.

Domenic Porco, owner, suggests them at least between 5-7 p.m., at his restaurant, 32777 West Warren Road. Call (734) 421-

"We are having two dinners complete with two beverages for \$29.90," he said, describing the Valentine's Day special. "That's two

prime rib dinners."

The special will include salad, coleslaw or soup, vegetable and two small cannoli.

MIYED COIL

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres await Valentines Day diners at Fiamma Grille Steak and Seafood Restaurant in Plymouth.

"We'll put together a pairing of a couple of dishes, generally meat and seafood, simply grilled," said Ryan Yaquinto, manager, describing the special.

The restaurant, located at 380 S. Main, will be open from 4-9 p.m., Feb. 14. He recommends reservations at (734) 416-9340.

"We do have high back booths," he said, describing the most romantic seating at Fiamma Grille. "And we have a couple of window seats that are great for people

watching or weather watching, especially if it's snowing outside." Here's a sampling of other area restaurants for Valentine's Day dinner:

• Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills will be open Valentine's Day. Call for reservations, available after 6:15 and until 10 p.m., at (248) 474-3033.

• Antonio's Canton, 2220 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, will be open 1-9 p.m. Seating is on a first-come basis and reservations are taken only for parties of eight or more. (734) 981-9800

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