

Note on door announces Hawthorne Valley closing

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A hand-written "restaurant is closed" sign has abruptly appeared on the door at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club restaurant and banquet hall.

No one answered the telephone at the restaurant, and owner Frank Mourtos couldn't be reached for comment on the closing of the business which has a nine-hole golf course overlooking Hines Park.

A landmark in the Westland-Garden City area, Hawthorne Valley last year hosted a town hall meeting with then-gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder that turned into double appearance with Democratic challenger Vince Bernero.



A closed sign has suddenly appeared on the door to the Hawthorne Valley Golf Course restaurant, a long-time local restaurant, banquet facility and golf course.

Westland police and Westland Chamber of

Commerce President Brookellen Swope both report-

ed receiving inquiries from people who had paid deposits

for upcoming functions to be held in the Hawthorne Valley banquet rooms. An answering machine message had initially told callers they would be contacted about any scheduled functions.

"I hadn't heard that they had closed. A resident called and I think she had met with them last week," said Swope. "If they are closed, people will really miss them. I know a lot of people who had functions there."

Westland Assessing Director James Elrod also hadn't heard the business had closed but said he had noticed the property was listed on the Wayne County foreclosure list. Property in tax foreclosure has a redemption period, but if the taxes aren't paid the property could be subject to auction in the fall.

Hawthorne Valley is located on the east side of Merriman north of Warren Road, and was involved with nearby Garden City and was a member of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce.

"I was there Friday night and it was packed. It's too bad if they are closed," said Garden City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amelia Oliverio. "They are a great restaurant with great food and extremely friendly people. They always did a fabulous job with our events."

Years ago, Oliverio recalled playing on a golf league at Hawthorne Valley, a course designed by world famous golf architect Donald Ross and built in 1938.

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Glenn alumni holding 'We Salute' event

Anna Wolfe may be home for some R & R, but there will be no rest Saturday, Feb. 15, when she gathers with family and friends at Buffalo Wild Wings in Westland at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, to "We Salute" event, hosted by the John Glenn High School Alumni group.

Wolfe is on a 14-month deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan, with the Army National Guard's 1225th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. An Army sergeant, she also is one of the many local soldiers showcased in the alumni group's 2011 calendar on sale now for \$10.

The group has been mailing care packages to U.S. service personnel who graduate from the Westland high school or are the children of Glenn grads as well as Wayne Memorial High School grads and their families. Wolfe is a 2006 Glenn graduate, while her mother,

Tamara Tobias Clark, is a 1979 grad.

"We are having the event to welcome her home and show her support," said Karen Rousseau. "For everyone that eats or drinks at Buffalo Wild Wings that Saturday night and tells the wait staff they support our troops, 20 percent of their bill will go back to our cause."

"In October, they wrote our organization a check for \$400 which almost paid for half of the \$850 shipping for the 43 Christmas boxes we shipped out."

"We're hoping we can get a bunch of people to come out and support us," Rousseau said.

The group also will be collecting items for care packages at the event as well as monetary donations to help defray the cost of shipping. Prizes also will be raffled off to help raise money.

One of the units the

alumni are supporting is the A/1-327, 1 BCT, 101st ABN out of Ft. Campbell Ky., which happens to have calendar boy Ryan Blanchard, a Wayne resident and a 2009 Wayne Memorial graduate, in it. According to Rousseau, the unit has been hit hard during this deployment. In November, they were ambushed. Six soldiers died and 30 were injured. They were ambushed a second time in New Year's Day.

Three soldiers were injured. Blanchard's ear drum was "blown out," while Derek Leach of Florence, Ky., had his arm shattered when he was shot in the bicep. He is now back at Ft. Campbell. Duane Cheyne of Hopkins, Mich., was critically injured with shots to his chest which collapsed a lung, hurt his heart and damaged his liver. After treatment in Afghanistan, he was transferred to Germany, where he

underwent surgery and was put on a ventilator before being transferred to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"The military pays for his parents to fly to be with him, but not his two sisters," said Rousseau. "Efforts were made on their behalf and our veterans groups stepped up to pay for the two flights for the family to be reunited."

Rousseau is hoping people will send Cheyne some well wishes "since he is from our home state." His address is Duane Cheyne, Room 6831, 6900 Georgia Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20307.

Buffalo Wild Wings is on Wayne Road between Ford and Warren Road. For more information or to order a calendar, contact Rousseau at (313)-720-0583 or by e-mail at rousseau@yahoo.com.

"We hope the community will come out and help support our troops," she added.

Metal vases reported stolen from cemetery

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Approximately 300 metal vases used to hold flowers on grave markers have been reported stolen from Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Cemetery staff told police Jan. 5 that the 80 percent cooper/20 percent brass vases were valued at \$300 each and had been stolen over the previous four to six weeks in small numbers. The total value of the stolen items was estimated at \$90,000.

The vases are purchased as an accessory to memorial grave markers and when not use are stored inverted into an opening in the marker. For use, the bottom of the vases are twisted into grooves on the opening but don't lock.

"It sounds like someone walked around and grabbed them," said Westland police Sgt. Thad Nelson. "There are no suspects. The vases have probably been melted down already."

Weighing seven pounds, the vases are 10 inches tall and four inches wide. The vases were likely sold to a scrap metal business for a fraction of their value, Nelson said.

Information on the stolen vases has been posted on a scrap metal site and police would receive an alert if anyone reports receiving or seeing the stolen items.

Anyone with information about the stolen vases is asked to call Westland police at (734) 722-9600.

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Try Nixle in the New Year

BY BRIAN AURÉ

What is "Nixle"? Nixle is a community information service provider built exclusively to provide secure and reliable communications. It is an alert or warning system that communicates to your cell phone via text message alerts.

It is the first authenticated and secure service that connects municipal agencies and community organizations to residents in real time, delivering information to geographically targeted consumers over their cell phones (via text messages), through e-mails and via web access.

Nixle has secured a partnership with Nlets (the international Justice and Public Safety Network), allowing local police departments nationwide to send immediate alerts and advisories. Privately funded Nixle, which has offices in New Jersey and California, is free to all governments, their agencies and organizations, nongovernmental organizations and consumers.

The Nixle community has allowed Garden City Police and other city departments and agencies to create and publish messages delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or e-mail. Notifications also can be accessed online at Nixle's web site www.nixle.com.

The service is free and there is no spam, and no hidden costs. Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, MySpace and Facebook, but adds a key security component. When citizens receive information from our agency via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

"Nixle is a first of its kind tool for communities that need to provide critical information to their residents," said Craig Mitnick, founder and CEO. "In today's world you have to trust the source of your information." Residents can rest easy that the messages they receive are authentic.

Some examples of the text messages residents may receive may include a missing child alert, road closures, serious weather reports, police situations, vehicle accidents, and or any other important information that may effect the safety and welfare of the community.

COMMON SCAM

Foreign Lottery:
In this scam, you receive a call, e-mail or letter — usually from a foreign country — telling you about a way to select winning lottery numbers, and you need to call a toll-free number to find out more. There is no need to call that number. All the con criminal has is a winning way to take your money.

The Opening Pitch: Congratulations! You may receive a certified check for up

to \$400,000 in cash! That's right, lump sum and tax-free, it must be your lucky day! Hundreds of people win every week using our secret system! You can win too!

The Presentation: There are multiple variations, but a typical presentation is that you respond to a letter in the mail by calling a toll-free number. The person on the other end of the line, whose voice is filled with excitement, says something like, "Today is your lucky day! The company has reserved numbers for you." They imply that you will get the winning numbers that will allow you to collect \$400,000 (the number varies). All you have to do to claim this winning number is wire transfer a "processing fee."

The Result: The result is you wire the money to Canada or Spain or the Virgin Islands and you never receive your check for \$400,000 nor do you ever hear from them again.

How to Avoid It: Ask yourself one simple question when you hear this pitch, if a company or anyone had the ability to select the winning lottery number, why would they give it to you for a fraction of the winnings?

There are no secret systems for winning foreign lotteries. Your chances of winning more than the cost of your tickets are slim to none. If you purchase one foreign lottery ticket, you can expect many more bogus offers for lottery or investment "opportunities." Your name will be placed on "sucker lists" that fraudulent telemarketers buy and sell. Keep your credit card and bank account numbers to yourself. Con criminals often ask for them during an unsolicited sales pitch. Scammers will use this type of information to empty your bank accounts.

Another twist to this scam is this person sends you a check asking you to cash it into your account and send them a small "processing fee" from the money you receive from the bank. The trouble is the check is fraudulent and some banks will still cash it and then hold YOU responsible for the money lost!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch meetings are still continuing and will be held during the first weeks of the months of October, December, March and May. Every meeting will now be held at the Garden City Police Department at 7 p.m. and will be during the first week of the month, normally Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. I will try and do reminders for those who need them. As always, if you have a topic or questions or you would like to have information about in the newsletter or at a meeting, please let me know.

Brian Auré is a detective sergeant with the Garden City Police Department. If you're not a member of a Neighborhood Watch Program or would like to learn more about the benefits of it or to become a member, contact him at (734) 793-1715 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Preschool Story Time

Registration is being accepted for the Garden City Library's preschool story time, "Once Upon a ..."

The story time will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 19-Feb. 16, in Room 3 of the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman.

The five-week program is for children ages 3-5. The focus will be on classic fairy tales and will include stories, flannel board stories, circle games and finger play.

Call (734) 793-1830 to reserve your spot.

Town Hall meetings

Garden City residents will have a chance to ask school Superintendent Michelle Cline questions at monthly town hall meetings scheduled now through April.

The meetings are a part of an ongoing effort to increase community awareness and interact with residents. These informal meetings allow for questions and answers with the superintendent about issues of concern along with planned topics of discussion.

The next scheduled town hall meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road. Cline will make a presentation on fiscal health and answer questions from the audience.

Also on tap is a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the school district's Discovery Center inside the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman. The topic of discussion will be Internet safety.

Meetings also are planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Douglas Elementary 3/4 Campus, 6400 Hartel at Maplewood; 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Farmington Elementary 5/6 Campus, 33411 Marquette, west of Venoy; and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus, 30001 Marquette, east of Merriman.

For more information, call the superintendent's office at (734) 762-6311.

Saturday Night Light

Garden City Presbyterian Church's Saturday Night Light will host a free family concert by Thresh-Hold from Pontiac at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15.

A contemporary Christian rock band, it started as a worship band at their church and then started playing at local coffee Houses and other youth group events in Michigan and even head lined Ron Brown's 2008 Victorious Youth Rally.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Garden City Presbyterian is on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

Senior Travel Show

Party Animal Travel will host a Senior Travel Show 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City.

Come and shop all of the new one-day and multi-day senior trips departing from Garden City. At this shopping market, seniors and adults can sign up for a series of trips for the spring, summer and fall. The afternoon also will provide seniors with discount coupons, free travel information and the chance to win a one-day getaway.

Call (734) 525-9777 to reserve a spot. Space is limited.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to serve as patient visitors as well as volunteers to assist with clerical duties in its Canton office. Its service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston.

Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and ongoing coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 and 29, at the Canton office, 5730 Lilley Road, Suite A. Contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, by e-mail at jgalat@cchnet.net or by calling (888) 983-9050 to request an interview.

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.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.

Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfhonline.org.

Free testing

As a service to the community, the staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing, free of charge, on a bi-weekly basis to senior citizens at the Maplewood Community Center, located on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Testing will be available at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

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— App. Amendment to Water Contract w. City of Detroit.
02: Appr. checklist: \$665,530.08 & Prepaid: \$590,319.43.
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Attn: Angela Black, Supervisor of Business/Purchasing

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Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

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Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

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OUR VIEWS

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Being a trustee is no easy job, especially now

All this month, Michigan's 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts will be recognizing those dedicated people who give of their time with one goal in mind: educating children.

January is School Board Recognition Month. School and this year's theme is Boards Lead Strong. We encourage you to take time to thank these local leaders: President Skip Monit, Vice President Shawna Walker, Secretary Cindy Schofield, Treasurer John Goci and Trustees William Gabriel and Carol Middel, as well as Martha Pitsenbarger who resigned Monday evening - for their service to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Kathy Hayes, the executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards, sums up the role of the state's 4,200 elected school board members more succinctly, stating they are "responsible for making fundamental policy decisions that affect the present and future lives of children. They have the tremendous responsibility of overseeing an educational system that prepares today's students and tomorrow's leaders for productive roles in our society."

A pretty heavy role for someone who is better recognized as your neighbor or friend. Yet, these individuals receive little recognition for the countless hours committed to serving students, staff, administrators and the community.

Being a Wayne-Westland school board member goes far beyond the one meeting a month. While that is where they make the decisions that will guide the school district, those meetings are a small part of the time they dedicate to in the district, its students, staff and parents.

It's those seven individuals who get to make no-win financial decisions because of a lack of leadership in Lansing that has left each and every district in this state fighting for survival. And more often than not, they're called to the carpet by others who disagree with the decisions made on a mind-boggling array of complex issues.

There's also the multitude of activities that they participate in throughout the school year - graduation, academic honors programs, vocal and band concerts, plays and class presentations, in addition to educational leadership training to help them do their job.

The Wayne-Westland school board is responsible for a \$112 million budget and more than 12,000 students. Its job is to ensure that the district follows its mission of educating and preparing students to be knowledgeable, responsible, contributing members, in cooperation with parents and the community.

Although an official recognition was observed at Monday's board meeting, you can show your appreciation by taking it a step further. Write a note of thanks. Say "thank you" when you pass them on the street. Ask these friends and neighbors how you can support them in making our local school district even better.

Parents and residents who may not have supported those tough and sometimes unpopular decisions by the board should make it a point to talk to board members about those decisions and try to find common ground on which to build upon in 2011, for the sake of the district's children. The school board can't do this job alone, it needs the support and involvement from the community.

LETTERS

Thanks for the support

I'm writing to express my sincere thanks to the people of Westland for reelecting me as the State Representative of the 18th District. This vote of confidence is a great honor, and as we take our oath of office to begin the 96th Legislative Session on Jan. 12th, I am proud to continue my work on behalf of our community.

To my campaign supporters and volunteers, I wish for you to know how truly appreciative I am for all of your hard work, friendship and encouragement during the past four years. I will always be grateful.

To the Westland community, I am optimistic that the significant changes within state government will bring new opportunities. As your State Representative for four years, it's been a privilege to work with other officials from Westland and Wayne County to get real results for our community. It's obvious that this inter-governmental cooperation is working, and I'm proud to say putting aside Lansing's partisan politics and doing what's right for our region and our state is paying dividends.

Citizens continue to face considerable challenges in this brutal economy. Our collective hope is that a focus on jobs and an improved business climate, state spending, reforming or reinventing state government, and improving educational opportunities will strengthen our economy. We will face these challenges head-on, and like others, I look forward to working with Governor Snyder and my colleagues during the 2011 Legislative Session and beyond to secure a bright future for all of the people of our state.

I stand ready to help our community and our state as we work toward new accomplishments. From my family to yours, thank you, and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Richard LeBlanc
state representative
18th District - Westland

Wrong place at wrong time

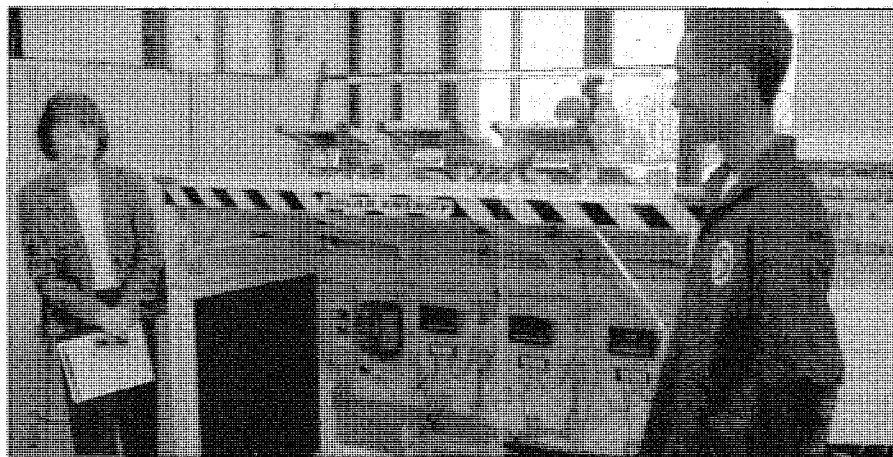
While watching the news today and hearing that Arizona Congressman Gabrielle Giffords had been shot at point blank range, then hearing about the nine-year-old girl who was also shot and killed, it really tore at me. Here is a girl just elected to her student council, and their neighbor invites her to this event to see how our government works.

I just turned 55 in December. Since I have grown up I have seen many people assassinated 11 days before my eighth birthday John F. Kennedy was killed. I know where I was and what I was doing and who I was with - my Dad. Then in 1968, I remember when Martin Luther King was shot, then not long after Bobby Kennedy was killed. I was getting ready for school that morning and our neighbors called and told us. We turned the TV on and there it was. That one hurt me the most because a couple on our street worked for Bobby's election after he was to leave Chicago he was to come to Detroit and they were going to have me meet him.

I remember holding my daughter Shannon while watching Monday Night Football and seeing a scroll across the bottom of the screen that said former Beatle John Lennon had been shot outside of his home in New York, then a few minutes later Howard Cosell made the announcement that broke me: former Beatle John Lennon was shot and killed. Everything else after that was a blur. You see I had met all the Beatles - except John. I had planned on going to New York that summer to stand outside the Dakota and have John sign my "Double Fantasy," his last, and also my "Sgt. Peppers" album that all the other Beatles had signed over the years. My thoughts and prayers went out to all involved he had a five-year-old son at home. He was changed. He was the house mom he took care of Sean. What a waste.

I have seen so many lives taken for so many stupid reasons. I remember watching Anwar Sadat get killed as he watched his army parade before him. We have seen so many stupid killings - just recently in Florida the guy who went to the school board and tried shooting board members. Thank God he was a bad shot, but the police weren't.

I sat here watching this today and wonder what's become of our country. What is wrong with people? What reason could you possibly have to kill another human being unless it's for your survival and your families. During this shooting, a federal judge who had just left Mass and went to the say Hi to his friend - all day they were saying he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Sounds like a whole bunch of people were where they wanted to be, but unfortunately, someone who felt like his day was bad or was mad at someone decided to take a fully loaded clip he fired 20 shots and 19 people were shot. Pretty sure he was in the wrong place.



Lessons

When Wayne-Westland dedicated its wind farm, school board Secretary Cindy Schofield was there to talk to students like Jeffery Morton about such things as the solar energy trainer.

What's to say that we don't have some nut go to a council meeting and try something like this. We have seen all kinds of things at our meetings. I hope and pray that someone doesn't show up at one of these meetings - council or school board - and go off. Is anyone safe any more, anywhere at anytime? Well, if you look at our history you would have to say NO. What is this world coming to.

I pray none of you are in the wrong place at the wrong time. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims from this killer. I won't mention his name like I didn't mention the other killers' names. They are scum of the earth, that's what I call them.

Bud Somerville
Westland

Start at the top

There is a lot of truth in the opinion page about shrinking revenues in the Wayne-Westland Schools due to lower property values. The net result is less money. The superintendent makes north of \$250,000 per year, while his assistant superintendent and business manager's take is around \$180,000 per year for each. You can go to the district website to confirm these figures.

Is there any good reason why these salaries remain so high when the district is in such hard times financially? Between the three salaries, couldn't enough money be squeezed out to hire a first-year teacher or make some other improvement elsewhere in the district?

Governor Snyder talks about the concept of "shared sacrifice" to solve our state's financial woes. Wouldn't these top school officials' salaries be a good place to start?

Thomas W. Donnelly
Canton

Do the right thing

The man killed in the fatal hit and run accident in Wayne early New Year's Day was a close and dear friend of mine. I am somewhat amazed that the Observer posted nothing on this horrible accident. Chris grew up and lived in Westland his entire life.

We need a focus on this story to get information on what happened. Someone has to know something. The individual who killed Chris needs to be brought to justice.

I want to speak directly to his murderer: The man you hit and killed wasn't just a guy walking down the street. He was a father, grandfather, brother, uncle and best friend. He was loved by many and is missed by all those he touched. Even in jail, your loved ones will still get to see you, talk to you, touch you, and tell you how much they love you. We cannot have that anymore because you took that from us.

You hit him and like a coward left him there to die. Now do the right thing. Come forward and turn yourself in so that all those he left behind may find some peace. You didn't just damage one life, you damaged many.

Rhonda Ballard
Inkster

Need advanced care planning

On behalf of the thousands of patients, their families and community members that Arbor Hospice serves each year in southeast Michigan, I must respond to recent news of President Obama's administration reversing the decision to include voluntary advance care planning consultations as part of a Medicare beneficiaries' annual wellness exam. It is unfortunate that many people misunderstand the importance of such consultations.

Sarah Palin, for example, expressed concern about "death panels" forming, if doctors were allowed to counsel patients about end-of-life options. In reality, physicians will not be advising patients on options for ending their lives. They will be providing information about the most difficult transition a patient and family will ever make: options available at the end-of-life, determining when it is time to stop fighting and live each day to the fullest, no matter how

many days are left; deciding how to determine when the treatment is futile.

Yes, this means that there may be cost savings; but regardless if there are savings - the patient will receive better care. Recent studies have shown that when patients forgo futile treatments they actually live longer and that these final days in a hospice setting are much more rewarding for the patient and their families than the typical final days spent in an ICU. Patients will live better in those final months because they had this difficult conversation with their physician well in advance of having to make crisis decisions and have had a chance to voice how they would like to live the final months of their lives.

Patients and families are waiting for physicians to bring up this topic. When they don't, families often assume that the patient will recover from their terminal illness. Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, patients die and their families are shattered, wondering "why didn't we know about hospice earlier," which is the No. 1 comment we receive from families in our surveys following the death of a loved one.

The simple fact is that all of us need to discuss our end-of-life options NOW - not when it's a crisis. Not when a car accident has occurred and family members are left to wonder what their loved one's final wishes would have been. Not when a spouse has days to live after being diagnosed with cancer months ago and no discussion about how and where they want to die has occurred. Statistics reveal that most people would like to die at home, pain-free and with loved ones, but nearly 60 percent of us do not have this experience. Wouldn't it be wonderful, if through these conversations more people were empowered to obtain their wish?

The notion of "death panels" is fear evoking, and is incredibly insensitive to anyone who has ever had to experience a loved one's death. No one is interested in determining who is fit to live and who is not. The constant questioning of "did I do everything I could" rings in the minds of any family member caring for a loved one during this difficult time. However, continuing treatment because no one will acknowledge the facts that the treatment is causing more harm to the patient than good and destroying their quality of life in the process, is not progress.

Having the conversation about the inevitable does not "devalue human life." Overtreatment can mean no time for families to say goodbye, no time for grandchildren to learn from the greatest generation, no time for reconciliation of estranged relationships. On the contrary, determining your end-of-life care wishes is the best gift you can give your family and should certainly be discussed with your physician.

I hope this issue doesn't continue to be politicized. All of us - Republicans, Democrats and independents - will find ourselves facing the end-of-life journey someday, and we will need all of the help we can get to make the right decision for ourselves and our loved ones. Now that this regulation has been repealed, we ourselves will need to initiate these conversations with our physicians.

There are many tools available to help families have the end-of-life discussion. The one we use at Arbor Hospice is Five Wishes and can be obtained online at www.agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes.php. At end of life, hospice care is the choice of an increasing number of people because of its focus on comfort care and living life to the fullest. In 2009, more than 41 percent of all deaths were served by hospice, and that percentage has increased every year since 2005. I urge the public to call Arbor Hospice at (800) 997-9266 or go to www.arborhospice.org, if you need any assistance in preparing for a loved one's end of life journey, and if you want to learn how to have the conversation about end of life care options with your family.

Gloria Dana Brooks,
president & CEO
Arbor Hospice

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Closing of dental office

I am (was) a patient of Allcare Dental at the Livonia office. When I went for an appointment in October, I found the office closed. I tracked down an office that would make me an appointment (Flint). The Flint office never obtained my records from Livonia, even though I had 5 appointments in Flint and asked about them every time. I need my records from both offices. I have no temporaries, no permanents, no teeth! I am out \$4,000 paid in cash up front. I have receipts for my payments, and additional documentation of their unprofessionalism and rudeness. I hope the AGs and county prosecutors find a way for the 1000s of victims to retrieve their medical records and reimbursement for their financial losses.

pinckney1

Issue: Store with a mission

Best of luck to you, Joanie! It's a wonderful thing you are doing. With all you've been through, you deserve nothing but good things coming your way. Take care and see you at the fund-raiser!!

thechatman

Issue: Rescuing cat in tree

OMG Too Funny, A cat stuck in a tree, saved by a fireman, written by "JIM DAVIS". Q: is Mr. Rock going to take him to task for spending taxpayer money to save the cat Q: Is saving cats in the CHARTER ... hmmm!!! Why can I picture this poor cat being stuffed onto a limb by a mean old man on an extension ladder to get his story published ... Hmmm!!! Now, I understand. The Squirrel was out to get the cat In Mr. Davis's Mind. Good reading. Too Funny!!!

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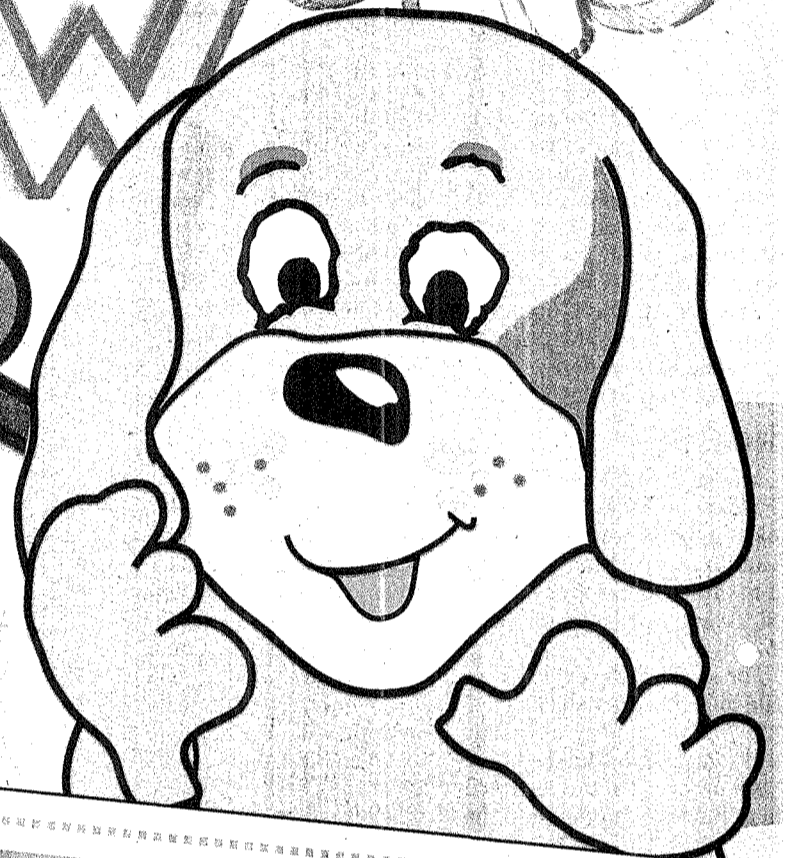
HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

Welcome
Boys and Girls!

This month's contest features:
Happy New Year.
Share with us what 3 things you
want to do in 2011.

Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Hey kids!

Youth ages 7 - 13 are invited to send a letter and photo on what 3 things you want to do in 2011. Scoop will pick lucky winners from entries received:

Deadline for submissions: 2/1/11

Everyone who enters will receive a letter from Scoop and a small gift!

Send your entries for the New Year Contest to:

Scoop the Newshound
c/o: Michele Austin
41304 Concept Drive
Plymouth, MI 48170

**Tell Scoop what you
plan to do in 2011**

Youth Name: _____

Youth Age: _____

Youth Community: _____

Parent's information to contact winning entry:
(Phone, email, home address)

SELECTED WINNERS WILL HAVE THEIR NAME, AGE, HOMETOWN, PHOTO AND LETTER PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT SCOOP HOUND DOG HIGHLIGHTS.

Lucky winners from last month's contest

Send in your letter and photo, you may win a spot on Scoops Hound Dog Highlight page!



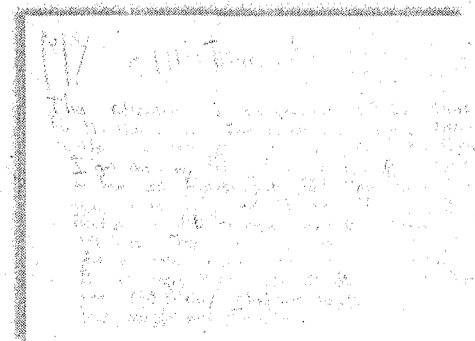
Scoop celebrated the holidays by visiting Santa at the Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Park, in Westland.



Angel Calhoun, 7 from Canton enjoys picking up her live Christmas tree.



Abigail Said, 9, along with Sara, 1, Adam, 4, Cecilia, 14, Noah, 12 from Westland love to decorate their house for the holidays.



Maggie Mae Thompson, 9 from Northville saved up her own money from doing chores, to celebrate the holidays by giving gifts to the poor.

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!

Library's Food for Fines donations top one ton

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland's William P. Faust Library hosted their first Food for Fines program last month and it was a hit.

The month-long food drive, which wrapped up just before Christmas, collected 2,800 pounds of food that was donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank by 330 participants. More than \$2,800 in fines were forgiven in exchange for the donations.

"We were surprised at getting 2,800 pounds. That is nearly three times our goal of 1,000 pounds," said Andy Schuck, a reference librarian. "It was the first time we had done this — we set the

bar low. We definitely got a lot more than we expected, it was great."

About one-third of the donations came from people who didn't have any fines to clear up, Schuck said, and were simply donating. A team of library staff members packed up the donations and got them to Gleaners.

"Gleaners was nice enough to weigh it for us. It got to the point where we weren't able to count it," said Schuck. "I think we will do it again but maybe not for a month long or at the holidays."

Since groups like Gleaners tend to get such a large amount of donations around the Thanksgiving and

Christmas holidays, Schuck said the library could hold the Food for Fines at another time when donations aren't as forthcoming.

"We can try and keep their pantry stocked," Schuck said.

There was also an unexpected effect of the Food for Fines program — getting some people with overdue fines visiting the library again.

"I can't say for sure because I didn't look at the records. If people build up too many fines and can't use the computer or check out limited books, they don't come to the library," said Schuck. "We kept track of the books returned."

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Donations of food sit on carts at the William P. Faust Public Library, waiting for delivery to Gleaners.

AROUND WESTLAND

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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

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

Hockey Night

Mayor William Wild and the Westland Wild Wings will take on the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in an exhibition hockey game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Tickets go on sale on Jan. 15.

For sponsorship or ticket sale information, call (734) 722-7620 or send an e-mail to parks@cityofwestland.com.

All proceeds of the event will go to fund improvement to the

Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to serve as patient visitors as well as volunteers to assist with clerical duties in its Canton office. Its service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston.

Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and on-going coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 and 29, at the Canton office, 5730 Lilley Road, Suite A. Contact

Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, by e-mail at jgalat@cchnet.net or by calling (888) 983-9050 to request an interview.

Surplus food pickup

The City of Westland has announced the day, times and locations for residents to obtain surplus federal food for the month of January.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

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

Food distributed for the month of January includes cherry apple juice, cranberry

sauce, sliced potatoes, frozen ham, peas, mixed fruit, peanut butter, UHT milk and possible additional items. For questions, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

Taste Testing

Chef Jesse Gales will offer a taste-testing opportunity at the Westland Weight Watchers center Saturday, Jan. 22.

These meetings are open and free to the public so anyone who is interested in learning more about Weight Watchers, without having to pay a meeting fee, can attend.

The Westland Weight Watchers Center is at 36585 W. Warren Road. Meetings will begin at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to

low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

Bible talks

Bible Talks will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland at 4 p.m. Sundays, now through Feb. 6. Presenting, in simplicity, the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, no collections or literature. Everyone is welcome.

District hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, is holding regular offices hours monthly in the 12th District this month.

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

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

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

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

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 Road in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

Bailey Center offers 'Sprouts' classes

Parents and youngsters can enjoy a free trial of High Velocity Sprouts, a toddler development program, being offered by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Sprouts is a creative motor development program for ages 2-4. The program introduces sports like soccer, basketball, and floor hockey along with creative movement with fun music, scarves, and imagination, plus locomotors - jumping, skipping, hopping, and galloping.

Sprouts incorporates social

interaction with direction following activities to help toddlers excel. Bambinos requires parent participation, Jumping Beans does not. No special equipment required, just come dressed to play.


The free trial is Wednesday, Jan. 19. Bambinos (ages 2-3) is 10-10:30 a.m. and Jumping Beans (ages 3-4) 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Bailey Center gym. The cost is \$48 for Westland residents and \$53 for non-residents. Classes are Jan. 26 through March 2.

High Velocity also is offering a basketball program. Rookies is an introduction to

basketball and motor development for ages 3-4. Kids will learn to dribble, shoot, and basic basketball concepts through fun and age appropriate activities. Rookies requires parent participation. All equipment is provided, so come ready to play!

Rookies (ages 3-4) is 10-10:40 a.m. Mondays. The cost is \$48 for Westland residents and \$53 for non-residents. Classes are Jan. 24 through Feb. 28.

Register at the Bailey Center or call (734) 722-7620. Staff for both classes is provided by High Velocity Sports.



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Crusaders' upset bid goes awry in OT

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Madonna University men's basketball team put forth an inspiring effort after dedicating its locker room during a pregame ceremony Saturday in the name of former coach Bernie Holowicki.

But unfortunately for the host Crusaders, they couldn't pull off the upset against No. 19-ranked Davenport University, which survived in overtime, 84-77.

The loss drops MU to 4-14 overall and 2-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier

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Athletic Conference, while Davenport improves 16-3 and 3-2.

The Crusaders led 33-25 at halftime as 6-foot-8 senior center Geoff Gaylor had 10 points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

MU led by as many as 10 during the second half before the Panthers rallied to tie it with 10:06 remaining on a pair of free throws by James Nelson.

The Crusaders then fell behind five, 66-61, with 2:44 to go when Nelson threw down a dunk. But MU rallied to

tie it at 68-all thanks to a three-pointer with freshman guard Travis Schuba, who led all scorers with career-high 22 points.

Davenport could not convert on the last possession in regulation, but the Panthers took control in the five-minute OT by going on a 9-0 run during the first 2 minutes and 24 seconds to seal the win.

"Our guys have been playing as hard as possible," MU coach Noel Emehiser said. "I'm really proud of the way we're playing right now. They're executing as far as what we're asking them to do on both sides of the

ball to the best of their ability. And one of these days we're going to be on top in one of these close games."

James Humphrey led Davenport with 19 points and 12 rebounds, while JaVontae Ford contributed 16 points. Kale Waaso came off the bench to score 14 points and grab eight rebounds, while Nelson added 10 points.

Lonnie Fairfax, a junior point-guard from Livonia Clarenceville, started and played 33 minutes with nine points and two assists.

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Blazers skate to 6-2 triumph

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As far as Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson is concerned, her team hung right in there Tuesday night against Division 1 foe Livonia Ladywood.

That is, except for a tough stretch in the second period, when the Blazers scored three times in three minutes to break open a close matchup at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena.

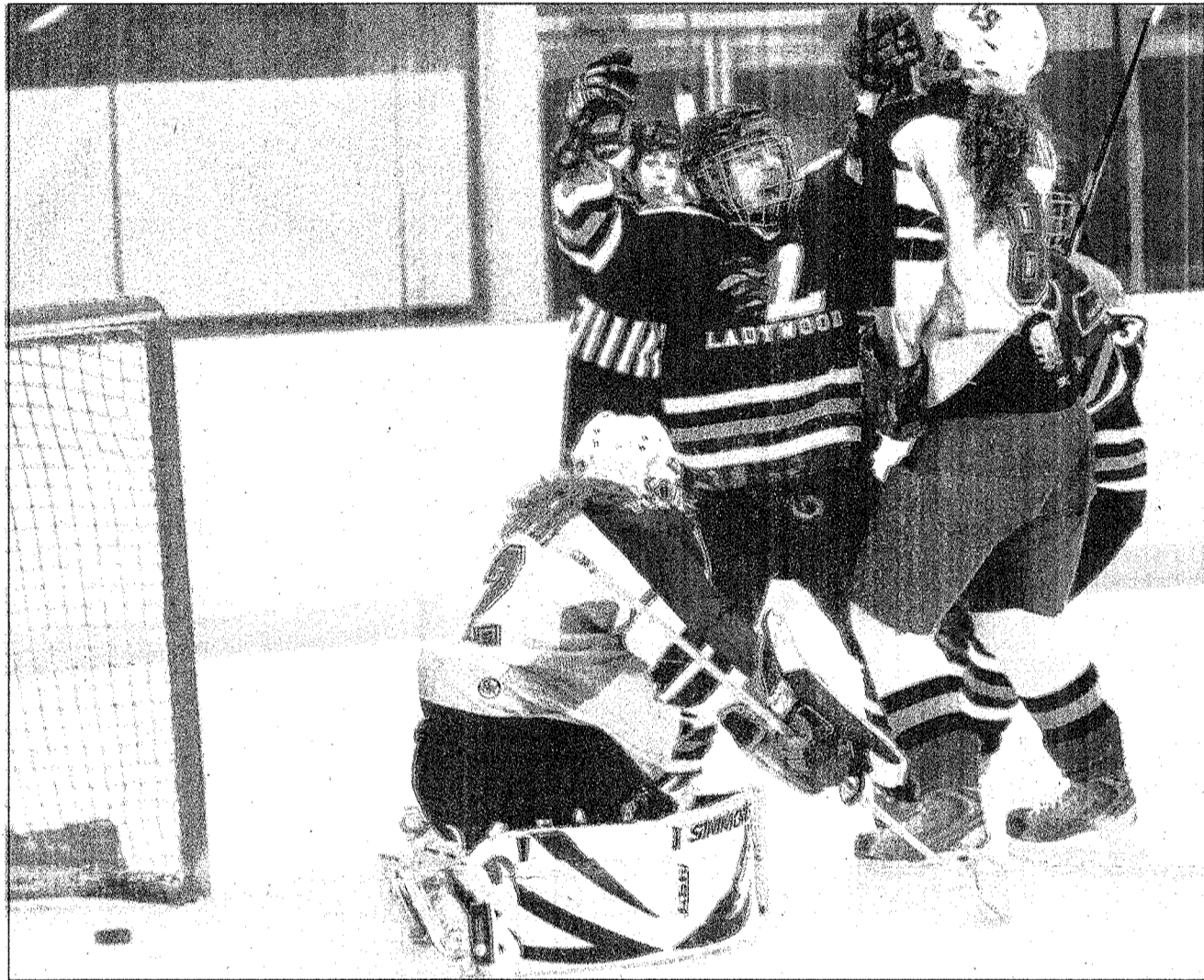
Ladywood suddenly led 4-1 at the end of that spurt and went on for a 6-2 nonleague victory with forwards Rana Freij and Lane Kolpacke each scoring two goals. Freij also had two assists for a four-point night.

"We were pretty frustrated after the second period," said Johnson, whose D2 team dropped to 4-3 overall, with all the losses against D1 competition. "We played great the first and third period, but in the second we fell apart. We've just got to get our team to play three periods."

Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said his team (4-5) returned to the ice after a close-checking first period with instructions to turn up the offense.

"That was our key in the second, to get more shots on net and follow up any rebounds," he said. "I thought we did a better job of controlling the play in the zone that period. We did a good job forechecking to keep the puck in the zone."

The Penguins fell behind 1-0 in the opening period on a goal by Freij, but PCS defenseman Emily Bullock set up forward Mallory Rojo for the equalizer with just 2.4 seconds left in the frame.



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Ladywood's Lane Kolpacke (33), who gets tangled up with Sarah Coleman (8) of Plymouth-Canton-Salem, celebrates after scoring on goalie Elena Bongiovanni.

Both teams had chances to break the tie early in the middle stanza. Ladywood blueliner Katie Folk's blue-line drive was kicked out by PCS starting netminder Cortny McAdoo.

The Penguins' goalie then held her ground against crease-crashing Ladywood forwards Freij and Hannah Pereira.

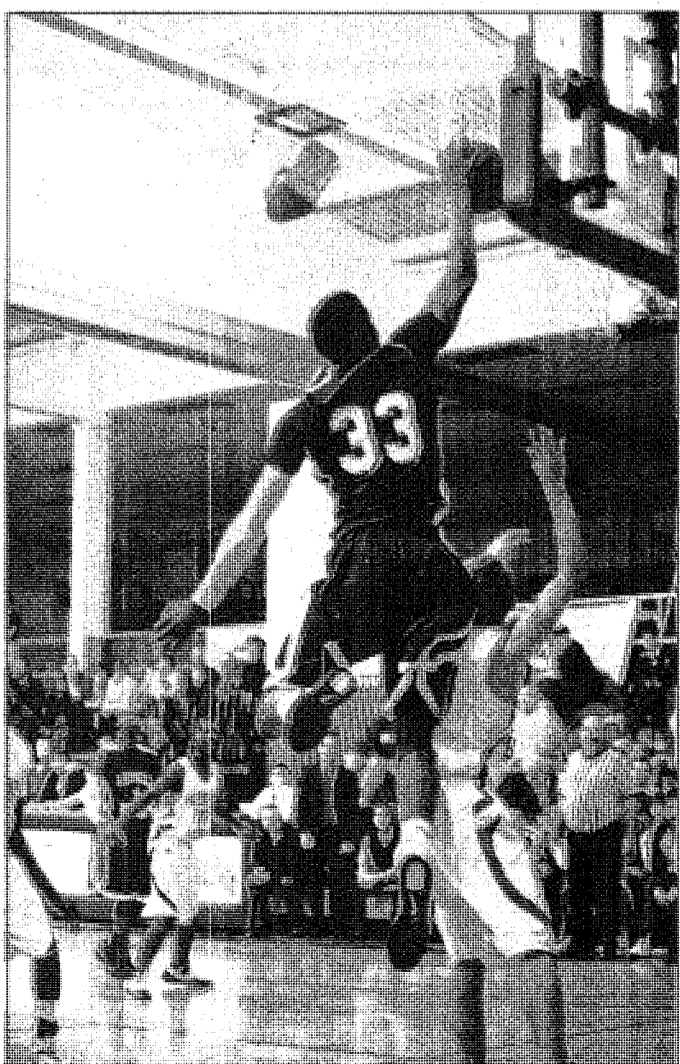
At the other end, Ladywood netminder Jessica Pavela stopped a snap shot from the right circle by defenseman Alissa Novak.

But Ladywood went on the power play with about nine minutes to go in the period and the Blazers started their scoring binge 1:10 later. Forward Jenny Rohn fed the puck from the left half-

wall into the slot, where Freij sent it over McAdoo's blocker at 7:16.

"Rene played a really good game," Peck said. "That line in general (Freij, Rohn, Pereira) played a solid game for the most part, especially in that second period."

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THOMAS BEAUDIN

Sky walker

Stevenson's 6-9 center Jalen Reynolds, shown in a game earlier this season against Redford Union, scored 27 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and had five blocks in Tuesday's 65-21 win over South Lyon East. See the boys basketball roundup on page B3.

Glenn makes splash with dual meet win

They may have to start calling the Westland John Glenn boys swim team the new pool sharks of the KLAA's South Division.

The upstart Rockets posted a signature victory Tuesday night under coach fifth-year coach Bob Harding with a 95-91 dual-meet triumph at home over defending division champion Canton.

"We may have had the biggest team victory in school history," Harding said. "To my knowledge, John Glenn has never beaten Canton in men's swimming."

Canton lost despite capturing seven of 12 events, including the 200-yard medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays.

The Rockets, however, offset Canton's relay firsts by taking second and thirds in

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all three races.

"The key to the meet was our team depth," Harding said. "We scored all of our swimmers in ever event but one. It was this team effort which led to this dual meet victory."

Glenn individual winners included Joey Wakeford in the 200 individual medley (2:09.52) and 100 freestyle (50.25); Paul Gutu in the 50 freestyle (23.52) and 100 butterfly (1:03.56); and Jake Ferguson in the 100 backstroke (59.58).

Canton's Victor Zhang figures in three firsts winning the 500 freestyle (4:50.59) and

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Huron Valley succumbs to Baptist Park

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was there for the taking, but victory eluded the Westland Huron Valley boys basketball team once again on Tuesday night.

But the Hawks are getting closer as they fell victim to a 9-0 Taylor Baptist Park Christian run over the final 1:52 in a 40-32 setback.

The loss drops Huron Valley to 0-6 overall and 0-2 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Baptist Park, meanwhile, improves to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC Red.

"We've progressed," Huron Valley coach Jim Ott said. "Obviously we didn't get the outcome we wanted. Last game we held the lead for half the game. This time we held it

about three quarters of the game. If you look at it as a progression, we're progressing a bit. The effort is there until the end. I think it's just critical moments in the second half where we just didn't finish the whole game."

The Hawks enjoyed a 19-12 lead with 6:35 left in the third quarter on a basket by center Shawn Schaffer, who finished with a team-high nine points.

The Wildcats, however, chipped away and pulled even at 21-all on a free throw by Josh Garcia with 2:18 left in the same period.

A basket by Ryan Schaffer just before the buzzer gave Huron Valley a 25-23 advantage

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SIDELINES

Ocelot men fall

Zachary Kaul and Tyler Moreland tallied 20 and 19 points Saturday as host Oakland Community College downed Schoolcraft College, 83-69, in a men's basketball game at Orchard Ridge.

Karl Moore had 20 points, while Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Ocelots, who slip to 6-10 overall and 0-4 Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

Schoolcraft, which trailed 39-30 at the half, shot 39.7 from the field and was 18-of-31 from the foul line (58.5 percent). The Ocelots committed 24 turnovers.

OCC shot 40.3 percent from the floor and 24-of-35 from the foul line (68.5 percent). The Raiders committed 16 turnovers.

D'Agostino All-Star

Livonia's Justin D'Agostino, a 6-foot, 235-pound linebacker from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, was among 88 players selected Monday to play in the 31st annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game on Saturday, June 25, at Central Michigan University's Kelly Shorts Stadium.

D'Agostino will be joined on the East squad by Davion Stackhouse, a 6-foot, 190-pound back from Canton; Tommy Vento, a 6-1, 185-pound quarterback from Farmington Hills Harrison; Kody Richardson, a 6-2, 215-pound defensive lineman from Garden City; and Jason Wilson, a 6-0, 182-pound wide receiver from Farmington High.

Pre-sale All-Star tickets are \$5. Game day tickets are \$10.

Checks should be made payable to MHSFCA and included a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: All-Star Tickets, P.O. Box 98, Taylor, MI 48180. Mail orders must be received by June 18.

For will call tickets, phone calls will be accepted until noon, Saturday, June 18, at (734) 676-4486.

Game time will be announced at a later date.

C'ville hoop alums

The first annual Trojan Basketball Alumni fund-raiser game will be Friday, Jan. 28, at Livonia Clarenceville High School gymnasium.

The Clarenceville JV boys team will take on the school staff at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity boys against the alumni at 7:30 p.m.

All alumni participants are asked to make a \$10 donation.

There is a \$5 admission fee and concessions will be available through the Clarenceville Booster Club.

For more information, call Clarenceville boys varsity basketball coach Justin Johnson at (248) 343-1288.

Steelheaders meet

Dennis Lantz, a top national walleye angler, will be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Lantz, who has three victories and a pair of third-place finishes in the Detroit River Canadian opens, will talk about the art of jigging for walleye on the Detroit River.

The meeting is free to the public and no reservations are needed.

For more information, visit www.metroweststeelheaders.org or call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.



Ladywood's Lane Kolpacke (33) skates toward goal and makes it 3-1 for the Blazers, who went to a 6-2 triumph Tuesday night over Plymouth-Canton-Salem at the Arctic Edge.

Chargers grind out 4-3 victory

Mike Kutek tallied a pair of goals and one assist Saturday as Livonia Churchill skated past host South Lyon Unified in the Kensington Conference boys hockey **PREP HOCKEY** 4-3, at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

"It was a tough physical KLAAs game," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team stands 4-4 overall and 2-4 in the KLAAs South Division. "I was real pleased with the way we went to the net. We played a solid game."

South Lyon (4-4, 2-3) got on the board first at 3:08 of the first period on Collin Tittle's goal.

Kutek answered with just 20 seconds left in the same period on assists from Steve Klisz and Jake Otto.

Just 1:26 into the second period, Klisz gave Churchill a 2-1 lead on assist from Tom Carey and Otto.

South Lyon's Jake Taiariol then tied it at 6:01 of the second before Kutek struck just 20 seconds later from Devin Smythe and Kevin Louwers.

Churchill took a 4-2 lead into the final period on Carey's goal from Kutek at 9:57.

South Lyon, pulling its goalie for the extra attacker scored with 1:27 remaining in the third on Luke Dimytro's goal from Ryan Betz and Cam Thomas.

But the Lions couldn't score the equalizer.

South Lyon netminder Louis Carnevale made 22 saves, while Jesse Chambers had 11 stops for Churchill.

ANN ARBOR 3, LADYWOOD 2: Goals by Julia Franceschi and Rachel Freeman during the final period proved to be the difference Monday as host Ann Arbor (4-2, 4-2) downed Livonia Ladywood (3-5, 3-5) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game at Veterans Arena.

After a scoreless opening period, Ladywood took a 2-0 lead on second-period goals by Jenny Rohn (from Hannah Pereira) and Pereira (from Rohn). But Freeman countered with a goal to cut the deficit to 2-1 heading into the final period.

Franceschi's third-period goal from Freeman knotted the count at 2-2 and Freeman's goal (from Emy Guttman) proved to be the game winner.

Ladywood goalie Jessica Pavela made 22 saves, while Sydney Supica had 23 stops for Ann Arbor.

"We played a solid first two periods," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "We controlled play and were able to make some play that enabled to get the lead heading into the third. We came out in the third flat and let them control play which enabled them to score two goals within the first five minutes. We started to play better after that, but couldn't finish any of our scoring opportunities."

DEXTER 4, FRANKLIN 3: Four different players scored Saturday as the host Dreadnaughts (3-6-1) held off Livonia Franklin (4-8) in a non-league game at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

It was 1-1 all after one period as Patrick Gronvall scored for Dexter (from Blake Miller) at 4:48, while Richard Wiczorek countered for the Patriots from Tyler Satkowiak and Travis Barnes at 16:47.

Dexter led 3-1 after two periods on goals by Joey Barlett (from Ian Wiesenberg and Evan Sanford) and Jake Waldrup (from Andrew Gibson and John Grover) just 52 seconds apart at 1:21 and 2:13, respectively.

Satkowiak's goal from Mike Diaz with 6:39 left in the third period cut the deficit to 3-2, but Wiesenberg's goal from Sanford and Barlett put the Dreadnaughts up two goals again, 4-2, with 4:44 remaining.

Jerome Schlaff made it a one-goal deficit again with only 3:39 to go from Adam Stadler and Diaz, but the Patriots could not score the equalizer.

Franklin goaltender Travis Ferrier made 41 saves, while Dexter's Garrett Weng stopped 21 shots.

LADYWOOD 4, NORTHVILLE 1: All the scoring occurred in the final period Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood (3-4, 3-4) stopped the Mustangs (2-5, 1-4) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League encounter at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Jenny Rohn and Hannah Pereira each had a goal and two assists for the victorious Blazers, who scored three times in the third before Northville's Sarah Blackhurst could answer off an assist from Carly Morrell.

Brittany Galvin and Rana Freij also tallied goals for Ladywood, while Katie Folk and Lane Kolpacke chipped in with assists.

Ladywood goalie Jessica Pavela made 30 saves, while Northville's Kaitlyn Sabourin had 20 stops.

"Each team had some chances, but both goalies came up with some big saves," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "We came out in the third with a power play and were able to score within a minute. That gave us the momentum we needed and enabled us to start playing more aggressively."

"It was nice to see our power play so dominant as three of our four goals were scored while on it. The defense and Jessica Pavela did a great job to hold them to one goal."

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With 6:27 to play in the frame, it was 3-1 after a nifty play by Kolpacke. She rushed down the left wing, skated behind the PCS goal and stuffed the puck inside the right post on a wraparound. Ladywood found the net again at 10:12. A wrist shot by Rohn (set up by Freij)

beat McAdoo and opened up a three-goal deficit for the Penguins. Johnson then changed goalies, bringing in freshman Elena Bongiovanni. The Blazers, however, scored again with 35 seconds remaining, as Freij knocked in a loose puck after a Bongiovanni save. In the third period, after Johnson made a few adjustments during the intermission, the Penguins tried to mount a comeback. With 13:43 left in the game,

PCS forward Amanda Heisler scored. Forward Jenna Carter shot the puck from inside the blue line that Pavea stopped, but Heisler swooped in to backhand the rebound into the Blazers' goal. Also assisting was Bullock, her second of the game. The Penguins kept the pressure on for a while, but Pavea came up with several timely saves. She stopped a shot taken by defenseman Alissa Novak and also blocked a rebound try by

forward Jenny Fedon. Pavea later stymied Carter from close range and stucked aside forward Marissa Sullivan's shot from the left wing. "She (Pavea) made a couple key ones (saves) when she needed to and that helped us out," Peck said. Ladywood finished the scoring with just eight seconds to go when Pereira scored on a partial breakout.

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"What really got us was the offensive rebounding when they got 25, several of them — two, three, four shots — on the same possession," Emehiser said. "And when they finished those off, it was not only points that hurt, but it was also demoralizing because they were taking the ball at the rim and we were kind of swatting at it. That hurt us a lot — they're athleticism. We got a couple of shots blocked and that was a difference in

the game." Gaylor wound up with 16 points and 14 rebounds, his third straight double-double and sixth overall for the season in 38 minutes. Tyler Coker added 11 points. "Geoff has been improving every day," Emehiser said. "He's been working hard. In spite of some injuries ... he's got a bad ankle that's led to a sore knee, also a sore hand — the whole right side of his body. Right now he's battling. It's one of those situations where you could hardly take him off the court because of the things he's capable of doing, but he definitely ran out of gas — he and

his outside touch. He connected on 6-of-13 from three-point range and has scored in double figures three of his last four games. "Travis has stepped into a position that we rely on for scoring at the two-guard and he's got the mentality that works well for that spot," Noel Emehiser, Madonna coach. Tyler (Coker) both. Maybe we could have done a little more to preserve them. We tried to win it in regulation than try and win it in overtime, and it bit us in the butt." Schuba, a 6-foot guard from Rapid City, has upped his scoring average to 6.6 per game and has given MUE a lift with

his outside touch. He connected on 6-of-13 from three-point range and has scored in double figures three of his last four games. "Travis has stepped into a position that we rely on for scoring at the two-guard and he's got the mentality that works well for that spot," Emehiser said. "He loves having the ball and the opportunity to shoot. We've asked him to do that and he's done a pretty good job. He's hit some big, pressure shots and we hope he'll continue with the consistency he's shown."

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anchoring the victorious 200 freestyle relay (1:34.48) and 400 freestyle (3:36.77). Other Canton individual firsts were turned in by Jay Jin, 200 freestyle (1:51.6); Ryan Kilgore, 1-meter diving (177.65 points); and Jacob

Dillon, 100 breaststroke (1:08.89). **DUAL MEET RESULT WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 95 CANTON 91** Jan. 11 at John Glenn **200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Victor Zhang, Jacob Dillon, Mike Carlson, Evan Champine), 1:47.51; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Nick Stevens, Paul Gutu, Dave Vader), 1:48.93; 3. John Glenn (John Kukuika, Tim Moran, Josh Jenderat, Nick Stone), 2:02.76. **200 freestyle:** 1. Jay Jin (C), 1:51.6; 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:54.88; 3. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:57.02. **200 individual medley:** 1. Joey

Wakeford (WJG), 2:09.52; 2. Carlson (C), 2:18.04; 3. Dillon (C), 2:21.02. **50 freestyle:** 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.52; 2. Champine (C), 23.72; 3. Vader (WJG), 25.18. **1-meter diving:** 1. Ryan Kilgore (C), 177.65 points; 2. Connor Monroe (WJG), 146.45; 3. Daniel Kilgore (C), 141.45. **100 butterfly:** 1. Gutu (WJG), 1:03.56; 2. Jonathan Marceau (C), 1:03.87; 3. Jacob Burcicki (WJG), 1:11.02. **100 freestyle:** 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 50.25; 2. Jin (C), 51.37; 3. Champine (C), 53.24. **500 freestyle:** 1. Zhang (C), 4:50.59; 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 5:27.66; 3. Aaron Alholinna (WJG), 6:05.0. **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Champine, Jin, Carlson, Zhang), 1:34.48; 2.

John Glenn (Gutu, Josh Wakeford, Vader, Joey Wakeford), 1:36.99; 3. John Glenn (Cody Hodges, Jenderat, Stone, Ryan Boes), 1:45.0. **100 backstroke:** 1. Ferguson (WJG), 59.58; 2. Christopher Krebs (C), 1:01.38; 3. Kukuika (WJG), 1:09.42. **100 breaststroke:** 1. Dillon (C), 1:08.89; 2. Carlson (C), 1:12.87; 3. Stevens (WJG), 1:15.29. **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Krebs, Dillon, Jin, Zhang), 3:36.77; 2. John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Ferguson, Hodges, Boes), 4:01.87; 3. John Glenn (Kukuika, Alholinna, Chris Sabal, Moran), 4:18.61. **Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 4-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South.

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heading into the final quarter. And the Hawks still led 31-29 with only 2:15 to go when Shawn Schaffer split a pair of free throws. But that's when it all haywired for the Hawks as Baptist Park guard Noah Combs, who led all scorers with 21 points, connected on one of the Wildcats' five 3-pointers on the night to spearhead the late comeback. During that ill-fated stretch, Huron Valley went 2-of-6 from the line and

committed a costly turnover with 1:38 to play on a steal by Combs, who made 8-of-10 free throws down the stretch to help the Wildcats secure the win. "He (Combs) hit some good free throws at the end," Baptist Park coach Bill Miller said. "He did very well. He's actually our point-guard who handles everything. He did a really good job controlling the game." Baptist Park dressed only seven players for the game with 6-foot-5 center Blake Speck going down the previous week with a broken wrist. The Wildcats won despite making only 13-of-30 free

throws on the night. It took 12 attempts before they made their first foul shot. "We talked about it at half-time that we were 0-for-11 at the free throw line," Miller said. "We're only shooting 48 or 49 (percent) for the year. We knew it would be tough." Forced to play from behind, Baptist Park went with a trapping defense and the Hawks wound up committing a total of 15 turnovers. "It made them not sure what they were doing in the fourth quarter and us hitting free throws," Miller said. "We also hit some big 'threes' there, too." Andy Barber and Matt

St. John contributed eight and six points, respectively, for the Hawks, who shot an aggregate 13-of-44 from the floor and 3-of-12 from the foul stripe (29.5 percent). "I think we got overwhelmed at the end and I think the rivalry came out," Ott said. "People got a little unfocused about what was going on as far as where we needed to be as far as time and score goes. Also a couple of critical free throws at the end. "We missed point-blank shots. Those are the critical moments I'm talking about the second half."

Spartans' Roy finishes 1st in 140-pound class

Kody Roy posted a 4-0 record on the day en route to the 140-pound weight class title as Livonia Stevenson finished 1-4 in Saturday's LAnse Creuse team dual wrestling tournament.

Earning runner-up honors with 4-1 records each for the Spartans included Samer Shebak (135), Joe Scott (189)

and Jacob Range (285). Corey Davis (125) finished 3-2 to place third. Stevenson earned its first dual match win of the season in the fifth round with a 46-34 win over Utica Eisenhower.

The Spartans, now 1-15 overall, suffered losses against the Richmond 'B' team (33-12), Saline (42-27), Marlette (60-29) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (50-23). Portage Central captured the team title.

PREP WRESTLING

- ROCK KILGORE INVITATIONAL Jan. 8 at Salem**
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Zealand, 268 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 248; 3. Northville, 213; 4. Salem, 209; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 149; 6. Canton, 91.
200-yard medley relay (Event 1C): 1. Zealand, 1:49.21; 2. Livonia Stevenson (Shayne Battsies, Jacob Colleran, Bradley Bielicki, John Scheemann), 1:57.71; 3. Salem (Aaron Micek, Calvin Kahler, Daniel Lynch, Scott Carpenter), 1:58.69; 6. Canton (Josh Joy, Alex Bourdreaux, Kyle Bindas, Jack Chaney), 2:16.89.
200-yard medley relay (2B): 1. Zealand, 1:46.19; 3. Stevenson (Bryan Frederic, Grant McNamara, Dave Plashnik, Adam Ferrara), 1:50.50; 5. Salem (Smaran Bhaktawar, Akshay Bhaktawar, Patrick Huls, Steven Glogg), 1:51.65; 6. Canton (Bryan Tolinski, Nick Lachic, Souvik Roy, Kyle Spence), 2:19.88.
200-yard medley relay (3A): 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff, Brandon Bielicki), 1:41.73; 3. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Eric Li, Max Mills), 1:44.32; Canton (DD).
200 freestyle (4D): 1. Dennis Kim (N), 1:59.20; 2. Jack Hiltz (LS), 1:59.44; 4. Micek (S), 2:00.95.
200 freestyle (5C): 1. Jason Zhang (S), 1:51.88; 5. Evan Shatter (LS), 2:03.34; 6. Michael Wilyard (C), 2:18.55.
200 freestyle (6B): 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:46.89; 5. Brendon Stanisz (LS), 1:56.87; 6. Jonathan Marceau (C), 2:10.32.
200 freestyle (7A): 1. Victor Zhang (C), 1:44.32; 2. Matt Collingwood (S), 1:45.70; 4. J. Ferrara (LS), 1:53.63.
200 individual medley (8D): 1. Nick Sall (Z), 2:14.35; 4. A. Bhaktawar (S), 2:21.06; 5. Jacob Dillon (C), 2:21.57; 6. Parker Belmore (LS), 2:29.18.
200 individual medley (9C): 1. Max Benson (P), 2:08.98; 2. Chris Kim (LS), 2:17.75; 4. Krebs (C), 2:17.23; 5. Solterman (S), 2:17.89; 6. Nick Belmore (LS), 2:21.84.
200 individual medley (10B): 1. Sam Borqman (Z), 2:07.68; 3. Adrian Simon (C), 2:13.45; 5. S. Bhaktawar (S), 2:16.02; 6. Bielicki (LS), 2:21.02.
200 individual medley (11A): 1. Schoff (LS), 1:59.48; 3. Jay Jin (C), 2:04.84; 5. Mills (S), 2:05.70.
50 freestyle (12D): 1. Zach Lindeman (Z), 24.07; 4. Kyle Stokfisz (S), 25.14; 5. John Scheemann (LS), 25.47; 6. Tolinski (C), 29.42.
50 freestyle (13C): 1. Zach Zylstra (Z), 23.55; 4. Clagg (S), 25.09; 5. Battjes (LS), 26.72; 6. Drew Wade (C), 27.87.
50 freestyle (14B): 1. Spencer Miller (N), 23.18; 4. J. McNamara (S), 23.97; 5. Mike Carlson (C), 24.07; 6. Jerry Bai (S), 24.14.
50 freestyle (15A): 1. William Greenlee (N), 22.62; 4. Noah Santer (S), 23.51; 5. Bielicki (LS), 23.54; 6. Evan Champine (C), 23.77.
1-meter diving (16D): 1. Alec Riemersma (Z), 244.50 points; 3. Kevin Dulapa (S), 100.05.
1-meter diving (17C): 1. Thomas Lassen (P), 286.15; 4. Jesse Damesworth (LS), 214.00; 5. Charlie Dillon (S), 199.50; 6. Daniel Kilgore (C), 193.90.
1-meter diving (18B): 1. Will Price (N), 419.45; 3. Nick Grivicki (S), 309.75; 5. Eric Rattgebber (LS), 249.85; 6. Alex Sogge (C), 123.80.
1-meter diving (19A): 1. Tyler Keeelan (Z), 509.85; 4. Ryan Kilgore (C), 272.35; 5. Joey Ruddle (S), 272.20; 6. Jack Beaudoin (LS), 251.55.
100 butterfly (20): 1. Zachary Geschwendt (Z), 1:01.21; 4. Daniel Lynch (S), 1:14.36; 5. Zack McCarter (LS), 1:15.53; 6. Kyle Spence (C), 1:31.56.
100 butterfly (21): 1. Li (S), 57.37; 5. Bielicki

Spartans cruise on Senior Night; John Glenn intercepts Pats, 59-41

Livonia Stevenson celebrated Senior Night with a resounding 65-21 boys basketball win Tuesday at home over South Lyon East.

The Spartans, now 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's Central Division, got a monster performance from 6-foot-9 Xavier University signee Jalen Reynolds.

The senior center finished the night with 27 points, 16 rebounds and five blocks, while senior guard C.J. Mwila added 18 points, eight assists and five steals.

"It's always great to win on Senior Night and I'm pleased with the effort of all four seniors," said Stevenson coach Mike Allie, who also lauded starter Charlie Swingle and reserve Phil Worley.

South Lyon East couldn't overcome a 37-10 halftime deficit.

Colin Wedesky led the Cougars (0-6, 0-2) with eight points.

JOHN GLENN 59, FRANKLIN 41: Junior guard Aveon Simmons scored 14 of his game-high 13 points in the third quarter Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (5-1, 2-0) pulled away from Livonia Franklin (0-7, 0-2) in a KLA South Division encounter.

Glenn, which led 29-21 at halftime, also got 14 points from Christian Covile and 10 from Marcus Mecks (including three triples). Senior Tino Thomas, making

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his season debut after transferring from Detroit Allen Academy, led the Patriots with 13 points.

Deon Grubbs and Tommy Smith added eight and seven, respectively, for the Patriots, who made only 9-of-14 free throws.

CANTON 36, CHURCHILL 27: On Tuesday, Paul Baumgart's game-high 15 points propelled the Chiefs (4-3, 2-0) past Livonia Churchill (0-7, 0-2) in a KLA South game.

Churchill got 12 points from senior Stephen Foster.

The Chargers made only 10-of-31 shots from the floor (32.2 percent) including just 3-of-12 from three-point range.

Churchill held Canton high-scoring Dietrich Lever to a season-low five points as Josh Dillard and Austin McDermott took turns guarding the point-guard in a box-and-one.

"We just had a tough time scoring, but we did a better job and we'll build on this," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team trailed 27-15 after three quarters before whittling down the deficit to six with only 45 seconds left.

PLYMOUTH 50, WAYNE 36: An 18-7 fourth-quarter run carried the Wildcats (4-3, 2-0) to a KLA South Division win Tuesday at Wayne Memorial (1-5, 0-2).

Mike Nadratowski score a team-high 15 points, including a pair of key three-pointers late in the fourth quarter to key the Plymouth victory.

Brennen Beyer added 10 points for the Wildcats, who led 23-17 at half-

time and 32-29 after three quarters.

Thomas White tallied a game-high 19 points for the Zebras, who made 6-of-9 foul shots.

Plymouth was 11-of-20 from the free throw line.

ANNAPOLIS 59, CLARENCEVILLE 54: Colton Mallia notched a game-high 16 points Tuesday as host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (5-1) rallied in the second half to beat Livonia Clarenceville (2-6).

Mark Williams and K'yon Lavant added 13 and 11, respectively, for the victorious Cougars, who trailed 37-32 at halftime.

Damien Sanchez led the Trojans with 14 points, while Nick Covin and Adrian Myers contributed 10 each.

Annapolis made 15-of-22 free throws, while Clarenceville connected on only 5-of-14.

OAK. CHRISTIAN 57, LUTH. WESTLAND 43: On Tuesday, Joshua Peterson tallied 17 points and Nathan Piasecki chipped in with 13 as Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (5-0, 2-0) turned back host Lutheran High Westland (1-5, 0-3) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division encounter.

Senior Micah Reum scored 13 points the Warriors, who trailed by only five at halftime, 30-25. Senior Kent Krzyzski added nine.

"We played better than we have and we played hard," Lutheran Westland coach Doug Haller said. "We played a 1-3-1 and trapped three-quarter court. We exerted some energy, but kind of ran out of gas at the end."

The Warriors were 6-of-10 from the foul stripe, while Oakland Christian made just 7-of-16.

CC bowlers squeeze by Glenn, Wayne for title

Only 14 pins separated the top three finishers Saturday as defending MHSAA

Division 1 boys bowling champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central edged out Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial for the Livonia Ladywood Holiday Tournament held at Canton's Super Bowl.

CC edged Glenn for the team title, 3,632-3,628, while Wayne was a close third with 3,618.

The tournament format consisted of three match games along with four Baker games.

Glenn had match totals of 967-897-88 for a 2,752. In Bakers, the Rockets rolled a 253-216-226-181 for an 876 total.

"Overall I'm happy with the second place finish, but I think I share the thoughts of the team that we let ourselves down," Glenn coach Ron Brusseau said. "Total pin tournaments emphasize the importance of not only spares, but pin count when you leave a split. This is where we let ourselves down and ultimately cost us the tournament."

Some of Glenn's notable individual game scores were turned in by Daniel Ammons (240), Tommy Ruark (215),

John Cleavenger (212) and Jordan Hornes (201).

Recent JV call-up Steven Brusseau, a freshman, also gave the Rockets a lift.

"Our match play started off well, but slipped," Brusseau said. "We stepped if up in Bakers averaging 219 for the four games. His 192 match game was shadowed by his performance in the team's Baker sets and he bowled as if he had been with the team all year."

Wayne's top individual was Elliott Arnold, who took runner-up honors with games of 214-248-213 for a 675 set. Teammate Zack Huffman was fifth with a 200-245-179-624.

Rocket girls fourth

Warren Regina came away with the first place trophy Saturday in the 19-team Ladywood Holiday girls bowling tournament held at Super Bowl.

The Saddlelites led the way with a grand total of 3,170 pins including 2,424 in three games and 746 on Baker games.

Flat Rock was runner-up with 3,136 followed by Waterford Kettering in third with 3,101.

Rounding out the top ten were: Westland John Glenn,

fourth, 3,076; Farmington-Harrison, fifth, 2,996; Dearborn Divine Child, sixth, 2,970; Wayne Memorial, sixth, 2,927; Farmington Hills Mercy, eighth, 2,874; Canton, ninth, 2,788; Ladywood Blue, 10th, 2,777.

Other area finishers included Salem, 11th (2,769); Plymouth, 13th (2,724); North Farmington, 14th (2,624); and Ladywood White, 18th (2,304).

Glenn came up just 23 pins short from taking home the third-place trophy. The Rockets had a three-game total of 2,455 with a high of 897 along with 623 in Baker games with a high of 166.

The Rockets were led individually by Julianne Ayers, 178-180; Rachel Miller, 219; Khiry Sparks, 178; and Megan Redmond, 172.

"I am happy with the overall performance of the team," Glenn coach Jim Bowles said. "We had our share of struggles at the start of the season, but this tournament shows how this team is starting to gel together. We preformed rather well at the match play portion posting the second highest tournament game with 897. However, spare shooting in the Baker portion ultimately ended up costing us a top three finish."

Ignition, lift-off

Lady Rockets rout Franklin to stay unbeaten

They don't use the nickname Rockets without a reason at Westland John Glenn - especially when it comes to the varsity girls basketball team.

Keyed by a 24-4 first-quarter start, Glenn was hitting on all cylinders Tuesday en route to a 78-37 triumph at Livonia Franklin.

"We came out focused and got after them," said Glenn coach Mark Anderson, whose state-ranked Rockets are 7-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's South Division.

Junior Erica Covile led Glenn with 17 points and 13 assists.

Freshman point-guard Kaira Barnes added 15 points, while senior forward Andrea Gordon-McClain contributed 14.

Franklin senior forward Amanda Borio scored 10 points, while leading scorer Chelsea Williams was limited to six points.

"Franklin picked it up defensively," Anderson said. "And Williams is a good player. We denied her the ball the whole night, but she probably had eight assists."

Glenn was 18-of-27 from

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the foul line, while Franklin made 13-of-23.

LADYWOOD 60, ROMULUS 51: Sophomore guard Andrea Anastos finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds Tuesday to lift Livonia Ladywood (8-1) past the host Eagles (6-2) in a non-league game.

The victorious Blazers connected on 33-of-43 free throws on the night (76.7 percent), including 14-of-20 by Anastos.

Brianna Combs and Teresa Wojnarowski each added 10 points. Wojnarowski was a perfect 10-of-10 from the foul stripe. Alyssa Anastos added seven points and nine rebounds as the Blazers out-scored Romulus 33-20 in the second half.

"It was a very good win," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "Our girls competed, we got stops and made free throws."

Jasmine Parker led Romulus and all scorers with 24 points. Jordan Bond added 10 as the Eagles made 12-of-15 foul shots.

STEVENSON 70, S. LYON EAST 46: Freshman center Charlesann Roy finished with a team-high 15 points as Livonia Stevenson (6-1, 2-0) rolled to a KLA Central Division triumph Tuesday at South Lyon East (1-6, 0-2).

Senior forward Monika Rudis contributed a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds, while

junior guard Molly Knoph celebrated her 17th birthday with 10 points and 10 assists.

"We had good ball movement, concentrated and played with confidence," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We did a good job today."

Sarah Kleitsch and Erica Meissner led South Lyon East, which trailed 35-25 at halftime, with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

CANTON 44, CHURCHILL 12: On Tuesday, Kari Schmitt scored 18 points and Kayla Bridges added 12 as the state-ranked Chiefs (6-2, 2-0) rolled past host Livonia Churchill (1-6, 0-2) in a KLA South Division game.

Sophomore Sydney Anderson led the Chargers, who trailed 29-9 at halftime, with nine points.

Canton was 12-of-14 from the free throw line, while Churchill made 3-of-6.

PLYMOUTH 53, WAYNE 39: Kaylie Robb scored 10 points to lead a balanced scoring attack Tuesday as the Wildcats (4-2, 2-0) downed visiting Wayne Memorial (3-4, 0-2) in a KLA South matchup.

Alex Roberts contributed nine points for Plymouth, which led 21-14 at halftime and 40-23 after three quarters.

Jaylyn Hammac and Holland Boertje each tallied nine points for the Zebras, who made only 3-of-11 free throws.

Plymouth connected on 16-of-23 foul shots on the night.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28 SALEM 2

Jan. 11 at Super Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Tommy Ruark, 220-210-430; Jordan Hornes, 189-202-391; John Cleavenger, 202-186-388; Thomas Brusseau, 225; Steven White, 197; Brian Monty, 163; Daniel Ammons, 156. **Team totals:** 930-1020-1950 (18 points); **Baker games:** 200-258-458 (10 points).

Salem scorers: David Nikkila, 186-141-327; Tyler Foley, 187; Evan Ross, 173; Joe Mirsky, 167; Kevin Williams, 148; split score, 200-147-347; split score, 162. **Team totals:** 883-776-1659 (2 points); **Baker games:** 167-206-373 (0 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 6-0 overall, 4-0 KLA Central Division; Salem, 2-3 overall, 1-2 KLA Central.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 16 NORTHVILLE 8

Jan. 11 at Super Bowl

Clarenceville scorers: Tyler Fox, 209-169-378; Sean Diaz, 164-97-361; Ricky Rutenbar, 167-160-327; Corey Coughlin, 186-134-320; Brad Martin, 186; Mike Uren, 146. **Team totals:** 912-806-1,718 (12 points); **Baker games:** 179-146-325.

Northville scorers: Ryan Benoit, 183-191-374; Jon Johnson, 185-186-371; Brad Currier, 157-160-317; Adam Zimmer, 186; Colton Ma-Wu, 130; Darren Mcgrudith, 121. **Team totals:** 773-853-1,626 (8 points); **Baker games:** 144-193-337 (6 points).

Dual match records: Clarenceville, 2-3 overall; Northville, 0-6 overall.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 20 CANTON 10

Jan. 7 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Tommy Ruark, 205-232-435; Thomas Brusseau, 224-196-420; Jordan Hornes, 206-213-419; John Cleavenger, 264; Steve White, 233; Brian Monty, 191. **Team totals:** 1,025-1,138-2,163 (16 points); **Baker games:** 149-195-344 (4 points).

Canton scorers: Kurt Kowalski, 257-232-489; Andrew Klein, 201-223-424; Alex Champagne, 221-154-375; Josh Pozan, 198; split score, 153-165-318. **Team totals:** 1,001-972-1,973; **Baker games:** 182-163-345 (6 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 5-0 overall, 3-0 KLA Central Division; Canton, 4-1 overall, 2-1 KLA Central.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 25 PLYMOUTH 5

Jan. 7 at Novi Bowl

Wayne scorers: Elliott Arnold, 243-216-459;

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28 SALEM 2

Jan. 11 at Super Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Tommy Ruark, 220-210-430; Jordan Hornes, 189-202-391; John Cleavenger, 202-186-388; Thomas Brusseau, 225; Steven White, 197; Brian Monty, 163; Daniel Ammons, 156. **Team totals:** 1,107-958-2,065 (19 points).

Baker games: Wayne, 224-183-407 (6 points); Plymouth, 172-185-357 (0 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 4-0 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Plymouth, 3-2 overall, 1-2 KLA Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16 PLYMOUTH 14

Jan. 6 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 236-220-456; Brian Monty, 210-215-425; Thomas Brusseau, 231; Steve White, 211; Daniel Ammons, 172; Tommy Ruark, 145; split scores, 155-154. **Team totals:** 966-982-1,940 (6 points); **Baker games:** 250-240-490 (10 points).

Plymouth scorers: Rob Korstjens, 265-234-499; Kyle Webb, 221-184-405; Erick Thompson, 215-182-397; Ryan Riva, 167; split scores, 151-159. **Team totals:** 981-982-1,993 (13 points); **Baker games:** 228-162-390 (0 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 4-0 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 1-1 KLA Central.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 22 NOVI 8

Jan. 6 at Novi Bowl

Wayne scorers: Zack Huffman, 223-255-478; Jeremy Brown, 240-194-434; Elliott Arnold, 215-179-394; Tony Lave, 193; Scott Franklin, 179; Kody Kubrak, 162; Barry Banks, 159. **Team totals:** 1,033-966-1,999 (16 points).

Baker games: Wayne, 129-217-346 (6 points); Novi, 147-157-304 (4 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLA Central Division; Novi, 0-3 overall, 0-1 KLA Central.

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 9 SALEM 21

Jan. 11 at Super Bowl

Salem scorers: Ashley Kretschmer, 183-180-363; Bridget Maul, 177-175-352; Micaylin Peltz, 167-147-314; Kristen Larkins, 162-139-301; Emily Simmons, 166; Mesheben Eldridge, 133. **Team totals:** 822-807-1,629 (17 points); **Baker games:** 145-135-280 (4 points).

John Glenn scorers: Khiry Sparks, 194-149-343; Julianne Ayers, 135-162-297; Megan Redmond, 150-130-280; Rachel Miller, 159-118-277; Yvette Ayers, 120; Sara Auldige, 102. **Team totals:** 758-661-1,419 (3 points); **Baker games:** 139-179-318 (6 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 2-2 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 1-1 KLA Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 18 PLYMOUTH 12

Jan. 6 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Khiry Sparks, 222-184-406; Julianne Ayers, 200-172-372; Megan Redmond, 180-168-348; Rachel Miller, 144; split score, 113-102-215; split score, 125. **Team totals:** 840-770-1,610 (12 points); **Baker games:** 188-128-316 (6 points).

Plymouth scorers: Mackenzie Carlson, 161-225-386; Tiffani Patterson, 148-167-315; Allison Gibbs, 142-117-259; Ashley Mikolajczik, 144; Emily Fraser, 141; Jessica Cullen, 130. **Team totals:** 721-794-1,515 (8 points); **Baker games:** 137-166-303-4 points.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 2-2 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 1-1 KLA Central.

Lady Ocelots roar by OCC, 76-58

Shawnicka Thomas posted a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds as the No. 11-ranked Schoolcraft College women's basketball team romped to a 76-58 victory Saturday at Oakland Community College-Highland Lakes.

Thomas hit 10-of-20 shots from the floor and dished out five assists as the Lady Ocelots improved to 12-3 overall and 3-0 in the MCCA Eastern Conference.

Charlise Slater added 15 points, while sophomore center Kimberly Bee also posted a double-double with 12 points and 19 rebounds.

Cameo Kendrick also chipped in with eight points and nine rebounds.

Katelyn Pierson and Alicia Cook scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, for OCC (6-8, 1-2), who couldn't overcome a 40-22 halftime deficit following a 21-3 Schoolcraft run.

The Raiders got as close as 42-32 with 14:32 remaining in the second half, but Schoolcraft responded with an 8-1 run to push the lead back up to 52-33 with 12:19 remaining.

COLLEGE HOOPS

DAVENPORT 96, MADONNA 69: Three players scored in double figures Saturday as unbeaten Davenport University (19-0, 5-0), ranked No. 2 in the latest NAIA Division II poll, rolled to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over visiting Madonna University (6-8, 2-4).

Kallie Behnke and Riana Hensley

each scored 17 points for the victorious Panthers, who led 52-39 at halftime. Karlee Despres added 14 points.

Tabatha Wydryck paced MU with 15 points, while Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) added 11. Shantelle Herring and Erin Bentley each contributed 10.

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JOSEPHINE MAGUIRE HAWTHORNE

Age 85, born October 1, 1925, in Anyox, British Columbia. Passed away January 7, 2011. Current resident of Vero Beach, Florida and Northville, Michigan. Long time resident of Dearborn, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario. Graduated from London School of Nursing. Served as Head Emergency Nurse for over 40 years at Oakwood Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital in Dearborn. She assisted in the development of one of America's first triage units at Henry Ford Hospital. She was also a founding member of St. James United Church of Christ. President of the Parent Teacher Association for Dearborn Public Schools. Daughter to Joseph and Nancy Maguire and sister of Rose Mary and Joseph. Married to the late William Hawthorne in 1948. Dear mother of Barry T. Hawthorne and Bruce N. Hawthorne. Adored by her grandchildren: Brian; Catherine; Hannah; Jessica and great-grandchildren: Dagny; Avery; and Elizabeth. Josephine's laugh, smile and tremendous kindness will always be remembered. Services will be held Thursday, January 13 at 2:00pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI, 48152. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

LYDIA S. MARCRUM (nee STASEVICH)

Passed away on January 8, 2011 at the age of 89. She is survived by son Daniel & Sharon Marcrum, daughter Marilyn Marcrum, granddaughter Renee O'Rourke, grandsons Andrew & Joseph Bresinski, brother James & Katherine Stasevich, and many nephews and nieces. Visitation will be held at Harry J. Will, 37000 6 Mile Rd., Livonia (734-591-3700) Wednesday, January 12th, 5pm-9pm; Thursday, January 13th, 1pm-9pm, PARAS-TAS at 7:30 PM. Friday, January 14th Body in State 10 AM Funeral Service 11 AM at St. Michael Orthodox the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago in Redford, MI (between Inkster & Beech Daly). Donations may be made to: Paws with a Cause™ www.pawswithacause.org or to St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

WILLIAM T. "BILL" MOORE

Age 67. January 10, 2011. Bill is an employee of Bill Brown Ford. He is survived by his loving wife Debbie(s) and cherished children John (Ruthanne), Cheryl, and Susan (Joseph) Aumiller. Memorial Visitation will be held Friday from 12-3pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, with a memorial service at 11am on Friday. Please share a message with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

JOAN PERRY SNYDER

Age 84, passed on January 11, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Robert; dear mother of Carol (William) Jarocha, Susan (Mike) Keller, and the late Robert Jr; dearest grandmother of Stacey and Heather Jarocha, Amy, Jeffrey, Julie, and Tommy Keller and Ashley, Steven, Matthew, and Andrew Snyder; loving sister of Ray (Betty) Perry. Family will have a visitation Thursday 6pm until the time of their memorial service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Family appreciates memorials to the University of Michigan Alumni Association. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

BURLENE SALISBURY

Age 91. Passed January 8, 2011. Loving wife of the late William. Dear mother of Terry (Fran) King, Chuck (Marsha) King, Keith (Dana) King, William Salisbury, Shawn (Janet) Salisbury. Preceded in death by sons Burt, David, and Paul (Kathy) King. Also survived by 22 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. The family has entrusted care and services to the LJ Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI.

THERESA M. WELLS

Age 86, of Farmington Hills and Port Austin, Michigan passed away at her Farmington Hills home over the Christmas holiday. Ms. Wells up until the time of her death commuted, every two weeks depending on the weather, between her Farmington Hills and Port Austin home so as to stay in touch with her lifelong friends, neighbors and loved ones. Theresa was born on August 26, 1924 in Grindstone City to the late Anthony and Agnes (Wojchowski) Biarski, the last of eight children of her parents. Theresa graduated Grindstone High School in 1941 and shortly thereafter moved to Detroit to work at various companies, primarily Packard Car Company until its closure and then Ford Motor Company until retiring in 1989 from Ford's. At Ford she worked in the early stages of computerization by working in its data processing center, as a clerk, initially in its keypunch operations, and transitioned with Ford's and the world to the computer age. Theresa recently lost her last two sisters, Margaret E. Bulley, age 95, this past April and Dorothy Levalske, age 90, in 2007, both of Bad Axe Michigan a short drive from her Port Austin home. Theresa was also preceded in death by two other sisters and three brothers, Michael, Peter and Joseph Biarski, and Gertrude Wilkos and Goldie Millard, respectively. Visitation and services will be held on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be Father Andrew Boom, pastor. Theresa will be interred next to her husband, Clifford, in the church cemetery.

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and sponsored by the Beth Ahm Men's Club. Includes a pizza and salad supper. Cost is \$6 per person. RSVP by Jan. 18 to Marc Soble (248) 661-0416 or e-mail mhsoble@cs.com
Contact: Rene Lichtman at (248) 932-1834 or e-mail holocauschild@comcast.net for the panel discussion

Details: Mass for widowed men and women, with refreshments and social time after
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AWANA
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Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
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Livonia Unity
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Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
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Contact: (313) 531-1234

JAN. 13-19

Breakfast
Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon Sunday, Jan. 16
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk. Cost is \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421

Concert
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 15
Location: St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Oakland Choral Society presents "Rachmaninoff's 'Vespers'" in Church Slavonic. Carols and an original composition will be included in the program; tickets are \$15 and \$25, available in advance or at the door
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Financial Peace University
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 18-April 12
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt.
Contact: Register by calling (248) 474-3444 or by e-mailing to clarencevilleumc@att.net

Panel discussion
Time/Date: Approximately noon, after 9:30 a.m. Shabbat service and kiddush, Saturday, Jan. 15
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Five shul members who attended the recent annual international conference of the World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust (WFJCSH), will share their thoughts about the conference
Coming up: Tu B'Shevat learning seminar, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, led by Rabbi Steven Rubenstein

JAN. 20-31

ENDOW
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, beginning Jan. 27, for 10 sessions
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The series, designed for women, will explore such topics as society and the moral law, the teaching authority of the church, the difference between contraception and natural family planning, and more. Cost is \$60
Contact: To register call (303) 715-3224 or visit www.endowonline.com; for facilitator Michele Schmidt, call (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to mts Schmidt@sbcglobal.net

Exodus and liturgy
Time/Date: 5 p.m., Jan. 23
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Reflection offered within the context of evening prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Presenter is David J. Conrad. A potluck dinner will be held after the presentation. The parish provides the main course. Participants provide appetizers, vegetables, salads and desserts
Contact: RSVP to Conrad at (734) 425-5950 Ext. 203

Former Catholics
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 25
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
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Local musician brings Broadway tunes to cabaret setting in Westland

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Craig Strain has always loved Broadway tunes but as a member of the R&B band, Dr. Pocket, and director of the Motor City Brass Band, he hasn't had many opportunities to play them.

The Farmington Hills man will get his chance Sunday, Jan. 16, at a concert of theater music that he's both performing in and producing, at Joy Manor in Westland.

"It's so different from classical or jazz or pop and I'm involved in all of those genres. I love Broadway shows and the music is so heartfelt," said Strain, who will play bass in the show. "The original thought was let's not do the older stuff...*Music Man*, *Sound of Music*, *Oklahoma*. We do *America* from *West Side Story*, so we didn't totally avoid the traditional ones, but the ones I picked are more hip, contemporary."

Strain wrote an overture and arranged the 10 songs that four vocalists and seven-piece orchestra will perform. Audience members will recognize music from *Avenue Q*, *Rent*, *Chicago*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Wicked*, *Billy Elliot*, *Les Miz*, and *Phantom of the Opera*, in addition to *West Side Story* and *Grease*.

"They're tunes I like, frankly," Strain described the selection. *You're the One that I Want* from *Grease* is a recent addition to the line-up that includes a few serious, "heavy," pieces, Strain said.

"We needed something light, crazy and fun. And we've got audience involvement on one



John Martin



Craig Strain wrote the arrangements for the musical arrangements for The Broadway Project. The Farmington Hills resident also will play bass in the show and is producing it.

piece. I think people will have a ball."

Strain plans to distribute words to the chorus of *Seasons of Love* from *Rent*, the song that measures the year in "five hundred twenty-five thousand



Kim Lange will sing at The Broadway Project Sunday, Jan. 16, at Joy Manor in Westland.

six hundred minutes."

"We're going to stop the show and teach them and do it with them. We want to get them all singing."

He also wants audience members to feel as though they're in a Broadway club. The seating will be cabaret style, with food and a cash bar

available. A backdrop of a New York skyline and stage lighting will set the mood.

"Before we play a piece we'll tell the story of that particular scene," he said. Or they'll offer anecdotes and stories about the musical.

GILDA'S CLUB VOLUNTEER

Strain initially created the Broadway show for the monthly CoffeeHouse program at

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit in Royal Oak. He became active in the organization for individuals with cancer, their families and friends, through another musician who founded Gilda Singer's at the Club. Strain remained involved with the organization, even after his friend died.

"I've been on the board. I've played for dances and other activities. It's something I do

to help."

He played at the monthly coffeehouse during its open mic segment, but had never appeared there as a featured performer until about six months ago. He came up with the Broadway idea while thinking of ways to make the CoffeeHouse gig "special."

Strain wrote arrangements for the music, enlisted the help of musician friends and "packed the room" at the one-night performance.

"People kept saying, do it again. I decided to go commercial with it."

He added music and more instruments, fashioning it into a show that he hopes to perform several times a year in various locations. The upcoming performance will be video taped in high definition.

Strain will play in the orchestra that also will include Tracy Kash Thomas on flute, Victoria Halton on violin, Bud Zenzen on cello, Rick Davis on guitar, Bill Meyer on keyboard and Dan Maslanka on drums.

Kim Lang, who sings with Dr. Pocket, as well as in a church choir, and Michele Marszalkowski who has a master's degree in opera, but also sings "just about anything," according to Strain, will handle the alto and soprano parts. John Martin, a church choir director and member of Motor City Brass Band, and his son, Steve, will sing tenor and bass parts.

Tickets for the show are \$20, available by calling Strain at (586) 924-6866; Nancy at (248) 892-9971; Ed at (586) 263-5223 or Keith at (734) 812-1707. Doors will open at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Joy Manor is located at 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland; (734) 525-0960.

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All Directions Band kicks off Plymouth Arts Council's Saturday Night Series.

Plymouth Arts Council seeks performers

If you're a musician in need of a performance venue, check out Plymouth Arts Council's Saturday Night Music Series beginning next month.

Musicians who are interested in performing in the series pay a minimum \$100 facility fee to use the Council's 110-seat auditorium. Each participating performer or group will take responsibility for scheduling and presenting one or more Saturday night monthly concerts and creating a cohesive performance theme for that night. Performance themes might include a song writer's performance, folk music, jazz/R&B music, children's music, cappella singing, world music, chamber music or any other style. The concerts may include one or more music performers or music groups.

The series goal is to provide a venue for local musicians to present their music to the public, collaborate with other artists and build their audience base in the community.

Directions Band & Friends will kick off for this new program will be 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. Kimberly Dennis Ringer of Red Sky at Nite also will perform.

The All Directions Band was formed in 1976. It consists of Mike Ager on keyboards, Pat Sorise on drums, Kimberly Ringer on

vocals, Paul Bairley on bass and back in the area from his stint with the Jay Leno-Conan O'Brien Band, Eric Korte on saxophones. The band has played such local R&B and jazz landmarks as the Golden Falcon Jazz Lounge, Mr. Floods Party, the original "Blind Pig," The Del Rio, Union Street, The Delta Lady, The Intersection, The Traffic Jam, Woody's Inn, The Cross Street Station, Lizard's Underground and Dooley's. The group served as the "house band" for Detroit's Cobb's Corner Lounge in the late 1970s and hosted a Sunday evening "Jazz Jam" which featured some of the area's all time jazz and R&B greats. The band has backed up a wide spectrum of talent including The Drifters and The Diamonds singing groups as well as jazz legend Grady Tate. All Directions also has traveled extensively playing a variety of clubs and concert venues. It will play a variety of R&B, jazz originals and standards and classic Motown/soul music at the Saturday Night Music Series.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council, is located at 774 N. Sheldon, just south of M-14, in Plymouth.

For more information, or to participate in the program call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or e-mail to tamara@plymoutharts.com.

Learn stage basics at Westland theater

Inspire Theatre will offer new classes for different age and skill levels beginning Feb. 5.

Classes run 10 weeks and cost \$20 per session or \$150 if paid at registration. They include:

- Introduction to Theatre for Kids at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, will give students instruction in stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation. This class will conclude with a class project presentation.

- Theatre for the Advanced Beginner is at 11:15 p.m. Saturdays and is aimed at students who have taken Intro to Theatre. This course will build on the skills learned in the previous class. The first six weeks will focus on building characters, tapping into emotion, and "being real." During the last four weeks students will work on a class project, a collection of fairy tales told with a new twist.

- Theatre for Homeschoolers meets at 11 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. Students will learn many of the basics of the stage while having a lot of hands-on fun. They'll receive instruction in stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as impro-

visation. The class will conclude with a class project presentation.

- Introduction to Theatre for Adults meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Topics will include stage basics, stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation.

Class registration is from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 29 at Inspire Theatre, which rents space at the Warren Road Light & Life Church, located at 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Class size is limited to 15 students.

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and multiple original productions, most written by Inspire Theatre founder Len Fisher. Fisher, who majored in theatre at Youngstown State and holds a degree from North Central University, has been involved in theatre most of his adult life. He has acted, produced, written, and directed more than 50 productions and has directed children and adults both professionally and on the community level.

For more information contact Fisher at: inspire@inspiretheatre.com or (734) 751-7057.

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Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Steve White, through Jan. 15; Kurt Metzger, Jan. 19-22; John Roy, Jan. 26-29
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Tom Simmons, Jan. 13-15; Tom Segura, Jan. 20-22; Ken Rogerson, Jan. 27-29; Louis Ramey, Feb. 3-5
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
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Tuesday with Gifts or Creatures & The Photographers, Jan. 25; African Guitar Summit, Feb. 1; Frank Vignola with Viny Raniolo and Julien Labro, Feb. 2; Ann Doyle and Doug Howell, Feb. 3; Hoots & Hellmouth, Feb. 4; Yiddishe Cup, Feb. 5; Caravan of Thieves, Feb. 7; Kurt Eling, Feb. 8; The Wailers, Feb. 9; The Battlefield Band, Feb. 10; The Kruger Brothers, Feb. 11; Mustard's Retreat, Feb. 12; My Folky Valentine with Annie and Rod Capps and more, Feb. 13; Genticorum, Feb. 15; Buckwheat Zydeco, Feb. 16; The Good Lovelies, Feb. 18; Cheryl Wheeler, Feb. 20; Bobby Long, Feb. 21; Open Stage, Feb. 23; The Asylum Street Spankers, Feb. 24; BreakFest, Feb. 25; Susan Werner, Feb. 26; The Jeremy Kittel Band, Feb. 27; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Feb. 28
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Baseline Folk Society
Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month; next performance is Jan. 15
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. January's featured artists are Craig Porter and Friends. Hosted by Cliff Grupke. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts
Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmul-len@yahoo.com

Jazz @ The Elks
Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Next performance is Jan. 25 featuring Ron Kischuck on trombone, Sven Anderson on keyboard, Marion Hayden on string bass, and Judy Cochill on vocals. Hors d'oeuvres served
Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Livonia Symphony
Time/Date: 4 p.m., Jan. 29
Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: "Winter Reverie," featuring violinist Aaron Berofsky, with selections by Tchaikovsky and Darzins. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, 60 and over, and \$5 for students of all ages. Group rate is \$15 for 10 or more
Contact: (313) 538-2536

Music Hall
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 28
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
Details: The Latin Jazz All Stars; tickets \$30, \$40 and \$50
Contact: (313) 887-8500

Plymouth Symphony
Time/Date: 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16
Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Plymouth Symphony Chamber Concert, "Sunday Soiree," tickets \$25
Contact: (734) 451-2112 or www.plymouthsymphony.com

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Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through Jan. 29
Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between east-bound and westbound 5 Mile intersections

Details: "Time Tells All" holiday-season art exhibition, a multi-artist retrospective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29, 2011; free
Contact: (734) 420-0775 or visit www.artandideasgallery.com

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Jan. 29
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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: The Red Sea Pedestrians, Jan. 13; The Yellow Room Gang, Jan. 14; The RFD Boys, Jan. 15; BeauSoleil Avec Michael Doucet, Jan. 16; Clay Cook vs. Levi Lowrey, Jan. 17; Bitch/Ferron, Jan. 18; Open Stage, Jan. 19; Jake Armerding & Rachael Davis, Jan. 20; The Ragbirds, Jan. 21; Leon Redbone, Jan. 22; Nellie McKay, Jan. 23; Thanks for the Joy featuring Ruthie Foster and Eric Bibb, Jan. 24; Take a Chance



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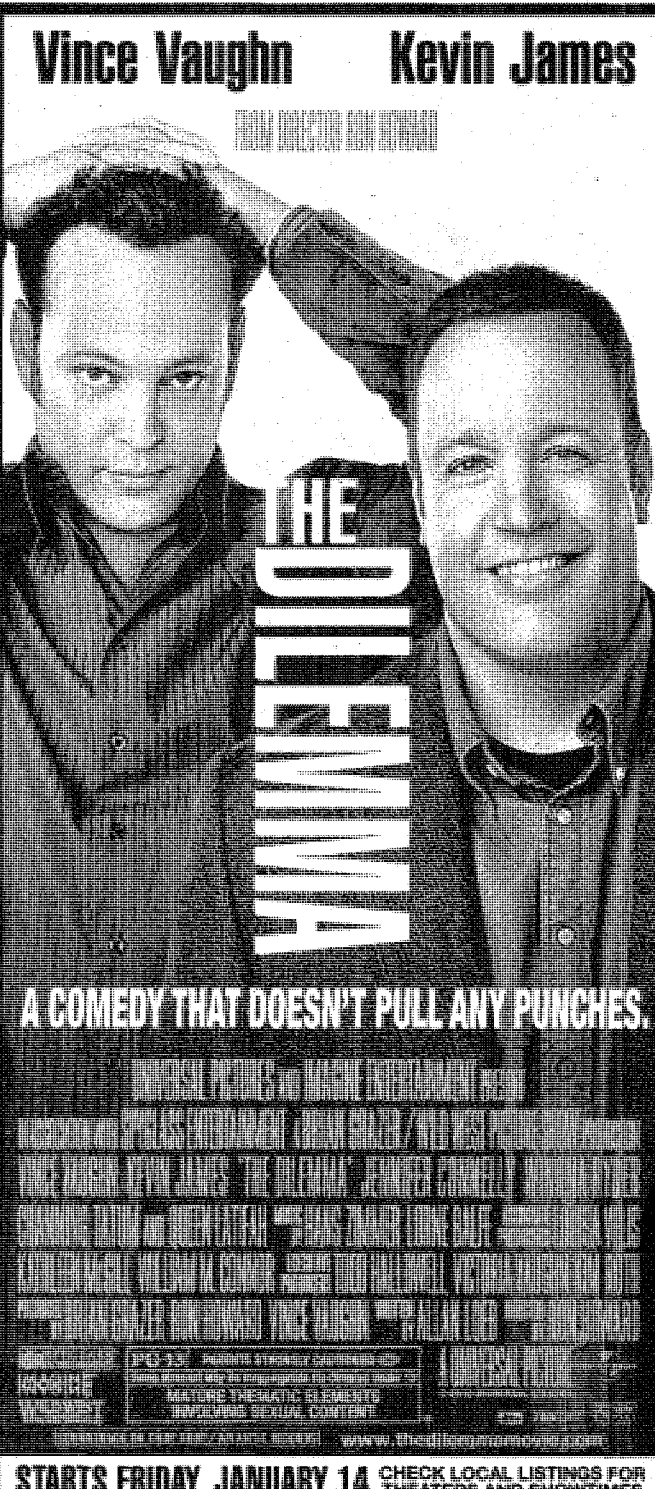



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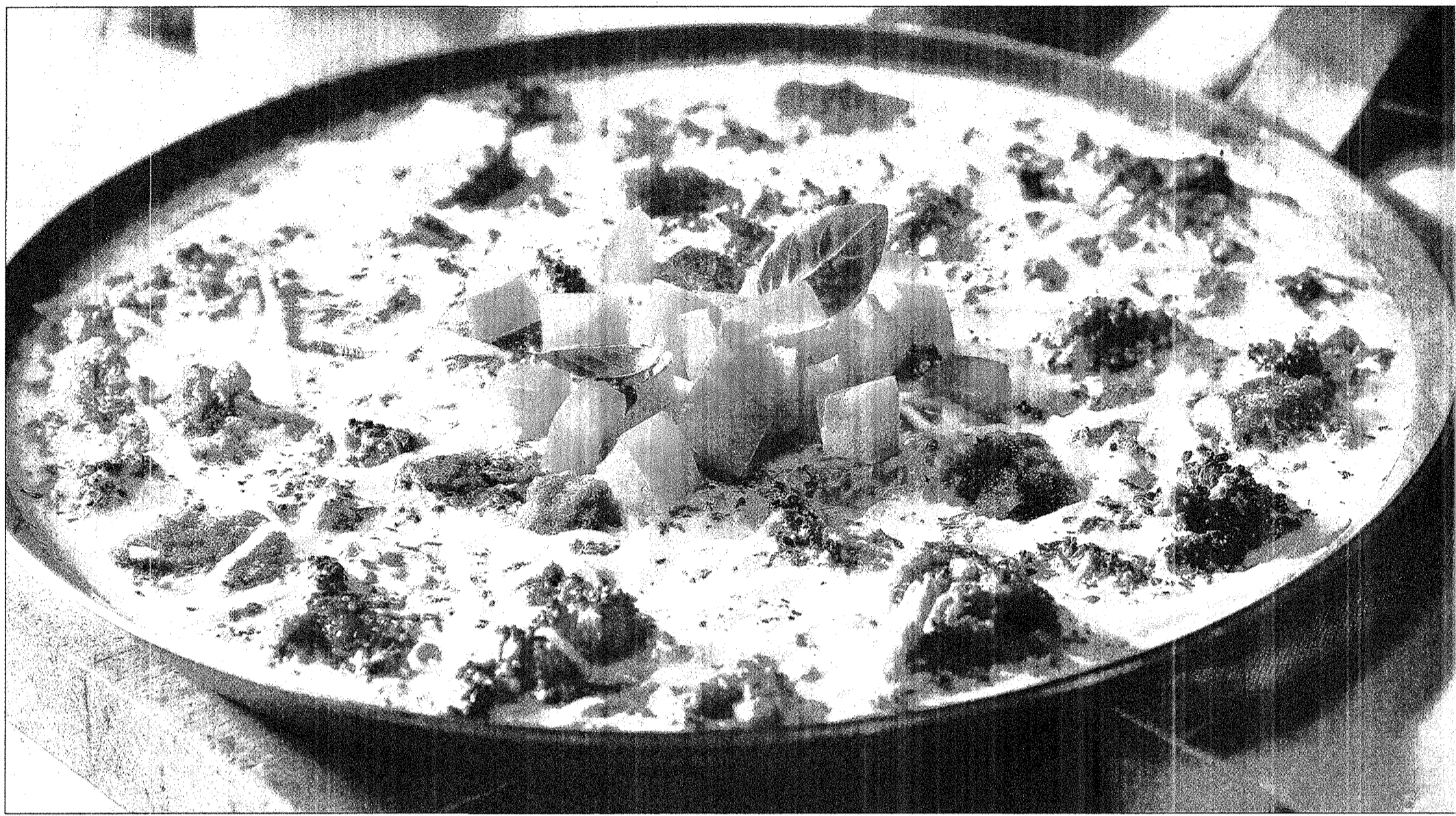
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Baked Asiago Frittata

Breakfast just got better

Most people are familiar with the saying "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." However, many may not realize that what they choose to eat for breakfast is just as important as eating the meal itself. Now, breakfast lovers and skeptics alike can be good to themselves by eating a satisfying breakfast that's full of the flavors they love.

This Baked Asiago Frittata is a delicious combination of eggs, broccoli, tomatoes, onions, Italian seasonings, cheese and sausage patties. These veggie sausage patties contain 76 percent less fat than traditional pre-cooked pork sausage patties.* Try using egg substitute as a way to further reduce the fat and cholesterol. Spicy Southwest Breakfast Omelet Egg Rolls are a great way to wake up those taste buds, while MorningStar Farms Eggs Benedict puts a meatless spin on a familiar favorite.

For more recipes and convenient food ideas, visit www.MorningStarFarms.com.

*Pre-cooked pork sausage patties contain 13g total fat per serving (38g); MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties contain 3g total fat per serving (38g).

BAKED ASIAGO FRITTATA

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

- 2 cups finely chopped broccoli
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties
- 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves or dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 8 eggs, beaten*
- 1/2 cup (1 ounce) finely shredded Asiago cheese or Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped tomato

1. In 10-inch oven-safe nonstick skillet coated with nonstick spray, cook and stir broccoli, onions and garlic over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Remove from heat.

2. Stir crumbled veggie sausage patties, basil, salt and pepper into vegetable mixture. Pour eggs over top.

3. Bake, uncovered, at 350°F for 15 to 19 minutes or until set. Sprinkle with cheese. Let stand, covered, for 2 minutes. Sprinkle with tomato. Cut into wedges.

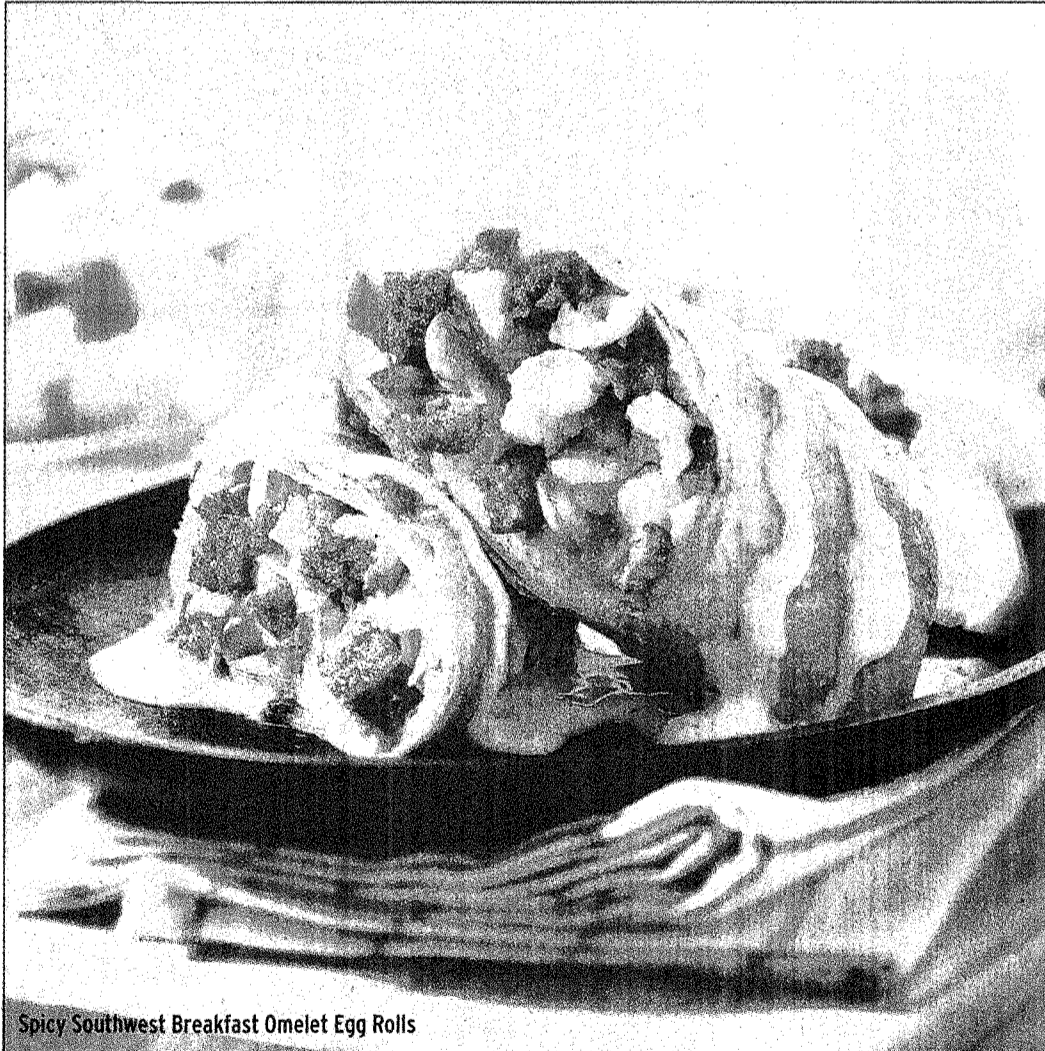
*Note: For a lower fat version, substitute 2 cups refrigerated egg substitute for the 8 eggs.

SPICY SOUTHWEST BREAKFAST OMELET EGG ROLLS

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

- 6 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup milk



Spicy Southwest Breakfast Omelet Egg Rolls

- 2 teaspoons salt-free Southwest or Mexican seasoning
- 2 MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper, green bell pepper or combination
- 2 green onions, bias-cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 4 10-inch flour tortillas
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese or Monterey Jack cheese (1-ounce)
- Jalapeño-White Cheddar Country Gravy or salsa

1. In medium bowl, beat together eggs, milk and seasoning. Set aside.

2. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook and stir crumbled veggie sausage patties, mushrooms, bell pepper and onions in 2 teaspoons of the vegetable oil for 2 to 3 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

3. Pour egg mixture over vegetable mixture in hot skillet. Cook over medium heat, without stirring, until mixture begins to set on the bottom and around edge. Using spatula, gently lift and stir partially cooked eggs so uncooked portions flow underneath. Continue cooking and lifting over

medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until eggs are cooked through, but still glossy and moist. Remove from heat.

4. Spoon about 1/4 cup of vegetable mixture onto each tortilla just below center. Sprinkle with cheese. Fold bottom edge of each tortilla over up and over filling. Fold in sides. Roll up from the bottom, completely enclosing filling. Secure with wooden toothpicks.

5. Carefully wipe skillet out with paper towel. Brush with remaining 4 teaspoons oil. Add filled tortillas. Cook over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes or until golden brown, turning once.

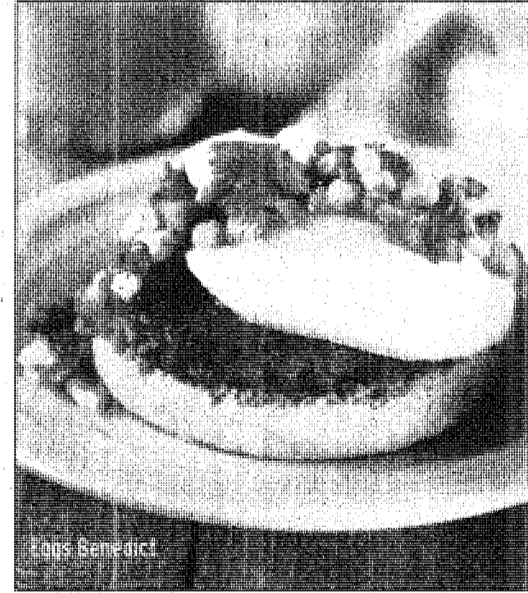
6. Remove toothpicks. Diagonally cut each into halves. Serve with Jalapeño-White Cheddar Country Gravy or salsa.

EGGS BENEDICT

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Total Time: 25 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic



Eggs Benedict

- 1/2 cup roasted red peppers
- 1/2 cup frozen roasted corn kernels, thawed, or frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 2 tablespoons vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon grated lime peel
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties
- 4 eggs
- 2 whole wheat English muffins
- 2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream

1. In large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray, cook onion over medium-low heat for 3 to 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in horseradish and garlic. Cook and stir for 30 seconds more. Add red peppers, corn, broth, cilantro, lime peel, 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper. Increase heat to medium. Cook and stir until heated through and most of liquid evaporates. Transfer to bowl. Cover to keep warm. Set aside.

2. Wipe skillet out with paper towels. Pour water into skillet until it is two-thirds full (about 1 1/2 inches). Stir in vinegar and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to boiling.

3. Meanwhile, prepare veggie sausage patties according to package directions. Set aside.

4. Reduce heat under water mixture. Break one egg into measuring cup. Holding cup near water, carefully slide egg into simmering water. Repeat with remaining eggs, allowing space in skillet between eggs. Simmer, uncovered, for 3 to 5 minutes or until whites and yolks are firm. Remove eggs with slotted spoon.

5. Top muffin halves with sausage patties, eggs and red pepper mixture. Spoon sour cream on top.

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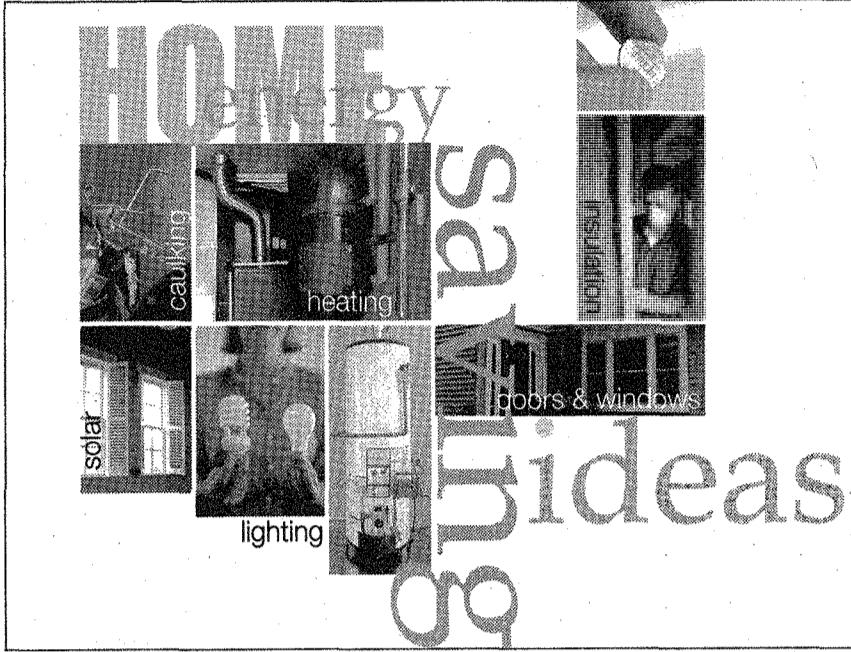
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Energy-saving tips we can all use at home

We all want to save money around the house. Saving money at home can be done in many ways, however, sometimes some of the smaller things that can really make a difference are overlooked. Komo News gives five tips that are guaranteed to help you save money around the house, as found on the website of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan:

- 1.) **Twin draft guards:** These are double sided insulation devices that slide under the door to eliminate cold or warm air drafts from the underside of the door.
 - 2.) **Programmable thermostats:** It's energy wasted when no one is home, so why not set the thermostat to turn off when you leave and turn on 15 min before you get home.
 - 3.) **Turn down the water heater:** If you're going on vacation you should turn your water heater to low. It's amazing how much energy goes into heating water and its a definite waste if no one is going to use it for a while.
 - 4.) **Low flow shower heads:** Older shower head guzzle out unnecessary amounts of water, while a low flow shower head will give you the right amount of pressure without wasting all of that water.
 - 5.) **Toiletry products:** Use only the amount of toiletry products needed to do the job. Common examples of wastefulness are exaggerated amounts of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and toilet paper.
- In a typical home, heating and cooling account for more than half of the home's energy use, making it the largest energy expense for most households. Today's high efficiency furnaces operate more efficiently while using less energy than older equipment.
- These home heating tips come from the website of DTE Energy.
- If your heating equipment is more than 12 years old, consider replacing it — before it breaks down — to save money on utility bills, allow time for price research, and ensure your family's comfort.
- Save money on the purchase price of your new furnace by taking advantage of promotional rebates offered by equipment manufacturers. In addition, many high-efficiency heating systems may also qualify for a Federal tax credit of up to 30 percent of the purchase price for the equipment, up



to a maximum credit of \$1,500. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov.

When replacing your heating system, you'll save money and benefit when you:

- Always select ENERGY STAR qualified equipment. Although upfront costs can be higher, the long-term savings difference is regained with lower energy usage. ENERGY STAR furnaces are the most efficient models on the market.
- The EnergyGuide label with a high AFUE rating. The Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency, or AFUE, rating measures the overall energy performance of a furnace or boiler. An AFUE of 95 percent means that 95 percent of your energy dollar becomes heat for your home and the remaining 5 percent escapes up the chimney and elsewhere. The higher the AFUE, the more heat you get for your energy dollar.
- Install a programmable thermostat. You can save energy heating your home by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours or more. A programmable thermostat automatically sets the temperature according to a pre-set schedule. When shopping for a programmable thermostat, look for the ENERGY STAR label and select a model that offers a manual override option that allows you to adjust the settings without affecting the

rest of the pre-set programming.

- A high efficiency gas furnace with an Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM). Furnaces with an ECM motor use less electricity because it adjusts its speed to ensure optimal airflow at all times. Traditional furnace motors run at only one speed — high.
- Purchase high efficiency. Purchase the highest efficiency furnace that you can afford. For optimum savings, select a model with an AFUE rating of 95 percent or higher.
- Size it right. Purchase the proper size furnace for your home. An undersized furnace will not heat your home properly, and an oversized furnace will cost more to purchase and to operate. Check with your contractor to find the right size furnace for your home. Don't assume the new unit should be exactly the same as your existing unit.
- Proper installation is critical. Improper installation can lower efficiency by up to 30 percent, increase utility bills and possibly reduce the life of the equipment.

A well-maintained heating system will run more efficiently and help to reduce your energy use. To keep your heating system in proper working condition, consider having your furnace inspected annually,

ideally before the heating season begins. Call a local contractor to schedule an inspection in late summer or early fall.

If you have a forced air heating system, here are some tasks you may be able to perform yourself.

- Follow manufacturers' guidelines. For peak energy performance, always operate and maintain your heating system according to manufacturers' guidelines.
- Clean or replace the air filter regularly. Filters reduce the amount of dust and dirt that flow through your ductwork and into your home.
- Check your furnace for dust and lint. Remove the dust and lint from the burner compartment at least once a year.
- Check the chimney for obstructions. Make sure your chimney is not blocked by debris such as bird nests, leaves, loose mortar or dirt.
- Inspect flue pipes. Also inspect the flue pipes from the heating system and water heater to make sure they are free of rust and are tightly sealed.
- Check your ductwork. Check for air leaks, especially at joints. Seal off air leaks with foil faced tape rather than duct tape. Use less energy and save money heating your home by following these tips:
- Enroll in BudgetWise Billing and spread your heating payments equally over the entire year.
- Dial down your thermostat — for each degree you set your thermostat below 72°F reduces your heating costs by approximately 3 percent. Dress appropriately for the weather and on cold winter nights, put an extra blanket on the bed and lower your thermostat another degree or two to save even more.
- Check heat vents and registers to ensure drapes and furniture do not block airflow.
- Use insulated drapes or other window coverings to help reduce drafts and keep the warm air inside.
- Minimize the number of times that doors to the outside are opened and closed. Every time an outside door opens, warm air rushes out and cold air moves in.
- Use ceiling fans set at a slow speed with the blades counter-clockwise (upward) to push warm air away from the ceiling and move it around the room without creating a chilly breeze.

Court upholds tenancy issue

Q: I read about a case where a man and woman had property granted to them as husband and wife, as joint tenants. However, the marriage was deemed invalid and I am wondering whether or not the so-called surviving spouse has a right to the property.

A: In a recent case out of Nebraska based on similar facts, the appellate court held that the language of the deed clearly expressed the intent of the parties to own the real property together with a right of survivorship. The court reasoned that the fact that they were not legally married did not obscure their true intention to grant to themselves a joint tenancy for the surviving person to become the owner of the property. Of course, that is not a Michigan case and you are best advised to consult with an attorney concerning the likely result in your state.

Q: A member in our condominium has a hearing disability which keeps her from communicating effectively during association meetings. She indicates that she needs a sign language interpreter or Computer Aided Realtime Translation (CART), but the board, so far, has indicated that she should be able to participate in certain activities with no accommodation and others with the assistance of an amplification system that the association has purchased for her benefit. What do you think we should do?

A: First, you should consult with your attorney regarding this potentially dangerous issue with respect to liability for the association. In a similar case out of Colorado, on similar facts, the court found that there was sufficient evidence to create genuine dispute as to whether the sign language interpreter or CART is necessary for the member to communicate effectively at meetings. In that case, the association had offered recorded minutes from a monthly board meeting where the member, without the benefit of a sign language interpreter or CART, was able to convey her concerns relating to smoke detectors. As to her ability to understand the information, the association provided a doctor's report that stated that a portable sound system, used in conjunction with the member's hearing aids, would be sufficient to allow her to hear lectures and other speaking events approximately as well as the nonhearing disabled individual does in a one on one situation. We will see what the results are.

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Canton	
43607 Abbey Woods Ct	\$250,000
1778 Aberdeen St	\$151,000
46056 Bartlett Dr	\$135,000
1631 Bayberry Park Cir	\$165,000
411 Belvedere Ct N	\$322,000
50594 Coolidge St	\$235,000
2051 Fairway Cir	\$135,000
47064 Ford Rd	\$152,000
45469 Indian Creek Dr	\$213,000

Garden City	
28608 Cambridge St	\$40,000
28824 Elmwood St	\$53,000
30937 Florence St	\$72,000
28481 Kathryn St	\$83,000
33532 Leona St	\$59,000

Livonia	
9925 Adams St	\$105,000
15017 Fairway St	\$130,000
19769 Gary Ln	\$252,000
9435 Gallman St	\$80,000
38631 Grandson St	\$129,000
35019 Grove Dr	\$149,000

Northville	
16612 Brooklane Blvd	\$525,000
19581 Cardene Way	\$188,000
16387 Forest Lake Dr	\$220,000
41280 Knightsford Rd	\$256,000
17107 Maple Hill Dr	\$278,000
16509 Mulberry Way	\$280,000
49711 Parkside Dr	\$316,000
49160 Ridge Ct	\$140,000
16185 Tiverton Ct	\$255,000
16940 Warwick Ct	\$375,000
17767 Willowflower Dr	\$460,000
20630 Woodcreek Blvd	\$297,000

Plymouth	
260 Burroughs St	\$155,000
48624 Chambray Ct	\$312,000
12855 Hidden Creek Dr	\$315,000
9320 Ivanhoe Dr	\$254,000
44448 Marc Trl	\$140,000
11424 Parkview Dr	\$200,000
954 Penniman Ave	\$525,000
660 Ross St	\$170,000
14175 Terrace Ct	\$142,000

Redford	
9171 Beech Daly Rd	\$48,000
16645 Brady	\$15,000
25594 Deborah	\$77,000
26921 Dover	\$78,000
18828 Garfield	\$53,000
15644 Gaylord	\$65,000
13201 Nathalie	\$80,000
17350 Olympia	\$46,000
18455 Poinciana	\$51,000

Westland	
10019 San Jose	\$58,000
9527 Tecumseh	\$45,000
32728 Ann Arbor Trl	\$155,000
32754 Benson Dr	\$10,000
34021 Cambria Ct	\$8,000
38531 Canyon Dr	\$80,000
34123 Caspian Dr	\$30,000
32887 Chapman Cir	\$112,000
35522 Dove Trl	\$66,000
8459 Haller St	\$112,000
30832 Hively St	\$55,000
32511 Luce St	\$10,000
7431 N Farmington Rd	\$155,000
38308 N Rickham Ct	\$76,000
2332 S Brandon St	\$70,000
1686 S Newburgh Rd	\$50,000
1403 Springer St	\$97,000

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Canton	
41435 Copper Creek Dr	\$120,000
1756 Crestview Dr	\$195,000
45669 Drexel Rd	\$230,000
44397 Fair Oaks Dr	\$155,000
45420 Glangarry Blvd	\$295,000
1478 Hereford	\$225,000
46039 Larchmont Dr	\$260,000

Garden City	
49332 Lincolnshire Ct	\$325,000
1789 Morrison Blvd	\$135,000
42270 Oakland Dr	\$223,000
43470 Proctor Rd	\$158,000
1457 Ranier Blvd	\$142,000
43615 Simsbury St	\$155,000
43539 W Arbor Way Dr	\$46,000
42600 White Hart Blvd	\$275,000

Livonia	
32629 Marquette St	\$70,000
39193 Dover St	\$143,000
37450 Eagle Dr	\$190,000
28710 Five Mile Rd	\$400,000
36223 Ladywood St	\$185,000
19957 Lathers St	\$100,000
29083 Lori St	\$112,000
29114 Lori St	\$91,000

Northville	
40040 Bexley Way	\$490,000
44417 Birchwood Ct	\$335,000
44730 Broadmoor Cir N	\$449,000
19825 Cambridge Ct	\$342,000
18504 Clairmont Cir E	\$440,000
44063 Deep Hollow Cir	\$530,000
39561 Dun Roast Dr	\$248,000
50496 Eagles Nest Dr	\$510,000
15915 Morningside	\$115,000
16539 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
15714 Robinwood Dr	\$240,000

Plymouth	
49608 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$445,000
19130 Windridge Dr	\$275,000
11265 Bellwood Dr	\$327,000
48121 Colony Farms Cir	\$156,000
49987 Cooke Ave	\$403,000
500 Ford St	\$35,000
41033 Greenbriar Ln	\$165,000
10570 Jo Ann Ln	\$303,000
9318 Marilyn Ave	\$173,000
47043 Marisa Ct	\$385,000
271 Pinewood Cir	\$41,000
45206 Riveredge Dr	\$276,000
46608 Southview Ln	\$469,000
9493 Southworth Ave	\$157,000
1381 Woodland Pl	\$490,000

Redford	
19949 Denby	\$35,000

Westland	
9598 Mercedes	\$35,000
24864 Midland	\$22,000
18720 Poinciana	\$62,000
26059 Southwestern Hwy	\$22,000
17301 Summer	\$70,000

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Beverly Hills	
16017 Birchwood Ave	\$195,000
20025 Carriage Ln	\$210,000

Birmingham	
1427 Fairfax St	\$425,000
2148 Pembroke Rd	\$155,000
662 Purdy St	\$150,000
579 Wallace St	\$225,000

Bloomfield Hills	
654 Rudgate Rd	\$462,000

Bloomfield Township	
828 Ardmoor Dr	\$730,000
2653 Berry Dr	\$115,000
1391 Cedar Dr	\$310,000
161 Dourdan	\$625,000
485 Fox Hills Dr N	\$57,000
579 Fox Hills Dr N	\$65,000
468 Fox Hills Dr S	\$33,000
3840 Lakecrest Dr	\$265,000
1961 Lakewood Dr	\$95,000
3635 Lombardi Ct	\$950,000
1039 N Cranbrook Rd	\$565,000
1886 Pine Ridge Ln	\$260,000
1411 W Long Lake Rd	\$214,000
4558 Wabeek Forest Dr	\$412,000
4566 Walden Dr	\$276,000
1286 Winchcombe Dr	\$117,000

Commerce Township	
1765 Fenwick Dr	\$316,000
1656 Huron Springs Ln	\$287,000
8385 Tamarron Dr	\$291,000

Farmington	
33617 State St	\$130,000
23617 Warner St	\$154,000

Farmington Hills	
36917 Aldgate Ct	\$298,000
29975 Barwell Rd	\$180,000
36860 Elia Ct	\$258,000
30170 Fiddlers Grn	\$185,000
30219 Fink Ave	\$85,000
28155 Greening St	\$192,000
28400 Hawberry Rd	\$189,000
32162 Hearstone Rd	\$169,000
30779 Knighton Dr	\$255,000
24565 Orchard Lake Rd	\$110,000
30273 Shiawasse Rd	\$118,000
30709 Shiawasse Rd	\$140,000
28084 Thorny Brae Ct	\$198,000
24704 Toddly Ln	\$198,000

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Birmingham	
1592 Buckingham Ave	\$411,000
2497 Devon Ln	\$160,000
883 Emmons Ave	\$380,000
1880 Fairview St	\$240,000
446 George St	\$205,000
754 Graefield Ct	\$56,000
1291 Humphrey Ave	\$177,000
1061 Lakeside Dr	\$470,000

Bloomfield Hills	
1045 N Old Woodward Ave	\$100,000
665 Pleasant St	\$860,000
1387 Smith Ave	\$283,000

Bloomfield Township	
4771 Crestview Ct	\$325,000
3988 Far Hill Dr	\$191,000
2853 Hunters Way	\$350,000
1349 Juniper Ln	\$359,000
1362 Juniper Ln	\$860,000
490 Newburne Pointe	\$157,000
5875 Pentland Rd	\$235,000
2776 Warwick Dr	\$180,000
2849 Whittier Dr	\$500,000
2522 Whitbrook Run	\$225,000

Farmington Hills	
31174 Bycroft St	\$97,000
36816 Chesapeake Rd	\$240,000
35630 E Lyman Rd	\$165,000
30040 Lochmoor St	\$135,000
35273 Quaker Way	\$207,000
30727 Shiawasse Rd	\$33,000
21634 Wheeler St	\$34,000

Lathrup Village	
17311 Margate Ave	\$82,000

Lathrup Village	
575 Heritage Dr	\$257,000
1056 S Main St	\$145,000

Milford	
517 Florence Ct	\$260,000
659 Heritage Dr	\$220,000
523 Olivia Dr	\$281,000
1830 Pinewood	\$203,000

Novi	
43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$108,000
22079 Barclay Ct	\$429,000
41960 Borchard Dr	\$267,000
28254 Carlton Way Dr	\$112,000
24376 Cavendish Ave W	\$367,000
24327 Cavendish Ct	\$447,000
4144 Clinton Dr	\$109,000
41543 Cornell Dr	\$105,000
21977 Fieldstone Dr	\$233,000
41574 Hamlet Ln	\$112,000
45535 Irvine Dr	\$325,000
22060 Perth Ct	\$325,000
24730 Sarah Flynn	\$200,000
41649 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$159,000
49720 Timber Trl	\$640,000

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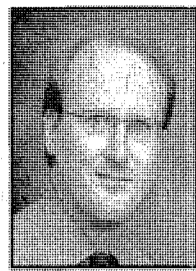
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By Dale Buss

Don't look now, but U.S. automakers may be counting on a stronger-than-expected finish to 2010 to launch a stronger-than-hoped-for beginning to the new year.

Industry-wide U.S. sales reached about 11.5 million units, up 11 percent from 2009 sales of about 10.4 million units.

That final tally was about what auto executives were predicting throughout 2010. But their confidence grew during a particularly robust fourth quarter, when the seasonally adjusted annual sales rate (SAAR) actually exceeded 12 million units in each month.

This means that the American auto market finished on its strongest sustained note of the year and, in their view, presaged continued increases in the first quarter of 2011 and for the rest of the new year, according to Edmunds.com.

"Ninety days ago, the industry pace was moving at a very modest rate," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis. "Asked to comment then, we said it would be appropriate to assume another modest increase for the fourth quarter, in line with the increase in previous quarters. Nnnnh - the SAAR went up a

million units."

By contrast, Pipas said, increases in the SAAR for the previous quarters of 2010 were only about 200,000 to 300,000 units for each period. The bottom line was that fourth-quarter sales indicated a huge pickup in demand beyond the trend lines observed earlier in the year.

Overall, the double-digit sales increase for 2010 was the result of several positive factors: a slowly firming general recovery in the U.S. economy; the return to viability of General Motors and Chrysler; strong and steady increases in demand especially for pickup trucks and SUVs; improved commercial-fleet sales; and strong new-product offerings across the board that made available an array of vehicles with much better fuel economy, quality and affordability than even just a couple of years ago.

Incentive spending that at times was aggressive and at other times judicious also boosted 2010 results.

The question now, of course, is whether the industry can maintain and build significantly on the solid performance of the fourth quarter. The consensus forecast for 2011 sales began this year at 12.5 million to 13 million units, which would comprise another increase of



The Ford Fusion was a strong seller in a great 2010 for the company.

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around 10 percent or so from 2010.

Don Johnson, General Motors' vice president of U.S. sales operations, said that the company's "outlook is quite optimistic." In fact, at 13 million to 13.5 million units, GM's prediction of full-year 2011 sales is on the very high end of industry forecasts.

Industry executives and economists cited several major reasons for their belief that the general economy and specific industry dynamics would support even further growth in 2011.

They included recent improvements in U.S. unemployment claims, manufacturing activity, capital-goods orders, Christmas-holiday sales, bank-credit availability and pending home sales. The tax package just passed by Congress also could boost growth, especially in the auto industry, because it includes new incentives for capital-equipment spending, including new vehicles, said Ellen Hughes-Cromwick, Ford's chief economist.

"Even the strength in auto sales last month is a good leading indicator for the economy," she said.

Several executives also cited optimistically the manifestation of

more of the "pent-up demand" among American consumers that they have been touting for several months now. The average age of autos on U.S. roads is now more than 10 years, the highest number in 13 years, meaning that replacement will be more necessary. And the Generation Y population - the biggest demographic cohort since the baby boomers -- is just entering its family-formation years.

However, the industry's immediate good cheer must be tempered somewhat by at least a few persistent realities.

For one thing, the improvement in 2010 performance came off an extremely low nadir - the worst collapse of the American market since the Great Depression.

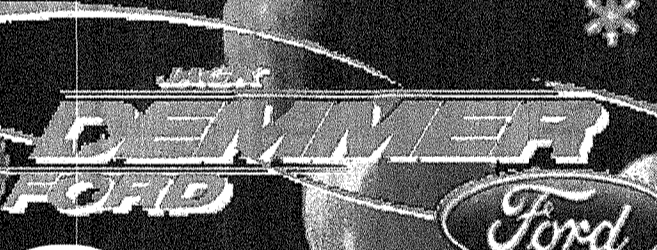
Through the mid-part of the last decade, many in the business came to consider 16-million-unit years a sort of normality.

"The only caveat," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com, "is that 2010 was the second-lowest sales year we've seen since the early Eighties. It's encouraging news, but we have to ground ourselves in the reality of what was considered normal before the downturn."

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