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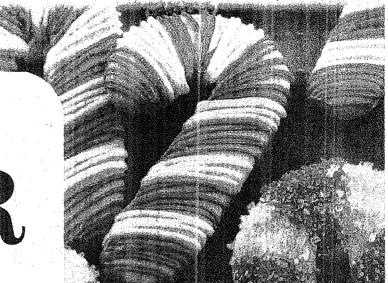
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IN BRIEF

Visit with Santa

Ho, ho, ho! Santa Claus will stopping by the Octagon House during the Christmas Open House at the Westland Historic Village Park Saturday, Dec. 11.

Families are invited to stop by between 1 and 4 p.m. and have a chat with the Jolly Old Elf. Parents be sure to bring your cameras. After your visit enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate.

The Westland Historic Village Park is located at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette. For more information, call Jo at (734) 522-3918 or Janet at (734) 728-4008.

Tree decorating

Youth groups and scout troops can sign up now for Mayor William Wild's annual tree decorating event at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Bring in the holidays with the mayor and his special guest, Santa Claus, and decorate the trees between City Hall and the Bailey Recreation Center. Each group will decorate a tree specially chosen for them and then present their trees to the mayor.

The celebration also includes areetings from the mayor and Santa, a Christmas carol sing-along with the Wildwood Elementary School Fourth-Grade Choir and refreshments. Registration is required. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Letters to Santa

Christmas is a very busy time of year for Santa Claus.



He has to get the sleigh ready, make sure the elves have finished all the toys, and check his

list twice to be sure he hasn't forgotten any good girls and boys. But in the midst of all this chaos, he always makes time to read letters from children. That's because Santa

knows kids sometimes change their minds, and he wants to be sure he's bringing the right gifts on Christmas Eve. Youngsters can be sure Santa knows what they want by writing a letter to Santa.

Santa Claus has given The Observer permission to print some of those letters in our Thursday, Dec. 23, issue. But to do that, we need letters. So youngsters get out some paper and a pen or pencil or a computer and start writing.

Letters should be e-mailed to smason@hometownlife. com. Parents, be sure to include a JPEG photo of your child, with their name, age, address and phone number. Only your child's name and age will be published.

Letters can also be sent the old-fashioned way, via postal service, to Letter to Santa, c/o Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226

The deadline for all Santa letters is Monday, Dec. 13. And we promise, we will send of the letters on to the North Pole in advance of Christmas.



Soil is being moved as part of the Central City Park remediation and restoration. Work is expected to continue for a couple more weeks before ending

Central City Park taking shape

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The new sidewalk on the west side of Carlson along Central City Park was scheduled to be completed last week, part of the park restoration project.

"I'm hoping they get it finished so we can open the sidewalk for the kids walking to John Glenn High School," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "Most of the earth has been moved and graded, they've done the swales and the bio-swales, they've cut in the parking lot. You can really see it taking shape."

ABC Paving of Trenton has been contracted to the remediation and restoration of Central City Park, which is to be substantially completed by June 17, 2011.

The remediation effort is focusing on the 12 acres in the eastern part of

Please see PARK, A2



The new Central City Park is starting to take shape as crews move soil and regrade.

Westland council agrees city needs new entertainment permit fee

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The cost of getting an entertainment permit in the city of Westland is about to cost substantially less.

The Westland City Council agreed to consider a resolution that would allow businesses with liquor licenses to get an entertainment permit for \$500, far less than the current \$1,500.

"Businesses are telling us we need to make the fee reasonable and it won't

bother them," Council President James Godbout said.

According to Mayor William Wild, when council amended the city ordinance establishing new liquor licensing policies, it "added the ability to get an entertainment license, but did not put a fee on it." As a result, City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof has charged \$1,500, the same fee required for liquor license

stockholders. "I'm the bad person because I have to

application, transfer or addition of

tell them it's \$1,500," Schoof said. "If it's \$1,500 or \$500, I don't care, just tell me

what to charge." Under the proposed resolution, businesses with existing liquor licenses as well as those applying for one would both pay the \$500 one-time only fee. They also would be required to sign a contract with the city, saying they would not bring in topless entertainment.

According to Assistant City Attorney

Please see PERMIT, A2

Hearing rescheduled in fatal shooting

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A preliminary examination for a Westland man charged with fatally shooting a man on Stieber has been rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 10, in 18th District Court.

Joie Rayshaun Bell, 23, is being held without bond on three felony counts felony homicide which is treated a firstdegree murder and carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole, weapon possession by a felon and felony firearm. He is also facing second-degree habitual

offender sentencing enhancements. The case had been adjourned at least twice with Judge Mark McConnell setting the hearing for a Friday — the court normally holds felony preliminary examinations on Thursday.

Bell is charged with killing Anthony Michael Esse, 25, who died Oct. 6 after being shot once in the chest during a confrontation with two men at his home in the 2200 block of Stieber, south of Palmer and west of Wildwood.

Esse went outside and collapsed after being shot, police said. He was transported by Westland Fire Rescue to an area hospital, where he died of his injuries.

Westland police described the shooting as a drug-related dispute about someone encroaching another's territory.

Police indicated the primary drug in the dispute was marijuana although cocaine may have been involved also.

Bell had already been in custody on an unrelated warrant when charges were brought in Esse's death. Police continue to investigate a person of interest believed to be the second man involved in the attack.

Investigators appeared to have little to go on in the case initially and appealed to the public to come forward with information. Someone eventually did provide the information that resulted in charges against Bell.

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Another chance to get rid of compost

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Westland residents will another chance to get the last of their compost picked up thanks to an extension of the curbside program through Friday, Dec. 10.

"No one can ever tell when the trees will drop their leaves. We noticed, and we have been getting calls from residents, that the leaves hadn't been dropping," said Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford. "We had an unseasonably warm fall. This last storm should have taken the last of the leaves off the trees.

Mayor William Wild worked with waste hauler Midwest Sanitation to get the extension — something that actually is a decision by the operators of the compost site. Westland's compost goes to Taylor Recycling or Woodland Meadows in Wayne.

"Due to the mild November weather we had, this extension will help our residents with trees that are still holding on to their leaves," said

The compost facilities will actually stop accepting materials on Dec. 15 but Buford said it's better for the city to stop pickups on Friday.

"Ît's the last day of the week. If we went to Wednesday (Dec. 15), it would give some people extra days. Everyone should be treated fairly," said Buford. "And if they can't get all the leaves picked up for some reason, they will have three more days to finish."

This is the second year residents have been required to bag up their leaves, rather than curbside collection by the city. People have made the adjustment but Buford said some are exceeding the limit of 20 bags of leaves at the curb per week.

"We've had 50-60 bags. We try to work with people," he said. Leaves must be in a trash can marked as compost or in a brown kraft type bag for pickup on the regularly scheduled garbage collection

After Dec. 10, the compost collection will end until April 1 except for Christmas trees which will be picked up after the holiday.

New this year, residents can drop off their Christmas trees at the Department of Public Services on Marquette Jan. 4-17 for recycling. The trees will be chipped for use at the Community Garden located on the DTE property on Cherry Hill.

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Hearing delayed for woman charged with stealing from mother

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A preliminary examination for a Westland woman charged with stealing more than \$350,000 from her elderly mother has been adjourned until Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Carol Brazeika, 49, had

been scheduled for a hearing Thursday in 18th District Court. Brazeika has been charged with 14 felony counts, including three counts of embezzlement over \$100,000, a 20-year felony; five counts of identity theft, a five-year felony; and five counts of larceny by false pre-

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It is alleged that over a five-year period, beginning in 2004, Brazeika misappropriated funds in excess of \$350,000 belonging to her 76-year-old mother. The funds allegedly were siphoned from accounts owned by her mother which contained retirement, pension and Social Security funds.

It is also alleged that Brazeika, using her mother's identity, opened credit card accounts and obtained loans in her mother's name during that same time period.

None of the missing money has been recovered, said Westland police Sgt. David Zucchetto, who handled the investigation, although it has been established where the money went.

The victim and her other children became aware something was wrong, Zucchetto said, when some of the unauthorized financial transactions triggered taxes and bills arrived from the Internal Revenue Service.

Unemployed, Brazeika had

been assisting her mother on some financial matters, Zucchetto said, with both women living on the same Westland street at the time.

Judge Mark McConnell set Brazeika's bond at \$350,000 cash/surety. Brazeika is being held in lieu of bond.

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Keith Madden, one of the major changes in the state liquor licensing rules was the definition of entertainment. Where it was once all-inclusive, state law now differentiates between an entertainment permit and topless entertainment.

"It now gives you the authority to put in the ordinance

that you will not allow topless entertainment," he said. "Fees can be adopted at any time by council. It's simply a matter of a resolution.

"What the Legislature did with the LCC is move entertainment into the 20th century," he added. "What didn't even apply in 2005 is now reasonable entertainment that can happen in a bar."

Currently, a business requesting a liquor license and an entertainment permit pays \$3,000 - \$1,500 for the license application and \$1,500 for the permit. If the resolution is approved, the total amount would drop to \$2,000 — \$1,500 for the license application and \$500 for the permit. Likewise, existing businesses would be charged \$500 for an entertainment permit.

"We don't want to punish the existing businesses," Godbout said.

Roy Moore of Ashley's Bar and Grill agreed, pointing out that businesses want to see something reasonable.

"We want you to do what's reasonable. We want you to help us businesses as we try to help the community," he said. "We want to play by the rules, it just needs to be equitable. Technically we can't have Trivia Night without that license. Everyone wants to be in compliance."

Councilman Michael Kehrer questioned the need for the fee to be \$500, noting that it's the highest among the five surrounding communities he surveyed.

"If this fee structure stands, it will make this one of the most expensive in the area," he said."

Wild, however, pointed out that the administration tried to look beyond those five communities in setting the fee, citing Oakland County's Royal Oak and Ferndale.

The city wasn't allowed to prohibit topless entertainment in the ordinance. However, the contract can and gives the city leverage if there is a problem with the entertainment at an

establishment. Madden also anticipates the city would have a right to go out and see that a business is doing what it said it would do with the permit.

"The contract would be a like an endorsement, an add-on to the contract, if they want to continue to be a place to put on entertainment," Madden said. "Honest people will do that."

A vote on the resolution could come as soon as the council's Dec. 6 meeting.

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the park. Plans approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment call for mitigation of lead contamination by regrading and installation of a geotextile membrane covered by 12 inches of soil.

Once that portion of the project is completed, soccer fields and a walking path will be installed with pavilions, restrooms and a concession stand to follow.

"They'll probably be able to work another week or two.

They've actually laid some of the geotextile membrane by the road (Carlson)," said Kosowski, who was pleased with progress made so far. "You can really see it taking shape. It's been good watching it. I love to see it each day."

Westland has taken ownership of the 33-acre park from Wayne County after having leased it for a number of

The park has been closed since January 2006 due to the lead contamination that came from various sources and concerns about methane gas in areas used as a landfill. A passive ventilations trench and several monitoring probes

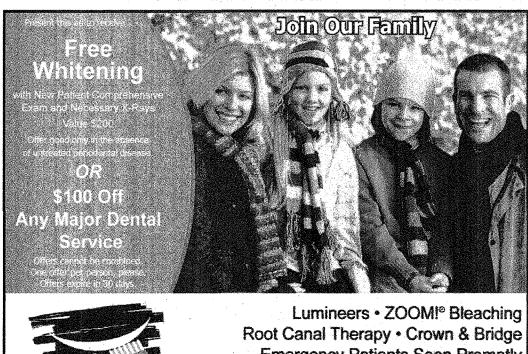
will address the methane gas

Wayne County is funding the \$2.5 million project for the 12 acres but remediation for the other approximately 21 acres was cost-prohibitive. As a result, that area will be restricted for the foreseeable future.

Once completed, the amenities added to Central City Park, such as restrooms and concessions stands, will complement the adjacent Play Planet play structure and the H2O Zone sprayground park located immediately to the

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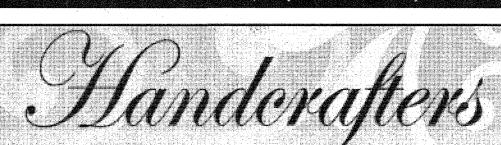
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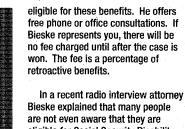
Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



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County upgrades snow removal trucks with side plows, anti-icing equipment

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County road officials hope improvements in equipment will reduce the time it takes to plow county roads this winter, perhaps cutting it in

On Thursday, County Executive Robert Ficano and road officials highlighted two changes on 20 trucks they hope will make snow removal operations more efficient: a wing plow attached to the side of the truck and anti-icing inserts for spraying multiple lanes on one

Two trucks were re-engineered by the Wayne County Roads Division to pre-wet roads with salt brine. The two trucks were going to be auctioned off, but instead the roads division decided to keep the vehicles and retrofit them.

"These are difficult times," Ficano said. "The funding gets reduced from state and federal levels and it creates more challenges.

County officials showed one of the 20 county trucks that have been equipped with a side or wing plow and anti-icing inserts to spray the brine. That wing plow allows for the trucks to remove a wider area of snow, such as a lane and a shoulder simultaneously, according to Mike Rogers, director of the county roads division of the Department of Public Service. "We see it as a new measure in



hitting the salt with brine, and when it hits the salt, it dissolves the salt instantly," Rogers said. "Without the pre-wetting, much of the dry salt bounces off the

Rogers said the snow removal priority list will remain unchanged: Freeways are the

roads," Rogers said.

they can clear at one time with the new 6-foot wide wing plows installed on the sides of their

County road

officials hope

to double the

amount of snow

highest priority, followed by the state trunklines and heavily travelled roads, such as Grand River, Telegraph and Ford roads, and the local subdivision roads in townships, which will be plowed only when snow reaches 6 inches. That threshold remains unchanged this year,

Officials hope the use of brine will help defray the rising cost of salt, now up to \$53.54 a ton, up from last year's \$41.92. The county begins the 2010-11 winter season with 96.573 tons of salt on hand. Officials estimate that between 70,000 and 130,000 tons of salt will be ordered this season. The county can treat 19.5 miles of two-lane road with a truckload of salt.

The roads fund budget has fallen from \$186.6 million in 2002 to \$105.7 million in 2010, a drop of 44 percent. The county road personnel has fallen from 588 in 2000-01 to 330 in 2009-10. Seasonal personnel fell from 138 in 2000 to zero in 2005, where it has remained. 'We've been forced to do

more with less," Ficano said. Hassan Saab, deputy director of the Department of Public Service, said fewer Michigan Transportation Fund dollars are available because motorists are driving fuel-efficient vehicles and they are changing driving habits. Fewer fuel purchases

mean less gas tax revenue. The gas tax is fixed at a 1997 rate, but the cost of labor and materials has "increased substantially"

since 1997, Saab said. Kevin Maillard, director of Public Works for the city of Livonia, said he and other DPW directors throughout Wayne County met with county officials recently to discuss snow

removal for this winter season. Maillard said the brine application has been used effectively in Livonia. The city of Livonia has not changed its snow removal policy or salt routes, which were devised last year during the budget discussions.

Any snowfall that measures 4 inches will be plowed within 30 hours from the end of the snowfall. "We usually do it within 18 to 24 hours," Maillard said.

That threshold remains unchanged. "We cut (the budget) last year and we came to the determination that we wouldn't change it this year, It's a traffic safety issue for us," Maillard said.

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The county roads division maintains of 1,582 miles of

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Showing their expertise

Sue Hardin (at right), president of the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, welcomes teacher Zach Maclean (left) and students from Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center to the 10th annual Michigan Student Technology Showcase. The students attending were Jeffery Morton (beginning second from left), Shelby Erickson, Alicia Cox (with camera) and Tom Killen. Held Nov. 10 at the State Capitol Building in Lansing, and sponsored by MACUL, the event drew 35 elementary, middle and high schools statewide which set up demonstrations to show elected members of the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used in the classroom to enhance student achievement.

ACHIEVERS

Westland residents named to Madonna University's Dean's List for superior academic achievement during the spring/ summer 2010 semester were:

Aimee Joy Abrazaldo, Brooke Eden Bode, Yuliya Yevgenyevna Buzle, Chelsea Louise Dean, Traci Lynn Elstone, Wendy Marie Farr, Jessica Fellows, Kristie Lauren Fields, Loreen Marie Forchione, Katelyn Elizabeth Hamann, Samantha Lynne Hamilton, Lindsay Ann

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Physical education teacher 'an inspiration'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Matt Bentley believes teaching is all about building relationships and community.

As a physical education teacher at Riley Upper Elementary School, Bentley stresses team building, starting out each school year with lessons on the topic.

"Not only does this help me to get to know the kids better, but it also helps them get to know each other in a different arena other than the classroom," Bentley said.

For his efforts, Bentley was named Livonia's Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2010-11 by a district-wide committee composed of teachers, parents and administrators.

MIX OF FITNESS AND FUN

Bentley, who has worked in the Livonia school district for 11 years, was honored for initiating programs including Fall Family Fitness Night; afterschool intramural programs; **Dudes Night and Girls Night** Out for students and parents in the Riley community; Winter Field Day; and Swim Night. Bentley also created the Nature Connections Program for students to experience the outdoors in a positive way.

Doing these extra activities "lets me get to know the kids and their families better," Bentley said.

Bentley also participated on the district's Physical Education Program Committee, which secured a three-year grant to maintain the district's highest level physical education status. He also served as a state presenter at the Michigan Association of Health, Physical



Matthew Bentley, one of two Livonia Teachers of the Year, works with Riley Upper Elementary students.

Education, Recreation and Dance Conferences.

Cindy Scott, the principal at Riley, said Bentley honors, respects and takes an interest in students both in and out of the classroom.

"Students, families and staff benefit greatly from the exceptional way in which Matt volunteers extra time and effort to coordinate and sponsor additional activities here at Riley," Scott said.

"Matt is an inspiration to staff, and encourages staff members to participate in the variety of opportunities he has created for our students and families. He eagerly makes suggestions, but he does not stop there. Matt also turns his words into action."

School board Trustee Gregory Oke said Bentley taught at his son's school for three years.

"He's one of those teachers my son and his friends will be talking about forever," he said.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EMPHASIZED

Others commended Bentley for his work and dedication to educating the students.

Barney and Chris Knorp said their daughter "came running in the house so excited" after her class won the sixth-grade school soccer competition. "There aren't many days when you see your child come home from school so excited and want to share it with you," the Knorps wrote in a note of appreciation and thanks, which was high-

Those 'little extras' are the things that will stay with a child for a long time."

lighted at Monday's meeting.

James Colliton, a retired

teacher at Garfield Elementary, said Bentley "cares and wants" all students to be not only intelligent but to have and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

"His classroom is a gym, the out-of-doors, anywhere students can be active learners from his unique lessons that students enjoy," Colliton stated.

Charles O'Loughlin, a teacher at Hoover and Randolph, said Bentley schedules more events that bring the entire school community together "than any other teacher I know in Livonia."

"In addition to sharing his positive influence with Livonia, Matt has presented at state and local conferences in Michigan, as he wishes to work with all teachers in the sharing of ideas and sound instructional practices," O'Loughlin said.

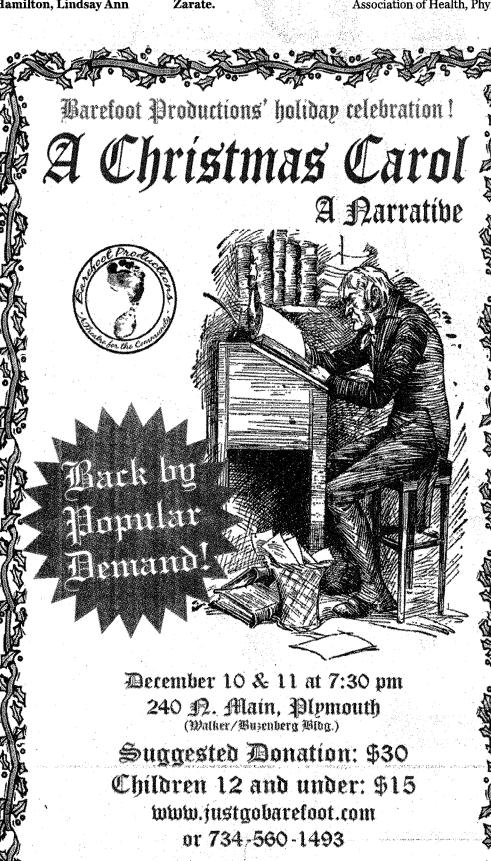
Catherine Moser, a fifthgrader at Riley, said Bentley makes exercise and physical education fun.

"He is creative about what we do, and he makes it exciting and cool," Catherine said. "He makes it fun to go to gym. He makes jokes and he makes you laugh a lot."

Instructor Vicki Dwelley said Bentley makes an extra effort in interacting with the kids. "He makes it a point to learn about the kids and all of the kids' names," she said.

Bentley plans on taking the entire school canoeing, hiking, fishing and orienteering in May and June.

"The goal of this Nature Connections program is to provide a positive experience so powerful that it creates a lasting impression and as a result, students will continue to explore and enjoy the outdoors during their lifetime," Bentley said.



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"The elderly have a need for warmth, warm temperatures, " said Lyden. "Especially with Alzheimer's and dementia, if they get outside and don't remember, the risk is great to their health. Check on them frequently particularly if they're known to wander or are forgetful. If you have brothers and sisters, take turns calling. Make sure they have boots, coats and gloves. Are they really safe to drive? You have to assess your loved one. Are they safe to operate stoves? Don't let them use the oven to heat."

Food is a necessity that is sometimes taken for granted.

*Make sure they have food. Some of the elderly are extremely proud. Stop and look in the refrigerator," said Lyden.

Even if a senior citizen is in good health, accidents happen. Falls account for the majority of emergency room visits for this age group. The resulting injuries frequently cause hospitalization that leads to deterioration of functioning and the need for long periods of physical

... some of the elderly are extremely proud... give them their independence but check on them daily and visit often... ??

> rehabilitation. This holiday season make sure electrical cords do not present a tripping hazard. Treat outdoor steps to prevent black ice.

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"Make sure walks are shoveled. Is their porch clear of objects that could cause a fall," said Lyden. "Rugs also trip elderly up particularly when walking with walkers.'

The hours after dark bring danger as well. To prevent the need for nocturnal trips to the bathroom, Lyden suggests seniors drink less water before bedtime. Late evening and early morning hours are prime times for accidents. "There also needs to be night lights so they can see in the dark," said Lyden. "Families need to take the role. Give them their independence, but check on them."

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Mothers and law enforcement team up to 'Tie One On for Safety'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

Marie Cosenza pushes a box of red ribbons into the hands of a Westland police officer at the kick-off Friday of the Tie One On for Safety campaign at Westland Shopping Center.

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving volunteer is determined to stop another person from dying in an alcohol-related crash. MADD is encouraging drivers to tie a red ribbon on their vehicle as a reminder not to drink and drive.

Earlier tears filled her eyes as Cosenza recalled the night her son, Anthony, was killed 2 1/2 years ago. Anthony, 20, was leaving his job in Livonia at 12:30 a.m. when hit by a 16-year-old drunken driver.

Tony, as the youngest of her five sons was affectionately known, had just become a father.

"It was devastating. I miss him every day. I miss his 'I love you' and his calls for mom's recipes," said Cosenza. "I started volunteering three-four months after because I personally needed to do something."

Ally Wilmot still has visions of the 400 people who attended Tony's funeral and the mile and a half procession. Wilmot became friends with Tony after he attended an alternative high school in Garden



Cheryl and Lorenzo Houston deliver an impassioned speech about the night their son was killed by a drunken driver.

City. Like Cosenza, Wilmot became a MADD volunteer after Tony was killed. She knows firsthand that many people drink and drive. Her mother was arrested several times for driving under the influence.

"I don't want to lose any more people," said Wilmot of Westland. "I even posted it on my Facebook page. If you need me, if you've been drinking and need a ride, call. It's important to be there for your friends."

Janette Kolodge is hoping that MADD's new state office in Troy will serve as an "open house" to anyone interested in volunteering to help stop drinking and driving. Drunken drivers killed nearly 11,000 men, women and children last year in America, nearly 300 in Michigan.

"We've added a Designated Driver link to our website, www.MADD.org," said Kolodge, executive director,



MADD Michigan.

"You can print off a voucher and give to your families and loved ones to say you will be their designated driver."

Cheryl and Lorenzo Houston never imagined that a drunken driver would kill their son, Havens. The couple spoke about Havens at the MADD event along with representatives of the nonprofit organization and officials including Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

Havens died Feb. 26, 2005, at age 20 when he stopped to help a woman injured in a crash and was hit by a drunken driver. For the last three years, the Houstons estimate they have spoken to more than 20,000 offenders during court-ordered Victims Panels in the area, even though as

Cheryl said, "It hurts to tell the story every time."

HEALING PROCESS

"This is my healing process," said Cheryl Houston. "I love speaking of my son. We never expected this. We expected him to grow up to be a responsible citizen, expected him to be a father."

Law enforcement is stepping up patrols during the holiday. On average in Michigan, 125 people are arrested every day.

Michigan State Police Capt.
Monica Yesh, commander of
Traffic Safety, said officers
would rather make an arrest
than a death notification.

"If you drink, don't drive," Yesh warned. "To have one or two, it does impair judgment." For more information, call MADD at (248) 528-1745, for 24-hour victim assistance (800) 323-6233.





Growing from small group, church celebrates 10 years

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Washington Jr. was only 6 years old when his father told him he had the athletic prowess to follow the footsteps of baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson or basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Washington did become a standout athlete at Brother Rice High School in Birmingham and, after earning a full basketball scholarship, played a year at Iowa State University.

But his dream of becoming an NBA star never came true, because Washington said God had another game plan for him — the ministry. Yet he still has the talent to draw a

A decade after he and wife Errica - his childhood sweetheart — started an eightmember Bible study group in Canton, the Rev. Washington ministers to more than 400 people every Sunday at Canton Christian Fellowship, a church located in the old state unemployment office at

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"We had a vision that we've never deviated from, and that vision is to have a real sense of community and authoritative leadership," he said, sitting in the church sanctuary.

As the congregation celebrates its 10th anniversary, Washington, a 40-year-old father of five, said God's game plan for him continues to unfold. Canton Christian Fellowship has outgrown its 11,000-square-foot building, and within two years the pastor hopes to find a new place - perhaps five times larger, but still in Canton — for wor-

"Î feel we've been called to Canton," Washington said. He also has a radio min-

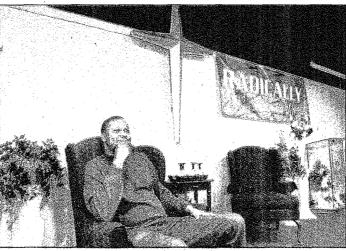
istry, Transformed Lives Ministries, that airs 11 a.m. Monday through Friday on WLQV-AM (1500). And he has a self-published book, Storm Devotions: God's Word To Get You Through, with WinePress Publishing.

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If it seems like Washington



The Rev. David Washington, Jr., pastor of the Canton Christian Fellowship Church in Canton, is proud of how the congregation has grown as it marks its 10th anniversary.

has a businesslike acumen, he should. After his basketball stint at Iowa State, he earned a business marketing degree from Grand Rapids Baptist College and worked in corporate America for Ford Motor Co. and Eli Lilly & Co., a pharmaceutical firm.

He also earned a master's

degree in religion from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Va., and he is now pursuing his doctorate of ministry from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Washington has blended his love of ministry and his business expertise to help his church flourish, and he has even tapped into social media Facebook and Twitter to engage young people.

DeMarcus Ducre, 25, and wife Shila had searched the Detroit area for a church before they landed at Canton Christian Fellowship two years ago. They saw a billboard at Westland Shopping

"The top things that make me go is the fellowship. The people there care about you, and they ask about you all the time," Ducre said. "It's like a family. And it's the word of God that I'm being taught. You can hear it in Pastor Washington's speech, and it comes from his heart. And he keeps you engaged with jokes. One thing I always love is he uses props and church bodies for creative illustrations."

Washington also has helped his church flourish in other ways. It has two Sunday morning services, Wednesday family nights and age-appropriate Bible study groups for young children, students in grades 7-12 and adults. It also offers group ministries geared toward college students. recovering addicts, men, women and those interested in performing arts.

CLOTHING BANK

The church also has a clothing bank just down Joy Road in Plymouth that serves some 100 people a month, and though most receiving aid don't attend Canton Christian Fellowship, some have joined.

"The need has grown with this economy we're in," Washington said. "What good

is it to sit here and not help the community? Christ didn't just stay in his comfort zone. He went out and helped oth-

Washington likens the church to a lighthouse - a beacon of light where those in need, whether spiritually or otherwise, can find a friendly hand, a hug, help. As he sits in the sanctuary, a large poster near his chair reads, "Radically Changed Toward the Image of Christ."

He explains it this way: "We've got to radically be willing to let God transform us. We have to be willing to sur-

render ourselves." He has been willing, and his leadership has drawn church members from across western Wayne County and cities such as Southfield and Detroit. Though most members are African American, he contin-

ually reaches out to all people. "It's everybody's church," he

Even as Canton Christian Fellowship begins to consider its next move, Washington said his plan is to keep the church in Canton, where he and Errica also live with their children Gabriella, 15, Hannah, 13, Faith, 10, Joyelle, 8, and David III, 5.

"Canton is a diverse community," he said. "I pastor in Canton, and I want to live in Canton."

For more information, call the church at (734) 404-2480 or log on to www.CantonCF.org. For more on the Rev. Washington's radio ministry, visit www.TLMinistries.net.

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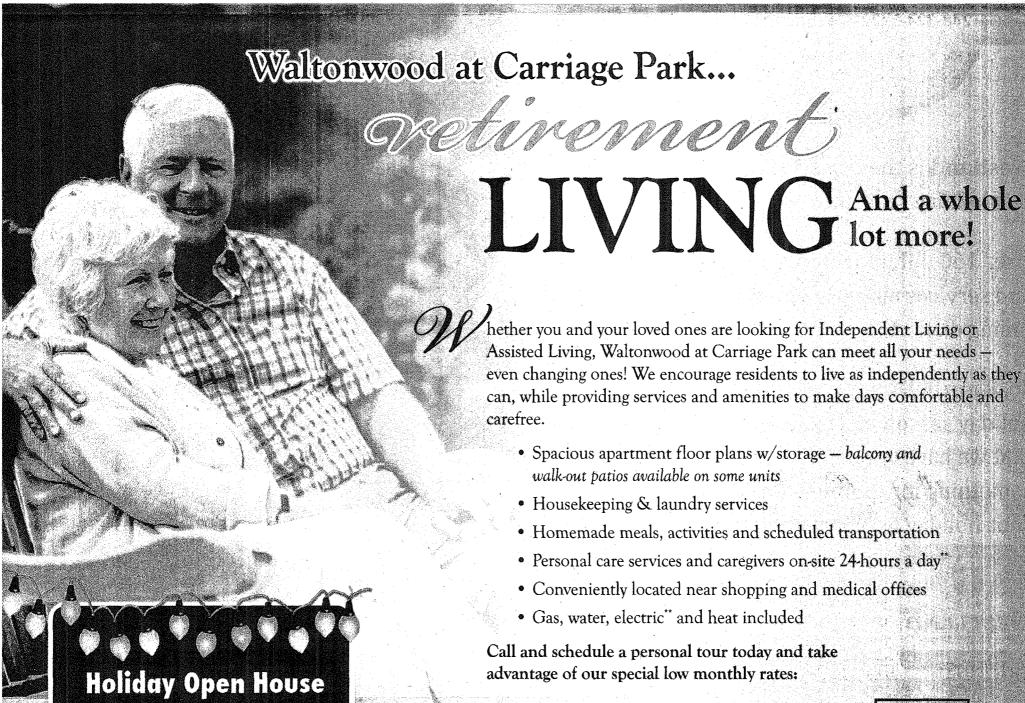
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Lots of holiday fun planned

There are plenty of holiday activities on the schedule in Westland.

• Westland's annual Tree Decorating Event is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. Join Mayor William Wild and his special guest, Santa Claus, in bringing in the holidays.

Welcome in the holiday season with many schools and Scout troops as they decorate the trees between City Hall and the Bailey Recreation Center. Each group will decorate a tree specially chosen for them and then present their trees to the mayor and Santa Claus.

The celebration and presentation will include greetings from the mayor and Santa, a Christmas carol sing-along with the Wildwood Elementary School fourth-grade choir and refreshments. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

• SANTA CALL-IN SHOW

Want to talk to Santa? Here is your chance. He will be waiting for your call starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9. Call (734) 467-3198 for more information.

• POSTER CONTEST

There is still time to enter Westland's "We Promise You A White Christmas" poster contest. Youngsters in kindergarten through fifth grade have until 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, to submit a drawing of what their

house would like covered with snow on Christmas Day.

The poster may be drawn at home or at school. The poster should include the artist's name, age, address, home phone number so the winner can be contacted, the name of their school and their grade.

Drop off or mail your poster to: Poster Contest, Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

The winner will be notified on Monday, Dec. 20. If there is no snow on the ground, a truck load of snow will be placed on the winner's front lawn on Dec. 21. If there is snow already covering the ground, another prize will be awarded.

ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Kids 5 years and older can help with the decorations at the Holiday Delight Night Christmas Ornament Workshop 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Bailey Recreation Center.

The cost is \$10 person, including a supply fee. Each youngster will make two ornaments with D & M Art Studio. All supplies are included.

MEET SANTA AT THE LIBRARY

At 6 p.m. Monday, Dec.
13, Santa Claus will be at
the William P. Faust Public
Library for a meet and greet.
Westland families are invited
to attend this free event that
will be shown on WLND.
Children will have the oppor-

tunity to meet Westland Mayor William Wild and Santa Claus, tell Santa what they want for Christmas and enjoy holiday readings from special guests. Refreshments will also be available.

The William P. Faust Public Library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway between Ford Road and Warren Road.

. BOWLING WITH SANTA

Enjoy some holiday bowling with Santa Claus 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at Town and Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The cost is \$10 per person. Each child will receive two games, shoes, a hot dog, beverage, a visit from Santa Claus and more.

For more information, call Sharon at (734) 722-4857 or pick up a registration form at the Bailey Center.

The event is sponsored by the Grange #389, Westland Parks and Recreation and Town and Country Lanes. All proceeds will benefit the Dictionary for Third Graders program for Wayne-Westland Community Education.

• HOLIDAY CONCERT

No Ordinary Night, a
Children's Christmas Musical,
will be presented at 6:30
p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the
Livonia Franklin High School
Auditorium. The program is
free for everyone with a dessert
reception to follow. Bell Creek
Community Church is hosting
the program. For more information, visit www.bellcreek.
org.

Workshop focuses on schoolyard habitats

The Friends of the Rouge, Rouge Education Project will be hosting a how-to workshop focusing on Schoolyard Habitats in January.

The event will take place at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, from 6: to 8 p.m. Jan.

The featured guest speakers will be Sarah Halson of the Greening of Detroit, Emily Hughes of the Friends of the Rouge and Gary Oswell of Logan Elementary School. They will cover a variety of topics from how to install and plan a habitat to using a habitat for teaching. Funding liabitats also will be discussed. Light refresh-

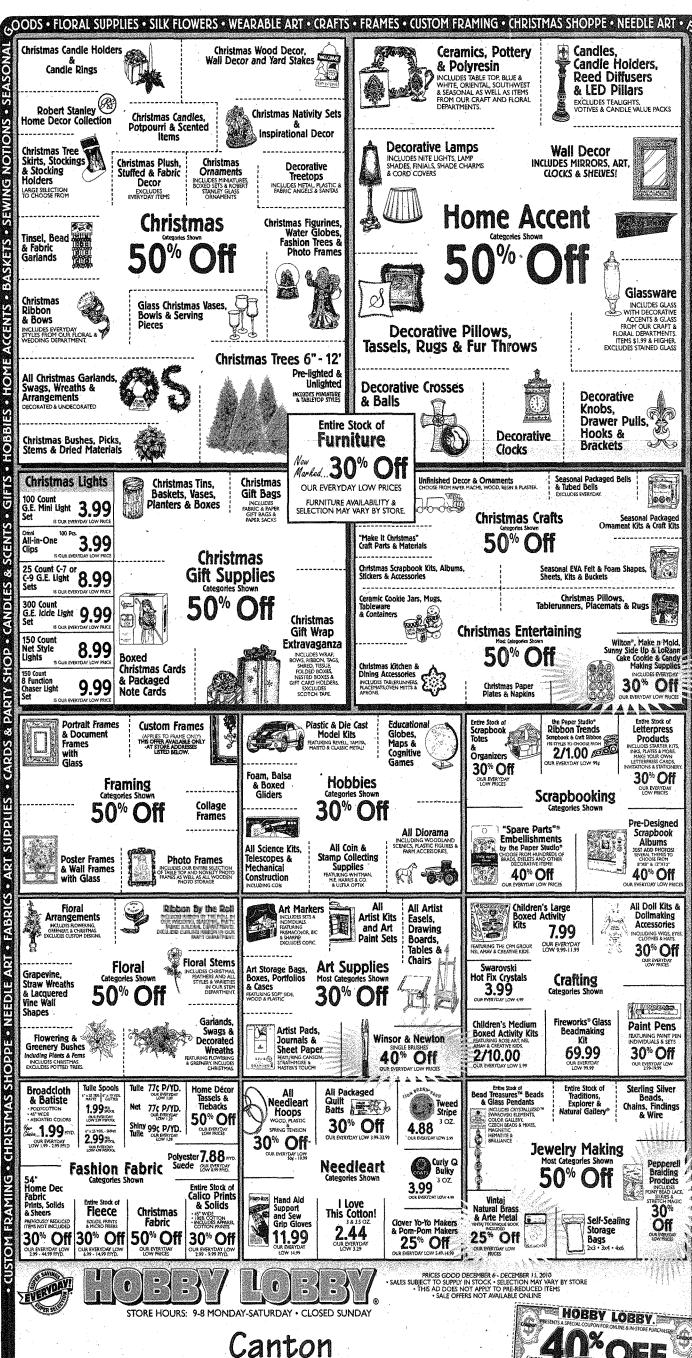
ments will be served.

The cost of the workshop is \$10 and both payment and pre-registration are due by Jan. 12. To register, call (313)

Jan. 12. To register, call (313) 792-9626 or send an e-mail to repmanager@therouge.

The mission of the Friends of the Rouge is to promote the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants and animals of the watershed. For more information about the Friends of the Rouge, visit www.therouge.org.

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CLUB NEWS

The Westland Rotary Club had a busy schedule of activities this fall.

· A September blood drive held at the Bailey Recreation Center attracted more than 50 donors and more than 40 pints of blood.

· Volunteers from Westland Rotary and the John Glenn Interact Club helped out at the annual Turn Off the Violence event hosted by the Westland City Parks and Recreation Department. Rotary also donated \$1,000 towards activities and crafts for the family-oriented night of fun away from the TV.

 \bullet Thanks to a fund-raiser

at Joey's Comedy Club earlier this month, the Rotarians were able to donate a washing machine, refrigerator and 60 sets of sheets and towels to the Westland Family Center run by Lutheran Social Services. The donation was assisted by partial donations from Westland Meijer, Westland Lowe's and the Westland Community Foundation.

• The Westland Rotary has also donated to Wayne Memorial High School's Holiday Night dinner, sent two high school juniors to the Rotary Youth Leadership seminar, and fulfilled a request from Rosedale Elementary

School for interactive educational devices and games for disabled children.

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• In December, look for Rotarians to volunteer as bell ringers for the Salvation Army and make donations to the Westland Goodfellows, among other charities.

•A Murder Mystery event with silent auction dinner is being planned for Feb. 12.

Westland Rotary is always looking for new members. For more information about Westland Rotary activities, or helping support the murder mystery silent auction dinner, contact club president Jeff Juenemann at (734) 261-5010.

AROUND WESTLAND

Food for Fines

The William P. Faust Public Library is letting patrons pare down their fines by donating non-perishable, unexpired food that will be donated to Gleaners Food Bank and be re-distributed to Westland area food shelters

Between Monday, Nov. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 23, library patrons will be able to reduce their fines by \$2 by donating one item. The limit is \$20. Donations cannot be used for lost or damaged items.

To get fines reduced, bring goods to the Circulation Desk. Non-fine related food donations also will be accepted at the Circulation, Reference and Children's Service desks.

For a full list of accepted items, stop by the service desks. Cash donations also will be accepted at the Circulation

Desk or online at www.gcfb.org. The library is on Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Salvation Army

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army reports being a few thousand dollars short of last year's total at this time for the Red Kettle fund-raising campaign.

We stand at \$63,000 raised in kettles and \$10,000 in mail," said Capt. Derek Rose, who with wife Capt. Joanna leads the corps. This year's goal for Wayne-Westland is higher than last year's, \$175,000 total, with \$20,000 in mail and the balance in Red Kettles.

Rose said the corps is about \$5,000 below last year as of Dec. 1. The biggest area for bellringers is at Westland Shopping Center, which like other businesses allow the fund-raising.

Checks payable to the Salvation Army can be mailed or dropped off at 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186.

"We thank Westland for their

continued support," he said. "Any extra people can give we'd appreciate.'

For information, call (734) 722-3660.

Glow skate

Enjoy some glow-in-thedark fun at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena 8-9:20 p.m. for Friday Glow Skate. The cost is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults. Skate rental is \$3.

The arena also offers open skating 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults and \$3 for skate rentals.

The arena is at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information about ice arena programs, call (734) 729-4560.

Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, will not hold regular offices hours in the 12th District in December. When the sessions return in January, she will not be meeting at Starbucks Coffee in Westland.

Gebhardt, who represents south Livonia, Inkster and Westland, will be at:

• The McDonald's restaurant, 27125 Cherry Hill, Inkster, at noon the first Monday of the month.

• The William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, 6-8 p.m. on the second Monday of the

• Biggby Coffee, 33328 Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10 a.m. the fourth of the Monday of the month.

Keep walking

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer - mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at $7 \, a.m.$ Monday through Saturday.

Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8.30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9.30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service Associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

For information about either class or other Bailey Center activities, call (734) 686-9882.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

CFL bulb recycling

Westland residents can recycle CFL's (Compact Fluorescent Bulbs) or other fluorescent bulbs for free at Home Depot at 39875 Ford, east of I-275, and IKEA at 41640 Ford, west of I-275. For more information, call Home Depot at (734) 844-7300 and IKEA at (734) 981-6300.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All veterans, male and female, with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post 251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Family Concert

The Lathers Child Development Center will host Jim Gill's Family Room Tour 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford.

Gill is an award winning author and musician who bangs out energetic rhythms on his banjo while everyone claps, jumps, dances and even sneezes along. The concert is filled with songs from his recordings and features a read-along and singalong of his musical books for young children.

Seating is limited. Tickets cost \$5 each and go on sale Nov. 8. Purchase tickets at the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center, 28351 Marquette.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sonya Griwicki, childcare director, at (734)762-8440.

Get flocked

Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2011 wants to make folks feel special by having their "cheerful flamingos" pay a visit have come to pay. They will typically stay only a few days, but they have been known to take flight early and land on a lawn of your choice for a small fee of \$15, which is less than what that special someone paid to flock you.

It's a chance to return the Flamingo Flocking Favor.

Optional Flocking Insurance is available to protect you from

any future flockings. The policy amount is \$15 and good for the 2010-11 school year.

A word to the wise: Sometimes the flamingos have nothing to do and get bored, so, without notice they will take off for some random flocking. Again, the flamingos will only stay a few days, but when they act like that it's unclear how much fun they are having or how long they will stay.

You can insure a timely departure with a donation to Project Graduation. All Flocking Funds go to Support Garden City High School Project Graduation. Give PG's Flocking Specialists a call at (734) 612-5274 or (734) 904-3643 or send an e-mail to gardencityprojectgrad@yahoo.

Healing Hearts

Attorney Thomas Novak will speak about Corrections, Law and the Family in a program Monday, Dec. 13, sponsored by Hope 4 Healing Hearts Inc.

The program will be at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland, and will include a question-and-answer session.

Novak first volunteered to work with offenders in 1984 as a college student. Since then he has continued to volunteer with offender-related organizations and has served on the board of two non-profit groups.

He also has worked for seven years as a parole/probation Officer for the Department of Corrections and earned a law degree in 2003. He has seen

and felt the effects of his own brother-in-law's two prison terms. Questions for Novak, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, can be submitted in advance so he can provide more complete answers.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Kirk of Our Savior. For more information or to submit questions, call Bonnie Hlberer at (734) 734-646-2237 or by email at Bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com.

New members

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession.

Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.



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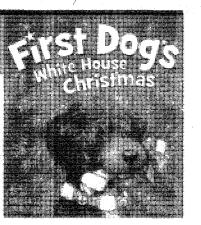
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Transfer influx changes landscape

See capsule outlook of area teams, B3

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What's the buzz word for the 2010-11 boys basketball season?

Transfer. The most notable and much anticipated is 6-foot-9 Livonia Stevenson senior center Jalen Reynolds, who sat out last season after transferring in (Dec. 5, 2009) from Livonia Clarenceville.

Reynolds, a recent signee with

HOOP PREVIEW

Xavier University, will make his Spartans debut Friday at home against Livonia Churchill.

Reynolds is an active big man who can block shots, rebound and score not only inside, but from mid-range.

Stevenson coach Mike Allie, whose team finished 16-7 a year ago, must replace senior guard Bobby Naubert (Madonna University) and his 23 points per

third-team All-Observer pick, and junior guard Jonathan Campbell both can score and hope to pick up the leadership roles as the Spartans try to defend their KLAA Central Division

We lost a wealth of experience and the toughness that goes along with it," Allie said. "The pieces are in place, but the individual parts may take a while to become a unit and that's our challenge."

The area's surprise team last year was Livonia Churchill (12-9),

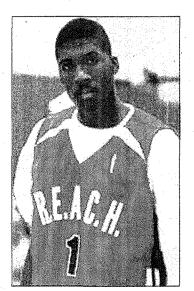
which got hot in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoffs and captured the overall title.

Churchill beat Stevenson three straight times before falling in the district tourney.

The Chargers will miss firstteam All-Area pick Adam Bedell, second-team selection D'Juan Cooks and third-teamer Tony Frezzell.

There are no transfers, but senior guards Stephen Foster and Dean Bokuniewicz have the most

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Jalen Reynolds Stevenson

Spartans freeze Novi in Central clash

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The top two boys hockey teams from last season's **KLAA Central Division** renewed acquaintances Wednesday night at Novi Ice Arena.

And what started out as a defensive battle suddenly turned into a streak-filled, fierce nine-goal contest.

When all was said and done, Livonia Stevenson skated to a 6-3 win over the host Wildcats.

Defending KLAA champion Stevenson improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Kensington Conference, while Novi falls to 2-2 and

"I thought it was a good hockey game, we didn't give up," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "Overall, I was more upset with our two wins than I am right now. I think we're on the right path."

It was scoreless after one period as each team failed to capitalize on their single power play opportunity.

Stevenson senior captain Justin Shureb got the Spartans on the board 40 seconds into the second period off assists from John Mandryk and Christian Wood.

With 8:44 left in the second, Novi goaltender Michael Pesendorfer (20 saves) was

Stevenson senior forward Ryan Urso streaks up the ice with the puck during Wednesday's 4-3 KLAA Central Division win over host Novi.

penalized for delay of game after his net came out of place for a fifth time during an eight-minute span.

During the power play off a quick transition, Mandryk sent a long pass from his own right circle to senior Cam Humitz, who was alone at Novi's blue line. After two strides toward the left circle, Humitz fired a slap shot into the top right corner for a 2-0 lead.

"I thought we hung him (Pesendorfer) out to dry on a few of those," Krygier said.

"It's hard when you're giving up breakaways every game. We had some turnovers that they capitalized on. We got a little bit impatient."

That's where things began to fall apart for the Wildcats as Stevenson junior Thomas Ross sent a pass from behind the net to senior Tim Pruchnik at the top of the crease for a tip-in goal 1:06 later. Shureb was also credited with an assist as the Spartans took a 3-0 advantage.

But they weren't done

there, as senior J.J. Pettersson took the puck into Novi's zone from his own blue line and cut in before dropping a pass back to Cam Humitz, who was 10 feet straight out from the crease from a low shot that beat Pesendorfer and hit the left post. The rebound only came off the post a foot or so with sophomore Max Humitz stuffing it into the net for a 4-0 Stevenson lead.

The three-goal barrage

Please see SPARTANS, B2

Ladywood rolls 76-35 in opener

BY BRAD FMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Prior to the start of his first game as Livonia Ladywood varsity girls basketball coach, Anthony Coratti admitted he was nervous.

And Coratti needed a seat belt as he was up-and-down the bench during Friday night's season opener at home against Flint Powers

But the new-look Blazers were anything but jittery as they buckled down from the start and cruised to a surprisingly easy 76-35 triumph over the Chargers.

GIRLS HOOPS

All nine Ladywood players scored, led by junior guard Briana Combs, who poured in all 20 of her game-high points in the first half en route to a 43-15 advantage.

"Our kids' effort was incredible," said Coratti, who guided the Ladywood JV squad to a 21-0 record last year. "It really comes down to our kids playing hard. They've worked their tails off the last three weeks to get ready for this, and it showed. We have a few more games to play, but I like where we're at right now."

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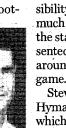
Fielder hopes to carry on Stevenson football tradition

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's Matt Fielder's turn to carry the torch for Livonia Stevenson High foot-

The 34-year-old assistant was elevated Thursday to the head coaching position. He replaces Tim Gabel. who resigned after going 103-56 in 16 seasons, including a trip to the 2007 Division 1 state finals.

Fielder Fielder, who served



as defensive coordinator last season, becomes only the third coach in school history. (Gabel took the reins in 1995, when Jack Reardon retired after 30

"The school has been around since 1966 and, in a way, it's shocking to me to know that I'm only the third," Fielder said. "That's added weight and responsibility. I enjoyed coaching with Tim so much that I was content to just being on the staff, but when the opportunity presented itself I felt I was ready. I've been around it my entire life and I enjoy the game."

Stevenson Athletic Director Lori Hyman was on the interview committee, which also included Gabel and Assistant Principal Jim Gibbons.

"Matt has a strong and enthusiastic coaching philosophy and has the character qualities to represent the Stevenson football program in a positive manner," Hyman said. "Matt is (an English) teacher at Stevenson and will be able to foster unity with the players as he will be in contact with them on a daily basis.

"It is my belief that Matt has a positive attitude about the athletes at Stevenson, and is excited to reach out to the football community as he continues to move the program forward with the great tradition that has been established."

The Eastern Michigan University grad spent seven years on Stevenson's staff, including one season as the JV head coach. Previously he coached at Willow Run and at his alma mater, Manchester High School, where he played inside linebacker, tight end and offensive tackle.

His father Jim, who served as Stevenson's JV coach last season, coached for 30 years at Manchester at the middle school, JV and varsity levels.

Fielder's first order of business as varsity coach is to put together a staff. He said that longtime offensive and

defensive line coach Scott Shaw will return, along with his father.

The Spartans are coming off a 3-6

"My dad is staying on for sure. It depends on a few variables," Fielder said. "Filling out the staff and getting kids comfortable with me in this role ... get the kids settled and moving forward toward the season."

Fielder said he will not be a clone of Gabel, but indicated that there will be many similarities.

"I'll do a lot of what Tim did. It will still be traditional Stevenson football," Fielder said. "My philosophy is in line with Tim's, but changes will come over time. There will be modifications, but it will be the same philosophy. It's the system I came up through offensively and similar to my dad's. And I'm very confident with that system."

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GAME WRAPS

Men's College hoop INDIANA TECH 68, MU 51: Rodney

Bartholomew poured in 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Wednesday night to lift No. 25-ranked Indiana Tech (8-2, 1-0) to a men's basketball win over host Madonna University (1-8, 0-1) at the Activities Center.

The Warriors, who improved to 8-2 and 1-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, also got 15 points and eight boards from Clyde McKinney as Indiana Tech pulled away in the second half after leading 33-26 at halftime

Four players scored in double figures for the Crusaders including Tyler Coker and Mike Clark, 11 each; Travis Schuba and Bobby Naubert

(Livonia Stevenson), 10 each. KIRTLAND 66, S'CRAFT 58: On Wednesday, Marty Nenko scored a game-high 19 points as Kirtland Community College (5-2, 1-0) rallied from a five-point halftime deficit to beat host Schoolcraft College (5-6, 0-1) in an MCCAA Eastern Conference game.

Schoolcraft, which led 25-20 at halftime, got 14 points and seven rebounds from Lydell Mason.

Ron Pummill (Garden City) added 13 points, while Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) finished with 11 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks.

Women's hoops S'CRAFT 79, SINCLAIR 59:

Sophomore center Kimberly Bee tied an NJCAA record with 11 blocks and added a career-high 25 rebounds as Schoolcraft College (8-2) downed Sinclair Community College of Ohio (4-2) in Friday's opening round of the Gillette Classic hosted by Kalamazoo Valley CC.

Bee scored a team-high 18 points, while Diamond Tolliver came off the bench to add 15. Shawnicka Thomas tallied 14 points and Shanequa Braggs contributed 12 points and 14 rebounds. Shannon Campbell led

INDIANA TECH 78, MU 63: A

furious second-half rally fell short Wednesday as Madonna University (2-4, 0-1) dropped its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener at Indiana Tech (6-5, 1-0). Brittnay Jones led the

Warriors with 21 points. MU sophomore center

Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) notched her second double-double of the year with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Herring added 12 points.

eight rebounds and six assists, while Tabatha Wydryck contributed 10 points and eight boards.

S'CRAFT 79, KIRTLAND 55: Kim Bee hauled down a careerhigh 24 rebounds Wednesday as the Schoolcraft College (7-2, 1-0) opened MCCAA Eastern Conference play at home with a win over Kirtland Community College (1-5, 0-1).

The No. 12-ranked Lady Ocelots, who dropped out of top ten NJCAA Division II poll for the first time since Oct. 16, 2007, have won 53 straight games at home and own a home floor conference winning streak at 43.

Bee, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from Detroit Communication & Media Arts, also scored 17 points. Her rebounding total in a single game was the most by a Schoolcraft player since



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Canton skates by Churchill, 4-2

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Canton kept its unbeaten boys hockey record intact Friday night with a 4-2 KLAA South Division triumph over visiting Livonia Churchill at the Arctic Edge.

The Chiefs improved to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the division, while Churchill falls to

Canton led 1-0 after one period on A.J. Rosales' goal from Matt Rodgers and Jimmy Lafontaine.

The Chiefs led 3-2 after two periods as Rosales scored an unassisted shorthanded goal followed by Matti Prasdorf's unassisted effort.

Mike Rybinski and Mike Kutek countered with goals for the Chargers in the middle period.

Parker Pakula then put it away for Canton with a third-period goal from Dugan Tear and Brandon Grillo.

Canton goalie Spencer Craig made 17 saves, while Alex Estes had 10 stops for Churchill

SOUTH LYON 3. FRANKLIN 2: On Wednesday, Jake Telep's unassisted goal with only 2:22 left gave the Lions (1-2, 1-2) the KLAA Kensington Conference crossover victory over host Livonia Franklin (2-1 0-1) at Edgar Arena.

After a scoreless opening period, Franklin's Adam Michael scored just 59 seconds into the second off assists from Tyler Dewhirst and Josh

South Lyon answered with two goals as Mike Kasper scored from Matt Wisniewski at 3:48 followed by Brad Savard's goal from Matt Burton

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and Mike Kasper at 11:23. Michael then scored from Jerome Schlaff at 2:44 of the final period to knot the game at 2-2.

South Lyon outshot the Patriots, 37-23. Franklin goaltender Matt Slinder made 34

LIGGETT 3. LADYWOOD 2: In a Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League game Tuesday at McCann Arena, host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (2-1, 2-1) edged visiting Livonia Ladywood (0-3, 0-3).

Haleigh Bolton figured in all three goals for the victorious Knights, who built a 3-0 into the second period.

Bolton scored in the first period from Natalie Peracchio.

In the second, Peracchio made it 2-0 from Bolton and Bella Canzano.

Bolton's second goal of the night from Hanagh Mason and Haley Smith gave Liggett a three-goal

Ladywood answered with two goals before the second period ended - Jenny Rohn (from Brittany Galvin and Rana Freij) and Galvin (from Rohn

Ladywood goalie Jessica Pavela made 26 saves. while Liggett's Megan Passalauqua had 18 saves.

"We came out flat and played poorly for the first half of the game," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "Once we decided to put forth more effort, we started playing better as we dominated shots and finally found the back of the net. We kept the pressure on in the third period, but hit two crossbars and two posts. Once we learn how to play for 45 minutes, the outcome should reflect

Whalers hang on, nip Owen Sound

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Plymouth Whalers hosted a blood drive earlier Friday and then drew first blood when Mitchell Heard scored just 21 seconds into the Ontario Hockey League game against Owen

Although the Attack put plenty of pressure on Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood — named the OHL's top goalie for November — the Whalers never trailed and held on for a 3-2 victory before 2,446 fans at Compuware Arena.

Owen Sound trailed 2-1 entering the third period, but Plymouth forward Tyler Brown scored his 10th goal of the season about one minute into the final stanza to open up a two-goal cushion. Assisting on Brown's goal were Farmington Hills natives Austin Levi and Alex Aleardi.

After Brown's goal, however, the Whalers (14-10-1-1) sat back offensively, managing only one more shot against Owen Sound goalie Jordan Binnington (16 saves). At the other end, the Attack peppered Wedgewood who stopped 10 of 11 shots in the period and 27 of 29 for the game.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 6 Dbn. Tech. Academy at Huron Valley, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 Churchill at Dearborn, 7 p.m.

Milford at Franklin, 7 p.m Clarenceville at Luth, Westland, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 John Glenn at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m. Wayne at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at Pinckney, 7 p.m. Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.

H.F. Academy at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Summit at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. (St. Joseph Mich. Lutheran Tourney) Flint Int. Academy vs. Howardsville, 6 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Mich. Lutheran, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 Mich. Lutheran Tourney, 4 & 6:30 p.m GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 7 Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m. Parkway at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Dearborn at Churchill, 7 p.m. Garden City at Wayne, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 G.P. North at Ladywood, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Harrison, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at Waterford Kettering, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday, Dec. 8
Churchill vs. Plymouth,
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
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Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Kensington Valley Ice House, 7 n m Saturday, Dec. 11 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m

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PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Dec. 8 Liv. City Meet at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m. at Waterford Kettering Quad, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11 Harrison Hawk Invitational, 9 a.m Salem Varsity Tournament, 9 a.m. Avondale Team Invitational, 9 a.m. Rochester Tournament, 9 a.m. Garden City Invitational, 9:30 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Tuesday, Dec. 7 Churchill at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m. Garden City at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9
John Glenn at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m. PREP BOWLING

Monday, Dec. 6 Clarenceville vs. W.L. Central John Glenn vs. Grand Blanc, Wayne vs. W.L. Western at Town 'N Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 Clarenceville vs. Brighton, John Glenn vs. Howell Wayne vs. Milford at Striking Bowl, 3:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 8 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7:30 p.m. Owens (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 (Kalamazoo Valley CC Tournament) Henry Ford vs. Grand Rapids, 5:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft vs. Kalamazoo Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11
Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.
(Kalamazoo Valley CC Tournament) Schoolcraft vs. Grand Rapids, 1 p.m. Henry Ford vs. Kalamazoo Valley, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBAL

Wednesday, Dec. 8 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 5:30 p.m. Owens (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

occurred during a 4:02 span.

"We picked it up in the second," Stevenson coach Gerry Vento said. "We changed the lines up. Mandryk played his first game on defense for us. He did exceptional for us."

The Wildcats began their comeback effort on the power play with 10.9 seconds left in the period when senior Joey Ferriss set up senior Nolan Valleau at the top of the right circle. Valleau ripped a wrist shot high into the right corner over Connor Humitz's shoulder.

"Their late goal in the second, we knew it was going to inspire them,'

Vento said. "The defense did a good enough job. We still have to work on a few things; gap coverage."

On a power play just 1:40 into the third period, Taylor Howell came out of the left corner with the puck and cut across the goalmouth for a wrist shot into the right side. Valleau and senior Michael Kruse picked up assists on the special teams goal.

Just 1:43 later, Connor Humitz made a save on a Novi slap shot from the right circle and Howell came in from the left side to stuff the puck into the net cutting the deficit to 4-3 with 13:37 remaining.

"That was big and we wanted to come out," Krygier said. "We got two quick

The one-goal deficit, however, would

last less than a minute for the Wildcats.

Following a pair of offsetting penalties 12 seconds later and another penalty to Novi 25 seconds after that, Kruse laid out to block a shot by Mandryk up top, but the rebound went to Spartan senior Andrew Palushaj at the top of the right circle for a power play score with 12:48 to

Novi had several solid opportunities during the final nine minutes, but Connor Humitz (19 saves) and the Stevenson defense came up big time after time.

Urso then knocked home an empty netter goal with 28.1 seconds left to provide the final margin of victory.

"He did well," Vento said of his sophomore netminder. "They (Novi) are a talented team up front."

PREP WRESTLING

REDEORD HINTON 51 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 30 Dec. 1 at Clarenceville 171 pounds: Colin Rankin (RU)

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won by void; 112: Kyle Donahue (RU)
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(C'ville) p. Skylar Mulvihill, 1:32; 125:
Steve Knox (RU) p. Shane Martin, 3:14;
130: Adam Chernavage (RU) p. Alex
Arnaut, 2:54; 135: Stephen Spens
(C'ville) p. Steve Knox, 1;12; 140: Josh
Hall (RU) p. Jacob Boettcher, 3:35; 145:
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LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 58 Dec. 1 at Clarenceville 189 pounds: Ryan Simmons (LF)

won by void; **215:** Ryan Groves (C'ville) pinned Steve Cook, 0:52; 285: Anthony pinned Steve Cook, 0:52; 285: Anthony Giordano (C'ville) p. Brandon Sieloff, 1:53; 103: Jack Newa (LF) won by void; 112: Ian Bunker (C'ville) p. Austin Steele, 3:07; 119: Mike Weiss (C'ville) p. Kenneth Steele, 1:48; 125: Shane Martin (Cville) p. Brian Nisun, 3:49; 130: Juliard Nelson (LF) p. Alex Arnaut, 1:57; 135: Stephen Spens (C'ville) won by major decision over Tommy Detherage, 8-0; 140: Brett Thrushman (LF) p. Jacob Boettcher, 2:44: 145: Coy Sillanpaa Boettcher, 2:44; **145**: Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) p. Billy Hunter, 4:27; **152**: Aaron Bibik (C'ville) p. Alex Cook, 1:03; **160**: Brendan Groves (C'ville) won by void; **171**: Chris Edwards (C'ville) won by void.

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BOYS BASKETBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL Head coach: Jim Solak, ninth year. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division)

Last year's overall record: 12-9.
Titles won last year: KLAA Association and Kensington Conference champions. Notable losses to graduation: Adam Bedell (first-team All-Area); D'Juan Cooks (second-team All-Area); Tony Frezzell (third-team Alf-Area); Raynord Allen, Kevin Pietrasinski, Steve Hovermale.

Leading returnees: Stephen Foster, 6-1 Sr. G; Dan Bokuniewicz, 5-6 Sr. G; Matt Windle, 6-0 Sr. F; Grant Pomaville, 6-4 Sr. F; Troy Bogenschutz, 6-4 Sr. F; Melvin Hill, 6-1 Sr. F; Praya Partia, 6-1; F.

Bryan Bartig, 6-1 Jr. F.

Promising newcomers: Cecil Anthony, 6-O Sr. G; Julius Franklin, 6-0 Sr. G; Josh Dillard, 5-9 Sr. G; Evan Ragland, 5-9 Sr. G; Chad Evans, 6-3 Jr. F; Jaylin Freeman, 6-3 Jr. F; Austin McDermott, 5-9 Jr. G; Karl Tiama, 5-9 Jr. G.

Solak's 2010-11 outlook: "The overall attitude has been great and the kids haven't missed a beat, building off last year's success. What we lack in size and experience, I think we will make up for with team speed and hard work. Our guards will lead us early and I'm confident our 'bigs' will develop quickly. I know we will have fun; energy and enthusiasm definitely won't be problems. We know we have the bulls-eye on us now but these kids welcome the challenge. Dear (Bokuniewiz), Stephen (Foster) and Bryan (Bartig) got quality time last year and have been tremendous leaders in practice. Our division should be very competitive and should come down to the last week or so."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Head coach: Jeremy Rheault, fourth,

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington onference (South Division). Last year's overall record: 10-14. Titles won last year: Class A district

Notable losses to graduation: Andy McCaffery (second-team All-Area); Mike Gadsby (third-team All-Area); Nate Coleman Jack Chinavare

Leading returnees: Blake Lukas, 6-2 Sr.

F (captain).

Promising newcomers: Tino Thomas, 6-6
Sr. F (transfer from Detroit Allen Academy); Max Shamus, 6-4, Jr. F; Jacob Erme, 5-10 Soph. G; Adam Clay, 6-5 Jr. C; Jacob Barham, 6-7 Jr. C:

Rheault's 2010-11 outlook: "We will adversity early. We are young and have little he the workhorse and provide the leadership this group needs. We will work to develop our defensive mindset and patience on the offensive end. Both aspects are going to take time, but will be keys to how we finish the season. By midseason I think our play will be showing signs of the team we are LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Mike Allie, fourth year. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 16-7. Titles won last year: KLAA Central

Notable losses to graduation: Bobby Naubert (first-team All-Area), Kyle Bambach, Jordan El-Sabeh, Joe Swingle, Nick Tomasi,

Leading returnees: C.J. Mwila, 6-0 Soph. G (third-team All-Area); Jonathan Campbell, Jr. G; Charlie Swingle, 6-1 Sr. G; Phil

Promising newcomers: Jalen Reynolds, 6-9 Sr. F; Damon Bogich, 5-11 Jr. G; Austin-Bumpus, 6-6 Jr. F; Carey Cobb, 6-3 Jr. F; Christian Gajor, 5-10 Jr. G; Chris Liepa, 5-11 Jr.

G; Michael McDermott, 6-3 Jr. F; Joe Mims, 6-0 Soph. G; Justin Raju, 5-11 Jr. G; Boulos Saba, 5-8 Jr. G; Bobby Snyder, 5-10 Jr. G; Vince

Allie's 2010-11 outlook: "We felt after this summer that we're a group that has the potential to be very good, but it will be a work in progress. We lost a wealth of experience and the toughness that goes along with it. The pieces are in place, but the individual parts may take awhile to become a unit and that's our challenge. With strong senior leadership and great team chemistry, I think this team could be in for a very successful seaso

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coach: Dan Young, fifth year. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall record: 6-15. Notable losses to graduation: Austin

noagbayi, Zarik Barnes. Leading returnees: Marquise Graves, 5-9 Jr. PG; Marcus Mecks, 6-0 Sr. G; Brett Hudy, 6-0 Sr. G-F; Chris Jones, 6-3 F; Kelly Maxwell 6-2 Sr. F; Marcus Davis, 6-0 Sr. G; Nick Daniels 5-11 Sooh, PG: Antonio Rucker, 6-2 Sr. F.

Promising newcomers: Avion Simmons, 5-10 Jr. PG (transfer from Romulus); Christian Covile, 6-3 Sr. G-F (transfer from Detroit Cody); Eric Covile, 6-4 Jr. C (transfer from Detroit Cody); Desmond Cervera, 5-8 Jr. G (transfer from Romulus); Trey Roberson, 6-3 Jr. F (transfer from Ypsilanti); Denzel Higginbothim, 5-11 Sr. PG.
Young's 2010-11 outlook: "We have a lot

of seniors and we have a lot of experience. It's a great group and it's really fun to coach this group. We lost six games last year in the last minute. The question is how well we can defend, share the ball and how well we'll rebound? We're not biggest group, so we're going to have to be fundamentally sound to beat great teams. We've changed starting lineup in two scrimmages, rotating eight to 10 guys consistently. We'll adjust to who we're playing. There's a lot of good competition. We expect to be more

WAYNE MEMORIAL Head coach: Mike Schuette, first year. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington nference (South Division).

Last year's overall record: 15-6. Titles won last year: KLAA South vision champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Daniel Hill (first-team All-Area); Derric Horton (fourth-team All-Area); Reggie Reeves, James Jackson, Nick Mills, Brian Gray. Leading returnees: Dawad Danner, 6-0 G; Jordan Buck, 5-10 Sr. G; Carle Freeman,

Promising newcomers: Dezmond Burleigh, 5-9 Jr. G; Nathan McKinney, 5-7 Sr. G; Michael Cooper, 5-8 Jr. G; Homer Ellis, 5-9 Jr. G; Thomas White, 5-8 Jr. G; Quentin Williams, 5-9 Jr. 6; Dean Caldwell, 6-2 Jr. F; Jordan Lowry, 6-2 Jr. F; Deandre Griggs, 6-2 Sr. F; Colin Colvin, 6-3 Jr. F; Darnell Givhan, 6-2 Jr. F: 7ach Lankton, 6-5 Jr. F

Schuette's 2010-11 outlook: "We will be young and inexperienced. With no one on the team having any real varsity experience, we'll certainly be learning as we go through the season. Since we have an abundance of smaller players, we will have to rely on our athleticism and quickness to dictate the way we play. This year's team really is an extension of my JV team from last year, so they are familiar with my expectations and coaching methods. Like all teams in KLAA, we will play hard and hopefully smart game in and game-out."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

League affiliation: Independent.

Last year's overall record: 5-16. Notable losses to graduation: Levonte Brooks, Ben Watts.

Leading returnees: Damien Quarles, 6-1 Jr. G; Adrian Myers, 6-1 Sr. F; Kassius Kelly, Promising newcomers: Sam Brown,

Johnson's 2010-11 outlook: "It's a good group of hard-working kids. The experience and quality leadership has the coaching staff optimistic. Expectations are high that we will improve greatly from last year. This team is more polished and experienced. The key will be coming together and playing as a team. We are young with only three returning varsity players and a junior heavy roster. So far we are ahead of where we were at last year at this time, which is always a good thing. I believe we will continue to mprove and gel as a team as the season

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND Head coach: Doug Haller, second year. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue

Last year's overall record: 11-9. Notable losses to graduation: Austin Baglow (fourth-team All-Area), Gage Flanery,

Leading returnees: Marc Rosin, 5-9 Sr. Kent Krzyske, 5-7 Sr. PG; Micah Reum, 6-1

Promising newcomers: Mitch Boehm, 5-9 . G; Taurrek Fikes, 5-9 Jr. G; Ed Abranovich,

2 Jr. r. **Haller's 2010-11 outlook:** "I am very excited about the upcoming season. We lost a solid group of seniors, but the group we have this year is talented as well and prepared to step up and fill those losses. We have a promising and talented group of luniors and sophomores, that to this point, have displayed a willingness to work and improve. The entire team has shown great work ethic thus far and a willingness to buy into what we are trying to accomplish as a team. We intend to play an intense and aggressive style of basketball each and every game. If we are able to do that, we will be very competitive throughout the season.'
HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Jim Ott, 11th year. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red

Last year's overall record: 9-10 Bryan Gruenewald, Tyler Wagaman, Matt mppainen, Mark St. Johr

Leading returnees: Matt St. John, 6-3 Sr. F; Shawn Schaffer, 6-4 Sr. C; Andy Barber, 6-3 Sr. F; David Adlof, 5-10 Sr. G; Shane Bunde, 5-10 Sr. G.

Promising newcomers: Ryan Schaffer,

5-10 Fr. G; Milan Monk, 5-11 Fr. F; Nate Kemppainen, 6-1 Jr. F; Tom Gutierrez, 5-9 Jr. G; Chris Strauch, 5-10 Jr. G; Alex Harris, 5-10

Ott's 2010-11 outlook: "With our size, obviously we'll do much different things than last year. Last year went outside first, then inside. Last year we tried to push the ball because we were smaller and quicker, but this year we'll be the exact opposite. We'll slow things down and control the game a lot. The guard play is young. Ryan Schaffer, a freshman, will play point. He's young, but he has great court awareness. He'll progress, but how fast he progresses will dictate a lot of our success. (Taylor) Baptist Park and Southfield Christian should be favorites in our division. Hopefully we'll finish in mix, in the middle or upper half."

experience.

We have a lot of new faces this year and it should be an exciting year," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "we have a nice group of returning players who have been working well with the newcomers. We had an excellent summer and great attendance this past fall. Our inexperience was evident in our scrimmages, but the guys have worked extremely hard in practice and we've improved everyday."

Another team that could be a work in progress is Livonia Franklin (10-14), which captured its first district championship in 34 years.

The Patriots will definitely miss guards Andy McCaffery (second team All-Observer) and Mike Gadsby (third team).

Tino Thomas, a 6-foot-6, 190pound forward from Detroit Allen Academy, is a talented transfer who will be eligible in January.

The Patriots, who return senior forward Blake Lukas, may get out of the gate slowly because three players have been suspended for disciplinary reasons.

"We will be dealing with a tremendous amount of adversity early," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "But by midseason I think our play will be showing signs of a team that we are capable of."

Westland John Glenn (6-15) returns a talented guard duo in Marquise Graves and Nick Daniels, but the Rockets will also denent from five transfers

Brothers Christian and Eric Covile will give Glenn some added depth up front after playing last season at Detroit Cody.

The Rockets also got 5-10 junior point guard Avion Simmons and 5-8 junior guard Demond Cervera, both from perennial state power Romulus.

Ypsilanti transfer Trey Roberson, a 6-3 forward, could also contribute.

"We're not the biggest group, so we'll have to be fundamentally sound to beat great teams," Glenn coach Dan Young said.

Wayne Memorial (15-6) was the hardest hit by graduation losses and defections.

The Zebras lost seven of their top eight players, including firstteam All-Observer pick Daniel Hill (Schoolcraft College). Also gone is Jamiel Strickland, a 6-1 senior who transferred to Inkster.

New coach Mike Schuette is no stranger to the Wayne program. He served as JV coach, going 10-10 last season under Wayne

Woodard, and was the varsity coach for 13 seasons at Redford Thurston and six at John Glenn.

"This year's team really is an extension of my JV team from last year, so they are familiar with my coaching methods," Schuette said.

After the Metro Conference disbanded, Livonia Clarenceville (5-16) will compete this season an independent as second-year coach Justin Johnson begins to mold his program.

Junior guard Damien Quarles leads the way for the Trojans.

"Expectations are high that we will improve greatly from last year," Johnson said. "This team is more polished and experienced."

In the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, both Lutheran High Westland (11-9) and Westland Huron Valley (9-10) hope to make waves in their respective divisions.

Lutheran Westland secondyear coach Doug Haller lost a solid group of seniors, but returns guards Marc Rosin, Kent Krzyske and Micah Reum in quest of a MIAC Blue Division crown.

Huron Valley 11th-year coach Jim Ott may have the biggest team in the MIAC Red with the return of 6-3 Matt St. John, 6-4 Shawn Schaffer and 6-3 Andy Barber — all seniors.

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Coville lifts Rockets; Wayne cruises to win

Junior forward Erica Covile nearly had a triple-double as stateranked Westland John Glenn roared out of the gate en route to a 65-31 girls basketball win Friday over visiting Belleville.

Covile, a 6-foot-1 transfer from Detroit Cody, finished with 22 points, 16 rebounds, eight assists and five steals.

GIRLS HOOPS

Glenn, which led 23-2 after

one quarter, also got 14 points, eight assists and three steals from freshman guard Kaira Barnes.

Senior forward Andrea Gordon-McClain contributed 10 points and nine boards as the Rockets improved to 2-0.

Belleville (0-1) got a team-high 11 points from Jessica Green.

WAYNE 64, REDFORD UNION 33: Junior guard Holland Boertje pumped in 19 points as Wayne Memorial (1-0) rolled Friday past visiting RU (0-2).

Wayne led 22-8 after one quarter and 44-15 at halftime to win its season Georgia transfer Sierra Smith, a junior

forward added 14 points, including 7-of-8 from the foul line. Senior guard Chantel Nolden contributed 10 points. Kayla Griffin paced the Panthers with

10 points, while Jordan Hebner added



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Churchill junior Erin Menard (right) battles for position in the post with Garden City junior Alieah Smith during Friday's season-opening 45-29 setback.

EDSEL FORD 53, STEVENSON 42: On Friday, Marie Gaedke's game-high 20 points carried host Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-1) past Livonia Stevenson (0-1).

Carly Koos added 11 points for the victorious Thunderbirds, who led 34-22 at halftime and 47-28 after three quarters. Senior center Kristen Balhorn

led Stevenson with 13 points and 15 rebounds, while junior guard Molly Knoph contributed 10 points and five steals. Freshman Charlesann Roy had

"We did not come out with the intensity that we're capable of showing and we had to scrap back the rest of the game," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We had good opportunities, good looks, but there was a lid on the basket."

GARDEN CITY 45, CHURCHILL 29: Sam Fischer tallied 13 points and dished out five assists Friday as the Cougars (1-0) beat host Livonia Churchill (1-0) in the season opener for both teams.

Garden City led 18-12 at halftime, but took control with an 11-4 third-quarter

Carley Shattleroe added nine points

Junior center Erin Menard tallied 11 for the Chargers, who went 5-of-13 from the foul line. Sophomore guard Sydney Anderson added eight.

"They (Garden City) did not give us any easy looks as Erin (Menard) was double-teamed," Churchill coach Chad Jenkins said. "We got some easy looks early, but they took away our inside stuff."

STIELD CHRISTIAN 39, CLARENCEVILLE 31: Shayla Moore's nine points led the way Friday as host Southfield Christian (2-0) downed Livonia Clarenceville (1-1) in a

non-conference encounter. Jenna Burgess scored a game-high 12

points for the Trojans, who shot only 11of-32 from the foul line. Southfield Christian led 18-10 at halftime and opened up a 31-16 lead after

three quarters.

FROM PAGE B1

Ladywood shot nearly 50 percent from the floor (29-of-59) and committed only 10 turnovers.

The Blazers' play drew rave reviews from Flint Powers coach Betsy Kreston.

'They're a good team," she said. "They're good basketball players, good shooters. We got schooled." Ladywood led 19-7 after one quarter and seemed to capitalize on just about every Charger

turnover. Coratti's preseason philosophy was simple.

"Defensive pressure and getting out and going," he said. "Have fun playing basketball. Get into people defensively and reward yourself on the offensive end.

"We did a good job of getting

them to turn it over in order to create opportunities for ourselves, that was part of it. But our girls really know how to play basketball. They share the ball well and move the ball to the right spots. You saw it — it was a good, little showing."

The Blazers' two returning senior starters, forwards Alyssa Anastos and Teresa Wojnarowski, each added 14 points.

Sophomore point-guard Andrea Anastos also made an impressive varsity debut with six points, eight assists, five steals and seven rebounds. Morgan Chops contributed

seven points, while Kiley Gorski came off the bench to score six. When Coratti was asked if the

Blazers could duplicate another 43-point effort he said: "If we shoot well ... I don't know. bemons@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6851 If we're playing well defensively,

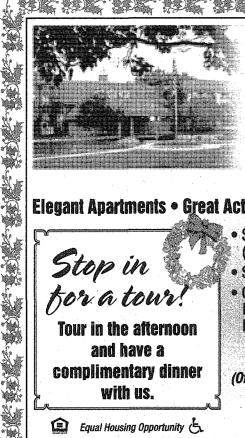
it's possible because we have been getting out pretty good. It's hard to tell in practice because we have only nine girls and very seldom we get to go five-on-five. Our girls just work hard. It's very pleasant."

Junior forward Emily Sweet paced Powers with 14 points, including 10 in the first quarter. Senior guard Kristina McCoy added eight.

Powers finished 13-12 a year ago and returned only two starters. Two others transferred to Davison.

"There's no where to go but up," Kreston said. "We have 19 games to get better. It was first game jitters and it's the first time they've played together whereas obviously Ladywood has played together. We're young and inexperienced."





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Holiday stories

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This year's crop of children's holiday books from Sleeping Bear Press is all about animals - from sleeping kittens to party pooches.

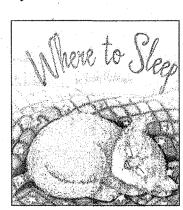
"Animals are always loved. I think it's hard to go wrong with a wonderful animal story," said Audrey Mitnick, publicity spokesperson for the Ann Arborbased publishing company.

"We always look for holiday titles as part of our acquisition process. We're usually planning two or three years out in acquiring books. We're always sure to have holiday releases as a part of our fall publishing program."

What the company selects and promotes as holiday titles varies from year to year. A few years ago The Night Henry Ford Met Santa made the cut, along with The Legend of Papa Noel, a Cajun version of the Santa story, complete with a toy-laden boat pulled by nine alligators. Both had national appeal and aimed to educate as well as tell a delightful story.

"A good story is important but if you can add something more ... it's truly a gift," Mitnick said.

First Dog's White House Christmas, a new release and a sequel to First Dog, gives readers a glimpse of holiday customs around the world and a look at various dog breeds.



A kitten explores the places she perfect for little hands.

"After we released First Dog, which came out the spring after President Obama was elected, the response was so great, we said we've got a winner, let's try it again."

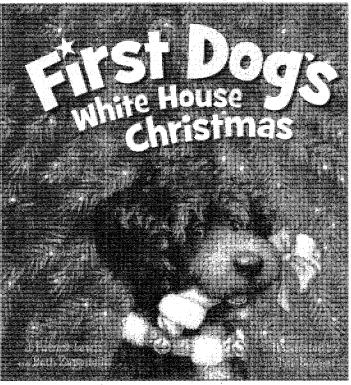
The result is a Christmas tale about the Portuguese Water Dog that invites his friends to a White House Christmas gala.

"The dog was so well loved by everyone who reads the book." Mitnick noted.

BECOMING A CLASSIC

Equally endearing are the animals and their human companions portrayed in Pinckney author/illustrator Jane Monroe Donovan's holiday books.

Her first, Winter's Gift, tells the story of an elderly widower who receives the gift of a "new



might sleep in this board book that is Dogs from many nations come together for a party at the White House.

beginning" after he rescues a mare on a cold snowy Christmas

"That was such a heart-warming story. It has been read on television and over the radio. I've heard churches ask if they can read it during their night before Christmas service," Mitnick said, adding that Winter's Gift is quickly becoming a holiday

Donovan said she thought about her own grandparents as she wrote and illustrated the

"I remember when I was younger, my grandmother was in the hospital. There was a blizzard and roads were shut down. I remember how upset my grandfather was that he couldn't see her," Donovan explained.

The mare in the book looks

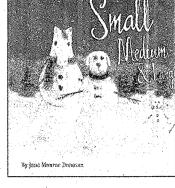
a bit "wilder" than the black Arabian and brown American Quarter Horse that Donovan

The self-taught artist also lives with dogs and cats, two of which make an appearance, along with her miniature horse, Fern, in Small Medium & Large, released in time for the holidays this year.

The pictures tell the story in this book about a girl who receives a dog, cat and horse for Christmas.

LOVE OF ANIMALS

"Just seeing how much joy animals have brought to my kids and me" was the impetus for the story, Donovan said. "All the things they'd want for Christmas never lasted long, but the pets continually gave them joy. They



Pictures tell the story about a little girl and her love for animals in the book by Pinckney author and illustrator Jane Monroe Donovan.



Howell author Denise Brennan Nelson's Willow views art as an opportunity to set her imagination

still do. My kids are grown now, but when they come home from college the first thing they do is to see the animals."

That's the way Mitnick hopes readers will view Sleeping Bear Press holiday books. "We'd like to see books passed down from generation to generation."

Small Medium & Large retails for \$15.95. Winter's Gift is \$16.95. First Dog and First Dog's White House Christmas are \$15.95 each.

Other holiday selections from **Sleeping Bear Press:**

• Where to Sleep is a 6- by 6-inch board book, perfect for small hands to hold as Mom or Dad reads about a kitten discovering where she can fall asleep. Copy and illustrations are by Kandy Radzinski. Cost is \$9.95.

• Memoirs of a Goldfish shows what can happen when too many friends move into the same goldfish bowl. At first it feels cramped, but then it's all just one big happy family. Written by Devin Scillian and illustrated by Tim Bowers;

•Once Upon a Time in the Kitchen combines excerpts from classic children's literature with recipes. Written by Carol Odell and illustrated by Anna Pignataro; \$12.95.

• Willow, the story of a creative girl who demonstrates that magical things can happen if you let your imagination run wild, was released in 2008, but is a continuing favorite among young readers. A sequel, Willow and the Snow Day Dance is set for release next month. It's written by Howell resident Denise Brennan-Nelson and illustrated by Cyd Moore. Both books are \$16.95 each.

• V is for von Trapp: A Musical Family Alphabet is released in time for Christmas as well as the 45th anniversary of the Broadway musical, The Sound of Music. Each letter of the alphabet follows a portion of the family's journey from Austria to Vermont. Lapeer author, historian and lecturer William Anderson, researched historical archives including the von Trapp personal scrapbooks and photo collections while compiling information for the book. Cost is \$16.95.

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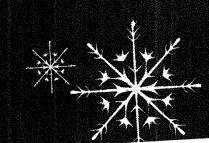




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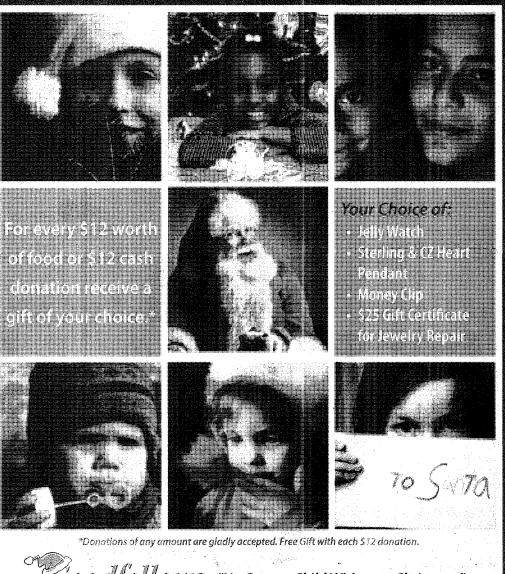


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"For many of us, our pets are like family and leaving them in the care of someone else can be nerve-wrecking and the stress can overshadow your whole trip," stated Patrick Bennett, Better Business Bureau spokesperson. "Taking a few moments to do your research and find a kennel you can trust will make your time out of town much easier for you and your pet."

The Better Business Bureau has created a checklist to help pet owners choose a safe and reliable home-away-from-home for their pets:

• Check the kennel out with the Better Business Bureau first to make sure it has a good track record for keeping customers satisfied.

• Ask your friends, neighbors, veterinarian or local



PET PROJECTS

animal shelters for recommendations. Also, the Pet Care Services Association Web site (www.petcareservices.org) has a pet service locator that may be helpful in your search.

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• Ask about how your pet may come in contact with other animals. Some kennels let animals play together while others keep them separate at all times.

• If your state requires inspections, look for the certificate on the wall and make sure the kennel is properly licensed.

• Ask about the feeding schedule, water accessibility and frequency of — or fees related to — exercise.

• Note the friendliness of staff members and how they



Purebred cats will be on display at the Just Cat in Around Cat Fancier's Christmas show Dec. 11-12 in Allen

interact with the other boarding pets. Ask about their background and experience.

• Make sure the facility requires that all entering pets have proof of immunization and ask about their policies regarding flea and tick control.

• Ask about the hours for drop off and pick up and make sure you understand their billing policy.

• Finally, ask what happens in the case of a medical emergency or other unexpected situation.

For more advice on finding reputable businesses around the holidays, visit http:// easternmichigan.bbb.org/ Consumer-Tips/ ALL ABOUT CATS

Just Cat In Around Cat
Fanciers Association will
hold its Christmas cat show 9
a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday,
Dec. 11-2 in the Allen Park
Community Center, 15800
White Street, Allen Park.
Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5
for seniors and \$4 for children,
6-12. No charge for children 6
and under.

The all-breed show will include exhibiting and judging of 225 pedigreed cats and kittens.

For more information call Cathy Hawley at (248) 393-1986 or e-mail to cihawley@ comcast.net. Visit the group's Web site at www.cfa.org.

BOWLING FOR TAIL WAGGER'S

Tail Wagger's 1990, the Livonia-based animal advocacy group and rescue, is among the charities that will benefit from Drakeshire Lanes' "Bowling for a Cause" fund-raiser, 7 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Dec. 17, at 35000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

Admission is \$20 per person and includes three games, shoe rental, pizza and pop. Anyone who donates a new toy, mittens, gloves, canned food, toiletries, clothing or pet food will be entered into a drawing to win a trip for two to Las Vegas. The event also will include a silent auction and raffles. Call Laura Zain at Tail Wagger's 1990 for more information at (734) 560-4660 or visit www. tailwaggers1990.org.



Annual market

Angels and other works by Plymouth potter, Kathy Sandberg are among the 40,0000 pieces of ceramics for sale at Oakland Community College's 35th annual Potters Market, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 5, at United Food and Commercial Workers Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, one block south of 13 Mile, between I -75 and John R, in Madison Heights. Admission is free and parking is free. Because of the crowds, no strollers are permitted. OCC students and guest potters, like Sandberg, produce and self the ceramic items, including jewelry, ornaments, kitchenware, mugs, tiles, and decorative art. For information call (248) 246-2686 or visit www.thepottersmarket.com.

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CONNECTIVE TISSUE CONDITION

A patient with joint pain sees the doctor who undertakes several laboratory tests. The doctor may then tell the patient that: "The tests indicate that you have a connective tissue condition; you should see a rheumatologist." What does the doctor mean?

What he is saying is that the test, probably an ANA (Anti-Nuclear Antibody) indicates that the explanation for the patient's joint aches may come from a condition such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Systemic Lupus Erythematosis, Scleroderma or Sjogren's Syndrome. These conditions come under the umbrella term: "connective tissue disease condition". That wording reflects medical practice of 100 years ago when these conditions were considered the result of disease in the tissues surrounding joints and blood vessels.

Presently, physicians believe that conditions like Lupus and Rheumatoid arthritis result from a body reaction in which the body's own T and B cells make antibodies against tissues that are normal constituents of the body. However, the old term "connective tissue condition" persists.

When the patient sees a rheumatologist, he will review the patient's illness in detail. This inquiry, an examination, and laboratory studies will allow the rheumatologist to determine if the cause of the patient's joint pain is Lupus, Rheumatoid Arthritis or one of the other conditions that make up the connective tissue conditions.

Since rheumatologic disorders have specific treatments, delineating the patient's connective tissue disorder is essential for the patient's long term health.

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Lutheran choir sings carols, classical works

The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform its Christmas concert at four Detroit-area churchesbeginning today, Sunday, Dec. 5.

"Sing We Noel!" will include favorite Christmas carols, works and arrangements by Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Christiansen, Parker and Shaw, carol singing with the audience and an opportunity to join the Singers in the Hallelujah Chorus.

Shows are 3:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at First Baptist Church

of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, Southfield; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 25535 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights; and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11 at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, 2905 South Commerce Road, Walled Lake.

Eric Freudigman directs the group and Doris Hall is the accompanist.

Tickets are \$10 and \$7, available at the door.

For more information visit www.detroitlutheransingers.com

North Congregational celebrates with music

The Chancel Choir of North Congregational Church will perform the Antonio Vivaldi *Gloria* at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, during the regular worship service. Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), who was born and worked in Venice, was a contemporary of Johann Sebastian Bach.

The Gloria features soprano soloist, Brandy Ellis, and mezzo soprano soloist, Leah Dexter.
Accompanying the 30-member Chancel Choir and soloists will be a 10-piece orchestra conducted by Laurie Meeker, music director of North Congregational Church.

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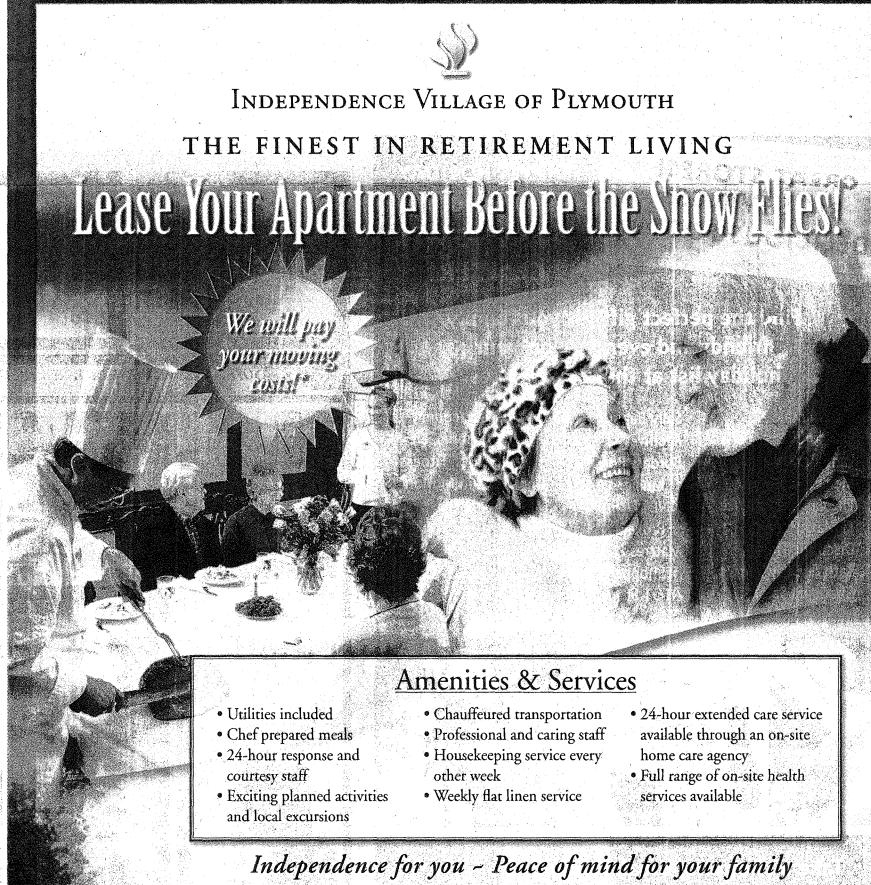
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This presentation is part of the Sunday morning worship service, and the public is invited to attend. North Congregational Church also holds a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. North is located at 36520 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, north side of 12 Mile, between Drake and Halsted. Call (248) 848-1750 or visit northcongregational-church.org for more information.



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WALTER CHARLES ARSNEAULT

Age 75, November 18, 2010. Walter is survived by his wife Margaret "Mickey" Arsneault and children Edward (Kelly) Arsneault, Cheryl Foreman, Susan Miles, Tim (Tina) Foreman and the late Gary Foreman. Grandfather of Aimee, Alex, Nicole, Sean, Tarrah, Megan, Kayleigh and

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

JOHN E. (Jack) CARRIER Feb. 7, 1933 - Nov. 24, 2010

Age 77, of Taylor. Jack was a Korean war veteran, enjoyed people, bowling & golf. Beloved son of Margaret Carrier (Maloney) & Arthur Carrier. Dearest brother of Joann (Pete) Janiunas. Most loved uncle of Debra (Frank) Jaeger, Mark Janiunas & Vince (Stephanie) Janiunas. Greatuncle of Matt & Chris Jaeger. Celebration of Life luncheon to be held in lieu of funeral Sunday, 12/5/10.

JEAN A. CODNER

Passed away on November 30, 2010 at the age of 102 in Clemson, South Carolina. She was born June 9, 1908 in Standish, Michigan, the only child of Walter Anderson and Lulu McDole. She graduated from the University of Michigan, married Edward E. Codner on June 17, 1939, and moved to Birmingham, Michigan in 1940 where she resided until 2004. Edward died in 1989, but Jean is survived by her daughter, Dr. Ellen Codner of Danville, California and son, Jim Codner and daughter-in-law Diane of Seneca, South Carolina. Grandsons are Drew (spouse Jennifer) and Clay Codner and great grandchildren are Hannah, John, Caroline and Joshua Codner, all of Cincinnati. Jean was a member of St. James Episcopal church for over 60 years. As a member of St. Anne's Guild, she helped initiate and lead the Birmingham Town Hall lecture series. Funds raised made possible the establishment of St. Anne's Mead assisted living in Southfield, where she was a member of the Board of Trustees. She was a founding member and past president of Chapter CF of the PEO sisterhood, and cherished to the end the relationships she developed there. She was also a member of the Village Club and Birmingham Players.Funeral services will be for immediate family only graveside at Acacia Park cemetery in Beverly Hills, arranged by Desmond and Sons. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, 3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312

IRIS JUNE CONNOLLY

Iris died at her home on Saturday, November 27th, 2010. She was born in Ray, Indiana to Effie Bell and Charlie French in 1924. She was always proud that her birthday fell on Halloween. She graduated from Montpelier, Ohio High School in 1943. During WWII she trained to be a nurse. She attended Bowling Green State University and graduated with her bachelor degree in education from Wayne State University and her masters in educafrom Eastern Michigan University. She was a natural teacher and taught in Zaragoza, Spain and in the Livonia, MI School System for over 30 years. Iris was instrumental in developing the program for gifted students in Livonia. She married her high school sweetheart. Val LaRue Connolly in 1946. They shared more than sixty years together pursuing their passion for education and love of travel. Iris was predeceased by her husband, Val in 2009. She is survived her three children, Corrine Connolly, Kris Connolly (Sharon), and Kyle Connolly (Betsy). She adored her five grandchildren, Chris Meagher, Jennie (Meagher) Cotton, Lauren Connolly, Sean Connolly, and Sarah Connolly. Donations may be made in memory to the American Alzheimers Assoc. Arrangements were held by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, Michigan 48152. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

SHARON COTTON

1942 - 2010

Passed away suddenly of a massive coronary. She was a long time resident in the Redford/Farmington Hills area and for the past 10 years has resided in Sun Lakes, AZ. She was a teacher of Business Education and Vocational Director at Redford Union High School from 1965 through 1981. In the fall of '81 she started as an Associate Professor at Schoolcraft College where she taught in the Business Department. She retired in 2000 as a full Professor and was awarded Professor Emeritis status. Over the years she taught many students and made numerous friends, both on the high school level and at Schoolcraft College. She leaves a brother, Gordon, and a great number of friends who will miss her every day. Her body was willed to medical science for research on Diabetes. There will be a Memorial Service set at a later date in Sun Lakes, AZ.

HELEN GAMMONS

to Dwight Gammons. Beloved mother of Dr. Tim Gammons, Cherished grandmother of Dylan and McKenzee Gammons. Dear sister of Mary Gerhard, Anne Vidunas and John Sorokanych. Helen was a graduate of Temple University, Philadelphia, PA from the School of Dental Hygiene and also held an advanced degree from the University of Detroit. She was a Dental Hygienist for over 12 years and after retiring, Helen was a VP/Administrative Supervisor for the American Koyo Machinery Corp for over 10 years. Helen was also involved in many civic associations including being President of the American Artists Society and a member of PEO. Also, she was a member of the Kirk-in-the-Hills & the Naples Presbyterian Churches. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 10th at 11am at the Kirkin-the-Hills Presbyterian Church on Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, donations in Helen's memory may be made to your charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to The Beachwood Society, Naples, FL

KAY ANN GERMAN

Kay's life was defined by her passions. She passed away on November 23, 2010. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Robert, their children; Jerilyn German Petersmark (Frank), Dr. Beth German (Dr. Martin Garber) Amy German (Matthew Draving), Mary Ansbro (Peter), and Jonathan German (fiancée Carolina Floegel). Gramma of Caitlin, Christopher, Joseph, Samuel, Benjamin, Sarah Kay, Nathan, Evan and Ella. Also survived by brothers Charles Kohler (Deborah) and Larry Beaudin (Margery) and many nieces and nephews whose lives were enriched by Kay's kindness. Kay's wish was to have no funeral service. A luncheon will be held in her honor on December 6, 2010 from 1-3 pm at St. Aidan's Hall, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Mich.



(HEITKAMP) GOLDEN Age 59 (formerly of Coldwater) died November 22, 2010 at her home in Flower Mound, TX. She was born July 12, 1951 in Chickasaw, OH to Ernest Heitkamp who survives in Minster, Ohio and Rose (Prenger) Heitkamp who is deceased. Elaine worked as a Specialist for Xerox Corporation. Survivors include: Husband, Dan in Flower Mound, Texas; Sons, Corky (DeAnn) of Flower Mound, TX and Andy of Saipan: Grandsons, Jack and Nate of Flower Mound, TX; Sisters, Gayle (Don) Heitkamp of London, OH, Peg (Jim) Schmiesing of Minister, OH; Brother, Mark (Beth) Heitkamp of Cincinnati, OH along with 10 Nieces and Nephews. Friends may call at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home-Coldwater on Friday, December 3, 2010 from 5 to 8 pm. Burial will be in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Coldwater. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the

TGEN Cancer Foundation at http://tgenfoundation.org Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com



DENNIS KEMPAINEN

November 30, 2010, age 57, of Wayne. Beloved husband of Pamela. Dear father of Tadd (April). Son of William & the late Helen. Brother of James, Karen Smith. Stepbrother of Twila Kuffner & Garvin Gentry. Loving grandfather of Isabella, Landon & Gavin. Memorial service Wed., 1PM at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Wed. 12 noon until time of service. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com

Helen J. Kubon Of Westland, Michigan. Age 81, passed away November 29, 2010. Helen was born May 1, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan to Percy and Maleta (Forbes) Harris. Survivors include her children Daniel (Sharon), Mark, Anna (John) Stewart, Beverly Bellestri and Linda (Ray) Hess, 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Helen is preceded in death by her husband of 60 vears. Victor and her daughter in law Kathy. A Traditional Farewell was held Thursday December 2 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Howell, with prayers at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel. Memorial contributions are suggested to Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Helen's family by calling 877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

MARLES C. LOMAS

Age 79, of Bloomfield Hills, MI and November 30, 2010 Age 90 of Naples, FL. Devoted wife of 45 years Westland. Beloved wife of the late George Sr. Dear mother of George Jr. (Jane). Loving grandmother of George (Mina), and Sarah (Jeff) Perry. Gt. Grandmother of Patricia and Theodore Perry. Funeral services from the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd. Westland, Thursday 1pm. Visitation at the funeral home Wednesday 2-8pm. Burial will take place at Cadillac Memorial Cemetery. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

LOIS M. MAKI

Age 82, of Livonia, MI, passed away November 29, 2010. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home,



MARGARET W. MILLER

July 11th, 1921~November 20th, 2010. Margaret, age 89, died peacefully at home in her Frasier Meadows Assisted Living Residence, Boulder, Colorado of cardiac disease. She was born Margaret Louise White on July 11th, 1921 in Virginia, to Margaret Louise Rawen and Bartow James White. Margaret attended Michigan State College, graduating in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. She married Austin J. Miller on August 12th 1944 in Buffalo, New York and raised two daughters Sandi and Barbara, in Detroit, Royal Oak and Birmingham, Michigan. Margaret and Austin moved to Boulder, Colorado in 2003. Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, and husband Austin (December 3rd, 2005). She is survived by her daughters, Sandi of Vail, Colorado, Barbara (Anne E. Nicoll) of Seattle, Washington, and Gitte Svendsen (Anders) of Svendborg, Denmark, Margaret's sister, Virginia (Ginger) Stocking (Gordon), of Kalamazoo niece Sherri Lonsberry (Ken) of Hudson, Ohio, nephew Bart Stocking (Betty) of Gobles, Michigan, Arizona, and niece Linda Albertzart of Chelsea, Michigan. Margaret was lovingly cared for by Cardiac Hospice for two years preceding her death. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of Boulder and Broomfield Counties, 2594 Trailridge Dr. East, Lafayette, CO 80026. Burial services will be held next summer in Clarkston, Michigan. M. P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors of Boulder is in charge of arrangements.



HAZEL M. MINKE

Age 80, of Grand Rapids (formerly, Rochester Hills, MI) passed away to a place of peace October 29, 2010, Hazel is survived by her daughters: Marcia Minke, Sharon Minke, Linda Minke and Barbara Bloemsma, their partners and five grandchildren. Howard, Hazel's husband passed away October 13, 2010. Sixty-four years ago, it was 'love at first sight' and from then on Dad called Mom his "sweetheart". Both graduated from DeVibiss High, Toledo, OH. Mom was a Master Pre-K teacher for over 3 decades. "She made people feel good about themselves. She was beloved among her friends, peers and especially by 4year-olds." Cremation has taken place and the family is celebrating and honoring them with a Memorial Concert Saturday, December 18, 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Zaagman Memorial Chapel, 2800 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids; (616) 940-3022. The classical concert will be given by their professional musician daughter Linda and her son Victor, who is studying to become a classical musician. The family is asking friends and family to honor Howard and Hazel with 'random acts of kindness' - to do acts of kindness for someone, a creature or the planet every day. It can be as simple as a smile, opening a door, picking up trash, or admiring a tree.



CHARLES WAKEFIELD MODRACK

died November 14, 2010, of Farmington Hills formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Green and his rother William. Father of Charles Jr., Christiane (Lad Guest), Leslie (Peter Brower), Matthew (Barbara Arno) and grandfather to Lucia Modrack and Zachary Boerger, Jamison and Nicholas Guest, Cobleigh and Josephine Modrack. Principled, curious and compassionate, he possessed a keen intellect and tenacity for independence through his last days. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, attended Albion College and graduated from Northwestern University's School of Commerce. Served in WWII as a Second Lt. In the US Army. Lifelong career as Sales Manager for Perry Printing Company, Flint MI. Summer resident of Skegemog Point, Williamsburg, MI. Member of Birmingham Unitarian Church. A private memorial is planned for Charles family and friends. Memorials may be directed to The Nature Conservancy, 101 East Grand River Lansing, MI 48906. Expressions of sympathy at: www.cremationmichigan.com

AILEEN E. STEADMAN

Age 96, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away November 30, 2010. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



ROBERT A. "BOB" VISSER

Of Sun City West, Arizona, died on Saturday, November 27 after injuries from a recent car accident. He was 78. A long-time resident of Plymouth, Bob was a teacher and the basketball and golf coach at Livonia Franklin High chool until his retirement in 1990. He was active in First Presbyterian Church and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Survivors include his wife Sue Visser, his children Jane Visser Vander Velde of Pasadena, California Margaret Visser Rideout of Fishers, ndiana; David Visser of Canton, Michigan; and eight grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in Sun City West on December 21.

GRACE M. WAGNER Age 90 died November 30, 2010 in the

care of her family. Grace was preceded in death by her beloved husband Carl Wagner (d. 1975). She is survived by her children Carlene (Richard) Foster Lynn (Jerry) Kaminski, & Herb (Sharon) Wagner; grandchildren Michael Kaminski, Kevin (Judy) Foster, Michelle (Jeff) Turner, Rachel Wagner, Kelly Wagner; great-grandchildren Ruby & Quinn Foster; brother Gerald Reingans, sister Germaine Wynn, also extended family & dear friends. Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Brighton, Saturday, December 4th. Fr. David Howell officiated. Burial Parkview Cemetery, Livonia, In lieu of flowers, memorials encouraged to: Hospice of Michigan. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Brighton 810.229.2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



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MILESTONES

DEWITT-HOFFMEISTER

Nicole Joy Hoffmeister and Paul James DeWitt were married Aug. 7, 2010, at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Kevin Thomas and Deacon Michael O'Keefe, cousin of the groom, officiated.

The bride, daughter of Robert Hoffmeister of Livonia and Gayle Roman of Clarkston, is a graduate of Clarkston High School and Oakland University. She earned a master's degree at Western Michigan University and is a behavior consultant in South Bend, Ind.

The groom, son of Tim and Alice DeWitt of Livonia, is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Western Michigan University. He is pursuing a master's degree at Western Michigan University and currently teaches in Paw Paw Public Schools.

Jamie Hoffmeister, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Angela Bujdos, sister of the bride, and friends Krista



DeWitt-Hoffmeister

Grabiau, Andrea Rau, and Cara Pinkerton.

Dean Kruse was the best man. Groomsmen were Dan DeWitt, bother of the groom. and friends Blake Grider, Bill Lapham, and Dan Bumford.

A dinner reception at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia followed the ceremony. The couple currently resides in Dowagiac.

FALL 2011 WEDDING

Dan and Denise Polasky of New Hudson announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Lynn to Gregory Brian Conley of Wixom.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Madonna University in Livonia, is an administrative assistant at General Medicine in Novi.

Her fiancé is the son of Carolyn Conley of Whitmore Lake and Brian and Tina Conley of Wixom. He is employed as a mortgage banker in Southfield.

A fall 2011 wedding is planned.



Polasky-Conley

SUMMER WEDDING ABROAD

Taryn Christine Lillie and Benjamin Lukas Hügli were married July 24, 2010, in Gruyere, Switzerland.

The bride, daughter of Thomas and Dawn Lillie of Canton, is a 2001 graduate of E.C. Glass High School and Virginia School of the Arts in Lynchburg, Va. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2006 from the University of Utah and is a professional dancer who also choreographs

and teaches dance. The groom, son of Jürg and Beatrice Hügli of Thun, Switzerland, graduated from Fries Gymnasium in Bern, Switzerland and earned a master in law degree from the University of Bern, in Bern, Switzerland. He is a project manager at Credit Suisse in

Zurich, Switzerland. The bride's sister. Kristen Lillie, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Antje Schoch, and Libby Sabas. Jil Rall was the flower girl and the ring bearer was Maxime Rall. The best man was

Hugii-Lillie Samuel Schoch.

Cocktails were served at Domaine Wannaz Vineyard in Chenaux, Switzerland. The reception was at the Grand Hotel Du Lac-Vevey, Switzerland. An additional reception was held at Oct. 2, 2010 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

The couple traveled with the groom's parents through the country and will honeymoon in 2011. They've made their home in Thalwil, Switzerland.

HORBACK-HERMANN

Erin Elizabeth Hermann and Michael William Horback were married July 30, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, Northville. The Rev. W. Kent Clise offi-

ciated.

The bride, daughter of James and Marcia Wilson Hermann of Livonia, is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Western Michigan University and teaches second grade at Star International

Academy in Dearborn Heights. The groom, son of Michael and Gail Horback of Livonia, is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in construction man-

agement. He is self-employed. Lauren Pullins was the maid of honor and Luma Mohacsi served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda Rosner; Kelly Davis; and the bride's sister, Laura Hermann. Emma Sexton, cousin of the bride, was the junior bridesmaid. Madison Ford served as flower girl and Noah Ford was



the ring bearer. Both are cousins of the bride.

Jason Loucks was the best man and groomsmen were Kyle Hermann, the bride's brother; Tim Bryant; Nick Kubicz; and Joe Jamison. Aaron Byrd was the usher.

Readers were Marco Monea and Anita Caird, the bride's godmother.

A reception was held at Plymouth Manor, in Plymouth, followed by a honeymoon in Sarasota, Fla.

The couple lives in Milan.

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PEPPERMINT RIBBON COOKIES

Makes about 6 dozen cookies

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon baking powder

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened

1½ cups granulated sugar

2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract

2 to 4 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring Christmas Red Icing Color, as desired

1 package (14 ounces) Candy Cane Colorburst Candy Melts, melted

In medium bowl, combine flour, salt and baking powder. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and creamy. Add eggs, vanilla and peppermint candy flavoring; mix well. Add flour mixture, one cup at a time; mixing well after each addition.

Remove % of dough; reserve. To remaining % dough in mixer bowl, beat in red icing color. Roll and shape dough between parchment paper into two 6 x 8-inch disks. Roll and shape untinted dough between parchment paper to a 6 x 8-inch disk. Chill all dough rectangles at least 1 hour.

Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. Peel parchment from dough pieces. Stack dough rectangles with untinted dough rectangle between the two red pieces, lining them up as evenly as possible; gently press pieces together. Gently roll with rolling pin to seal layers; trim uneven edges with sharp knife. Cut dough lengthwise into three 2 inch-wide slices: cut each column crosswise into ¼ inch-thick pieces. Arrange 2 inches apart on parchmentlined cookie pans. Chill ½ hour.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until bottoms are light golden brown. Remove cookies to cooling grids; cool com-

Dip cooled cookies into melted Candy Melts; set on parchment-lined cookie pans. Chill until candy is set. Store in airtight container.

CANDY CANE COOKIES

Makes about 2 dozen cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened 1 cup granulated sugar

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1½ teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract ¼teaspoon Peppermint Candy Flavoring or ½

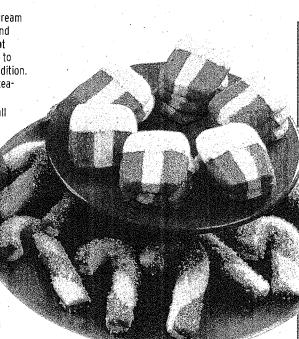
teaspoon Imitation Almond Extract 3 cups all-purpose flour

No-Taste Red Icing Color White Sparkling Sugar

Preheat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, cream butter with sugar with mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, vanilla and peppermint candy flavoring. Add flour 1 cup at a time to butter mixture, mixing well after each addition. If dough becomes too stiff, add water, a teaspoon at a time. Do not chill dough.

Divide dough into 2 balls. Color one ball of dough red with icing color. Pinch off a 1-inch ball of each color dough. On flat surface, roll ball into 3inch-long strips. Place red and white strips side-by-side; roll them together until the two colors have wrapped around one another and are twisted together. Curve the strip at the top to the shape of a candy cane and place on ungreased cookie sheet; gently press Sparkling Sugar into dough.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on pan 2 minutes; remove to cooling grid and cool completely.



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ROLL-OUT COOKIE RECIPE

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened

1½ cups granulated sugar

1½ teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract

½ teaspoon Imitation Almond Extract 2³/₄ cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400°F. In mixing bowl, cream butter with sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extracts. In a separate bowl mix flour, baking powder and salt; add to butter mixture I cup at a time, mixing after each addition. Do not chill dough.

Evergreen Tréats

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

Roll-Out Cookie Recipe

2 to 3 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring or

½ teaspoon peppermint extract 3 piece Trees Cutter Set

Cookie Sheet

Cooling Grid Royal Joing*

Buttercream Icing*

Leaf Green Icing Color Round Decorating Tip 3

Candy Cane Sprinkles

Yellow Colored Sugars

Jumbo Nonpareils Prepare Roll-Out Cookie Recipe following instructions, adding peppermint candy flavoring.** Roll out dough % inch thick; cut tree shapes and arrange on cookie sheet. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute; remove to cooling grid and cool

Prepare icings. Tint portions of each icing green, reserving some white. With royal icing, with tip 3, outline tree with green; fill in with thinned icing. Let dry. For trees with stars, fill in star with white icing; add yellow colored sugars and let dry. Add white icing garland using tip 3 outline, swirl or zigzag; arrange candy cane sprinkles.

With green buttercream icing, spatula ice cookies smooth or cover cookies with tip 3 zigzag "tree boughs." For trees with stars, ice star with white icing; add yellow sugars, pressing lightly into the icing. If desired, add white icing garlands to trees. Arrange candy cane sprinkles and

*Note: Visit www.wilton.com for icing recipes.

**Variation: tint cookie dough green with Leaf Green Icing Color. Cut cookies as above. Decorate as desired with white icing, sprinkles and

CANDY CANE CHAIN

Makes about 2 dozen cookies Roll-Out Cookie Recipe

2 to 3 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring or ½

teaspoon peppermint extract

Candy Cane Comfort-Grip Cutter

Cookie Sheet

Cooling Grid

Red and White Cookielcing Red and White CandyMelts, melted

Ruby and White Pearlized Sugar

Red and White Nonpareils

Buttercream Icing* Prepare Roll-Out Cookie Recipe following instructions, adding peppermint candy flavor-

ing. Roll out dough % inch thick; cut candy cane shapes and arrange on cookie sheet. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute; remove to cooling grid and cool completely.

To decorate with Cookie Icing or melted Candy Melts, drizzle in zigzag pattern or completely fill in stripes.

To decorate with Sugars and Nonpareils, spatula ice cookies smooth. Arrange sugars or nonpareils in stripe pattern**; lightly press into

*Note: Visit www.wilton.com for icing recipes. **To make it easier to place sugars and non-

pareils, pour into Disposable Decorating Bag. Cut small hole in tip of bag and move the bag over the area to be covered.

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Happy marriages reduce impact of work-related stress

With its many pressures, the workplace can be a stress hub. Studies have shown that work stress can creep into everyday family life and negatively impact the mood at home. High unemployment also causes increased feelings of stress and worry among the employed. But what exactly happens when workplace stress diffuses at home?

Richard B. Slatcher, assistant professor of psychology in WSU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and resident of Birmingham, a specialist in social and health psychology, has found novel answers to this question and others in his study of the

relationship between stress and human physiology, published in the November/December 2010 issue of Psychosomatic Medicine.

Slatcher assessed the effects that work stress had on the stress hormone cortisol for working parents of young children and their spouses. The 37 married couples in the study completed six questionnaires per day from a Saturday morning to a Monday night and provided saliva samples to measure their cortisol levels. The questionnaires were used to measure individual feelings of worry and tenseness about work, and to examine their links with daily cortisol levels.

"This is the first study to demon-

strate that one person's momentary feelings of stress are related to another person's stress hormones in daily life," said Slatcher, who investigates the effects that close relationships have on human health in his Close Relationships Laboratory at WSU.

His study showed that for both husbands and wives, work worries are linked to higher levels of one's own cortisol levels. But Slatcher found that the husband's work stress spreads to the wife, increasing her cortisol levels, too.

"Wives seem to be picking up on their husbands' worries about work and, as a result, react biologically," said Slatcher. "We found that the

more worried husbands were about work when they were at home with their families, the more their wives' cortisol levels increased.'

But the opposite was not observed - husbands' cortisol levels were unchanged when their wives' work worries increased. This could be due either to husbands not picking up on their wives' stress, or their not being physiologically reactive to it, Slatcher said.

STRESS BUFFER

The study suggested that the links between work worries and wives' cortisol levels are buffered by higher-quality marriages.

"Wives reporting both low marital

satisfaction and low self-disclosure (less open) to their husbands showed a stronger association between work worries and cortisol compared to wives reporting high marital satisfaction and/or high self-disclosure," said Slatcher.

But, again, husbands did not exhibit the same reactions. "For husbands, neither marital disclosure nor marital satisfaction buffered the association between work worries and cortisol," Slatcher said.

"The results of this study represent an important step toward understanding how everyday feelings of stress influence one's own physiology and the physiology of others close to us.

Diabetes resource fair planned at St. Mary Mercy Wednesday

Physicians and certified diabetes educators will be on hand to offer information about diabetes at a resource fair, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Representatives from St. Mary Mercy Wound Care Center, Heart & Vascular Center, Behavioral Medicine, as well as the Livonia YMCA, Mercy Home Care, Running Fit, Lifeline, University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, and Great Lakes Medical Supply also will attend the fair.

According to the American Diabetes

Association, 23.6 million children and adults in the United States -7.8 percent of the population - have diabetes. It affects men, women, and children, putting them at risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, blindness,

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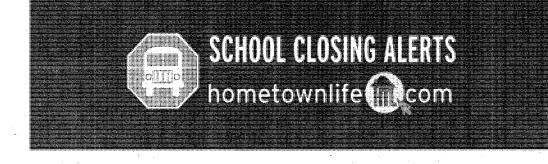
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