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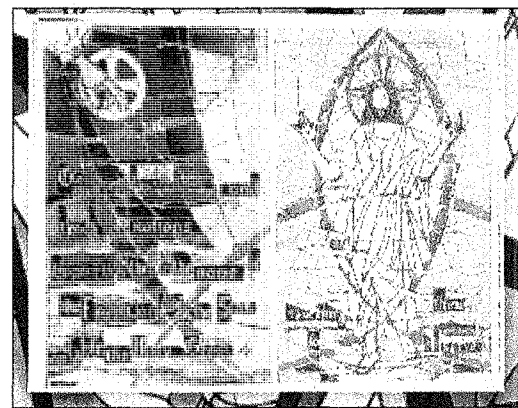
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Home buying

There were 70 people signed up for an informational meeting about home buying opportunities in Westland through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program last week. Unfortunately, the meeting was Tuesday night at the peak of the snowstorm and only three people actually attended.

So the Westland Community Development Department and Home Renewal Systems have scheduled another seminar, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dorsey Center.

NSP provides opportunities for purchasing newly renovated vacant foreclosed homes. Down payment and closing cost assistance are available through the program as well as credit counseling, as needed.

The Dorsey Community Center is at 32715 Dorsey, Westland. To register for the seminar, call (866) 996-9754 or visit www.homerenewalmi.com.

Offices close

Westland City Hall, 18th District Court and other municipal offices will be closed Monday for the Presidents Day holiday. The Bailey Recreation Center and William P. Faust Public Library will be open. Emergency services and trash collection will be unaffected.

The city council meeting will be delayed one day due to the holiday and is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday.

During the council meeting, public comments will be taken about the city's grant application seeking funding for restoration work at Central City Park.

Tax help

AARP tax preparation is being offered free at the Westland Senior 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.

The site is e-file site only, and the site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

Taxes will be done 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.

Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling (734) 722-7628.

Home values suffer double-digit drop

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland homeowners will be getting their annual notice of change in assessment later this month and will find their property values down an average of just over 16 percent.

That means most homeowners should see a decrease in their property taxes and, as a result, the city will be receiving less revenue from a primary funding source.

"We had projected a 15-percent decrease in our five-year (financial) plan," said Mayor William Wild, who has announced layoffs and is seeking employee concessions as part of efforts to

deal with a projected \$3.5 million budget shortfall in 2010-11.

The property tax decrease confirms what homeowners have known for a while — that their homes were worth less money. In many cases, that did not result in reduced taxes.

The two figures listed on the assessment are the state equalized value and the taxable value. The SEV is typically half the market value of the home, based on comparable home sales. The taxable value is used to calculate property taxes and is normally lower than the SEV, unless the property recently changed owners.

For years, increases in SEVs have been higher than the increases in taxable

values, which are capped at the annual rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less. SEVs have typically increased by 5-8 percent, creating a gap between the figures.

"Assessment values are dropping so quickly, that the assessment is a little lower than the capped value," Westland Assessor James Elrod said. "Everyone loved Proposal A when values were up. They didn't see the negatives in a severely declining market."

Generally speaking, unless the current year SEV is less than the previous year taxable value multiplied by the rate of inflation (the Consumer Price Index), the current year's taxable value will increase by the CPI.

Homeowners who are unhappy with their assessment can make their case for a reduction before the annual Board of Review, which will meet March 8-12. Appointments won't be taken until after assessment notices go out, which is expected to be the week of Feb. 22. The three-member board heard 650 appeals last year.

"Westland has such a wide range of houses, from \$30,000 to \$300,000," Wild said. "I know values are falling. There is affordable housing in Westland. The flip side is that we are in good shape to fill vacant homes with the amenities the city has to offer and our schools."

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Letter perfect



Eighth-grader Adam Davis correctly, who spelled omniscient to win Wayne-Westland's annual middle school spelling bee Thursday, receives a plaque, which will hang in Franklin Middle School, from Earle Chorbagan, a former principal who started the district bee 30 years ago.

Students test their spelling at annual bees

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How do you spell omniscient?

Just ask Adam Davis, who spelled it correctly to win the Wayne-Westland Middle School spelling bee Thursday morning.

An eighth-grade student at Franklin Middle School, Adam snatched victory from the jaws of defeat to capture the spelling bee.

"It feels good," Adam said. "I was here last year and placed fourth."

On hand to watch him was his parents, Burt Davis and Lorrie

Sioma, who admitted she was nervous watching her son spell, "especially the last word, because I know he was guessing."

"We went over the suggested list, but Adam's not much of a studier," she said. "He's a very good student — a straight-A student — and would have been dangerous had he studied."

The top 12 spellers in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades at the district's four middle schools competed for the top honor. The bee went 13 rounds and used 110

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Middle school spelling bee runner-up Jordan Khalaf uses his fingers to help him spell his words.

Police examine library computer in child porn case

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A forensic examination is being conducted on a Westland Library computer after a patron was reported to have been looking at child pornography.

Library staff called Westland police about 4 p.m. Feb. 5 after noticing the man, a Westland resident, was looking at inappropriate material. When officers arrived, the man was reported to be in pornography-related chat room. The man was arrested and later released pending further investigation.

"The case is under investigation pending the results of the forensic examination of the computer," Westland police Sgt. Brian Miller said. "Any charges would come after that."

Accessing child pornography would be a criminal violation. Looking at any type of pornographic material on the library computer is a violation of the library's user policy, but not illegal.

"We have zero tolerance here for any pornography. If we find someone viewing inappropriate material, we log them off and tell them if it happens again, they will no longer be able to use the library computers," Library Director Cheryl Napsha said.

The library's public use computers have screens in view of the staff and other patrons.

"We've had to put other people off the computers for this (pornography), but we've never had to call the police — that was because it appeared to be child pornography," Napsha said. "The police were awesome. They responded in less than five minutes. They sent a specialist over. They handled it quickly and professionally."

Assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force headed by the Michigan State Police, Miller said he removed the hard drive from the library computer. The hard drive is copied and placed in evidence while Miller conducts an examination using the copy.

As to why someone would use a library computer, in full view of the public, to look at pornography, Miller said many people don't have Internet access at their home.

"A lot of people will try to hide online things from the people they live with — they want anonymity from their parents or spouse," said Miller, who expected the forensic examination to take a couple of weeks.

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City workers embrace Mission: Green

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like Westland residents, city employees have embraced recycling.

Under the Mission: Green City Building Recycling Program that was launched in February 2009, city workers have recycled nearly 17 tons of paper, nearly one ton of plastic bottles, 303 pounds of ink cartridges and just short of two tons of batteries for a total of more than 23 tons of materials.

"We have bins in each building for specific materials. It's been very successful," said Planning Director Bruce Thompson, who chairs Mission: Green. "It's amazing the tons of stuff that has been recycled. Everyone here has done a fantastic job — they

want to do it."

The internal recycling program is indicative of what the city has been doing with Mission: Green and recycling programs, Thompson said.

"Everyone jumped on the band wagon. It shows how widespread it is," he said.

Since the inception of the bi-weekly curbside recycling program in July, Westland residents have gone from dropping off 90 tons of recycled materials per month at a recycling center to recycling more than 500 tons per month picked up at the curb.

Mission: Green is working with the Faust Library and local families on the Action for Earth Program, which will culminate with the unveiling of a mural and a concert on Earth Day, April 22.

"It's been pretty cool working with the library," Thompson said.

At last year's Earth Day Event at Westland Shopping Center, Mayor William Wild presented the first Mission: Green Eco-Friendly Business Award. It was awarded to the staff at Westland Shopping Center for the numerous activities they were undertaking to make the shopping center more environmentally friendly.

This year, Mission: Green is once again looking for businesses that practice good environmental stewardship. Nominations for the 2010 Eco-Friendly Business Award are being accepted at Mission: Green at planning@cityofwestland.com.

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Eye of the beholder

One man's wreckage is another's gold

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Folksy stories and good-natured razzing unfold just as quickly as used car parts get sold at E&M Auto Parts, a sprawling, outdoor business tucked away at Van Born and Morton Taylor roads on Canton's far south side.

Even on a cold, wintry day when customer Edmund Williams stopped by to get a used radiator for his 1997 Cadillac, an atmosphere of warm camaraderie blankets this eight-acre business that has made its home in Canton since 1955.

"I think this place is pretty good," Williams said, driving away satisfied from E&M, a place where one auto owner's wreckage is another's pot of gold.

Owner Brian Johnson, 57, bought E&M Auto Parts in 1979 when he was 26 years old, after working as a boilermaker, mechanic and Ford Motor Co. employee. He had returned to southeast Michigan after spending his high school years living in the Upper Peninsula and deciding it was a little too remote for him.

"I graduated a year early to get out," Johnson said. "I hitchhiked back and made it in five hours after I caught a ride with a Detroit police officer who was late for work."

Johnson, a Belleville resident, used to live in Westland near his former employee, Chuck Harper, whose son, Russ Harper, became a second-generation worker for E&M. Russ Harper has been there 25 years and is the manager.

Back in their old neighborhood, Johnson used to have a St. Bernard that earned a reputation for chasing Russ Harper on his way to school.

"That dog used to chase me all over the place," Harper, 49, recalled, sitting inside E&M's small office as mechanic Tom White just happened to walk by.

"Tom says I'm crazy," Harper said, a statement White good-naturedly confirms.

On a more serious note, Harper said, "I wouldn't work anywhere else."

Walking outside, White proudly gave a tour of E&M land that's crowded with nearly 2,000 domestic and foreign cars and trucks, including newer models involved in crash-

es and older, rusted-out autos dating back as far as the 1950s.

Johnson, a divorced father of four, has found clothing, guns and other personal belongings left in cars. "One time I found \$36 under a floor mat in the back of a taxi cab."

E&M sells vehicles outright — cars and trucks that still run or just need a little fixing up — and the company has parts that often aren't easy to find.

Johnson buys his vehicles from auctions, off the street, from suppliers and out of back yards — anywhere people might have them towed after an accident.

"We've got four flat-beds," White, 34, said. "We'll get it out of your back yard or wherever it is."

Customers can find \$2 parts, \$1,200 parts or an entire vehicle. E&M may appear messy at first glance, but actually it is meticulously organized with Fords here, Chevys there and foreign models elsewhere.

White walked over to one area where 1950s-era Chevys could be seen. "I don't know much about the old cars, but Brian knows all about them. He's restored a bunch of them."

White has worked for



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Owner Brian Johnson mans his office at E&M Auto Parts, in business in Canton since 1955.

Johnson for a little over two years — not as long as Harper has, but he seems to like his job just as much.

"I like dealing with people, and I like being outside," he said.

E&M has a computer that employees can use to check for parts they have in stock, but mostly they just know without using it. And once a vehicle is no longer needed, it gets crushed on site and sold for scrap steel.

As he walks along, White catches a glimpse of yard

manager Mike Dickens, 41, as Dickens uses a front-end loader to move a car from one area to another.

"Now there's somebody you should talk to," White said.

Dickens seems right at home on the front-end loader, but he steps down to the ground for a conversation, not far from where an old school bus has found a home at E&M.

"It's a storage shed," Dickens said. "It's full of transmissions."

E&M workers said this time of year is typically busy, because people are buying used

cars or parts after they get their income tax refunds. Other buyers look for parts to keep an old vehicle rolling along a tough economic road.

E&M's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Customers can call (734) 397-2200 or log on to www.emautoparts.com.

Chances are, if Johnson doesn't have a part in stock, he said, "I can usually get it in one day."

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Council OKs changes at gas station

A special use to allow a 24-hour convenience store at the Exxon gas station on Middlebelt at Joy has been approved by the Westland City Council.

The council also approved a site plan for a canopy addition for the gas station, owned by Jim Safiedine. It will be located on the southwest corner of the intersection.

Planning Director Bruce Thompson said that a couple of repair bays had been eliminated and a convenience store had been expanded.

Approval of 6 a.m. to midnight operating hours had been obtained by the previous owners of the business, said

Thompson. The city found that previous owner also had installed a canopy over the north side gas pumps without permits or inspections.

"The current owner is trying to bring the property up to the site plan requirements," said Thompson, adding the outside lighting had been reduced to meet the current ordinance standards.

There were some objections to the 24-hour operation at the public hearing held by the Planning Commission. In particular, neighboring residents were concerned about noise, lights, traffic and the sometimes "undesirable" elements attracted by a 24-hour business.

New wheels: Fire department gets new rescue vehicle

The Westland Fire Department has taken delivery of a new rescue vehicle.

The vehicle is a fully equipped 2009 Chevrolet 4500 Turbo Diesel Rescue Squad Truck, which will be deployed at Fire Station No. 3 on Palmer and Northgate.

"It features a new modern look with streamlined lighting and a lower profile than some of our past vehicle purchases," Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tenniswood said.

The new rescue vehicle

would normally put the oldest, highest mileage model, a 2002 Ford with 122,000 miles, out of the fleet, he said.

"At this time, however, we feel that it is best to hold on to all of our rescues, as the fleet mileage is considerably higher than we are comfortable with and we want to be prepared for unforeseen vehicle problems," Tenniswood said.

The current rescue vehicle operating at station No. 3 has 50,000 miles and will be redeployed. The new vehicle, cost-

ing \$161,574, was purchased using federal Community Development Block Grant funds. The rescue vehicle purchase was eligible for the federal funding based on income levels in the area served by Fire Station No. 3.

"I appreciate the cooperation and efforts of (Community Development Director) Joanne Inglis and Assistant Fire Chief Scott Lucas to make this new rescue vehicle a reality," Tenniswood said. "The resi-

dents of the city of Westland have been well-served by this endeavor."

The fire department, also in coordination with Inglis, used the bid process of the Cedar, Mich., Fire Department to secure the vehicle and the required equipment.

"The safety of the residents of our All American City is a top priority," Mayor William Wild said. "During this economy, we are thankful for the funds from the block grant for this purchase."

AROUND WESTLAND

CFL bulb recycling

Lots of questions have been coming in to Mission: Green central about how a Westland citizen can recycle CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Bulbs) or other fluorescent bulbs that have expired.

Thanks to the hard work of Mission: Green members, we have discovered that there are two nearby locations that will take your fluorescent bulbs for free. The first is Home Depot at 39875 Ford Road, on the south side of Ford, east of I-275, and IKEA at 41640 Ford, on the north side of Ford Road, west of I-275.

Contact each of those locations for details. Home Depot's number is (734) 844-7300. Call IKEA at (734) 981-6300.

Trivia for Tatas

Help raise money for the annual Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk and show off your smarts at Trivia for Tatas Sunday, Feb. 28, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road. The cost

is \$15 if paid by Feb. 14 and \$20 at the door. Registration begins at noon with the games beginning at 1 p.m.

All ages are welcome and there will be cash prizes with bonus questions to earn more prizes. Bring your own team or come on in and join a team.

Buffalo Wild Wings will also donate 20 percent of all food and drink sales with event flyer 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

For more information, contact Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or by e-mail a downt@doubledexpress.net.

Used book sale

Today is the last day of the Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland used book sale. The sale runs noon to 4 p.m. There will be a \$4 bag sale — bring your own 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.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinochle and euchre games at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

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.

TOPS open house

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.

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.

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Court hearing postponed for man charged in crash

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The preliminary hearing for a Westland podiatrist charged in the Jan. 29 crash that left a Canton Township woman seriously injured was postponed Friday and rescheduled for Friday, March 12.

Todd Flood, the attorney for Jason N. Choos, told Judge Michael J. Gerou in 35th District Court that more time was needed for evidence discovery. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran later described that evidence as police and medical records.

Choos, 45, of Canton, is accused of driving a Lincoln MKX into the rear of a Chevrolet Trail Blazer driven by Dawn Hengesbaugh, 40, on the evening of Jan. 29. The crash occurred on Ann Arbor Road near I-275 in Plymouth Township.

Hengesbaugh's husband, Larry Hengesbaugh, and

young son and daughter were in the Trail Blazer. Larry Hengesbaugh was not hurt; the children were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Dawn Hengesbaugh remains in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Her husband said Friday that she is in serious condition, but declined to comment further.

Choos is charged with causing an injury accident while driving drunk, marijuana possession and illegal possession of a firearm. Police said he did not have a permit for a semi-automatic gun found in the Lincoln.

Choos is free on bond and required to submit to alcohol testing several times a day. He refused to comment following his brief court appearance.

"This is just a very, very tragic case," said his attorney, Flood, adding that prayers are with the Hengesbaugh family.

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Wish You Were Here

Longtime Garden City residents Michael Brown and Sandy (Heintze) Brown were married in Jamaica and brought their Garden City Observer with them to share the happy occasion. Mike and Sandy grew up together and are Garden City East and West Class of 1982 graduates. According to the couple, they reunited after many years, fell in love and got married this past June on the beach in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Chemical spill closes store's second floor

A broken bottle of dental chemicals, improperly cleaned up, resulted in the second floor of the Sears store at Westland Shopping Center being evacuated for about four hours Wednesday.

"No one was sick or anything. The person who had cleaned it up didn't complain," said Westland Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tenniswood. "As a precaution, we used the Hazmat team. They can analyze it and make sure it is safe for our people to work."

A small bottle of chemicals was dropped and broken

inside the Sears dental clinic on Tuesday night, Tenniswood said, cleaned up and disposed in a trash can. The chemical wasn't hazardous but did have a bad odor that spread beyond the clinic, he said.

"We went over because it smelled so bad. We evacuated the second floor - that was a bigger area than we needed but it was a good breaking point," said Tenniswood.

Staff and customers were allowed back on the second floor at approximately 6:30 p.m. There were no injuries reported.

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words like octopus, rutabaga, labyrinth and psychoanalysis.

Adam stumbled in the 12th round when he misspelled cajolery, opening the door for runner-up Jordan Khalaf to win. But he got one more chance when Jordan misspelled rotisserie.

Jordan had used invisible writing to help make it to the final round. Each time he heard his word, he wrote it out in the air with his finger.

"That's how I spell. I'm used to doing that," said Jordan, a seventh-grader at Adams Middle School.

His mother Stacy Khalaf, however, looked down at the floor each time Jordan spelled.

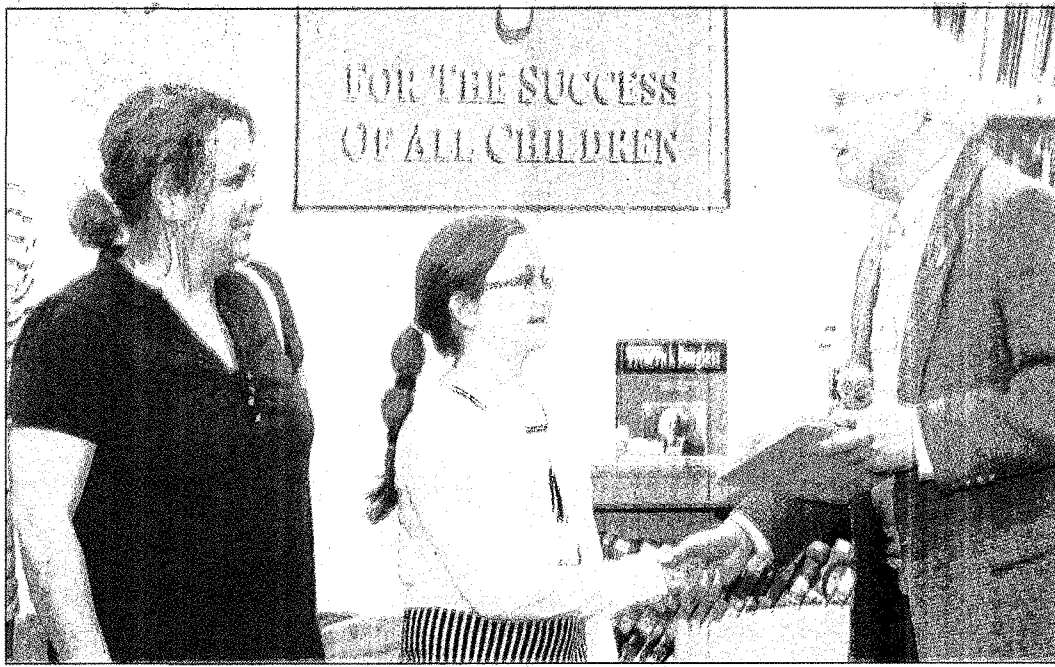
"I'm nervous," she said during a 10-minute recess. "I look down at the floor, I hold my breath. This is the most nerve-wracking one. He's been in the spelling bee in fifth, sixth and seventh grades."

"Boy, these were a bunch of good spellers, I'd say," said Earle Chorbogian, a former Adams principal who helped start the district spelling bee 30 years ago. He was on hand to present dictionaries to the winners of the middle school and elementary spelling bees.

Chorbogian used the occasion to urge the students to use mastery of words to "read, read and read" and write letters, especially to their grandparents.

"It's been 73 years ago and I still remember the word I missed and I know it will be the same with you," he said.

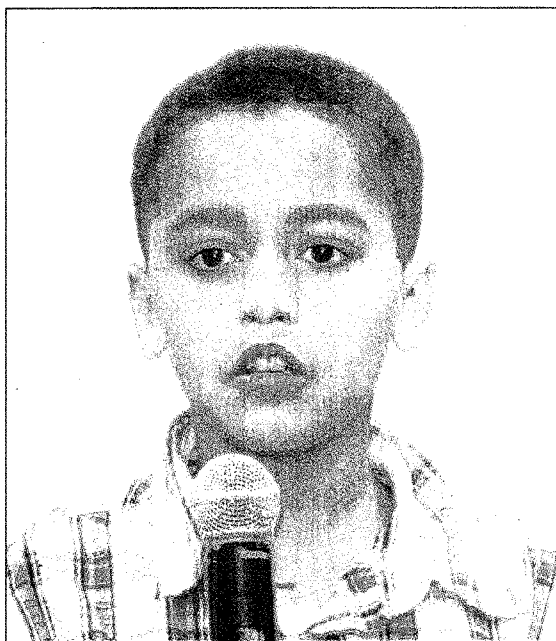
Jessie Jordan of Wildwood Elementary won the elementary bee. Like Adam, she had misspelled her word, competitive, and when challenger Nicholas Hart of Madison Elementary stumbled on the word scholarship, she came back in the 12th round to correctly spell exhaust.



Toni Jordan watches as her daughter Jessie, a student at Wildwood Elementary, is congratulated by Earle Chorbogian after she won the elementary school spelling bee Thursday morning.



Tension made Toni Jordan look down at the floor as her daughter Jessie spells a word.



Elementary runner-up Nicholas Hart made it to the 12th round of the annual spelling bee.

Her finish led Chorbogian to tell her: "You were on the brink of disaster and came through."

"I thought I was going to get kicked out, but I knew how to spell exhaust," Jessie said.

Her cheering section include her parents Toni and Ray Jordan and grandparents Gary and Georgann Ross.

"We were all crying, it was so intense," Toni Jordan said. "We didn't practice any of

those words, these were a lot easier."

Jessie studied her spelling at least two hours a day and even did a little cramming before school Thursday. If she had difficulty pronouncing a word, she looked it up on the Internet, her mother said.

"This is her first spelling bee. She's always wanted to be

in one," Toni Jordan said. "She was very excited."

Jessie already is thinking about next year.

I have an A in spelling and I plan to come back and defend my title," she said. "The secret to my success is I tried my best."

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Look who can spell

While only the winners of the school bees competed in the district spelling bees, the school runners-up also were recognized during the program.

Representing the 17 elementary schools were:

- Edison - Gabrielle Maddox, winner, and Glendae'shia Gordon, runner-up.

- Elliott - Kaitlyn Umfleet, winner, and Christiana Gohr, runner-up.

- P.D. Graham - Madison Moss, winner, and Savana Nicosia, runner-up.

- Hamilton - Jacob Clark, winner, and Samantha Kaczor, runner-up.

- Hicks - Hunter Douglas, winner, and Lauren Kelsch, runner-up.

- Hoover - Parker McCaffrey, winner, and Celina Parish, runner-up.

- Jefferson-Barns - Anthony Martin, winner, and Jose Herrera, runner-up.

- Kettering - Chelsea Justice, winner, Joseph Dempsey, runner-up.

- Lincoln - Kaitlyn Johnson, winner, and Samantha Tillman, runner-up.

- Madison - Nicholas Hart, winner, and Audrey Sabal, runner-up.

- Patchin - DeJuan Adams, winner, and Dajanae Walker, runner-up.

- Roosevelt-McGrath - Lilli Demetriou, winner, and Steven Rupert, runner-up.

- Schweitzer - Maddie Clarke, winner, and Justin Decker, runner-up.

- Taft-Galloway - Devon Phillips, winner, and Nickolas Walkup, runner-up.

- Vandenburg - Noah Davis, winner, and Nikita Bhangu, runner-up.

- Walker-Winter - Jemel McClinton, winner, and Vittorio Villarini, runner-up.



Skyelar Mass glances up as she tries to complete the spelling of her word.

- Wildwood - Jessie Jordan, winner, and Sebastian Allen, runner-up.

Representing the middle schools were:

- Adams - Jacob Flores, sixth-grade winner, and Aleah Robinson, runner-up;

- Jordan Khalaf, seventh-grade winner, and Miya Williams, runner-up; Anthony Johnson, eighth-grade winner, and Tim Flores, runner-up.

- Franklin - Keenan Lefevre, sixth-grade winner, and Katarina Cavins, runner-up; Cierra Eschenbacher, seventh-grade winner, and Tiffany Lefevre, runner-up;

- Adam Davis, eighth-grade winner, and Sarah Lovelady, runner-up.

- Marshall - Skyelar Mass, sixth-grade winner, and Thomas Erdman, runner-up;

- Jane Awoh, seventh-grade winner, and Airren Watkins, runner-up; Ikiesha White, eighth-grade winner, and Matthew Karpiuk, runner-up.

- Stevenson - Allora French, sixth-grade winner, and Ryan Clemmons, runner-up;

- Katie Meyerhoff, seventh-grade winner, and Natalie Race, runner-up; Shreya Sutariya, eighth-grade winner, and Ty Robinson, runner-up.



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Spotlight Players bring Neil Simon classic to stage

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Spotlight Players are bringing playwright Neil Simon's longest-running Broadway success to the stage for a much shorter run at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Using a variety of experienced Spotlight actors - and a bevy of celebrity performers in a cameo role - "Barefoot in the Park" starts its Canton production Friday. The play runs Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 26-28.

"I am huge fan of Neil Simon," said veteran director Allison Soranno. "I love the way he finds the humor in realistic situations. Particularly with Barefoot, I enjoy the characters and how they remind me of people in my own life."

The romantic comedy focuses on two newlyweds, Corie and Paul Bratter, as they begin married life in a tiny fifth floor walk-up apartment in a mid-Manhattan brownstone. According to Soranno, the play

shows the reality of newlyweds adjusting to the institution of marriage. Paul, a conservative young lawyer, is 26 going on 56. His wife, Corie, is full of adventurous spirit and hope for the future. Both husband and wife must relinquish a part of themselves to ease the transition from honeymoon to house-keeping.

Maria Kovac of Canton was chosen to bring Corie Bratter to life, while Russ Schwartz of Ann Arbor plays her husband, Paul Bratter. Waterford's Chris Garland plays Ethyl Banks, Drex Morton of Canton is Victor Velasco and John Boufford of Farmington is the telephone guy.

Soranno is particularly excited to be performing the play at the Village Theater, a venue she calls "a beautiful addition to Canton."

"Neil Simon does a great job of writing the jokes for you ... his comedy requires good timing and smart delivery," said Soranno, whose next project is as Choreographer

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

• **What:** Spotlight Players' production, "Barefoot in the Park"
• **Where:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton
• **When:** 8 p.m. Feb. 19; 2 and 8 p.m. Feb. 20; 2 p.m. Feb. 21; 8 p.m. Feb. 26; 2 and 8 p.m. Feb. 27; 2 p.m. Feb. 28
• **Tickets:** \$18 adults; \$16 seniors/students under 19; available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

for the upcoming production of "Gypsy" for the Farmington Players in April. "The show is appropriate for people of all ages and relatable for all walks of life. Come ready to laugh yourself to tears!"

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Chris Gardener of Waterford plays Mrs. Ethyl Banks and Canton's Drex Morton is Victor Velasco in the Spotlight

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Toastmasters

Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership

is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

Craft show

Wayne AMVETS Post 171

Time/Date: noon-6 p.m. Saturday, March 13

Location: Wayne AMVETS 171 Post Hall, 1217 Merriman, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, Westland.

Details: The show will feature holiday crafts, homemade goods and collectibles. Vendor tables are available for \$20 each.

Contact: For more information, contact John at (734) 729-8930.

St. Linus

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday March 13

Location: St. Linus activity room,

6466 Evangeline, north of Ford and east of Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: St. Linus Spring Craft Show, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will feature homemade crafts to home base vendors, a 50/50 drawings and Tin Can raffle. There also will be a refreshment stand and raffles. Admission is \$1, children under 12 years of age are free: Ticket will be given for each paid admission to enter the Tin Can drawing.

Trainorama Extra 2010

Time/Date: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, March 21

Location: Costick Activities Center, 28600 II Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Sponsored by the Redford Model Railroad Club. A special flea market for train buffs of all ages featuring scale model railroad

equipment and supplies (new and used), toy trains (new and antique), plus a wide variety of railroad oriented antiques and collectibles (lanterns, dining car china and silverware, signs, paintings, station clocks, locomotive builder's plates, old train schedules, old railroad stock certificates, etc.) Admission \$5; children under 12 free with paid adult admission.

Contact: (313) 565-1027 or (734) 953-2546

3 Day Kickoff

Time/Date: Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure Getting Started Meetings will be held 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 13, and 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

Details: Whether you are new to the

Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure or an old pro, your journey begins here. A Get Started Meeting will provide you with the information and inspiration you are looking for. At the meeting, you can get your questions answered and meet other Komen 3-Day for the Cure walkers. Register at the meeting and you will receive your registration kit (including legacy pin and milestone tracker) on the spot. If you are already registered, this meeting is for you, too. We will talk about training and fund raising, and get you the information you need to prepare for an amazing experience.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Location: Garden City, Livonia and Westland

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western

Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive.

LifeCare

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday
Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth
Details: LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

Contact: Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.life-care@gmail.com or (734) 956-2109.

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Kroger helps Salvation Army with bread donation program

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During February, Kroger will contribute one loaf of 24-ounce Kroger White Buttercrust Bread to the Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club program for every loaf that customers purchase at Detroit Metro-area stores.

More than 80 stores in the greater Detroit Metro-area are participating in the program and offering the 24 oz. loaf for \$1.39, with a goal to donate 17,500 loaves of bread to The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club. Kroger has also set up coin boxes at every register to collect donations on behalf of the program throughout February.

"A loaf of bread can go a long way in feeding the hungry by providing a basic

food essential," said Rick Goig, president of Kroger's Michigan Division. "Kroger is committed to addressing the hunger issue in the communities we serve. We are pleased to be able to offer customers the opportunity to donate to this worthy cause by purchasing a loaf of bread — especially as demand for emergency food in the Detroit area continues to grow."

This is Kroger's fifth year participating in the bread donation program, with the Dick Puritan Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club radiothon — slated for Feb. 26 — in its 23rd year. Last year, Kroger teamed up with its customers and 104.3 WOMC to contribute 15,732 loaves of bread.

The Dick Puritan Radiothon to benefit The Salvation Army Bed & Bread

Club is the largest promotion of its type in Michigan and the largest single-market, one-day radio fund-raising event in the country.

The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club program brings food, shelter and services to people in need within our community, providing them with their basic needs and helping them to get back on their feet. Through The Salvation Army facilities and off the Bed & Bread trucks, almost 5,000 meals are served each day to children, adults and seniors. Three hundred and sixty-five days of the year Bed & Bread trucks make stops in metro Detroit's most depressed areas. In addition, the Bed & Bread program, on average, shelters 570 men, women and children each night.

Emerging market funds diversify investment portfolios

Q: Dear Rick: I am a 55-year-old single woman and I probably will work for another 10 years. I have a 401(k) plan in addition to some other investments. I was at your recent talk at the Royal Oak Library and I was curious if I should be investing in emerging markets. I am a conservative investor. I did see how great some of those emerging market funds did last year, so it has peaked my interest. What do you think?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: Emerging market funds invest in new economies throughout the world. For example, companies in China, India, Poland or the Mideast. Most of the countries considered emerging markets have relatively new market-based economies that operate under a different business cycle than more traditional economies such as ours or other western-based countries.

On the whole, I recommend that people invest a portion of their portfolio in emerging markets. The fact that these economies operate on a different cycle helps provide a portfolio with diversification. In fact, in just about every portfolio that my firm manages, we have exposure in the emerging market areas. For those who have never invested in emerging funds, it is important to recognize that these funds are very volatile. It is not unusual for these funds to be up 50 percent one year and down 75 percent the next. Not only are these economies subject to normal market volatilities, they tend to have additional issues because they are generally smaller economies and because of their political

environment. For example, China is moving to a market-based economy. However, you can never forget that China is still a communist country. I believe that what makes capitalism work is democracy.

Issues can arise because many of these emerging market economies do not embrace democracy. Emerging market investments have additional volatilities that investors must recognize.

Individually an investment in emerging market funds is aggressive, however, when it's part of a balanced and diversified portfolio, it can help reduce the overall risk. Therefore, someone who considers themselves a conservative investor should not avoid emerging market funds.

The key to investing in an emerging market fund is to determine the proper allocation. Allocation is the percentage of your portfolio that should be invested in emerging markets. Of course, if you looked at 2009 you would think that the great bulk of your portfolio should be invested in emerging markets because these funds had such a phenomenal year. However, that is not the case. I believe that because of the volatile nature of emerging market funds, a 3- to 5-percent allocation (3 percent for a more conservative investor and 5 per-

cent for someone who is more aggressive) is appropriate.

When I first got involved in this business, I would always recommend an international fund for a good diversified portfolio. At the time, investing internationally was something that most investors avoided. Today, just about every investor recognizes the importance of having international investments within a portfolio. However, just as it is important to diversify among the domestic side of a portfolio, the same thing can be said about the international side of a portfolio. It is no longer sufficient to have the international side of your portfolio merely invested in traditional western countries. You need to be more diversified and that includes adding an emerging market fund into the mix.

One last note and this applies not only to emerging market funds but, in fact, to all investments. When you decide to purchase an emerging market fund, don't get caught up simply on what the performance was in 2009. Take a longer term approach. Generally, when I do my research, I discount one year's performance and I focus mostly on three-, five- and 10-year numbers. I find by looking at longer term track records, it gives me a better understanding of the investment.

Good luck!

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

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Take the plunge, go ice fishing

Last week's cold temperatures only encouraged more fishermen and women to get out their gear and head for the ice. Anglers in Michigan are fortunate to have so many inland lakes as well as the Great Lakes to fish.

Ice fishing can be seen as a solitary activity, a chance for camaraderie with some good buddies, or a disaster waiting to happen. Every winter we hear of people who ventured on the ice when it wasn't thick enough to hold their body weight let alone a vehicle or ice shanty. One of the best ways to avoid this scenario is to be well-informed, not only about the specific ice surface but also general survival training.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland can help you get prepared.

To learn more about ice fishing, check out these titles: "Hooked on Ice Fishing," "Panfish: Secrets to Catching Winter Fish" and "Modern Methods of Ice Fishing," all by Tom Gruenwald. Shawn Perich's "Fishing Lake Superior" may also be helpful. The library also owns "Ice Fishing Secrets I & II" on VHS.

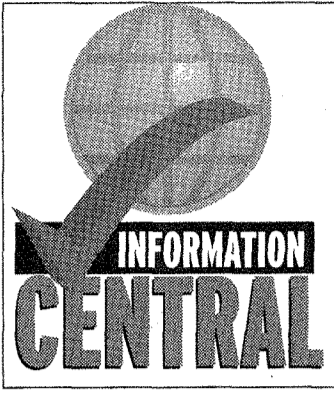
Other books you may want to look at before doing anything on the ice or in the wild include the following: Len McDougall's "Practical Outdoor Survival: U.S. Armed Forces Survival Guide" and Hugh McManners' "The Complete Wilderness Training Book."

Another excellent resource for all Michigan outdoor activities is the Michigan Sportsman magazine. The library has a subscription to this fine periodical and it can also be accessed at www.michigansportsmanmag.com.

Anyone over the age of 17 who wants to fish in Michigan must have a valid fishing license. There are also specific regulations for having an ice shanty on Michigan waterways. Each county can have different rules, so it is imperative that one contacts the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (www.michigan.gov/dnr). The site also lists current weather conditions, safety classes and much more important information.

Other ice fishing Web sites that may be of interest are www.icefishingchat.com and www.icefishingworld.com and www.surviveoutdoors.com/reference/icefishing.asp.

If your calendar is free this weekend



why not get out and enjoy: Free Fishing Weekend scheduled for February 13-14, 2010. No fishing licenses needed for these two days only plus lots of fun activities. Check the DNR Web site for more information.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Everyone's Reading: Feb. 15-April 28, Book Selection: Scott Turow's "Presumed Innocent."

Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book and find when book discussions and many other programs are scheduled, or visit westlandlibrary.org or www.youonesreadinginfo.org for more information. Enter our drawing to win tickets for the Scott Turow author appearance on April 14.

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Feb. 16

Join us as we discuss "A Mercy" by Toni Morrison. In the 1680s, the slave trade in the Americas is still in its infancy. Jacob Vaark is an Anglo-Dutch trader and adventurer. Despite his distaste for dealing in "flesh," he takes a small slave girl in part payment for a bad debt from a plantation. "A Mercy" reveals what lies beneath the surface of slavery. Copies will be available at the Reference Desk. All are welcome.

Documentary Movie Viewing: "I.O.U.S.A." 7 p.m. Feb. 15

Join us for a viewing of the documentary film "I.O.U.S.A." America is on the brink of a financial meltdown. "I.O.U.S.A." boldly examines the rap-

idly growing national debt and its consequences for the United States. Burdened with an ever-expanding government and military, increased international competition, overextended entitlement programs, and debts to foreign countries that are becoming impossible to honor, America must mend its spendthrift ways or face an economic disaster of epic proportions. No sign-up is required.

Poetry of the Harlem Renaissance: A Black History Month Program at 7 p.m. Feb. 17. Adults and teens.

Poets Billione, T. Miller, and Chantay Legacy Leonard bring to the life the works of Harlem Renaissance masters Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Bennett, Claude McKay and more. Hear works that cut to the heart of the Black experience in the early 20th century and paved the way for singers, rapper and poets alike.

This event will also serve as the opening for the Harlem Renaissance Traveling Exhibit.

Harlem Renaissance Traveling Exhibit: Opening night, 7 p.m. Feb. 17. All ages.

The library will be displaying a Teacher's Discovery Traveling Exhibit, featuring the artists of the Harlem Renaissance. The Harlem Renaissance

Traveling Exhibit celebrates an era that encouraged African-Americans to celebrate their heritage through many art forms, including poetry and painting. Patrons and staff will enjoy the spectacular reproductions Feb. 16-28.

Open Mic: 7 p.m. Feb. 18. Teens and adults
Open Mic continues rolling through the winter months with its mix of singers, singer-songwriters, poets, storytellers, and performers. All types of artists are welcome. Singer-songwriter John Latini emcees.

February Friday Night Movie Extravaganza: 7 p.m. Feb. 19

Stop by the library every Friday evening in February for a screening of Golden Globe nominated movies. This week's offering, "500 Days of Summer," is a quirky film that sheds a linear plot in favor of a memory-driven look at a failed romance. A greeting card writer who dreams of becoming an architect and finding true love meets a vintage looking beauty whose ideas about love are completely modern. This movie is rated PG-13. No registration is required. THIS IS AN AFTER-HOURS PROGRAM. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Information Central was compiled by Susan Hanson, reference librarian. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

MILITARY NEWS

Two Westland soldiers have received promotions while serving with Michigan Army National Guard, the 46th Military Police Company, in Cheboygan.

A two-year National Guard veteran, Jessika Williams was promoted in January to the rank specialist. She attended Basic Combat Training in 2008, at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The daughter of Michael and Cindy Williams of Westland, Williams is pursuing a degree in forensic chemistry from Schoolcraft Community College.

Sara Davis was also promoted in January to the rank of specialist. Davis has been a member of the National Guard for two years and attended Basic Combat Training in 2008, at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Davis is pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed at Heritagio Logo Works as a screen printer.

Davis is the daughter of Bruce and Nancy Davis, of Westland.

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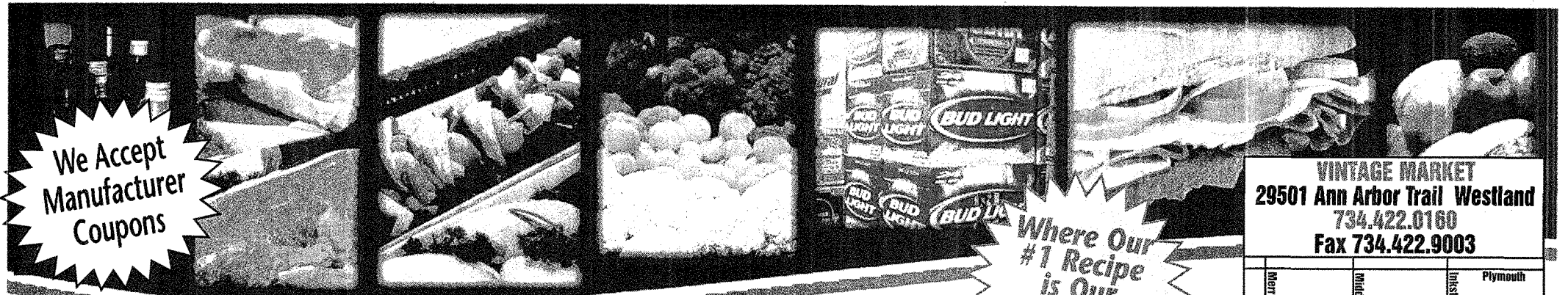
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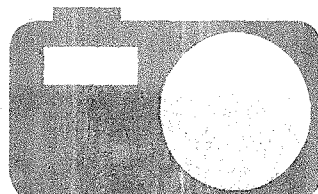
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Cougars see their festive plans put on hold

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Any plans for a celebration will have to wait until Tuesday night.

Garden City's girls basketball team was looking to make a little history Friday evening when the Cougars journeyed to Dearborn Heights Annapolis in search of becoming the inaugural champion of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division.

That honor, however, has been put on hold as the home-standing Cougars threw a wrench into the visitors' plans with a nail-biting 42-40 victory in the

next-to-last league contest for both teams.

With the results, both Annapolis and Garden City occupy the top spot in the WWAC Red with 7-2 ledgers. Annapolis will seek victory Tuesday against Dearborn Heights Robichaud, while Garden City concludes league action the same evening by playing host to Redford Union.

"When you're playing for first place, it's not supposed to be easy," Garden City coach Barry Patterson said. "They showed why they are a very good team." Annapolis, now 11-3 on the season, took it to Patterson's troops in the early

going as the hosts raced out to a 13-9 lead after one quarter and moved the margin to a commanding 27-13 at half-time.

But Garden City, which has fought back time and time again this season, staged another furious rally in the second half, trimming the margin to 35-28 after three quarters of play.

In the final period, Patterson's cagers continued to scratch and claw their way back behind a tenacious press that caused numerous turnovers and resulted in transition buckets on the other end.

Fighting back to get within two

points, Garden City saw its hopes for victory dashed when a final shot attempt rolled off the rim as time expired.

"The difference was in the first half we couldn't hit any shots and so we couldn't get our press going," Patterson said. "In the second half I thought we played with a little more energy and when you do that the shots seem to flow a little better."

Samantha Fischer topped the Garden City (11-5) scoring chart with 11 points and senior forward Alex

Please see **COUGARS, B3**

Bragging rights won by patient Eagles

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With all the various schemes that go into designing a game plan, something as trivial as a little patience turned Friday's inner-city clash between Thurston and RU completely around.

Exercising restraint to set up quality shots on the offensive end, along with changing looks on the defensive side, proved to be the recipe for success in the second half as the visiting Eagles rallied for a hard-fought 43-35 victory over their rivals in WWAC Red Division play.

"I'm proud of our kids," said Thurston coach Brian Bates, who saw his cagers earn only their fourth win in 15 starts this season, but their second in as many tries over the Panthers. "We didn't play real well in the first half, but it was great to see the kids dig deep in the second half."

"We've been in those situations a lot and it could have been easy to say 'oh here we go again.' But they dug down and got some stops when they needed to at the end."

The situation Bates was alluding to this time was his team's lackluster play on both ends of the court that enabled the Panthers to walk into the locker room at halftime sporting a 24-20 lead.

Sophomores Brandon Tinsley and Tre Goynes were the sparkplugs in the second period as the duo combined for 12 of the Panthers' 15 points.

But in the third and fourth quarters, the Eagles looked like a different team as

they chased and double-teamed on the defensive end and passed and found easy openings to the basket on the offensive side.

The result was a 23-11 scoring edge over the final two frames and an Eagles' sweep of the season series.

"Any win is a nice win, and this is really nice," said Bates, whose cagers posted a 37-25 triumph over their rivals in their earlier meeting. "We weren't patient enough early in the game. I thought we took some shots after making just one pass or no pass, which RU wants you to do."

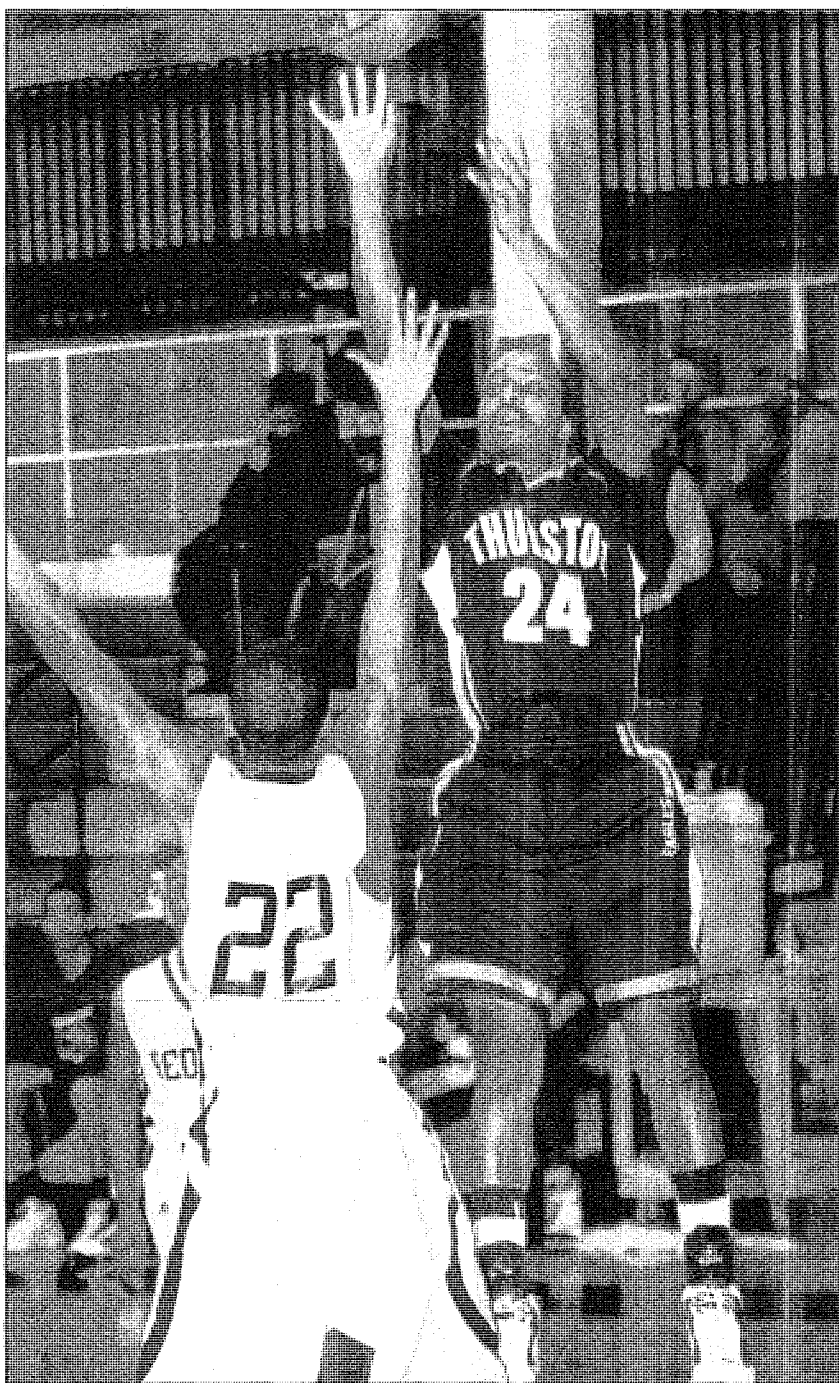
"In the second half we told them we need to be patient and make seven, eight passes," Bates went on. "I don't care if we take 40 seconds off the clock, it's OK. We switched off and got some easy buckets inside."

"You need to be patient against them because you're not going to score 70 points against them. The second half they listened and executed both offensively and defensively."

Senior guard Troy Bell turned in a strong game on both ends and led the Eagles with 19 points. Senior forward Phillip Morgan contributed 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds and Michael Berrien and Austin Miller bagged five points each.

"Troy and Phillip played real well," Bates said. "And I thought Anthony Barley played really well, too. He was at the point in our defense and was the one who had to

Please see **EAGLES, B4**



Redford Thurston junior guard Anthony Barley gets a shot off over RU defender JaVonté Davis in second-half action Friday night. Barley and his teammates completed the season sweep of the Panthers with a hard-earned 43-35 victory.

Carson's Big Sky stay winding down

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former Livonia Clarenceville High All-State guard Donnie Carson admits he could star in his own version of *The Simple Life*.

It certainly seems like a TV reality show when you leave the big city and spend four years of your life playing college basketball in Pocatello, Idaho.

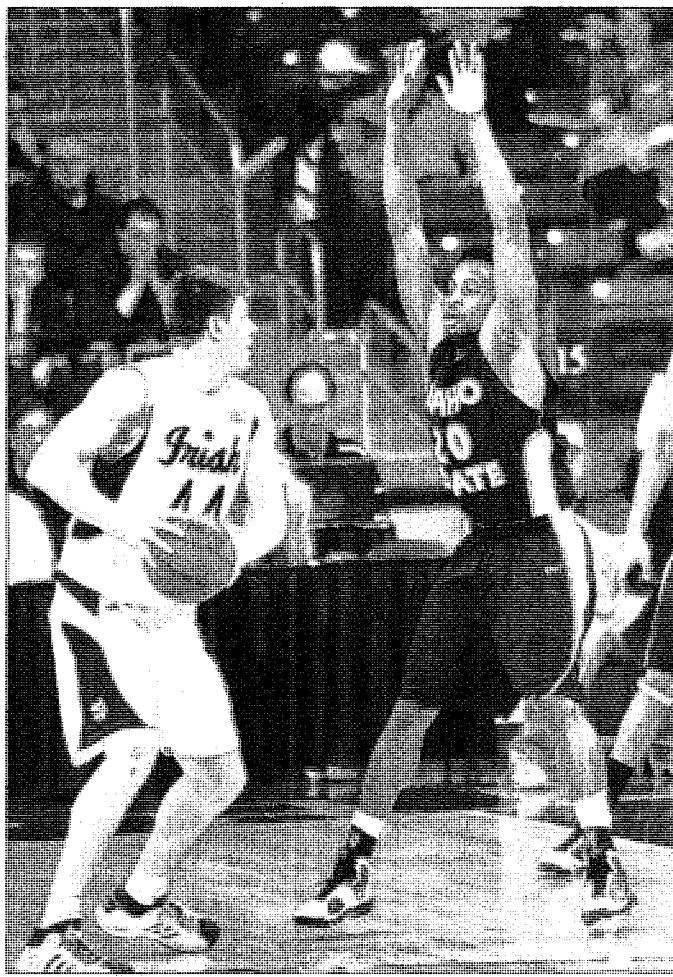
"It's the complete opposite of being in Detroit, there's not a lot of nightlife," said Carson, now a senior at Idaho State. "But it's a good city to go to school, it keeps me focused. It's a small town. It's really conservative. It's a lot different where I grew up. But the people are genuinely nice. They'll let you get across the street. I can't complain."

Carson will graduate on time - in May - with a degree in business and marketing. He earned a 3.0 last semester and is interested in advertising.

But if only the basketball team could achieve a comparable grade.

The 6-foot-2 Carson is winding down his four-year career with no conference titles, NCAA berths or even a sniff at the NIT.

Heading into Friday's home game with Northern Colorado, the Bengals are 6-17 overall and 3-8 in the Big



Idaho State's Donnie Carson (right), a Livonia Clarenceville High grad, guards Notre Dame All-American Luke Harangody during a December meeting in South Bend, Ind.

Sky Conference.

"It seemed we couldn't get clicking," said Carson, who is averaging a modest

5.4 points and 3.8 rebounds with 15 starts. "We had high

Please see **CARSON, B3**

Streak snapped as S'craft women downed by Delta

Coming off a 12-day layoff, the top-ranked and unbeaten Schoolcraft College women's basketball team was upset Thursday night by host Delta Community College, 62-56.

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 1 in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, suffered its first MCCA Eastern Conference setback since Jan. 23, 2008 (in a 62-59 loss to Oakland CC).

Schoolcraft (22-1, 12-1) rallied from a 37-27 halftime deficit to take a 47-44 lead with 8:15 remaining, but could not hold on.

The Pioneers (13-11, 9-5) shot just .298 for the game, but were 8-of-21 from three point range and outscored Schoolcraft 20-12 at the foul line.

Ashley Stetler and Lexi Ruggirello each tallied 16 points for Delta. Gracie Baumgartner added 11.

The Lady Ocelots got 15 points and eight rebounds from Angela Burrell, while Kimberly Bee added 11 points and eight boards.

Amber Avery also grabbed 11 rebounds and had five blocks as Schoolcraft's 38-game conference winning streak came to an end.

MADONNA 60, INDIANA TECH 59: Freshman Heather Pratt made only one field goal all night, but it was her

three-pointer at the buzzer Wednesday that proved to be the difference as Madonna University (9-14, 5-6) rallied for a victory over visiting Indiana Tech (10-17, 3-8) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference encounter.

Kim Olech, bothered by a bad back all season, also returned to the lineup Wednesday to spark MU.

The 6-foot senior from Plymouth High, who has appeared in only 17 games, scored 13 points, hitting 11-of-14 free throws, to go along with 14 rebounds for the Crusaders.

Tabatha Wydryck also notched a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. She also dished out seven assists.

Shantelle Herring chipped in with 10 points, while Katie Mount added eight as the Crusaders rallied from a 27-24 halftime deficit.

Indiana Tech got a game-high 19 points off the bench from Julie Stetzel.

Amanda Tipton added 13 points and 14 rebounds, while Hannah Thieke contributed 11 points as the Warriors shot only 27.9 percent from the field (19-of-68).

MU, meanwhile, shot only 26.2 percent (17-of-65) from the floor, but hit 20-of-31 free throws (64.5 percent).

SIDELINES

Think Pink Zone

Schoolcraft College will showcase several shades of pink Wednesday evening when both the men's and women's basketball teams tip off against Henry Ford Community College to benefit the Kay Yow WBCA (Women Coaches Basketball Association) Breast Cancer Research Fund.

Once again proud sponsors of the Pink Zone, the evening's activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the NJCAA's No. 1-ranked Lady Ocelots battling their opponents from Henry Ford. At approximately 7:30 p.m., men's teams from both schools will take to the court.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Besides the intense competition on the court, a performance by the college's Dance Team, drawings, and raffles for prizes and other giveaways will be conducted. Specially designed commemorative t-shirts will also be on sale for \$10 each.

Last year Schoolcraft College raised \$1,555 in the inaugural Pink Zone event benefitting the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, established in honor of Yow who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987. Yow, who coached the USA Women's Basketball Team to the gold medal in the 1988 Olympics and later was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, died in 2009 from the disease.

Diamond signup

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association is conducting registration for the upcoming baseball, softball and t-ball seasons at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood. Those looking to sign up may do so Saturday, Feb. 20, from noon-2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, from 7-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

A parent or legal guardian must be present at time of registration. Youngsters must also produce a birth certificate and registration fee at time of arrival.

A maximum number of players will be imposed in every house division to increase playing time for players.

Baseball will be offered for youngsters between the ages of 7-18, girls slow pitch softball 7-18 and t-ball ages 4-6.

More information may be gathered by contacting David Ferracchio, t-ball/baseball commissioner, at (734) 513-3831 or by email at gyaabaseball@wowway.com, or Jim Anthony, softball commissioner, at (734) 604-0266 or by email at gyaasoftware@hotmail.com.

MU adds recruit

Madonna University head men's basketball coach Noel Emehiser announced Thursday the signing of his first recruit from the class of 2010 in Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard senior Matt Jenkins (Plymouth).

Jenkins is in his third year on the varsity squad for coach Pete Schoch and the Fighting Irish. As a junior (2008-09), Jenkins was named to the All-Catholic League while averaging 11 points per game, including a season-high 24 points. Jenkins has also earned letters in golf at Gabriel Richard.

"He is a kid who is showing a lot of commitment to our program already by coming to our games," Emehiser said. "Matt is the kind of player you want in a program. He's a gym rat, loves the game and is consistently working to get better. He is a selfless player who has the ability to score but gives that up at times for the better of his team."

Escape artists

Wayne earns share of South title vs. Pats, 59-58

Wayne Memorial earned a share of the KLAAs South Division boys basketball title Friday, but it wasn't easy. The Zebras held off a furious Livonia Franklin fourth-quarter rally to gain a 59-58 triumph.

Wayne, upset in overtime by Franklin earlier in the season (71-66), improved to 12-3 overall and 8-2 in the division (tied with Canton).

Daniel Hill, a senior forward, led the Zebras with 19 points, while Brian Gray added 14.

Jack Chinavare, a senior forward, paced the Patriots with 23 points, including three of his four 3-pointers in the final period to spark a 19-8 run.

Senior guard Mike Gadsby scored 14 of his 18 points in the opening half as Franklin led 33-29. Gadsby also nailed four triples and had five assists.

But Wayne went on a 22-6 third-quarter run to take a 51-39 advantage heading into the final period.

"Once we figured out their half-court pressure - they put a triangle-and-two and Gadsby and (Andy) McCaffery - that left Chinavare open," said Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault, whose team falls to 4-12 and 1-9. "It was a great game. I'm proud of the guys. It's too bad we couldn't hit that last shot."

Wayne was only 4-of-11 from the foul line, while Franklin was 1-of-3.

PLYMOUTH 41, CHURCHILL 38: Pat Salo's 14 points carried the Wildcats (9-7, 6-4) to a KLAAs South Division win Friday over Livonia Churchill (8-7, 4-6).

Brennen Beyer added eight points for Plymouth, which led 23-15 at halftime.

Churchill, hitting only 6-of-25 shots from the floor in the opening half, got a game-high 18 points from senior guard Tony Frezzell.

The Chargers had their chances in the late going, but turned the ball over three times during the final 90 seconds.

STEVENSON 52, SOUTH LYON 27: Livonia Stevenson (12-3, 9-1) pulled away in the second half to win the KLAAs Central Division crown outright Friday against the visiting Lions (6-10, 4-6).

Stevenson led 18-13 at halftime before going on an 18-7 third-quarter run to take control.

Junior guard CJ Mwila and senior guard Bobby Naubert led the Spartans with 15 and 11 points, respectively. Kyle Naubert added seven points as

BOYS BASKETBALL

Livonia Churchill was fighting for its playoff life Friday and came up short in overtime as host Plymouth pulled out a 46-40 KLAAs South Division girls basketball win.

Alex Roberts scored 16 points and Stacy Klonowski added 12 as the Wildcats improved to 6-10 overall and 5-5 in the division to earn the third seed for Tuesday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoffs.

Sophomore center Erin Menard paced the Chargers, who slipped to 8-8 and 3-7, with 11 points. Churchill settles for fifth place in the KLAAs South, one spot out of the playoffs.

Churchill was down 25-17 at intermission, but rallied with a 14-6 third-quarter run. It was 37-all at the end of regulation, but Plymouth took control with a 9-3 run in the four-minute OT.

Plymouth was 15-of-26 from the foul line, while Churchill was 7-of-17.

FRANKLIN 44, WAYNE 21: A 22-0 first-quarter run powered Livonia Franklin (12-4, 8-2) to a KLAAs South Division win Friday over host Wayne Memorial (1-14, 0-10).

Junior point-guard Chelsea Williams paced the victorious Patriots with 14 points, while senior center Senneca Scott added eight.

Jaylyn Hammac tallied 11 for the Zebras. Sarah Carney added seven.

CANTON 61, JOHN GLENN 22: The Schmitt twins, Kari and Sara, scored 22 and 11 points, respectively, leading

Stevenson made 9-of-12 free throws.

Saie Taylor scored eight points for South Lyon.

CANTON 57, JOHN GLENN 45: Junior guard Dietrich Lever scored a game-high 21 points and senior forward Kevin Weisz added 13 as the Chiefs (11-5, 8-2) clinched a share of the KLAAs South Division crown with a victory Friday over visiting Westland John Glenn (4-12, 3-6).

Brett Hudy led the Rockets with 14 points, including four triples. Nine of his points came during the final quarter.

Austin Omagbaya added nine points for Glenn, which trailed 31-24 at halftime and 45-31 after three quarters.

CLARENCEVILLE 53, LUTH. NORTH 51: Senior point-guard Levonte Brooks led the way with 10 points, six assists and two steals Thursday as host Livonia Clarenceville (3-11, 3-4) knocked Macomb Lutheran North (5-11, 4-2) out of a tie for first place in the Metro Conference.

The Trojans, who avenged a 50-45 setback to North on Jan. 22, got 11 points apiece from Damien Quarles and Dominic Patton, while Adrian Myers also contributed 10 points.

Clarenceville led 29-24 at halftime, but North climbed back in the third quarter and trailed by only four heading into the fourth, 35-32.

"We had a tough third quarter, we couldn't hit the broad side of a barn," Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said. "But unlike other games we came out and played a solid fourth quarter. Levonte has really grown into the point-guard role. He did not have a turnover. The whole team has grown up. We feel we're a different team now."

Zac Bielecki led the Mustangs and all scorers with 21 points.

North was 7-of-10 from the foul line, while the Trojans made 11-of-20.

LUTH. SOUTH 55, HURON VALLEY 53: On Thursday, Bryan Gruenewald scored 23 points, including 11-of-12 from the foul line, but it wasn't enough as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (8-5, 6-3) fell to host Newport Lutheran South (6-7, 4-5).

Lutheran South's Tony Southern led all scorers with 28 points, while Jacob Diroff hit the game-winning basket with only 10 seconds left.

Playoff berth eludes Chargers in OT

the state-ranked Chiefs (15-1, 10-0) to a KLAAs South Division triumph Friday over host Westland John Glenn (5-11, 4-6).

Andrea Gordon-McClain had five points for the Rockets, who trailed 33-10 at halftime.

Canton was 10-of-13 from the foul line, while Glenn was 5-of-8.

SOUTH LYON 62, STEVENSON 43: On Friday, Kristin Short's game-high 24 points propelled the host Lions (10-6, 6-4) to a KLAAs Central Division triumph over Livonia Stevenson (4-12, 3-7).

Stevenson trailed by only five at intermission, 34-29, and by 10 after three quarters before South Lyon pulled away.

Jennifer Maslany added 11 for the Lions.

Stevenson sophomore guard Molly Knoph scored nine points, while senior forward Emily Hollandsworth and junior center Kristen Balhorn added eight apiece.

South Lyon was 13-of-35 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 13-of-20.

INTER-CITY 44, HURON VALLEY 24: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist broke open a tight game at halftime with domination on both ends of the court in the second half to register a MIAC Red Division victory Friday over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Tied at 13 at intermission, Inter-City outscored the Hawks 20-4 in the third

period and 11-7 over the final eight minutes to walk away with the win.

Junior Kerryanne Claypool tallied 12 to pace Inter-City Baptist.

"The second half got us again," Hawks coach Kris Ruth said. "We came out flat and they beat us to the ball and to the hoop a lot. We need to get more people involved in our offense."

Junior forward Becca Lovell topped Huron Valley with seven points.

LADYWOOD 43, MERCY 40: Senior forward Molly Gacioch tallied nine of her game-high 18 points in the final period Thursday to go along with 10 rebounds in leading Livonia Ladywood (9-7, 4-4) to a Catholic League Central Division victory over host Farmington Hills Mercy (7-9, 1-7).

Senior point guard Mary Fitzgerald added seven points for the Blazers, who trailed 11-6 after one quarter before forcing ahead 23-17 at halftime.

"We got into some early foul trouble, so we went to a zone (defense) and we were able to score in transition," Ladywood coach Pat Cannon said. "We showed great patience and Molly (Gacioch) took over the fourth quarter. She also got some important rebounds."

Sarah Benson paced Mercy with 10 points. The Marlins were 13-of-17 from the foul line, while Ladywood was 9-of-15.

The Blazers opened the Catholic League A-B Division playoffs Saturday against Dearborn Divine Child at the Madonna University Activities Center.

LUTHERAN NORTH 51, CLARENCEVILLE 33: Livonia Clarenceville (6-10, 5-3) never did get it going Thursday night as the Lady Trojans dropped their Metro Conference first-place showdown at Macomb Lutheran North (10-7, 7-1 conference).

Rebecca Tropper paced the Mustangs with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Natalie Campbell added 10 points.

Jill Nowicki made nine steals and point guard Deanna Adams contributed eight assists as North jumped out to a 25-14 halftime lead.

"North shot well and we couldn't convert on the offensive end of the floor," Clarenceville coach Brady Gustafson said.

Jenna Burgess topped the Clarenceville scoring chart with 11 points and also hauled down a team-leading 13 rebounds.

Kristen Jolly chipped in with nine points.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 44, LUTH. WESTLAND 38: On Thursday, Kristin Malcolm scored 14 points and Brooke Purcell added 10 as host Plymouth Christian Academy (8-9, 6-6) downed Lutheran High Westland (4-11, 2-9) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Emilie Freeman scored 14 points and Amanda Terranella added 10 as the Warriors couldn't overcome a 28-14 halftime deficit.

TEAM DISTRICT WRESTLING RESULTS

- TEAM DISTRICT WRESTLING DIVISION 1 RESULTS**
Feb. 11 at WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (Championship final)
- 103 pounds:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) won by void; **112:** Steve Wakeford (WJG) won by void; **119:** Steve Shak (WJG) pinned Mitchell Hood, 5:39; **125:** Josh Austin (WJG) p. Devon Adams, 0:09; **130:** Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Gabe Polgar, 1:25; **135:** Mark Thompson (WJG) decided Cody Allen, 9-4; **140:** Travis Mann (WJG) won by technical fall over Kyle Szala, 23:8; **145:** Mike Johnson (WJG) p. Brandon Whittenberg, 8-4; **160:** Josh Mills (WM) p. Kevin Wacker, 1:18; **171:** Zach Redden (WJG) p. Kevin Korzetzki, 4:38; **189:** Kameron Jones (WJG) dec. Demitrus Renfro, 5-2; **215:** Shakaem Powell (WJG) p. Dylan Korzetzki, 5:20; **285:** Chris Bowie (WM) dec. Dustin Gajowiak, 2-1.
- Glenn's dual match record: 30-7 overall.
- (Semifinal match)**
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 63, ROMULUS 12
103 pounds: Kyle Gillies (WJG) won by void; **112:** Steve Wakeford (WJG) pinned Montez Grant, 1:05; **119:** Steve Shak (WJG) p. Jeff Frichman, 3:35; **125:** Josh Austin (WJG) p. Travis Bergman, 0:34; **130:** Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Mike Wallace, 1:21; **135:** Mark Thompson (WJG) won by void; **140:** Travis Mann (WJG) p. Brandon Mahon, 2:36; **145:** Mike Johnson (WJG) p. Devin Statham, 3:12; **160:** Mike Higgins (R) p. Kevin Wacker, 1:14; **171:** Zach Redden (WJG) p. Zach Redden, 7-3; **189:** Kameron Jones (WJG) p. Paul Munson, 1:35; **189:** Reggie Timmins (WJG) dec. Denford Briscoe, 10-5; **215:** Chris Parish (R) dec. Gerald Powell, 10-7; **285:** Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) won by void.
- Feb. 11 at GARDEN CITY (Championship final)**
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 45, LIVONIA STEVENSON 20 (Semifinal match)
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 55, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 18 (Championship final)
- Feb. 11 at HARPER WOODS (Championship final)**
LUTHERAN WESTLAND 36, HARPER WOODS 29
189 pounds: Craig Kowalski (LW) decided Josh Hadley, 4-2; **215:** John Dixon (HW) pinned Jacob Bartos, 0:34; **285:** Eric Curry (HW) won by void; **103:** Adam Seta (LW) won by void; **112:** double void; **119:** John Smith (HW) won by void; **125:** Laith Francis (LW) p. Dre Jones, 1:10; **130:** Justin Palika (LW) p. Steve Cichocki, 0:42; **135:** Sean Rowe (LW) won by void; **140:** Matt Sankey (LW) p. Kevin Dukes, 2:56; **145:** double void; **152:** Robert Howard (HW) p. Josh Andzrejowski, 5:32; **160:** Thomas Randle (HW) won by major dec. over Phillip Welte, 18-6; **171:** Martin Kemp (LW) dec. Devaunte Garner, 9-4.
- LUTH. WESTLAND 43, RIV. GABRIEL RICHARD 36**
171 pounds: Martin Kemp (LW) won by technical fall over Andrew Jakubik, 15-0; **189:** Craig Kowalski (LW) pinned Jordan Bolthouse, 0:44; **215:** Nick Hall (RGR) p. Jacob Bartos, 0:32; **285:** Nick Schroeder (RGR) won by void; **103:** Adam Seta (LW) won by void; **112:** Derek Wegienka (RGR) won by void; **119:** Raji Raza (RGR) won by void; **125:** Laith Francis (LW) won by technical fall over Bill Malis, 19-3; **135:** Sean Rowe (LW) p. Evan Mason, 0:52; **140:** Matt Sankey (LW) dec. John Kruso, 7-3; **145:** double void; **152:** Josh Andzrejowski (LW) p. Alex Felske, 2-32; **160:** Alex Angeietti (RGR) p. Phillip Welte, 0:51.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

- CANTON GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL**
Feb. 6 at Canton H. S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grand Ledge, 148.45; 2. Troy Athens, 147.35; 3. Farmington, 146.2; 6. Livonia Blue, 140.55; 9. Livonia Red, 135.875.
- DIVISION 1 RESULTS**
All-around: 1. Alexis Byington (Grand Ledge), 38.750; 2. Ashley Moskalk (Troy Athens), 38.125; 3. Alyssa Bresso (Farmington), 37.300; 4. Emily Quint (Livonia Blue), 36.675; 5. Katie Kretzchmer (Livonia Red), 34.975.
- Vault:** 1. Byington (Grand Ledge), 9.750; 2. Emily Quint (Livonia Blue), 9.600; 3. Moskalk (Troy Athens), 9.550; 3. Kretzchmer (Livonia Red), 8.950.
- Uneven bars:** 1. Byington (Grand Ledge), 9.650; 2. Hannah Grow (Forrest Hills), 9.450; 3. Madison Cusick (Brighton), 9.400; 9. (tie) Quint (Livonia Blue), 9.050; 17. Kretzchmer (Livonia Red), 8.600.
- Balance beam:** 1. Byington (Grand Ledge), 9.625; 2. Moskalk (Troy Athens), 9.600; 3. Quint (Livonia Blue), 9.500; 6. Kretzchmer (Livonia Red), 9.225.
- Floor exercise:** 1. Byington (Grand Ledge), 9.725; 2. Moskalk (Troy Athens), 9.625; 3. Alyssa Bresso (Farmington), 9.550; 14. (tie) Quint (Livonia Blue), 8.525; 17. Kretzchmer (Livonia Red), 8.200.
- DIVISION 2 RESULTS**
All-around: 1. Brooke Madzia (Troy Athens), 37.350; 2. Maddie Burman (Grand Ledge), 37.325; 3. Christine Wilson (Grand Ledge), 36.375; 11. Alex Kitz (Livonia Blue), 34.8750.
- Vault:** 1. Burman (Grand Ledge), 9.400;
2. Marina Moretti (Brighton), 9.250; 3. (tie) Bri Maroukis (Portage) and Amanda Lumley (Farmington), 9.200 each; 10. (tie) Kitz (Livonia Blue), 9.050.
- Uneven bars:** 1. Wilson (Grand Ledge), 9.250; 2. Madzia (Troy Athens), 9.150; 3. Burman (Grand Ledge), 9.050; 7. Kitz (Livonia Blue), 8.800.
- Balance beam:** 1. Jacquelyn Stewart (Troy Athens), 9.575; 2. Brooke Madzia (Troy Athens), 9.550; 3. Maddie Burman (Grand Ledge), 9.500; 9. (tie) Cassie Morford (Livonia Red), 8.900.
- Floor exercise:** 1. Lumley (Farmington), 9.575; 2. Madzia (Troy Athens), 9.550; 3. Wilson (Grand Ledge), 9.500.
- DIVISION 2 (top 75)**
Livonia Blue: Kitz: (V) 9.050/11, (UB) 8.800/7, (BB) 8.325/38, (FX) 8.700/27, (AA) 34.875/13; Katie Bridges: (V) 8.450/42, (UB) 8.350/19, (BB) 8.650/26, (FX) 8.800/23, (AA) 34.250/19; Sarah Bridges: (V) 8.100/63, (UB) 8.450/15, (BB) 8.765/62, (FX) 8.600/29, (AA) 32.825/31; Morford: (V) 0.000/76, (UB) 8.300/21, (BB) 8.900/10, (FX) 0.000/74, (AA) 17.200/64.
- Livonia Red:** Katina St. Pierre: (V) 8.600/30, (UB) 8.350/18, (BB) 8.900/17, (FX) 8.800/22, (AA) 34.550/16; Britany Swazey: (V) 8.600/36, (UB) 8.000/76, (BB) 8.075/44, (FX) 8.375/40, (AA) 25.050/56; Lauren Palla: (V) 8.350/47, (UB) 8.100/32, (BB) 0.000/80, (FX) 0.000/75, (AA) 16.450/66; Meghan Lark: (V) 0.000/81, (UB) 7.750/43, (BB) 0.000/84, (FX) 7.875/57, (AA) 15.625/74.

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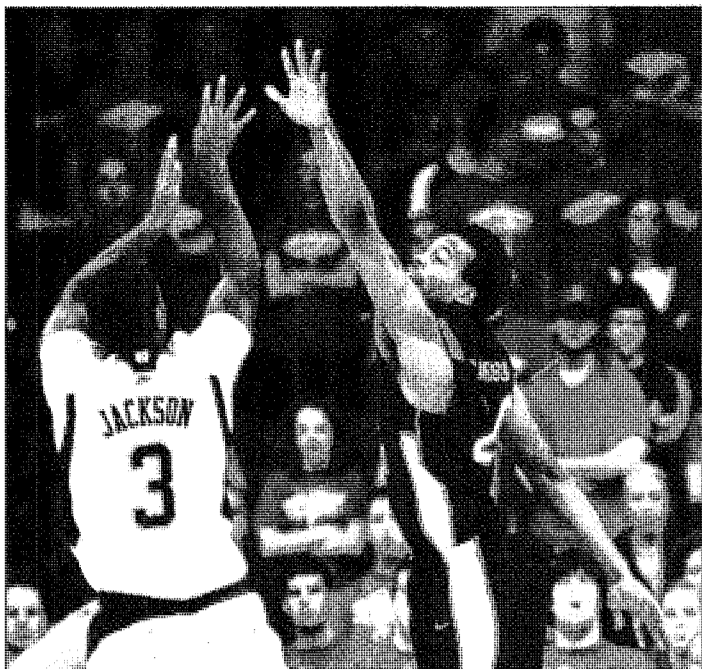
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Idaho State's Donnie Carson (right), a Livonia Clarenceville High grad, goes up for the block on Notre Dame's Tory Jackson during a December game in South Bend.

CARSON

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expectations. We were picked to be in the top third (of the conference), and they fell through. But we still have a chance to achieve our goal. We have to win our next three games at home to have a chance to be in the top six for the (Big Sky) conference tournament."

Carson, who possesses great leaping ability and quickness, saw limited action as a freshman, appearing in 17 games while getting acclimated to the NCAA Division I game.

During his sophomore year he blossomed, averaging 6.2 ppg and, including a 9.6 mark the Big Sky (second best on the team).

During his junior year, Carson became more of a fixture, getting 17 starts while averaging 6.4 per outing.

Yet, despite being a senior now and one of the veterans, Carson tries to become someone the younger players look up to.

"Right now I'm more in a leadership role," he said. "I just try to lead by example. I'm still not vocal. It's not my style to tell guys what to do."

Carson scored 1,357 points in 57 games at Clarenceville, but drew minimal interest from Division I programs.

New Idaho State coach Joe O'Brien, who was hired out of the JUCO ranks, gave Carson a chance.

"I was the first guy he (O'Brien) recruited," Carson said. "My other option was to go to a prep school. I didn't get much exposure because I did not play AAU ball. (He ran track in the spring.) If I had gone to the prep school, I may have gone to a bigger school, somewhere closer to home."

Carson's basketball career has certainly had its ups-and-

downs. He was benched for one game earlier this season after going into a slump.

Yet, he maintains respect for the man who recruited him.

"We have a pretty good relationship (with O'Brien)," Carson said. "He's definitely the authority figure. What he says goes. He's a nice guy. You're here 365 days a year. He's had us over to his home Christmas and Thanksgiving. He's definitely understanding and takes care of the team."

Carson's most memorable game was during his sophomore season at Montana State when he got fouled and hit the game-winning shot.

The Bengals have also taken on some of the country's most noted programs, including UCLA, USC, Oregon, Iowa, Iowa State, Wisconsin, Illinois and most recently Notre Dame (in December).

"We were right in there at USC, Oregon and Illinois," Carson said. "The Big Sky is definitely guard-oriented whereas in a conference like the Big Ten the post players are more dominant. Here, the guys shoot 'threes' and the point-guards are small and score tons of points."

One of the drawbacks of leaving home and going away to school is that his family is unable to attend games.

"My grandmother (Ruth Carson) has never seen me play," Carson said. "My mother has been to see me play once. It's no big deal. They saw me play in high school."

Yet, Carson is not second-guessing himself of going to Pocatello, the potato capitol of the world.

"I don't regret my decision education-wise," he said.

Carson, however, said he won't remain in Idaho.

"I'll probably come home (after graduation) and try and find a job," he said.

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Spartans clinch Central, secure OT Showcase win

Livonia Stevenson sewed up the KLAAs Central Division boys hockey title Wednesday with a convincing 6-0 triumph over Canton at Edgar Arena.

Evan Malick had hat trick and one assist for the victorious Spartans, who led 3-0 after one period and 6-0 after 34 minutes.

Trevor Baruzzini added a goal and assist, while Justin Shureb and Matt Fox also tallied goals.

Andrew Palushaj and Tim Pruchnik each contributed two assists in the win.

Danny Sager, who made 20 saves in 45 minutes of action, teamed up with Scott Massa (two saves) for the shutout.

Stevenson, 16-2-2 overall and 8-0-1 in the division, will meet KLAAs South Division champ Salem at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center for the Kensington Conference title.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 10-10-1 overall and 3-5-1 in the KLAAs South.

STEVENSON 3, MONA SHORES 2 (OT): Andrew Palushaj scored twice, including the game-winner with 47 seconds left in a 5-minute overtime period to give Livonia Stevenson (17-2-2) a non-league victory over Muskegon Mona Shores (7-10-1) in the Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena.

Cole Rochowiak drew the game-winning assist after winning the draw on a face-off.

Mona Shores led 1-0 after one period, but Stevenson rallied to take a 2-1 lead after two periods on Justin Shureb's goal from Palushaj and Jake Poynter.

Rochowiak then scored from Shureb to give the Spartans

BOYS HOCKEY

a one-goal cushion until 9.6 seconds remaining when Mona Shores tallied the equalizer.

Stevenson outshot Mona Shores 38-27. Spartan goaltender Danny Sager made 25 saves.

"It was an up-and-down, entertaining hockey game," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "They (Mona Shores) just kept coming."

GROSSE ILE 9, CHURCHILL 8: In Thursday's Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena, the Red Devils (16-3-1) outgunned Livonia Churchill (13-7-1), snapping the Chargers' eight-game winning streak.

Mac Howey led the way with seven goals for Grosse Ile, ranked No. 5 in Division 3. Justin Keenan and Brian Vella added one goal apiece, while D.J. Hastings collected six assists.

The Chargers got five goals and two assists from Mike Woynick.

Christo Pappaionnou added two goals and two assists, while Scott Hamill contributed the other Churchill coach.

Grosse Ile goaltender Ian Lawrence made 30 saves, while Churchill starter Aaron Crouse gave up five goals on 21 shots in two periods before being lifted in favor of Alex Estes, who gave up four goals on 17 shots.

W.L. CENTRAL 11, FRANKLIN 6: In a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover at the Lakeland Ice Arena, host Walled Lake Central (7-12, 1-9) downed Livonia Franklin (1-19-1, 0-9) in a high scoring affair.

COUGARS

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Johnson twined 10. Kelly O'Brady added seven points to the total and sophomore Justice Dean chipped in five points.

Jalissa Williams led Annapolis with 10 points and Justina Williams and Kelly Sapikowski each added nine.

THURSTON 55, REDFORD UNION 39: The battle for Redford on the girls side went the way of Thurston Friday night as senior Ashley Wheeler led three Eagle players in double figures with 16 points.

Senior forward Chelsea Carradine contributed 15

points and Nakia McKinney twined 12 as the Eagles improved to 5-4 in WWAC Red Division play and 8-8 overall.

RU remained winless in nine league starts and fell to 3-14 on the season.

RU held a 9-8 lead after the opening quarter, but that was quickly erased as the Eagles put up 18 points in the second period to take a 26-15 lead into the locker room at half-time.

The hosts iced the game by outscoring their rivals 29-24 over the final two periods of play.

RU will conclude league action Tuesday at Garden City. Thurston will visit Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Feb. 15
Taylor Truman at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16
Univ.-Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Howell at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 16
A.P. Cabrini at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
(Kensington Conference Playoffs)
South Lyon at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Novi at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Ladywood at G.R. Catholic Central, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Det. Urban at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
Oak Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

(Metro Conference Playoffs)

Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Franklin vs. Crestwood at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
(Kensington Conference Championship)
Salem vs. Stevenson at Plymouth Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
Churchill vs. Novi at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

(Team Districts)
Division 3 at Clawson, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
(Team Regionals)
Division 1 at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
Division 1 at Southgate, 5:30 p.m.
Division 3 at Dundee, TBA.
Division 4 at Manchester, TBA.
Saturday, Feb. 20
(Individual Regionals)
Division 1 at Saline, TBA.
Division 3 at Williamston, TBA.
Division 4 at Addison, TBA.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Tuesday, Feb. 16
Thurston at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Annapolis at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Thurston at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
KLAAs South Meet at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
KLAAs Central Diving at S. Lyon, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
KLAAs South Meet at Salem, noon.
KLAAs Central Meet at S. Lyon, noon.

GIRLS GYMNASICS

Tuesday, Feb. 16
Livonia Red vs. Canton at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Livonia Blue vs. Brighton-Howell at High Flyers Center, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
KLAAs Meet at W.L. Central, TBA.

PREP BOWLING

Tuesday, Feb. 16
Clarenceville vs. John Glenn, Wayne vs. Northville at Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
CHSL Doubles at Cherry Hill, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Clarenceville vs. Farm-Harrison at Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
KLAAs Tournament at Town 'N Country Lanes, 10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
CHSL Tourney at Astro Lanes, 9 a.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Feb. 20
(Team Districts)
PREP SKIING
Tuesday, Feb. 16
SEMSEL Championship at Mt. Holly, TBA.

GIRLS FIGURE SKATING

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Ladywood Team Competition at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 4 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 7:30 p.m.

TBA

Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 5:30 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced

MU, Schoolcraft men cagers fall

Leroy Allen's 23 points and 14 rebounds were not enough Wednesday as host Indiana Tech earned an 82-74 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball victory over Madonna University.

Westland's Bryant Slaughter added 21 points for the Crusaders, who fall to 5-21 overall and 2-9 in the WHAC.

Freshman Kevin Henry, the team's top scorer, dished out seven assists, but had only two points going 0-of-8 from the floor.

MU lost despite hitting 51.9 percent from the field (28-of-54), including 8-of-16 from three-point range.

Shaun Cabrera, hitting 12-of-16 free throws, paced the victorious Warriors (10-16, 4-7) with a game-high 28 points. He also had seven assists.

John Roche and Anthony Johnson chipped in with 13

MEN'S BASKETBALL

and 11 points, respectively. **DELTA CC 104, SCHOOLCRAFT 69:** Brice Powell popped in 21 points Thursday as host Delta Community College (14-12, 6-7) rolled to an MCCA Eastern Conference triumph over Schoolcraft College (3-19, 1-11).

The Pioneers, who jumped out to a 61-30 halftime lead, also got 20 points and seven rebounds from Jacob Boileau, along with 18 points and 12 boards from Winthrop Thomas.

The Ocelots, who dropped their fifth straight, got 19 points and six rebounds from freshman center Aaron Felsner.

Aaron Nelson added 16 points and six rebounds, while Ron Pummill (Garden City) and Trevor Zacny each contributed 10 points.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 18.5 SALEM 11.5

Feb. 11 at Westland Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Derrick Ammons, 223-183-406; Tommy Ruark, 201-192-393; Kyle Hamlin, 195-187-385; Chris Harper, 209-172-381; John Cleavenger, 168; split score, 164. **Team totals:** 999-898-1,897 (14.5 points); **Baker games:** 215-192-407 (4 points).

Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 225-239-454; Shawn Schmitz, 234-145-379; David Nikkila, 179-192-371; split score, 257-140-379. **Team totals:** 974-896-1,870 (5.5 points); **Baker games:** 212-203-415 (6 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 11-2 overall, 8-1 KLAAs Central Division; Salem, 10-3 overall, 8-1 KLAAs Central.

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16 SALEM 4

Feb. 11 at Westland Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 154-181-340; Khiry Sparks, 154-155-309; Juliann Ayers, 165-142-307; Natalie Brown, 140; Megan Redmond, 134; split score, 93. **Team totals:** 660-743-1,403 (10 points); **Baker games:** 153-144-297 (6 points).

Salem scorers: Rachel Amodio, 143-177-320; Ashley Kretschner, 159-143-302; Kristin Larkins, 152-146-298; Kristin Peltz, 121-128-249; Emily Simmons, 85-149-234. **Team totals:** 660-743-1,403 (10 points); **Baker games:** 125-150-275 (4 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 10-3 overall, 9-1 KLAAs Central Division; Salem, 4-8-1 overall, 2-7 KLAAs Central.

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EAGLES

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make adjustments with some reads. He made some nice passes on offense, too."

The loss was a disappointing one for the Panthers, who dropped to 1-8 in the league and 3-11 overall.

"They found a way to get it done, and we didn't," RU coach Brett Steele said.

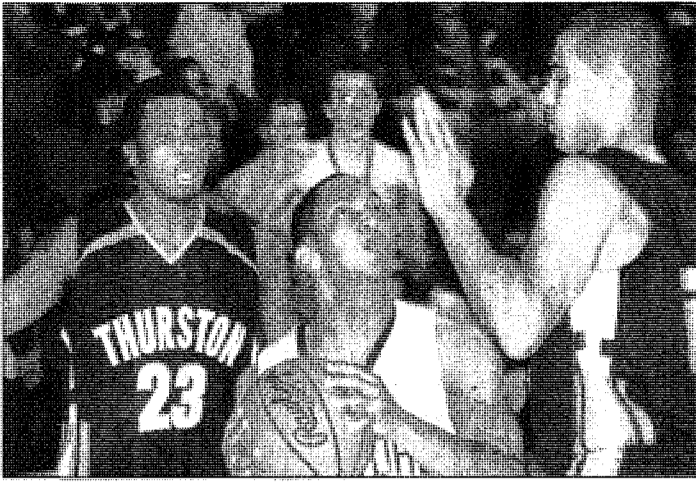
Tinsley topped the Panthers with 11 points. Senior Keith Marshall added nine points and Goynes bagged seven.

Tuesday, the Eagles will be home to face Dearborn Heights Crestwood, while the Panthers entertain Garden City.

GARDEN CITY 53, ANNAPOLIS 46:

Garden City scored an impressive WWAC Red Division win Friday night when it knocked off leader Dearborn Heights Annapolis on its home court.

Senior guard Demetrius Burton paced a balanced Garden City scoring attack with 14 points and classmate Matthew Mitchell followed closely behind with 13 as the visitors improved to 6-3 in league play and 10-6 overall.



Redford Union senior Keith Marshall finds himself surrounded by Thurston defenders Michael Berrien (23) and Phillip Morgan. The Eagles rallied in the second half to pull out the win.

"It was a nice win, not really it was a great win," stated Garden City coach Greg Williamson. "We jumped out to a good lead and that was key for us."

Garden City raced out to an 18-10 advantage after one quarter before Annapolis fought back to close the margin to just one at halftime at 28-27. Garden City regained the upper hand in the third period as it outscored Annapolis 11-8, and the Cougars put the game away by outscoring their opponents 14-11 over the final eight min-

utes of play.

Senior guard Moises Cruz enjoyed another strong game from the perimeter as he bagged three treys on his way to nine points and senior center Nate Kalinowski did a little of everything in contributing seven points and six rebounds.

Colton Mallia topped Annapolis (11-5, 7-2) with 15 points. Nate Verdun added 12.

Garden City will wrap up the league portion of its schedule Tuesday when it travels to Redford Union.

Redford softball signup

Redford Leisure services has designated now through March 5 the time for returning Spring/Summer League teams to register for the upcoming season.

New teams may register on a first-come, first-serve basis March 8-19.

Season costs include a registration fee of \$400 per team, softballs at \$60 per team based on a 12-game schedule and umpire fees at \$14 per game.

A managers' meeting is slated for Monday, March 29, with managers of women's teams meeting from 5:30-6:15 p.m., 6:30-7:15 p.m. for coed and 7:30-8:30 p.m. for men.

A total of four tournaments will be offered during the 2010 season, beginning with the Early Bird on May 1.

Others include Redford Festival (June 12), Summer Blast (July 17) and Oktoberfest (Oct. 9).

For more information, call softball coordinator Scott Gray at (313) 387-2651.

Soccer signup

The Redford Soccer Club and Waza FC are teaming to form a select program for under-8 players (born between Aug. 2001- July 2003) this spring. Players will receive training from Waza coaches, who also compete as players on the professional level, and participate in the GLSL under-9 age division.

The season runs April 5-June 10 with practices being held twice a week.

Tryouts for both boys and girls will be held Sunday, Feb. 14, beginning at 1 p.m. at Beechwood Arena, 22200 Beech Daly Road.

Participants should wear shin guards, socks, indoor shoes or sneakers (no cleats) and also bring a water bottle. A parent or guardian must be present.

Fee for returning players who make the team is \$120. Fee for new players is \$230. Cost includes a full game-practice uniform kit.

For more information, contact Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4234 or email to wazaredford@wazafc.com.

Coaches needed

• Redford Union School

SPORTS ROUNDUP

District is seeking qualified applicants for the positions of varsity football coach, varsity girls' softball coach and assistant boys' track coach.

Interested individuals are asked to contact Redford Union Athletic Director Brett Steele at (313) 242-4270.

• Garden City High School is seeking applicants for a head varsity football coach.

Those interested are asked to submit a letter of interest and resume to Bob Dropp, Athletic Director, Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135.

Further information may be obtained by calling (734) 762-8363 or email to droppr@gcity.k12.mi.us.

• Livonia Ladywood is seeking a varsity girls lacrosse coach for the 2010 spring season. If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood Athletic Director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

• Dearborn Divine Child High School is seeking applicants for a head varsity volleyball coach.

If interested, submit a resume and letter of interest before Jan. 11 to athletic director Tony DeMare at: demare@divinechildhighschool.org.

• The University of Detroit Jesuit High is seeking a varsity boys track and field coach for the 2010 season.

Those interested should forward a resume to: Mickey Barrett, Athletic Director, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI. 48221; or fax to (313) 862-3299; or e-mail mickey.barrett@uofdetjhsuit.org.

Snow Ball tourney time

The First Annual One Pitch Snow Ball Tournament, presented by Redford Leisure Services, will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Claude Allison Park's Diamond #1 and Diamond #2.

Space is limited for the one pitch, slowpitch tourney so the time is now for teams to register for the event combining two great Michigan traditions - winter and slowpitch softball.

For more information, contact Scott Gray at (313) 387-2651 or (313) 387-2650.

Longbow competition set

All recurve and longbow archers are invited to par-

ticipate in the 2010 Michigan Indoor Recurve and Longbow State 3D Championship to be held Feb. 27-28 at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. The site is Michigan's oldest archery club and is located at 5795 Drake Road in West Bloomfield.

A trophy shoot will be held both days. Registration will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27 and 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 28.

A money shoot will be conducted Feb. 28 with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m.

For additional information contact Paul Jalon at (248) 689-1229 or by email at jalonboomer@sbcglobal.net.

Patriot fund-raiser

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

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

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

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

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.

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Stained glass church marks 75 years in Westland

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Every window tells a story at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland.

And today the stained glass, along with scripture and pancakes, will kick off the church's year-long 75th anniversary activities.

"The stained glass windows were dedicated some years ago. They each tell a story from the Bible," said Ruth Esseltine, a member of the church anniversary committee. "They'll (the church) have readings and songs explaining the stained glass."

Worship services at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, incorporate the theme "Windows of Memories," in the church, 5885 Venoy.

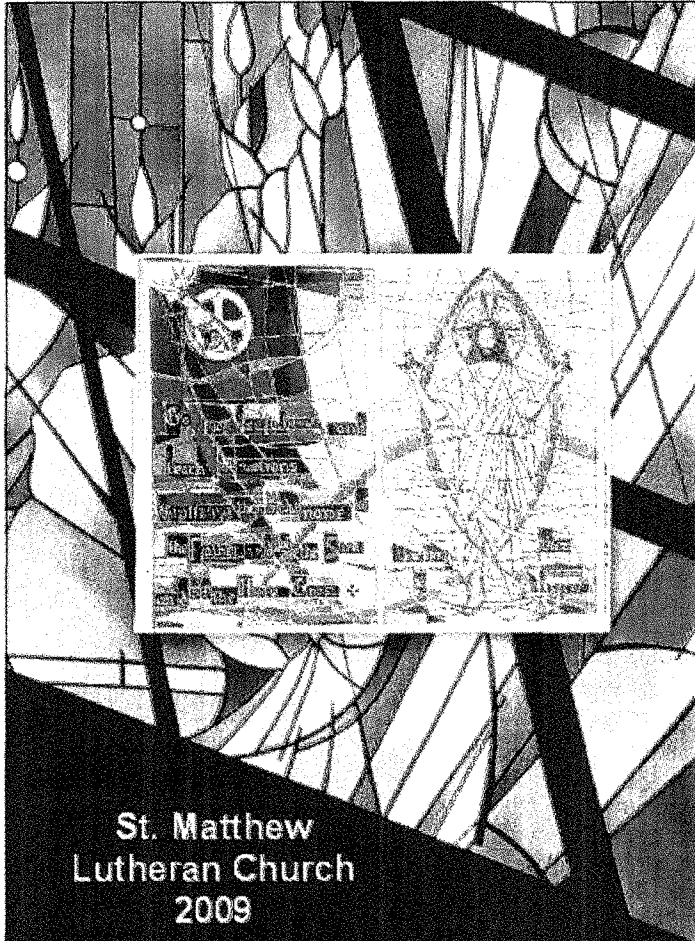
"Between the services, our youth group will hold a pancake breakfast," added Andrea Unger, a congregation member and a teacher at St. Matthew Lutheran School.

Cost for the breakfast is a free will offering. Proceeds will help fund a trip to the National Youth Gathering.

Installation of the stained glass windows figured prominently in the church's 75-year history. When work on the first window, located in the church narthex, began in 1980, the congregation had been holding services in its current location for 15 years. Its original meeting place was Garden City Hall and subsequently a new building on Middlebelt near Ford Road.

"In 1985, the large stained glass windows above the chancel were installed —The Nativity and The Resurrection," Unger noted, adding that a former pastor sparked the drive to replace the existing stained glass with more pictorial versions. "From 1988 to 1991 the 23 small stained glass windows in the side aisles and the pastor's sacristy replaced the original glass panels."

The stained glass project was completed with installa-



Stained glass figures into the theme of the 75th anniversary celebration at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Westland.

tion of windows representing the crucifixion, Sermon on the Mount, the Pieta, Christ in the temple, Gethsemane and Jesus blessing the children.

BUILDING UPGRADE

Members dedicated building renovations and additions, including a fellowship hall, five classrooms, a senior center, youth room and lavatories, in 2002.

But Unger noted the church is more than just bricks and mortar.

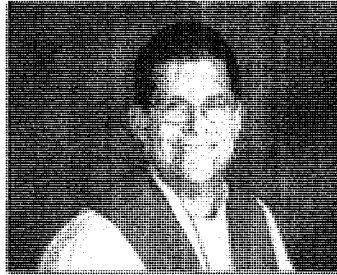
"St. Matthew has a quilting group, a food pantry, and we've designated an area on Venoy where youth takes care of that part of Venoy," she said. "We've started more reaching out... working with Gleaners and AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center."

The church sponsors an annual concert and fundraiser for Pontiac Rescue

Mission's Men of Grace and organizes a remembrance service for 9/11 on Patriot's Day at the Westland City Hall. St. Matthew also has participated in Operation Christmas Child by donating school supplies, toys, hard dandy, and personal hygiene items to poor children throughout the world.

SUPPORTING TROOPS

"Our church and school have had an ongoing support group for our troops serving overseas in the military. This initially began in earnest when one of our parents, Ray Shirkey, was serving with the 1/24 Marines



The Rev. Kurt Lambart of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Westland will lead two worship services on Sunday, Feb. 14, marking the church's 75 anniversary.

Alpha Co. 1st Platoon from 2006 -07," Unger noted. "We sent cards, gifts, food, treats, supplies and other necessities to Ray and his companions on a weekly basis until his safe return. It helped our students realize the importance of praying for our country and the men and women fighting for our freedom."

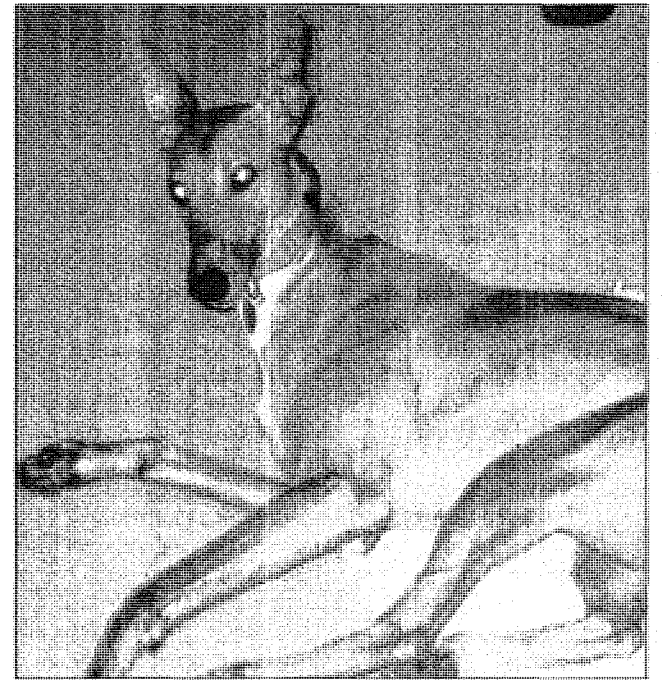
A youth group meets Sunday mornings and has worked with charitable groups such as Big Family of Michigan, Seedling and World Vision. Members currently are collecting donations for Lighthouse Shelter in Westland.

As a part of the 75th celebration, an open house for St. Matthew's School will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16. Unger said the day school has approximately 170 students in preschool through eighth grade.

"We'll have more events coming up. We've been looking through old things to put something together," Esseltine said, adding that the year-long celebration likely will climax in November with a special service.

For more about the church call (734) 425-0261. Or visit its Web site at www.stmatthew.info

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Ellie

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Ellie is settling in with her foster family after arriving in Michigan from a Florida Race Track. She is sweet natured and three years old, with a beautiful reddish coat.

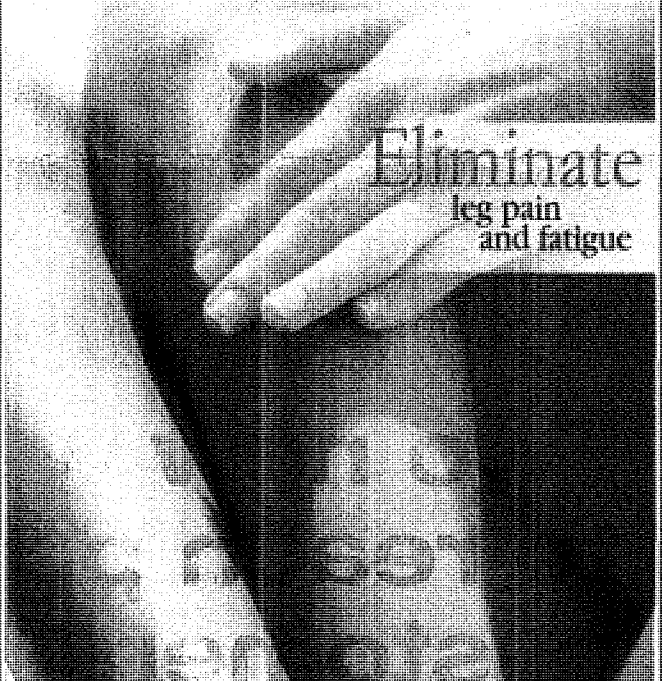
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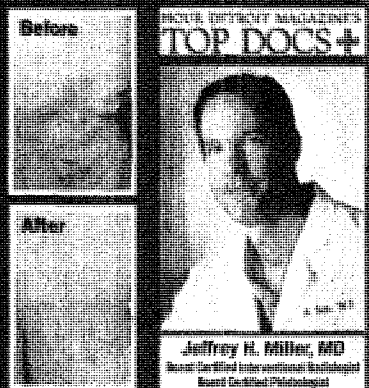
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If the patient's sciatica began in recent days or weeks, the doctor may do nothing except prescribe medicine to relieve the pain. Medical experience shows that x-rays or MRIs are not necessary as most sciatica clears within 6 weeks. Furthermore, well conducted trials on treatment indicate that best rest for more than one day is not helpful.

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WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION - 5-YEAR AGENCY PLAN 2010 - 2014 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The Westland Housing Commission (WHC) is developing the fiscal year 2010 and 5-Year Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The WHC Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to obtain citizen comments on the Agency Plan on March 16, 2010, 5:30 pm, at the Dorsey Center.

Joanne Inglis, Director William R. Wild, Mayor

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REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com.

Dearborn Heights Haston High - Class of 1965

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

Detroit Cooley High School - Class of 1960

50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

Detroit Pershing - Class of 1960

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

Farmington High School - Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion.

Garden City High School - Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road.

Garden City West - Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person.

Redford Union - Class of 1960

50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius.

Oak Park High School - Class of 1980

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

Warren Fitzgerald - Class of 1974

35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Helping Haiti

Classic Catering donated the food and volunteers to staff a pasta dinner recently at St. Aidan Catholic Church, in Livonia.

The event raised \$3,040 for Catholic Relief Services to aid Haiti as it recovers from the earthquake that hit the country last month.

Classic Catering is located in the St. Aidan Activity Center.

Celtic Aid to Haiti

If you love Celtic entertainment, be sure to mark Feb. 20 on your calendar. The "Island to Island" fund-raiser starts at 6 p.m., at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus.

Admission to the show is by donation, which will benefit Haiti relief efforts.

Here's the line-up: The Ardan Dance School, Blackthorn, Conor O'Neil's Sunday Session Group, Crossroads Ceili, Finvarra's Wren, The Flanagan-O'Hare Dancers, The Gavin Family, Highland Pipers, Kitty Heinzman's Ceili Dancers, Frank Kennedy, Larry Larson, Anne McCallum Set Dancers, The MacNeil Family, Ray Maguire, Eddie McGlinchey, The McKinney Family, The Perkins Family, Holland Raper, and Charlie Taylor.

Cynthia Canty of WMGC - Magic 105.1 Radio will emcee. A cash bar and food will be available for purchase. Make checks payable to Doctors Without Borders.

For more information call (313) 537-3489.

Save the date

American Legion Auxiliary Post 32 in Livonia will serve up its annual spaghetti dinner to raise funds for Spinoza Bears on Sunday, March 14.

Spinoza Bears are talking teddy bears that are used as a therapeutic tool to help seriously ill or grieving youngsters.

"I've been working with Spinoza for 10 years," said Linda Shirkey, Auxiliary member. "It's a wonderful program."



St. Aidan Parishioners fill their plates at a fund-raiser for Haiti.



Asher and Allison Perkins will perform at the "Island to Island" Celtic fund-raiser for Haiti, Feb. 20 in Livonia.

The company sends the organization a list of Michigan children who are critically ill. The Auxiliary in turn raises money to send each child a bear.

"They cost about \$150 each," Shirkey noted. They're very therapeutic. They tell (children) how to relax when they are nervous and upset."

The dinner, along with gift basket raffles and a DJ, will run from 4-7 p.m., at the American Legion Post, 9318 Newburgh, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy, Livonia.

Dinner will include spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

The Post #32 phone number is (734) 427-5630.

Abstract Expressions

The Livonia Arts Commission features photography, mixed media and paintings of Richard Yesh of Livonia through Feb. 26 in the Livonia Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

In his artist statement for the show, Yesh says he enjoys working with form and color.

"Depending on the subject matter, my work often reflects explosive splashes of color from images or movements that have inspired me."

The exhibit is meant to "showcase fleeting graphic thoughts and excite the senses."

See the art during regular library hours, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m., Sunday.

- Sharon Dargay

CITY OF WESTLAND - ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM Public Service Announcement

The City of Westland anticipates receiving an estimated \$1,117,367 of federal CDBG funds and \$354,098 of HOME funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011.

PROPOSED USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

2010 CDBG Program funds (estimated \$1,117,367):

- City Projects - 160,367
Rental Rehabilitation Program - 65,000
Emergency Homeowner Rehabilitation - 30,000
Acquisition/Demolition Blighted Structures - 45,000
Code Enforcement - 165,000
Various Public Service Activities: - 256,000
Senior Programs, Youth Assistance, Community Policing, Mental Health Counseling, Domestic Violence

Other Program Administration:

- Section 8 Housing Voucher Program
Family Self-Sufficiency Program
Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Referrals for low income, homeless and special needs persons for shelter and other services

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - 2010-2011 Action Plan

Public Hearings: March 16, 2010, 5:30 p.m., Westland Housing Commission; April 19, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Westland City Council. Submit written comments to the Department of Housing and Community Development at 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186, until March 19, 2010.

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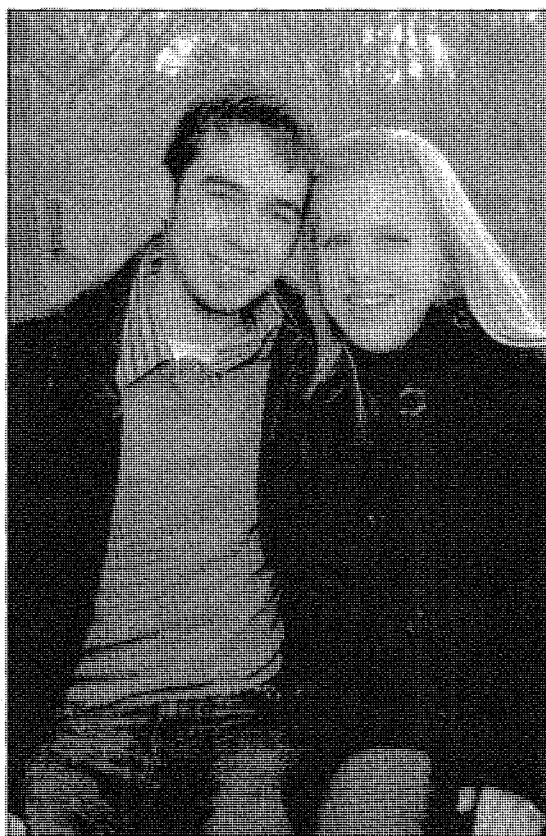
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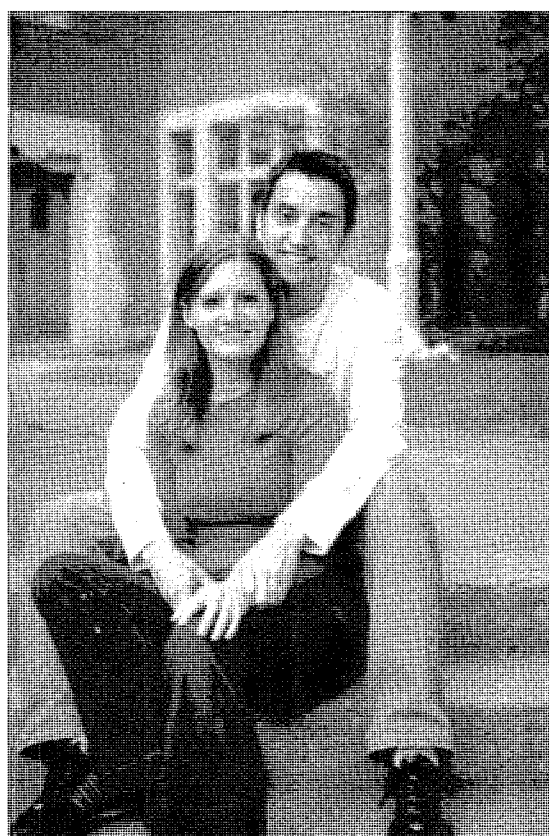
ENGAGEMENTS

APRIL WEDDING PLANNED

Ashley Marie Ringler and Kyle Joseph Zielinski announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Bonnie and Edward Ringler of Canton, is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed at General Motors. Her fiancé, son of Kerry and Jennie Zielinski of Northville, is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial and manufacturing engineering. He is employed at Lockheed Martin in Ocala, Fla. An April 2010 wedding is planned in The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth.



Ringler-Zielinski



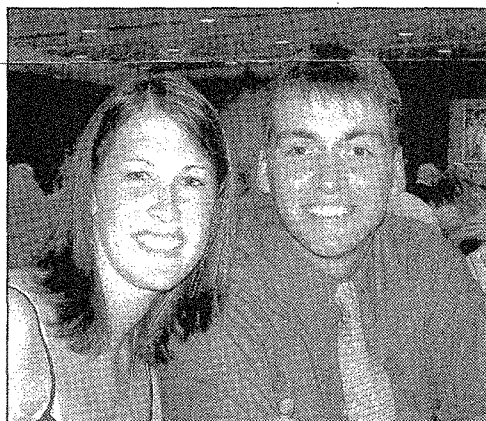
Swerecki-DeCia

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Stephanie Ann Swerecki and Nunzio Salvatore Panfilo DeCia announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of John Swerecki of Dearborn Heights and Marie Swerecki of Livonia, graduated from Livonia Franklin High School in 2001. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in audiology and speech sciences in 2005 and a Master of Arts degree in audiology and speech sciences in 2007, both from Michigan State University. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist for Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Her fiancé, son of Salvatore DeCia of Howell and the late Domenica DeCia, graduated from Farmington High School in 2001 and from Michigan State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, in 2005. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. A July 2010 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Rebecca Bald and Jeffrey Niemiec announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of David and Marilyn Bald of Geneva, Ill., is a 2002 graduate of Geneva Community High School and graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in English in 2005. She earned a master's degree in education from the national-Louis University. Becca also was a goalie for the U of M soccer team her freshmen and sophomore years. Her fiancé, son of Dennis and Kerry Niemiec of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Catholic Central High School and earned a B.A. in education from the University of Michigan in 2006. Jeff earned four varsity letters as a pitcher on the U of M baseball team. Becca and Jeff reside in Chicago, Ill., and are high school teachers in Chicago Public Schools. They plan a July 2010 wedding.



Bald-Niemiec

SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

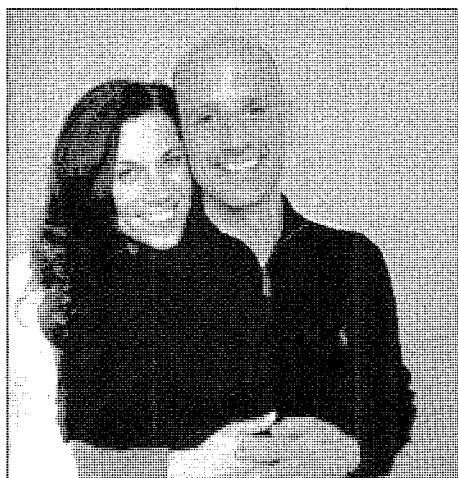
Kristina Lynn Johnston and Johnathan Nicolosi announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Charles and Maria Kristine Johnston of Livonia, is a 2000 graduate of Ladywood High School and earned an undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2004, and a masters degree in language and hearing sciences at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is employed as a speech and language pathologist in Denver, Colo. Her fiancé, son of Thurman and Ada Saffell of Pineland, S.C. is a 1998 graduate of Soddy-Daisey High School in Soddy-Daisey, Tenn. He is currently completing a bachelors degree in Information technology at the American Military University. Johnathon is a staff sergeant with the U.S. Air Force in Denver, Colo. A September 2010 wedding in Denver, Colo. is planned.



Johnston-Nicolosi

PHENEY-LAMOREAUX

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Phenev of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Maura Patricia of New York City, N.Y., to Jason Christopher Lamoreaux of Belding. Maura is a graduate of Mercy High School, the University of Notre Dame, and will receive a Master's degree in corporate communication from Baruch College (CUNY) in the spring. She is employed as the public information officer for Yonkers Public Schools. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lamoreaux of Belding. He is a graduate Aquinas College and received a Master's degree from Western Michigan University. He is the owner of Lamoreaux Auction and Appraisal LLC. A summer 2010 wedding is planned.

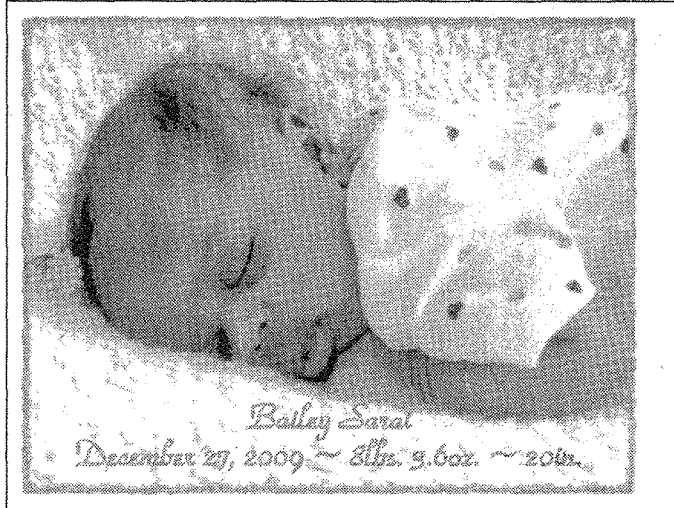


Phenev-Lamoreaux

BIRTHS

KEISHA SARAI BOWEN

Keisha Sarai Bowen was born Dec. 27, 2009, at Henry Ford Hospital, in Detroit. Keisha joins proud parents, Damon and Keisha Bowen, and twin sisters, Brooke and Kennedy, 6, at home in Canton. Grandparents are Paul and Sandra Bowen of Canton, Lee and Melba Wade of Canton, and Ben and Marie Hill of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Nelson Wade of Detroit, and Ruthie Nelson of Suwanee, Ga.



DYLAN CHRISTOPHER KUNA

Dylan Christopher Kuna was born Dec. 27, 2009 at Botsford Hospital, in Farmington Hills. Proud parents are Debby and Randall Kuna of Farmington Hills. Grandparents are Barbara Schultz of Birmingham, Larry and Ronna Schultz of Commerce Township, Ken and Kathy Kuna of Brighton, and Mary Lynn Snow of Santa Barbara, Calif. Great-grandparents are Mary Tierney of Oak Park and Helen Snow of Chicago, Ill.



LEAH MARY GREAVES

Robert and Erin Greaves of Farmington announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Mary, on March 11, 2009 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Leah joins her sisters, McKenna Rae, 8 and Madeline Dawn, 6. Her grandparents are Roman and Cherie Sowa of West Bloomfield and Michael and Margie Greaves of Commerce. Her great-grandfather is Thomas Greaves of White Lake.



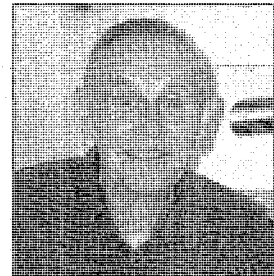
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ANGELO BERTUCA

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 was held 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.rgrrharris.com

WILLIAM EVERETT MINDER JR.

Age 53, passed away February 5, 2010 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was preceded in death by his parents Helen and William Everett. Bill was a long standing member and past president of Garden City Rotary and a brother to the Vaclavek Family, formerly of Garden City. He will be fondly remembered by Richard, Jack, Grace, Gus, Alexandra, Kristina and Gerard as 'Uncle Bill' and sorely missed by Mary, his dear friend of 35 years. A memorial service will be held at Amante's Restaurant on Warren Road east of Venoy on February 20, 2010 at 2:30pm. His remains will be interred at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Details available on request. Donations can be made in his memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



HARVEY WELLINGTON BELDEN

of Wayne, MI. Age 88, passed peacefully Feb. 10, 2010. Beloved husband of 62 years to Dorothy. Loving father of Gloria (Logan) and Bryan and their spouses Norman and Angela. Dear grandpa to Blake and Dylan Belden. A brother and sister in Missouri also survive Harvey. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps who served in WW II and was the Parts Dept. Manager of Dietrich Buick in Wayne for 32 years. He loved making things with his hands and gave his heart to his family. Funeral Mon. 1PM at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Mon 11-1 PM. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtth.com

EDITH RAYNER BONNO

Age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 7, 2010. The family received 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 was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 13, 2010 and began receiving friends at 10:15 AM at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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RUTH WARNEMUENDE

Age 82, of Canton, passed away February 5, 2010. Loving wife of 59 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



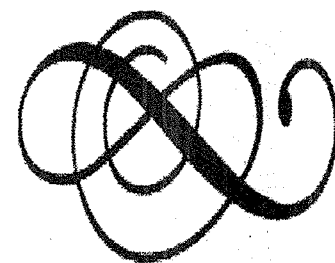
HELEN L. WENDLAND

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 was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Please share a memory of Helen at www.rgrrharris.com

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Botsford offers Dementia program, Alzheimer's support

A series of programs designed to help families and individuals make "meaningful connections" with loved ones who have dementia will start next month at Botsford Commons Senior Community, in Farmington Hills. The series, which will be offered at 7 p.m., the first Tuesday of the month, beginning March 2, is part of the Botsford University Education Program for Families.

Planned topics include: normal aging memory changes versus causes of dementia, differences between Alzheimer's disease and dementia, understanding brain changes, person-centered care, building a rapport with people with dementia, understanding and preventing

challenging behaviors, and visiting people with dementia.

After the informational part of the evening, guests are invited to stay for Botsford Commons' Alzheimer's Support Group.

The sessions are free, and will be held on the second floor of the Senior Assessment Center, 21440 Archwood Circle, on the Botsford Commons campus, located between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, north of Eight Mile. For more information, call (248) 426-6902.

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors.

Foundation helps fund myeloma research

The McCarty Cancer Foundation recently gave a \$25,000 grant to Jeffrey Zonder, M.D., associate professor of Medicine and Oncology at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center and Wayne State University School of Medicine.

The award supports Zonder's clinical research projects, coordinated by the Multiple Myeloma Research Program at Karmanos. Since 2005, the program has received approximately \$232,000 from the McCarty Cancer Foundation. McCarty Cancer Foundation funds helped provide seed money for the program.

"We appreciate the McCarty Foundation's continued support of this research initiative," Zonder stated. "Foundation funds have allowed us to not only establish the infrastructure necessary to coordinate complex, multi-center research in myeloma and related conditions, but to expand our work with research partners around

the country."

Collaborators include regional and national research leaders such as Henry Ford Hospital, Providence Hospital, the Van Andel Research Institute, the University of Pittsburgh, Duke University, Boston University and the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center in Denver, Colo.

"Together, we are making great strides in the treatment and understanding of myeloma and the rarer related condition, amyloidosis," Zonder said.

An initial national study exploring a new therapy for amyloidosis has led to many exciting projects, according to Silva Lalo Pregja, program coordinator for Karmanos' Myeloma Research Program. Karmanos is taking part in a myeloma research project coordinated by the University of Pittsburgh and Duke University, two of the sites Karmanos recruited to work with on the project.

Karmanos also is in the planning stages of a second, larger multi-center amyloidosis study involving the current centers and a few other organizations.

"We formed this network of collaborating institutions with one goal, and that's to conduct meaningful scientific trials no single center could carry out alone," Pregja said.

The McCarty Cancer Foundation was established in 1997 by retired Detroit Red Wings hockey player Darren McCarty and was created as a Father's Day gift to his dad, Craig, who was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. It is headed by Craig's wife Roberta McCarty, who serves as president. Although Craig McCarty lost his battle in 1999, the foundation continues in his memory and is dedicated to raising awareness of multiple myeloma and improving the quality of life for those afflicted with the disease by funding myeloma research.

Low carbohydrate meals after exercise may benefit diabetics

New research from the University of Michigan shows that meals eaten after each exercise session have an important impact on controlling blood sugar.

High blood sugar is a hallmark of type 2 diabetes, and impaired control of blood sugar is also a major risk factor for other chronic diseases, such as heart disease.

This new study suggests that eating meals with a relatively low carbohydrate content after exercise (but not low in calories) improved the control of blood sugar into the next day. But when the research participants ate low-calorie meals after exercise, the improvement in

blood sugar was no different compared with when they ate enough calories to match the energy expended during exercise.

Jeffrey Horowitz, a professor in the School of Kinesiology and a senior author of the study, stressed that weight loss is important for improving metabolic health in overweight people who are at risk for diabetes, but these study results suggest that people can still acquire some key health benefits from exercise without under-eating or losing weight.

Horowitz also noted that his findings do not suggest that people at risk for diabetes should go on strict low-

carbohydrate diets. In their study, during the so-called low carbohydrate treatment, the research participants still ate more than 200 grams of carbohydrates in the hours after exercise. By comparison, some of the popular low carbohydrate diets can restrict carbohydrate intake to less than 20 grams per day.

"Carbohydrates are a very important part of a balanced diet, especially in people who exercise regularly," Horowitz said. "In general, it is important to replenish at least some of the carbohydrate stores used up during exercise so you have this major fuel source ready for your next exercise session."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Susan G. Komen

A "getting started" meeting for anyone interested in participating in the 3-Day for the Cure walk, will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Botsford Hospital Zieger Administration and Education Building, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Register at the meeting and you will receive your registration kit, including legacy pin and milestone tracker, on the spot. If you are already registered, this meeting is for you, too. Organizers will talk about training and fundraising, and answer questions. For more information call (800) 996-3Day.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

"Parenting with Love and Logic" for parents with elementary age children, 7-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, in Classrooms 1 and 2.

Parenting with Love and Logic is a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. The fee is \$10 per person and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162. Or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events".

"Family and Friends" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR), 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the

Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. There is a fee. To register, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events".

Cardiologist Roy Misirliyan will discuss heart health issues specific to women and include symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention, at "Ladies Night Out," Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the auditorium at the hospital. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Registration is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events".

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

MARCH

St. Mary Mercy

Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 6, will include a prostate exam by a physician, blood test for prostate-specific antigen, cholesterol check, blood pressure screening, skin cancer check and information related to healthy living. These screenings are free, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

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