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IN BRIEF

In Washington

Westland Mayor William Wild has a date with President Barack Obama.

Wild, who is in Washington, D.C., for the 79th Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, has been asked to participate in a meeting with the president and HUD Secretary Shawn Donovan at the White House tomorrow (Jan. 21).

"The mayors have been asked to update the president of the status of Main Street as the economy begins to show signs of recovery," Wild said. "The mayors plan to use this opportunity to urge the president to fully fund the popular Community Development and Block Grant Program and to continue the successful Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. They will promote both programs as effective conduits for job creation and preservation."

Wild added that the mayors will use the visit to push for increased local transportation investments and help in reducing unfunded federal mandates and preemptions.

This is the second time Wild has met with the president. He was among a delegation to talk about the ripple effects of the Wall Street bailouts on residents of Main Street America.

"President Obama promised that the mayors and cities would have a friend in the White House and these types of information gathering meetings have delivered on that promise," Wild said.

Much of the discussion during the three-day conference will center on addressing joblessness in the nation's cities and promotion of successful job creation initiatives, Wild added.

Highlighting the meeting will be the presentation of a distinguished Public Service Award to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley for his 22 years of service as mayor as well as an event at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, hosted by Caroline Kennedy, to honor the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy and his national call to service.

License plate show

Anyone who owns or leases a vehicle has one — a license plate.

And that's what will be filling the tables at an annual meet planned for Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Romanowski VFW Post in Westland.

"Once it comes off of your car it is a collectible," said Scott Olson, the post's junior vice commander, who conducts the annual license plate meet.

The hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$5. Tables also are available for \$5 each.

For more information, call Olson at (734) 421-1599 or visit the post website at www.vfw6896.com/meet.

The Romanowski Post is located at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland.

Nonviolence, respect ...



Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon was the special guest speaker at Westland's Martin Luther King Day ceremony Monday.

Westland celebrates Martin Luther King's legacy

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nonviolence and respect for the freedom to disagree found particular resonance at Westland's 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. ceremonies Monday morning.

Mentioning the recent shooting incident in Arizona, Westland Mayor William Wild opened the program by talking about King's commitment to nonviolence and that people, all created equally, are permitted to hold different views.

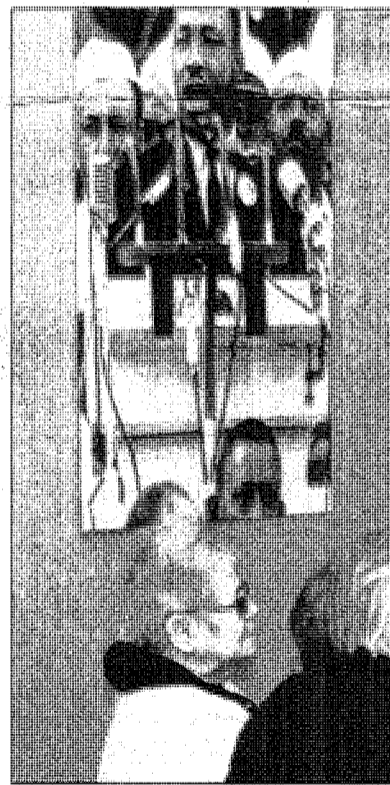
"You can go to different churches or not go at all. Dr. King believed an injury to one is an injury to all," said Wild. "We're here to celebrate Martin Luther King but also what makes

us the same — we're all Americans — and what makes us different — color, religion and beliefs."

Also mentioning the lack of civility in politics and other areas of life, Westland Council President James Godbout called on people to celebrate the love, forgiveness and nonviolence that ennobled King's spirit.

A special guest speaker at the program held at the Friendship Center was Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon who began by questioning his ability to limit his comments to the requested five minutes, noting his father was a Baptist preacher and he is an attorney.

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Sitting below a photograph of Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Disbrow listens to speakers at the Westland Friendship Center Monday.

Two men charged in theft of \$81,000 worth of shelving

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two men have been arrested for stealing metal automotive parts shelving valued at \$81,000 from a Westland business.

Robert Dean Hill, 43, of Milford and Christopher Joseph Mowinski, 21, of Taylor have been charged with the Jan. 8-9 thefts from Ceva Logistics, 1615 S. Newburgh.

Westland police had posted an alert about the stolen shelves, used to hold auto parts to the Ford Motor Co., on the Scrap Theft Alert website. The business owner had also contacted area scrap metal businesses and located the stolen shelving at H and H Metals in Inkster, said Westland police Lt. Michael Match.

"We were able to track down

the truck driver and then through our investigation, identify the second suspect," said Match.

The 60 metal racks were inside three separate trailers, Match said, which were driven to a warehouse in Taylor rented by Mowinski, who operates a trucking logistics business.

"They off-loaded each trailer in Taylor and returned it empty. Then they loaded the racks into their own trailer and brought them to the scrap yard," said Match.

Two trailer loads of the shelves, weighing about 15,530 pound per trailer, had been sold to the scrap yard when police and the victim arrived.

"When the third trailer (of shelves) came in, we arrested Hill," said Match, adding officers confiscated a handgun from

Hill, who is a convicted felon. Although the metal racks had been valued at \$81,000, Match said the scrap yard was paying \$6,000 or \$2,000 per trailer for the stolen items.

Mowinski has been arraigned on a single charge of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$20,000 or more. He was released on \$5,000/10 per cent bond.

Hill is facing six felony counts, including a charge of being a fourth-degree habitual offender. Being held in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond, Hill is charged with larceny over \$20,000, receiving and concealing stolen property, carrying a concealed weapon, being a felon in possession of a firearm and felony firearm.

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Council taps Observer as official city newspaper

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Westland Observer will continue to public Westland's legal notices and serve as the city's official newspaper.

On Monday, council rejected the low bid of \$4.25 per column inch from Associated Newspapers, which publishes the Eagle newspaper, before accepting a \$4.75 per inch bid from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

City administration, including Mayor William Wild, had recommended the low for a 10-percent savings over the current advertising rate.

Representatives from both publications spoke at the council meeting before the vote was taken. Cathy White, Westland/Garden City Observer advertising representative, noted that with an 8,370 circulation, the Observer per household cost is 57 cents compared to \$5.31 per household for the Eagle, which has an unaudited circulation of 800 for a publication serving several communities.

"The intent of the legal advertising is to inform the public. You need to reach a critical mass of the public," White said. "Our cost is 9 or 10 percent higher in the cost for the ad, but the cost to reach each household by the other paper is 90 percent higher."

Associated Newspapers President David Willett noted that his company had promised to have all the city's legal notices posted

online as well as in the print product.

"We're the low bid. We are well aware of all the challenges the council is facing to keep costs down — we've had to cut our costs," Willett said.

Gannett Co., which owns the Detroit Free Press and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, also controls the Detroit News and had worked hard to create a monopoly, Willett said.

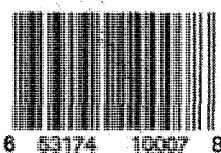
The motion to accept the low bid failed on a split vote, with support from council President James Godbout, Councilman Bill Johnson and Councilwoman Meriem Kadi. A second motion to designate the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as Westland's official newspaper was unanimously approved.

"I want to make a comment. I took (controller) Bill Gabriel to task in recommending just the low bid and not looking at all of the factors," Godbout said. "It was obviously the easy way from the administration's standpoint. They did not weigh the other factors that need to come into play. I expressed my displeasure that."

Those comments were echoed by Councilman Michael Kehrer, who said that he was surprised the recommendation was based only on the lowest bid.

"At this rate, someone could be doing desktop publishing — they could do it (the legal advertising) and say they will post it online," Kehrer said.

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Leading the John Glen High School JROTC are Angela Sagert and Jeremy Sparkman. The group handled the flag ceremony at Westland's 13th annual Martin Luther King Day ceremony.

MLK
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ADVANCES

Contrasting statistics from 1971 — three years after King's assassination — and today, Napoleon found areas of great progress, such as the record number of African Americans holding elected office across the nation and the high number of African American chief executives officers at corporations.

Conversely, Napoleon cited the lower numbers of black males who complete high school compared to their white counterparts and the high rate of incarceration of African American males. He also noted that African Americans are disproportionately affected by diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, hypertension, and infant mortality rates rivaling a Third World nation.

"I believe that if Dr. King were here today, he would say that he still believes in this great country. Progress has been made but there is still work to be done," Napoleon said.

Among the issues King would likely address, he said, would be severe poverty in urban areas like Detroit, New York City and Chicago, the needs of still hurricane-ravaged New Orleans and international issues like workers fighting for justice.

"He would say that the people in the Sudan and Darfur are people worth feeding," said Napoleon.

An historical perspective on civil rights was provided by Mack Mayfield, a Westland Department of Public Services retiree and former president of the Annapolis Park Subdivision Association.

Born in Ruston, La., in 1927, Mayfield recounted growing up in the segregated South where most of the African American men in his small town worked for the lumber mill or were sharecroppers, the women worked as domestics. The housing available to blacks was substandard; blacks had separate water fountains and had to sit in the balcony at the local movie theaters, he said.

"As a young boy, I dreamed of getting away to a distant land," said Mayfield, whose chance came after World War II had begun and his brother, working for Ford Motor Co. in Detroit, sent him a ticket to come north for the summer.

Quickly finding a job, Mayfield worked in Detroit until it was time to return to school in Louisiana.

"I knew I couldn't live there," said Mayfield, who lied about his age at 17 and joined the Army.

After his military service, Mayfield returned to Detroit, married, had two children and had been working over 12 years as a trucker when he saw a sign advertising new brick homes being built for black military vet-



Marshall Upper Elementary School fifth-grader Ryan Kuehne won first place in the Martin Luther King Day essay contest. He received a certificate during the Westland MLK Day ceremony Monday.



State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland (left), and District Elder Luke McClendon of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith react to a speaker during Westland's annual Martin Luther King Day ceremony. McClendon also gave the invocation.

erans at Middlebelt and Beverly.

DISCRIMINATION

"I stopped in and I bought it. Blacks were not able to buy new homes around Detroit due to discrimination," said Mayfield, who has lived in the home since 1957. "Annapolis Park now has a historical marker."

Taking a large pay cut from his truck driving job, Mayfield got a job with the city in 1966 in response to his wife wanting him to not be away from his family for work.

Mayfield recalled the difficulties Annapolis Park residents had in getting the city to fund improvements for their local Stottlemeyer Park. Eventually, \$7,000 was allocated and with a lot of sweat equity, he said tennis and basketball courts were built.

"Black people live all over the city now. Westland is the most cosmopolitan city in the state today," said Mayfield. "Little black children and little white children are playing together and planning together for the future of our city."

Wayne-Westland Schools students got involved in the program as the Glenn Singers from John Glenn High School and Vocal Dimension from Wayne Memorial High School performed. The Glenn Junior ROTC handled the flag ceremony.

Students who submitted essays and artwork were also recognized and a video on King produced by Wayne Memorial High students was shown.

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Modano Arena adds to its skate time lineup

Westland's Mike Modano Arena has rolled out some new programs for 2011, including a new afternoon open skating session and a singles skate for residents 18 years and older.

The open skating is 1-2 p.m. Monday through Friday and is a perfect time to learn to skate, practice figure skating, parents-toddler time and even school field trips.

Resident fees for the open skating is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults. Add 50 cents for non-residents. Skate rental is

\$3. The Singles Open Skate is 9-10:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Skate to top 40 music meet new friends and enjoy a fun atmosphere. Residents fee is \$4, the non-resident rate is \$4.50.

The arena also is offering Adult Drop-In Hockey 9-10:30 p.m. Sundays. The cost is \$15 for players, goalies are free. Full equipment is required.

Also new is the Sunday Business Special. Designed for businesses to offer an employee/customer appreciation day

of skating. Non-profits organizations can also use this time as a fund-raiser.

The special rate of \$285 means a yours-only ice time of 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday. Invite as many people as you want, and skate rental is free for all participants.

Ice time also can be rented for a cool \$99 for select times during the week. The times are 10-10:50 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 11-11:50 p.m. Wednesday, 10:30-11:20 p.m. Friday and 7:30-8:20 a.m.

Saturday. It's also available any weekday before 1 p.m.

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The Mike Modano Ice Arena is at 6210 N. Wildwood at Hunter. For more information, call (734) 729-4560 or visit www.cityofwestland.com.



Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, is sworn in for her second two-year term by the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court Marilyn Kelly, as family members look on.

Gebhardt: County faces tough challenges

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, is looking forward to a new year and new leadership on the Commission — along with a new majority of women.

Gebhardt, whose 12th District includes Westland, Inkster and south Livonia, took her ceremonial oath of office on Tuesday, Jan. 4, during the Commission's first meeting of the year, at

the Guardian Building in downtown Detroit.

She was sworn in by the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, Marilyn Kelly, a longtime friend.

"We have a lot of tough challenges this year," Gebhardt said about the Commission's agenda for 2011, "but I will continue to work cooperatively with my District 12 mayors and councils for all our constituents."

Gebhardt was first elected to the Commission in November 2008.

The Commission will begin the new year with new leadership. Commissioner Gary Woronchak, D-Dearborn, replaces the retired Edward Boike Jr. as the chair man. The new vice-chair is Alisha Bell, D-Detroit, with Laura Cox, R-Livonia, as the vice chair pro tem.

Due to attrition and newly elected commissioners, the Commission will be made up of a majority of women — eight women to seven men — for the first time in history. "I think it's encouraging," Gebhardt said of the influx of female commissioners. "It's a testament to the people of Wayne County, that they elected the most qualified people in their eyes, regardless of gender."

AROUND WESTLAND

Romanowski VFW

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW 6896 has several events planned for the month of January.

On tap is Lic-O-Rama on 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, a Corn-Hole Tournament with a cash prize for first place on Saturday, Jan. 22 — sign up at 6:30 p.m., tournament at 7 p.m. — and a Poor Man's New Year's Eve Party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, sponsored by the Marine Corps and Veterans helping Veterans. The evening include a fried bologna and onions dinner, cash bar and raffles.

The events are open to the public. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454.

Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter, Michigan's 11th

Congressional District, is holding office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the representative have the opportunity to speak with a staff member for assistance regarding any federal issue that they might have. This is not a political venue and no discussions of a political nature will be expected.

Office hours for Thursday, Feb. 1, are 9-10 a.m. 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Northville Senior Center, noon to 1 p.m. at the at the Plymouth District Library, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 3-4 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center.

The Thursday, Feb. 3, office hours. at 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center. The congressman has two

offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

Metro Fibro Group

Lori Grigg will demonstrate how service dogs can help those with chronic pain when the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford, in Garden City.

Our group also is hosting a seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of *Unlearn Your Pain*, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of *The Vitamin D Cure*, will be the speakers.

The seminar/workshop costs \$40 per person.

The group has no dues but donations are accepted and appreciated. For more information, visit the website at

www.MetroFibroGroup.com or call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519.

Open House

St. Damian School is holding an Open House noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, for parents interested in enrolling their children in the school.

The school has been an integral part of the Westland-Garden City area and the Archdiocese of Detroit for 51 years. Both Catholic and non-Catholic families have embraced St. Damian School as the school of choice for their children.

The school maintains high academic standards and offers a well rounded curriculum. Students are respectful, responsible, and take pride in doing their best as they live out their faith life each day. The school and parents work to maintain a collaborative partnership in support of the students.

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Slain officer 'died doing the job he loved'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Police Officer Larry Nehasil's last police assignment on Monday with the city's intelligence bureau was, as Police Chief Robert Stevenson describes it, a mission tracking down and arresting dangerous felons.

On Tuesday, Stevenson and an Oakland County undersheriff recounted details of the intelligence bureau's surveillance on a somber day at the Livonia police station. Nehasil was shot and killed during an exchange of gunfire with a suspect in a home invasion in Walled Lake at about 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Public visitation for Nehasil will be noon to 8 p.m. today at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial (west of Beck Road) in Plymouth.

On Tuesday, the Livonia police headquarters was quiet and hushed, as members dealt and coped with the death of Nehasil, a well-liked officer and colleague.

Nehasil and other officers from the intelligence bureau took on surveillance in areas where criminals would hit several locations, whether it was larceny from autos, home invasions or break-ins of businesses. On Monday, they were pursuing two suspects with long criminal histories who police believe were responsible for a rash of home invasions in Livonia and other communities.

One of the suspects, David Matthew Bowling, 44, was on probation on a conviction of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, causing serious injury, in Detroit. He also had three other felony convictions dating back to 1986.

Police say Bowling and his 48-year-old brother, Terry Neil Bowling, who also has an extensive criminal history, drove to Walled Lake late Monday afternoon, familiar with the area as one of them had a job in that community several years ago, investigators said.

They were being watched by Livonia officers, including Nehasil.

"We had been looking at that crew for about a week," Stevenson said.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department conducted an investigation into the shooting at the request of the Walled Lake Police Department.

'A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY' TURNS DEADLY

Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe said the brothers drove down Maple Road, choosing a home on Glenwood at Maple Road.

"It was a crime of opportunity," McCabe said.

"They see the homeowner leave the home and drive out of the driveway. One (of the suspects) dropped the other off, who went around the back of the home, while the other suspect drove away."

After a few minutes, David Matthew Bowling, who was inside the home, called his brother to let him know he had stolen goods from the home, including a .45-caliber handgun, McCabe said. The driver returned and backed into the driveway.

"The decision was made to arrest them before they drove away in their vehicle," Stevenson said. "The driver accelerated to try and get out of there, but he was boxed in."

The driver of the vehicle got out of the car and was arrested without incident.



Officer Larry Nehasil was a 20-year veteran of the Livonia Police Department.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chief Robert Stevenson talks about Officer Larry Nehasil, shot and killed in the line of duty. Behind the chief, Livonia City Council President James McCann and Mayor Jack Kirksey. Nehasil's funeral takes place Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township.

"The second suspect ran out of the back door of the attached garage into the backyard," McCabe said. The yard was surrounded by a 6-foot tall wooden fence. Nehasil ran after the suspect. There were no witnesses to what happened next.

"Multiple shots were fired," McCabe said. As other Livonia officers reached the yard they observed Nehasil and the suspect on the ground, both suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Both were dead at the scene.

A .45 caliber gun stolen from the home was used by Bowling to shoot Nehasil, McCabe said.

Nehasil, who was wearing a bulletproof vest, was hit five times. One bullet hit his vest; three others hit his thigh and hip. McCabe believes Nehasil would have survived those injuries by themselves, but he also suffered a fatal wound to the head, McCabe said.

Nehasil managed to shoot the suspect twice in the chest.

LENGTHY CRIMINAL HISTORIES

Terry Bowling faces an arraignment Thursday in Oakland County, but it was not known what specific charges will be filed against him.

Both suspects lived on St. Marys in Detroit and were in the process of being evicted, McCabe said. The arrested brother told police they had drug addictions, McCabe said. "One was a cocaine addict, the other a heroin addict," McCabe said. "They were doing this to feed their habits."

David Matthew Bowling was convicted for armed robbery

and unarmed robbery in Westland in 1986, felony assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder in Westland in 1987, a domestic violence misdemeanor in Roseville in 2006, and an operating while under the influence charge in Detroit in 2010. He was scheduled on probation through July 30, 2012.

Terry Bowling was convicted of a misdemeanor discharge of a firearm with injury and resisting and obstructing a police officer in Westland in 1981, malicious destruction of property in Westland, larceny in Livonia in 1989, breaking and entering of a coin-operated machine and contributing to the delinquency of a minor in East Detroit in 1989, two counts of breaking and entering of a vehicle in Roseville in 1990, possession of heroin and habitual offender in Westland in 1994, driving with a suspended license in Warren in 1996, armed robbery in Romulus in 1999, receiving and concealing stolen property in Westland in 1999, uttering and publishing in Livonia and in Oakland County in 2007, and driving with a suspended license in Livonia in 2009. He was discharged from parole on Nov. 30, 2009.

"I've been a cop for 34 years and it's sickening," McCabe said. "The word rehabilitation is not in their vocabulary. Obviously these guys were not rehabilitated. It's disgusting."

POSSIBLE THIRD SUSPECT

Livonia police are also investigating a woman who was an acquaintance of the brothers. While she was not at the scene of the shooting, the woman may face charges in connection with previous

Officer Nehasil was an honored, respected veteran

Officer Larry Nehasil received two chief of police awards, five commendations, one unit commendation and a Livonia Police Department award since 1995.

"It's difficult to pick out a key arrest because he was involved with so many," Police Chief Robert Stevenson said. "He was an aggressive, smart police officer. He had good street smarts and was one of the nicest people you ever want to meet."

In 2007, Nehasil drove to a location he believed to be the most likely avenue of escape for carjackers who struck in Westland. With assistance from other officers, Nehasil stopped the vehicle, occupied by three armed suspects. All three were taken into custody and the stolen vehicle, a 2006 Mercedes Benz, was recovered. A search of the stolen vehicle produced a loaded handgun used in the crime. An investigation found that

the three suspects not only committed an armed robbery and stole a vehicle that night, but they were responsible for a previous robbery one week earlier.

In March 2006, Nehasil subdued a man who stood on a rail of the Seven Mile overpass of I-275. Callers feared he would jump. The man warned officers not to come closer or he would jump. Sgt. Paul Zoski engaged the man in conversation and convinced him to sit on the rail. As Zoski handed the man a soft drink, Nehasil approached the man from the opposite direction. Both Nehasil and Zoski subdued him.

"Officer Nehasil is to be commended for his display of bravery without regard to his personal safety and for his skillful application of subduing the subject and saving his life while exposing himself to a great danger," wrote Lt. Thomas Maher in his nomination of Nehasil and Zoski for awards.

On Dec. 14, 2005, Nehasil stepped into traffic on I-96 to deploy two stop sticks on I-96 to stop suspects in a bank robbery in Plymouth. Two of the wheels flattened and the vehicle slowed down.

Nehasil believed one of the suspects who ran from the scene was armed. During the ensuing foot chase, the suspect reached into his waistband as if to pull a weapon and pointed the object at Nehasil.

Nehasil fired his weapon, wounding the suspect. The suspect told police that he intended to make the officer believe he had a gun because he wanted to die.

Nehasil received a chief of police award for his "diligence and dedication to duty" in that a dangerous felon was apprehended.

By Ken Abramczyk

burglaries that the two brothers were suspected in, one Livonia police source indicated Wednesday.

McCabe called the shooting gut-wrenching. "It's a slap to all officers in Michigan and the United States."

"God bless him, his family and all his brothers and sisters in the Livonia Police Department."

Stevenson reflected on Nehasil's dedication to law enforcement in his knowledge that the suspect he chased on foot had an extensive criminal history.

"Yet by himself, he pursued him into that yard. His courage speaks in his actions and ultimately he gave his life," Stevenson said.

Stevenson said the death has evoked a sadness over the

department. "By virtue of this profession, we are fixers of problems, but everyone feels helpless," Stevenson said. "We are concerned with Larry's wife and his two sons. We're just trying to help the family get through this."

Stevenson said he and the police chaplain spent several hours on Monday with the family.

Stevenson appreciated the outpouring from the community from strangers and local businesses dropping off food to offers of help for the family. "Everyone is coming together to show their support," Stevenson said.

Late Tuesday, the family issued a statement through the Livonia Police Department: "Yesterday, the Nehasil

family lost one of the finest human beings you could imagine. Larry was our devoted husband, father, son, brother and friend. Larry died doing the job he loved, serving the city in which he grew up as a child with pride and honor. His murder reminds us of the dangers that all police officers face daily. He will be deeply missed by those who had the privilege of meeting and knowing him.

"We greatly appreciate the outpouring of sympathy and love that we have received as the community has embraced our family. Please keep our family in your prayers as we continue the grieving process."

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6800 N. WAYNE ROAD, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

The Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers located at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan for the property located at 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan, parcel ID 034-99-0003-705 (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended. The Property is located on Wayne Road south of Warren Road and formerly operated as a movie theater.

All maps, plats and a copy of the proposed Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City of Westland Clerk's Office, Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

All aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Plan.

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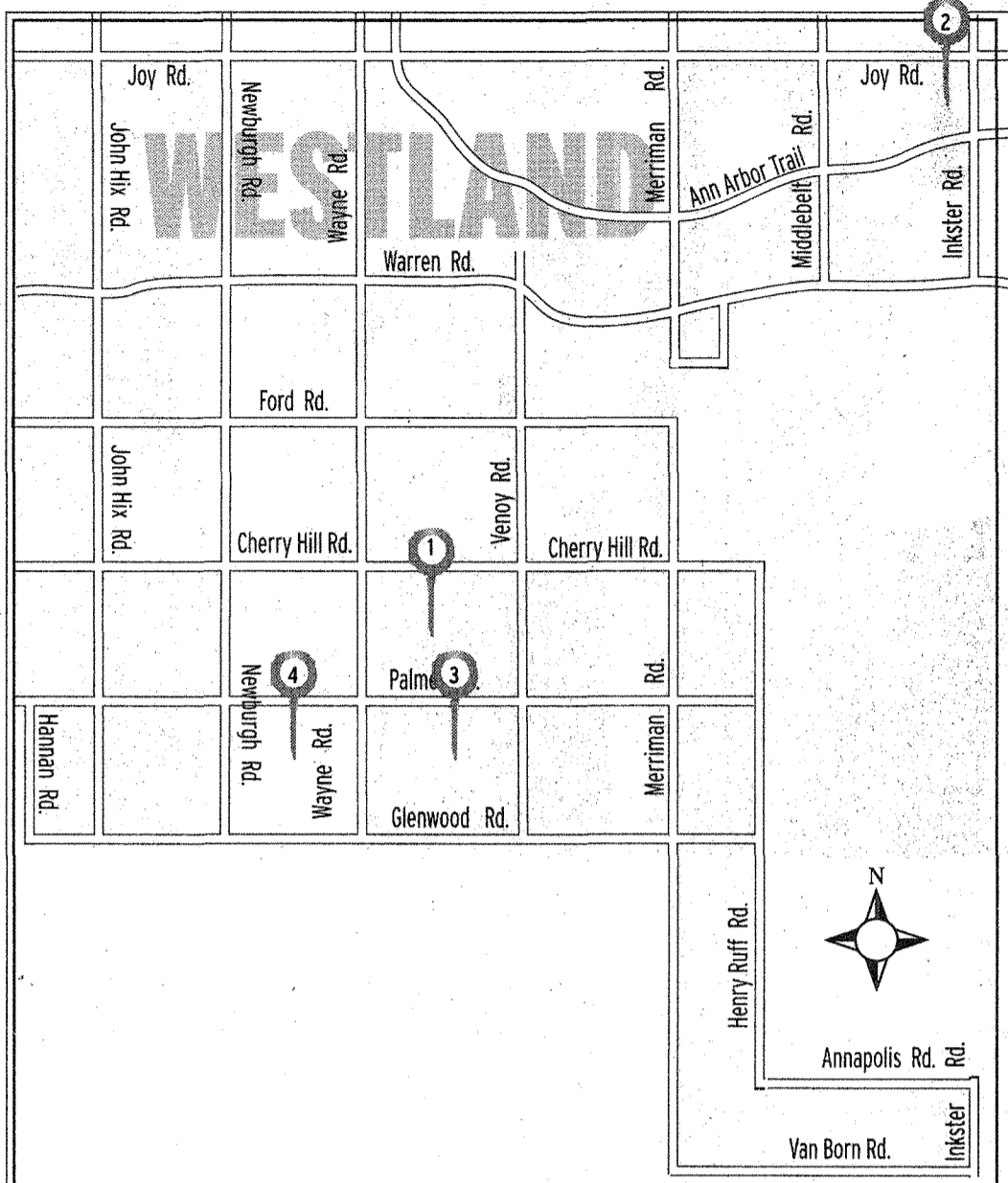
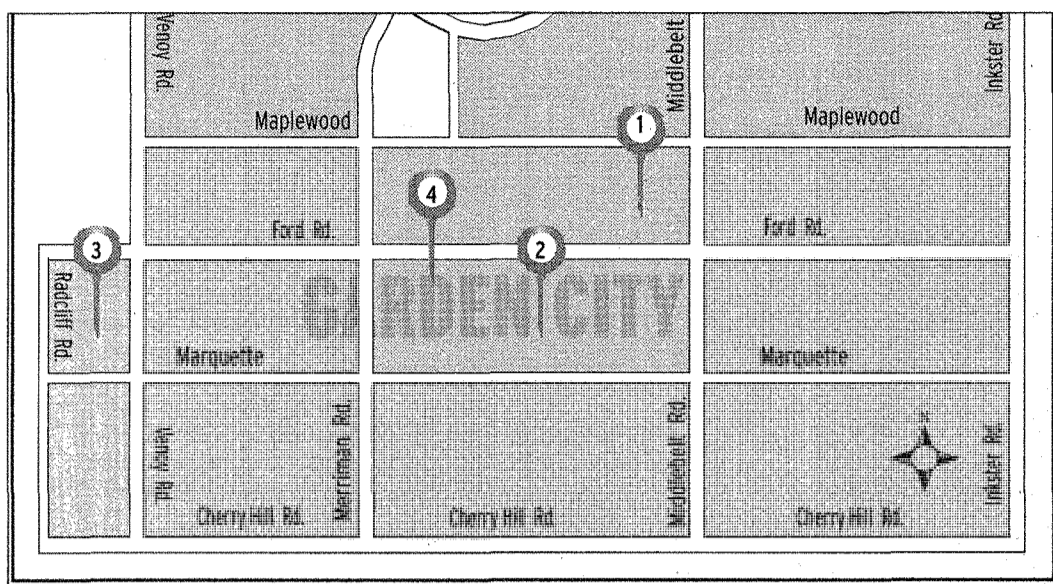
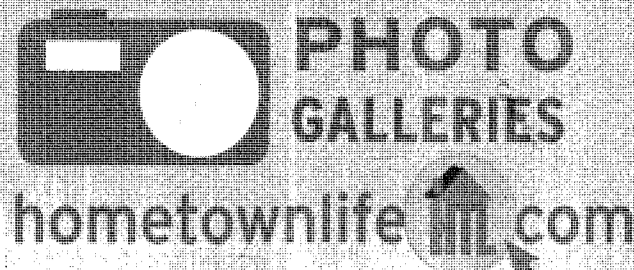
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Disturbance ends in drunken driving arrest

Stolen vehicle

1 A woman reported that her car which was parked near Liberty Tax Service at 29540 Ford was stolen sometime around 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14.

Her purse and its contents were in the 1999 Dodge Intrepid.

The 38-year-old Livonia woman said that one of her credit cards was later used at a party store in Detroit.

Drunken driving

2 Though the Garden City police didn't find the family trouble incident they were called upon to respond to in the 30600 block of Pierce about midnight Jan. 13, they did find a woman who was drunk inside of her car.

The woman was inside of her 2011 HHR, a rental car, in the driveway. Her headlights were on, her engine was running and her tires were spinning in the snow.

The 34-year-old Dearborn Heights woman admitted to drinking a 22-ounce can of beer prior to trying to leave the loca-

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tion. The police found the empty can inside of her car.

She was arrested for drunken driving and for another outstanding warrant.

Property destruction

3 A Garden City woman reported damage to her 1998 Dodge Bravado around 5:30 p.m. Jan. 13 that was parked in the driveway in the 33700 block of Bock.

She reported that a rear window on the utility vehicle was shattered.

Suspended license

When the police stopped a 21-year-old Livonia driver in his 1992 Pontiac Bonneville about 5:45 p.m. Jan. 15, at Merriman and Brown, for improper lane use, they also learned that he had a suspended license. He was arrested.

4 The police arrested a 47-year-old Garden City woman who was a passenger in a vehicle

on Ford and Dillon because she had outstanding warrants at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 14.

They also discovered that her husband, a 50-year-old Garden City man, who was driving, had a suspended license, improper plate and no proof of insurance.

He said that he was driving his wife for cancer treatment and produced a business card from a doctor's office.

The police couldn't get specific patient information but the doctor's office said that it doesn't treat for cancer but treats chemically dependent patients.

Fraud

A woman who lives in the 28000 block of Hennepin believed that her boyfriend, who has a drug addiction, stole her credit card and made several cash advances.

She said that these cash advances were made at the Kroger store and the Chase Bank in Garden City and totaled more than \$900.

-By Sue Buck

Homeowner find two computers missing

Computers missing

1 Two laptop computers valued at \$5,000 were reported stolen Jan. 17 from a home in the 1500 block of Regene. The owner told police that she left about 4:15 p.m. and returned about five hours later. She said noticed that the gate to the back yard was open. When she entered the home through the front door, she said her dog was running around — the dog had been left locked in a bedroom.

Checking to see how the dog got out, the owner said she noticed her laptop was missing. A second laptop was missing from the basement, she said.

The homeowner told police that she may have left the back door to the home unlocked.

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Break-in

2 A leaf blower, weed whacker and assorted hand tools valued at \$900 were reported stolen Jan. 17 from Residential Solutions, 27543 Joy. The owner said sometime since Jan. 14, someone had entered the fenced yard behind the business and stole the items. The lock on the fenced area had been smashed and no longer locked.

The lock and mechanism had also been smashed on the side door of the cargo trailer in which the power tools had been stored. The hand tools were reported missing from a van which had a window smashed.

Break-in

3 On Jan. 16, a resident in the 34000 block of Decatur Court told police that she returned home to find a 21-inch flat screen television valued at \$400 had been stolen from her daughter's bedroom. She said a door had been left unlocked since she had lost the key.

Door open

4 Police were called to an apartment at 1981 Cottrill Jan. 17 after an employee found a door to a unit had been kicked in and the door jamb broken. Nothing appeared to be missing. The resident was contacted and told police she hadn't been home all week, so she didn't know how the door was damaged.

-By LeAnne Rogers

Work on gas leak snarls traffic on Ford

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Motorists traveling on Ford last weekend and during the beginning of the week experienced some delays due to a gas leak.

No one was in any danger and no one was evacuated on Ford, between Inkster and Middlebelt, according to Garden City Department of Public Services Director Jack Barnes.

"Traffic is a mess," Barnes

said Monday evening.

Barnes said that he received second-hand information from Michigan Consolidated.

"On Jan. 7, a suspected leak was reported in the vicinity of Ford and Harrison," Barnes said. "They did not get permission from MDOT until early last week to make test holes in Ford Road to locate the leak."

Barnes said that last Friday, workers dug up a portion of Ford on the north side

at Harrison.

"They found a small leak and repaired it, but they think there is a bigger one somewhere out in the middle three lanes," he said.

Work crews planned to return Tuesday to do more digging in this area to further locate and repair the remaining leak, he said.

A representative from MichCon couldn't be reached for comment.

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Oakwood employees give to help communities



Staff from Oakwood's Post Acute Care Division won the Community Giving Campaign champion trophy for the highest percent increase in giving to the campaign. Post Acute Division President Liz Goch (center) receives the Champion Trophy for the second year. Joining her are her division staff - Barb Medvec, Community Giving Campaign executive sponsor, and Paul Conway, Employee Campaign sponsor.

The numbers have been tallied and the results are clear: Employees of the Oakwood Healthcare System have once again gone above and beyond to help those in need - and set a new standard in generosity at the same time.

Oakwood team members donated more than \$800,000 through the Community Giving Campaign, a program started by the Oakwood Foundation to provide employees a way to give back to the communities they serve through a variety of philanthropic ventures. That's about \$11,000 more than the campaign generated last year, according to John O'Rourke, senior development officer for the Oakwood Foundation. The total has steadily increased since 2007.

"Our employees have shown, time and time again, that they not only care for the patients and families we serve, but for the communities they live in, as well," said Brian Connolly, president and chief executive officer of Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. "This is yet another example of their compassion and generosity."

The Community Giving Campaign takes place each October. Employees are given the opportunity to sponsor a number of services supported

by the Oakwood Foundation - anything from needy patient assistance to children's outreach services, such as the school clinic at Adams Upper Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the teen health centers in Inkster, Romulus and Taylor to domestic violence awareness and prevention programs.

The foundation also funds programs like Wigs for Women, helps provide needy patient transportation, several community outreach programs as well as arts and spiritual support programs. The Community Giving Campaign also helps the Center for Exceptional Families (CEF), which provides a wide variety of health and social services to families with children with special needs.

Employees could also choose to donate to the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, too. There were 60 different options for employees to donate to, said O'Rourke.

"This isn't just Oakwood helping Oakwood," he said. "This is Oakwood helping our patients. We have a lot of patients that have other needs."

The Oakwood Community Giving Campaign is its sixth year and has generated more than \$4.3 million in employee donations.

Consumers get help shopping for title insurance

The Wayne County Register of Deeds recently unveiled a new feature on its website - www.waynecountylandrecords.com - which enables consumers to compare rates from title insurance carriers.

According to Bernard J. Youngblood, the Wayne County Register of Deeds, the website's rate calculator prompts consumers to enter either their purchasing and financing cost or their selling price. They will then immediately receive pricing information from title insurance companies licensed in Michigan. The information

includes website links and phone numbers for the providers.

"Our rate calculator is a great tool for home buyers and home sellers," Youngblood said. "It empowers consumers to make informed decisions, and it brings transparency to a purchase that consumers generally have no awareness of or control over."

He noted that the cost of title insurance is a great unknown, one that is usually presented to consumers at the last minute at the real estate closing.

"It's too late then to do anything about it," Youngblood said. "Consumers should begin shopping for title insurance when they complete a purchase agreement to either buy or sell a house. With our new rate calculator, they can shop for rates quickly and easily."

He added that Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are among the most uncompetitive title insurance markets in the country. Earlier this year, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) cited the tri-county area as one of two regions in the country - Portland, Oregon,

being the other - where a monopoly exists in the title insurance market.

"We believe this website will help stimulate competition among the title insurance providers and result in more competitive rates for Wayne County consumers," Youngblood said.

For example, on a \$200,000 home purchase with a mortgage amount of \$150,000, the cost of a title insurance policy for a home buyer ranges from \$536 to \$892.25.

"That's a significant difference a consumer may never be

aware of," Youngblood said. "It's a savings that the consumer can invest in their property or somewhere else."

The Register of Deeds' new rate calculator is part of the office's ongoing commitment to advocate for Wayne County consumers. The office also established the nation's first Mortgage & Deed Fraud Task Force, which targets individuals who attempt to falsify land records.

"Mortgage and deed fraud is a growing problem, especially with tech-savvy criminals who have been preying on innocent

victims," Youngblood said.

The County's Task Force was created by Youngblood in conjunction with the Wayne County Prosecutor and Wayne County Sheriff in 2005. Since its formation, it has a 100 percent conviction rate, having opened 742 cases and returning 112 homes valued at more than \$5.4 million to their rightful owners.

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Ice festival adds sparkle to winter weather

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a lineup of blues, rock and top 40 acts, a forecast of below-freezing temperatures (keep your fingers crossed), plenty for kids to do and more than 100 ice sculptures, the Plymouth Ice Festival is ready to roll — make that glide — into downtown Plymouth.

The 29th annual festival begins at 3 p.m. Friday, with an opening ceremony scheduled for 7 p.m. at Kellogg Park. The opening will feature the cutting of an "ice ribbon" and a "fire and ice" display, a 20-foot torch sculpture that will be lighted upon kickoff.

"We're looking forward to an awesome time, and people need to be ready to come down and see something cool," said festival producer Sam Walton of Signature Professional Group.

New this year will be a snow hill, Saturday and Sunday, on Ann Arbor Trail between Union and Main streets. Visitors, especially children, are invited to bring skis and snowboards and try out the hill.

The hill will be provided by the Otsego Club, a resort near Gaylord, and employees from Sun and Snow, a downtown sporting goods shop, will be on hand for demonstrations and performance and equipment maintenance tips.

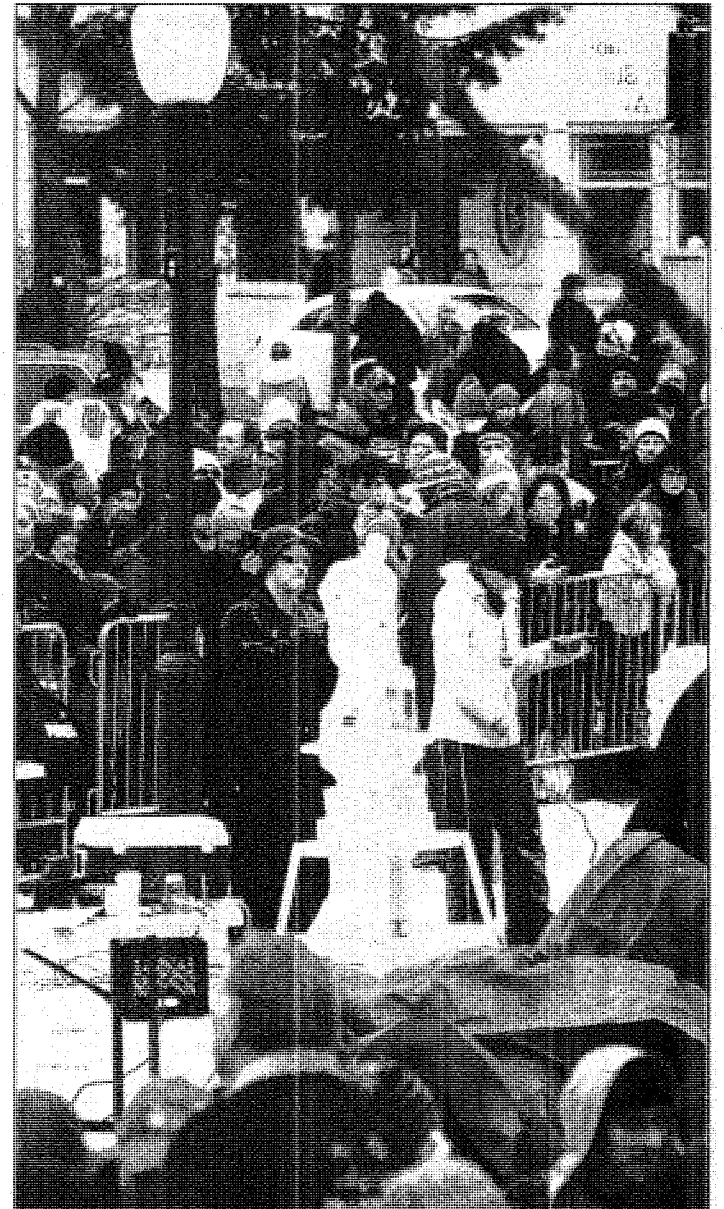
Walton said the hill, made of snow that is to be trucked in, will be modest but, "for the kids especially, it's really going to be something cool."

Walton has also scheduled live entertainment for Saturday and Sunday, downtown on both Forest and Penniman avenues.

On Saturday, the Shawn Riley Band, performing top 40, blues and Motown music, will appear on Forest between 1-6 p.m. The Bluescasters, a favor-



James Gietzen, Ice Festival manager, and Fred Eagle, assistant manager, set up barricades in Kellogg Park for the festival, which opens tomorrow and runs through Sunday.



The college carving competition is among the Plymouth Ice Festival's most popular attractions, and helps the festival draw tens of thousands of visitors every year.

ite during the summertime Friday concert series at Kellogg Park, will take the stage on Penniman during the same hours.

On Sunday, Steve King and the Dittlies, an ice festival favorite, will appear on Penniman between 1-4 p.m. The Bluescasters are tentatively scheduled to return to the festival Sunday, this time on Forest, during the same hours.

Also on Forest, Saturday and Sunday, will be a scavenger hunt, a petting farm and pony rides for children. The festival will feature more than 100 ice sculptures in the downtown area, with 40-50 of them in the sculpture garden at Kellogg Park.

Other festival highlights will

FESTIVAL FACTS

What: Plymouth Ice Festival

When: Friday-Sunday; opening ceremony is 7 p.m. Friday in Kellogg Park

Where: Downtown Plymouth

Streets: Streets around downtown Plymouth will close due to the Ice Festival. They include northbound Main from Ann Arbor Trail to Penniman, Ann Arbor Trail from Union/Deer to Main and southbound Union from Roe

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- The Hot Spot warming tent, at The Gathering on Penniman, with local vendors serving refreshments.

to Ann Arbor Trail, all closed from 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday morning. Penniman from Main to Union will be closed Tuesday and will reopen Monday. Penniman from Harvey to Main will be closed Friday through Monday.

Information: www.plymouthicefestival.org or call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 455-1540.

- The Dueling Chainsaws speed-carving event, a contest between four professional carvers, at 7 p.m. Saturday at Kellogg Park. The idea is to

get the crowd involved; the audience picks the types of sculptures the contestants are to carve and votes, with their cheering, for their favorite.

- A Kids Zone, with activities for children sponsored by Home Depot, beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hot Spot.
- Ice-carving demonstrations

by professional carvers.

Festival hours, expanded this year, are 3-11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The ice sculptures will be on view around the clock throughout the festival.

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Cooper Standard returns to auto show after two-year hiatus

BY NATHAN MUELLER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The atmosphere in the Cooper Standard suite at the North American International Auto Show last week was noticeably upbeat.

After all the company has been through the last two years, including emerging from bankruptcy protection eight months ago after cutting \$650 million in debt, those in attendance had every right to be jovial.

Clients and some of the company's top brass gathered together to tout Cooper Standard's newest and most innovative products, as well as celebrate its return to the auto show as a sponsor.

"There is a feeling of opportunity now," said Sharon Wenzl, Novi resident and vice president of corporate communications for Cooper Standard. "We see growth on the horizon and it's a positive feeling as opposed to survival."

The company, with global headquarters in Novi, is an automotive supplier of body



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Cooper Standard representatives were glad to be celebrating again at the Charity Preview on Friday after a two-year hiatus from the North American International Auto Show.

sealing systems, anti-vibration systems, fuel, brake and emissions systems and thermal management systems.

It posted revenue of nearly \$2.6 billion in 2008, but the downturn in the auto industry had a drastic impact on operations.

Wenzl said as the industry

has come back, so has Cooper Standard. The company is in several growth regions, such as Brazil, China and India, and it is "well-positioned for a global footprint around the world."

Currently, 19,000 people are employed by Cooper Standard in 18 different countries.

Patrick Bielman,

Birmingham resident and director of commercial planning for body and chassis systems for Cooper Standard, said internally there is a lot of "buzz" and everyone is excited for the future.

"We aren't hanging on for dear life anymore," he said. "We are swimming now."

One of the newest products Cooper Standard is bringing into the market is its SafeSeal technology for power window and door systems.

The Obstacle Detection Sensor will help reduce the number of non-crash related injuries and deaths as the sensor will reverse power window and door closures when it comes into contact with an object or senses the presence of objects.

"This is our 'sexy' product," Bielman said, before being corrected with a laugh by Wenzl to call it its "safety" product.

The vast majority of the products Cooper Standard provides are unseen by the consumer, but are critical to the operation of the car.

Bielman said of the 700 vehicles at the auto show, Cooper Standard products are in about 90 percent of them.

"It's that quiet comfort," Bielman said about what the company provides.

Another highlight of the company on display at the auto show was its continued contributions to charitable organizations.

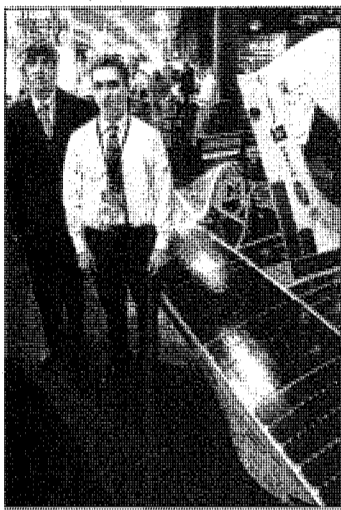
Wenzl said despite the struggles, the company was still able to support nonprofit organizations such as S.A.Y. Detroit

Medical Clinic, HAVEN, United Way and several others. "We all felt that it was important to continue to support them," she said.

And in tune with what appears to be the overriding feeling from those attending the auto show, Wenzl and Bielman said it looks like the automotive industry is coming back.

"We are cautiously optimistic," Wenzl said with a smile.

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Cole Wittie (left) of Grand Rapids, and Nathan VanNortwick of Novi, both University of Michigan students, stand by the university's Solar Car at the North American International Auto Show last Thursday. Both students have had a hand in designing and upkeeping the award-winning solar car.

U-M solar car on display at auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The University of Michigan solar race car leaves behind the gas pump and the battery charger.

Weighing about 700 pounds with a driver, the car's motor runs on two kilowatts of power — about the same amount of power a hair dryer uses.

"Exactly," team member Cole Wittie said. "And we can go 105 mph."

The solar car is part of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.'s "Town Square," a collection of green technology at the North American International Auto Show. Wittie, 20, and Nathan

Van Nortwick, 19, are members of the U-M crew helping to prepare the car for the international Australian Outback solar car race in October.

"We're in the mechanical division," said Van Nortwick, who lives in Novi. "We work with the engineers to optimize the design of the car."

The vehicle, named Infinium, can travel up to 50 miles on solar power. During his tour of the auto show, Gov. Rick Snyder praised the car as an important part of the state's entrepreneurial future.

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Dancing with the cars

at auto show charity gala

The 35th annual North American International Auto Show Charity Preview black-tie gala brought in \$2.6 million this year. One of the top single-night fund-raising events in the country, the Charity Preview benefits nine local children's charities. In the last seven years alone, the Charity Preview has raised more than \$37 million. Since its inception in 1976, Charity Preview has brought in nearly \$82 million.

For the second year, ticket prices remained at \$250, down from \$400 per ticket in previous years. Attendance was also up — 10,500 patrons, all decked out and revvin' to go.

"I'm here to tell you that we are back," boasted Paul W. Smith of WJR-AM (760), who emceed the exclusive ribbon-cutting ceremony, just prior to the opening of the Charity Preview and the North American International Auto Show, where 55 new vehicles were launched. "We're proud. We have the best product in the world and we're leading the economy back to health."



Julie Yolles

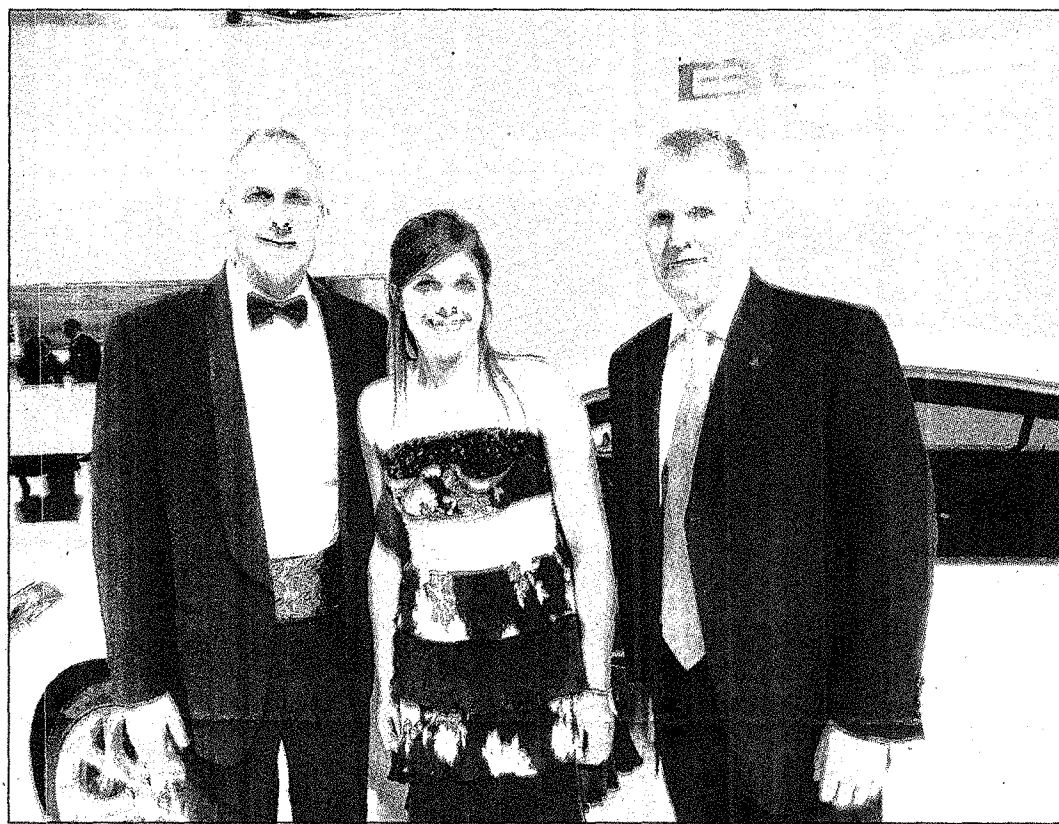
With every CEO from the auto companies gracing the stage, along with Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, 8-year-old Myles Parks was lookin' quite dapper in his tux as he welcomed the Charity Preview patrons. Parks was this year's youth ambassador, representing the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan — and all the nine recipient charities.

Following the brand new launch of the new "I'm a Believer" advertising campaign, which promotes volunteerism in Detroit, Snyder told the sequined and tuxed crowd: "This is truly a great showcase for our state that we should be proud of. The state of Michigan is the leader of the automotive industry. We are the world's leader in innovation."

But for that night, it was all about the children, where all but \$10 of each \$250 ticket was donated to one of the causes.

"We've exceeded our goal," 2011 NAIAS Chairman Barron Meade of Birmingham said. "These children are the compass of our future direction."

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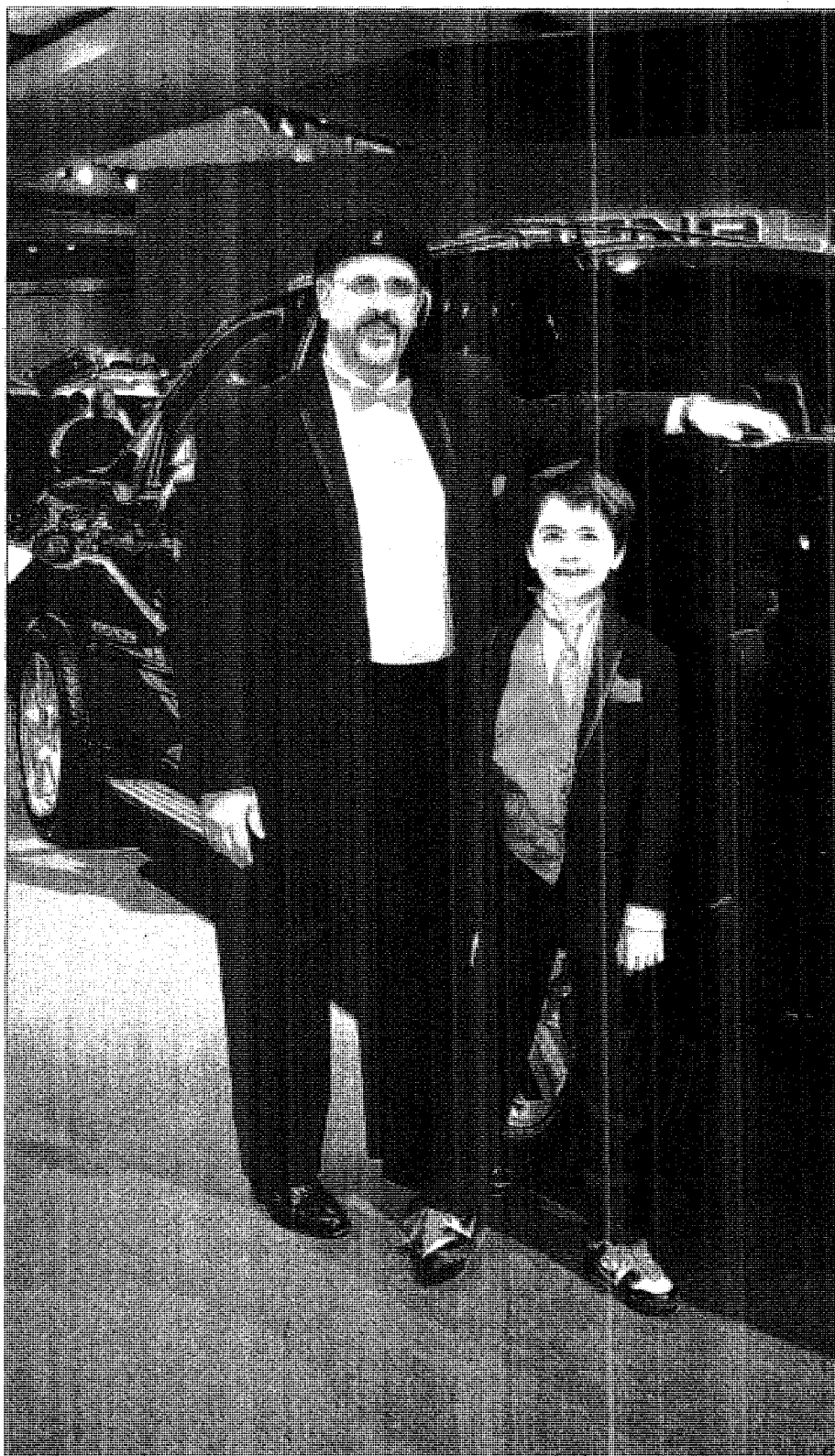
Kat Slaughter and her father, (left) Sam Slaughter, owner of Sellers Buick GMC in Farmington Hills and Brian Sweeney, Buick GMC U.S. vice president, sales and service in front of a 2012 Buick Regal GS at the Auto Show. Slaughter's dealership was named the 2010 Buick Dealer of the Year. He is also a co-chair of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation's Heart & Soul Gala on Feb. 5.



Dawn and Scott LaRiche of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township. Scott LaRiche is the treasurer/secretary of the Detroit Area Dealers Association (DADA) which established the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund.

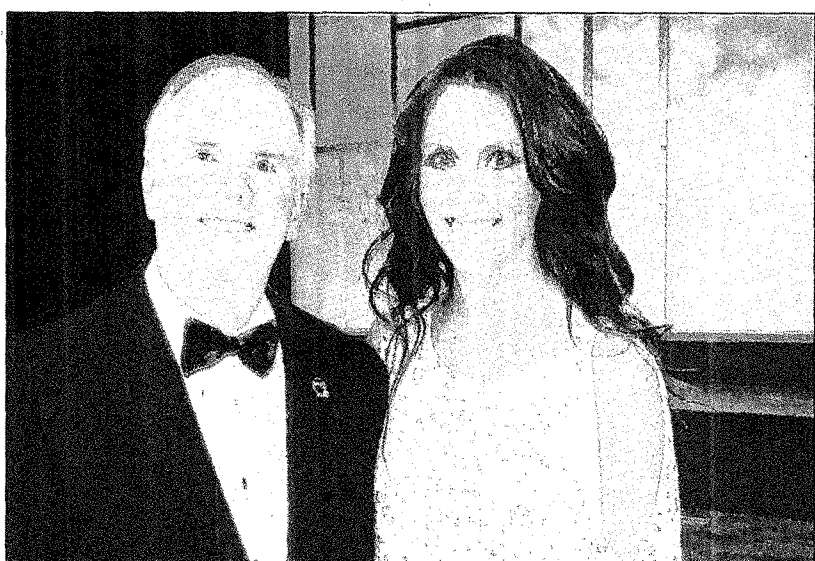


(From left) Terri Manduzzi of Troy, Joanie Helgesen of Farmington Hills and Elke Kroenung of Bloomfield Township attended the Charity Preview and the sold-out AutoGlow at the Westin Book Cadillac, sponsored by Ford Motor Company.



It was a red-letter day at the Charity Preview for Livonia residents Steven Schmidt and his son, Erik.

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Northville residents Bill and Jackie Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne are all smiles at Friday's auto gala.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

The incoming medical staff officers at St. Mary Mercy Hospital are Dr. Peter Dews (from left), Dr. Louis Hallal, Dr. Jay Daitch and Dr. K.C. Joseph.



New staff officers

St. Mary Mercy Hospital recently held an installation dinner in honor of the new 2011 medical staff officers and to congratulate physicians on milestone years of service.

The 2011 medical staff officers are Dr. Peter Dews, vice-president of medical affairs and chief medical officer; Dr. Louis Hallal, general surgery, chief of staff; Dr. K.C. Joseph, psychiatry, chief of staff-elect, and Dr. Jay Daitch, nephrology, secretary/treasurer.

Dews' appointment as VPMA was effective Nov. 22, 2010. He received his medical degree and completed his residency in internal medicine at Wayne State University and is board certified in internal medicine. He has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy since April 2009.

Hallal, received his medical degree from the University of Damascus. He completed his residency in surgery at Interfaith Medical Center and his Fellowship in Thoracic Surgery at Baylor University Medical Center. He is board certified in surgery by the American Board of Surgery. He has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1995.

Joseph has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1995. He received his medical degree from the University of Kerala T.D. Medical College, Alleppey, Kerala, India, and did an internal medicine residency at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit. He is board certi-

fied in psychiatry, neurology and geriatric psychiatry.

Daitch received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. He completed an internal medicine residency at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and nephrology fellowship at the University of Michigan Hospital. He is board certified in internal medicine and has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1979.

The new members-at-large include Dr. Zvi Levran and Dr. Ratna Zampani. Drs. Michael Gamiao and Harnesh Naik will continue their roles as members-at-large.

The 2011 Medical Staff Department Chairs include Dr. Timothy Cahill, (incoming) chair, anesthesiology; Dr. K.C.R. Nair, chair, behavioral medicine; Dr. Michael Calice, chair, emergency medicine; Dr. Sunil Menawat, chair, family medicine; Dr. Michael Gatt, chair, maternal child cervical; Dr. Vijay Goburdhun, chair, medicine; Dr. Alan Kaplan, chair, pathology; Dr. Christopher Eshaki, chair, radiology, and Dr. John Iljas, (incoming) chair, surgery.

Physicians celebrating 10 to 45 years of service were also honored. Top recognition went to Dr. S. William Paris, allergy-immunology, with 45 years of service.



Dr. Paris

Management seminar

The Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development department in conjunction with EMC2, the world's leading developer and provider of infrastructure technology and solutions, have partnered to offer a one-week, intensive training program that will prepare IT Professionals to take the EMC Proven™ Professional Associate (EMPCA) ISM level certification exam. The course will be held March 8-12.

Digital information is being created at an ever-increasing rate, spurring demand for data storage and professionals proficient in managing storage environments. The intensive one-week Information Storage and Management course will give students a strong understanding of storage technologies which enables them to make informed decisions in an increasingly complex IT environment.

The Information Storage and Management training course is eligible for Michigan Works! funding, if students qualify through the No Worker Left Behind program. Early registration is recommended due to limited class size. Registration for the class is going on now.

For more information, contact the Continuing Education and Professional Development department at (734) 462-4448, visit the website at www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or send an e-mail to CEPD@schoolcraft.edu.

MILESTONES

Taste Testing

Time/Date: 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22

Location: Westland Weight Watchers Center is at 36585 W. Warren Road, Westland

Details: Chef Jesse Gales will offer a taste-testing opportunity at the Westland Weight Watchers center. The 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.

Contact: (888) 332-6746 or www.WeightWatchers.com

State of City

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8

Location: New Peking Restaurant, 29105 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Garden City Mayor Randy Walker will deliver the 2011 State of the City speak before members of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce. Tickets cost \$15 per person.

Contact: Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office at (734) 422-4448 by Feb. 3.

Dine for \$7.99

Time/Day: 4-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Location: Texas Roadhouse, 36750 Ford, Westland

Details: Texas Roadhouse is now offering 10 dinners priced at just \$7.99. This legendary offer is similar to the Texas 2fers offer but is even better by offering you more choices. Your dinner options include 6-ounce Sirloin, Road Kill, Single Pork Chop, Pulled Pork Dinner, Grilled

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BBQ Chicken, Country Fried Chicken, Chicken Critters Dinner, Grilled Chicken Salad, Chicken Caesar Salad and Chicken Critter Salad. All dinners except salads come with two made-from-scratch sides of your choice and fresh baked bread.
Contact: (734) 729-4570

Hospice volunteers

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 and 29

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lillie Road, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice is hosting two volunteer orientation sessions. The agency is seeking caring, compassionate volunteers 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.

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

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Mask Fitting Clinic

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland

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

Contact: (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

Winter clearance

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday now through Feb. 1

Location: Materials Unlimited, 2 W. Michigan Avenue in historic downtown Ypsilanti

Details: Material Unlimited is putting an end to the winter blahs with a Winter Clearance Blow Out Sale on selected antique items. Brighten your spirits with a restored antique light fixture or sparkling stained glass window. Warm your home with a hand-carved antique fireplace mantel. Hundreds of clearance items are marked down between 20-60 percent off, so there is sure to be a remedy for everyone.

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Law firm offers pre-divorce mediation service

The Westland law firm of Clos, Russell & Wirth, P.C., is now offering Pre-Divorce Mediation Services to assist those in need of a divorce.

The service attempts to assist the parties in reaching a cooperative and amicable divorce settlement, while minimizing the high costs associated with each party retaining their own attorney. A larger benefit, however, may be the elimination of the "win at all costs" philosophy often occurring in a contentious and heavily litigated divorce.

"Often times winning becomes everything in a divorce case but the cost of the victory comes with a heavy price," said attorney Gary Russell.

He added that it is easy to measure the cost of divorce in financial terms, however, it is impossible to measure the emotional cost of the divisiveness to the family, especially to the children who find themselves in the middle of their parents dispute.

Both husband and wife meet with an attorney who specializes in family law. At the first meeting, the role of the mediator is explained and both parties sign an agreement that the attorney will act as a mediator only and will represent either party in the divorce. After this agreement is signed, the attorney discuss all issues in the divorce in an amicable and informal fashion through a series of meetings.

The mediator will outline in detail the key issues that need to be resolved, including the division of the marital assets, child support, custody and visitation, medical insurance and expenses and spousal support/alimony, if appropriate. Additionally, the attorney will also address how debts will be handled, including credit cards, home equity lines, and the mortgage, if the marital home has a negative equity.

In addition to saving money by sharing attorney fees, there's further savings because each party is required to participate directly in the negotiations and is given homework, such as preparing schedules of assets and liabilities that make up the marital estate. The attorney uses the information provided to discuss each issue in an effort to resolve them cooperatively.

In the event resolution becomes impossible, the mediator will withdraw from the case and the parties would then be free to retain their own attorneys and litigate case in a more traditional fashion. Once the mediator's service are terminated, all of his or her notes are destroyed and any and all agreements between the parties are null and void. Further, the mediator cannot be called as a witness in any further proceedings.

In the event that the mediation is successful and all issues are resolved then a settlement agreement is drafted and signed by each party and

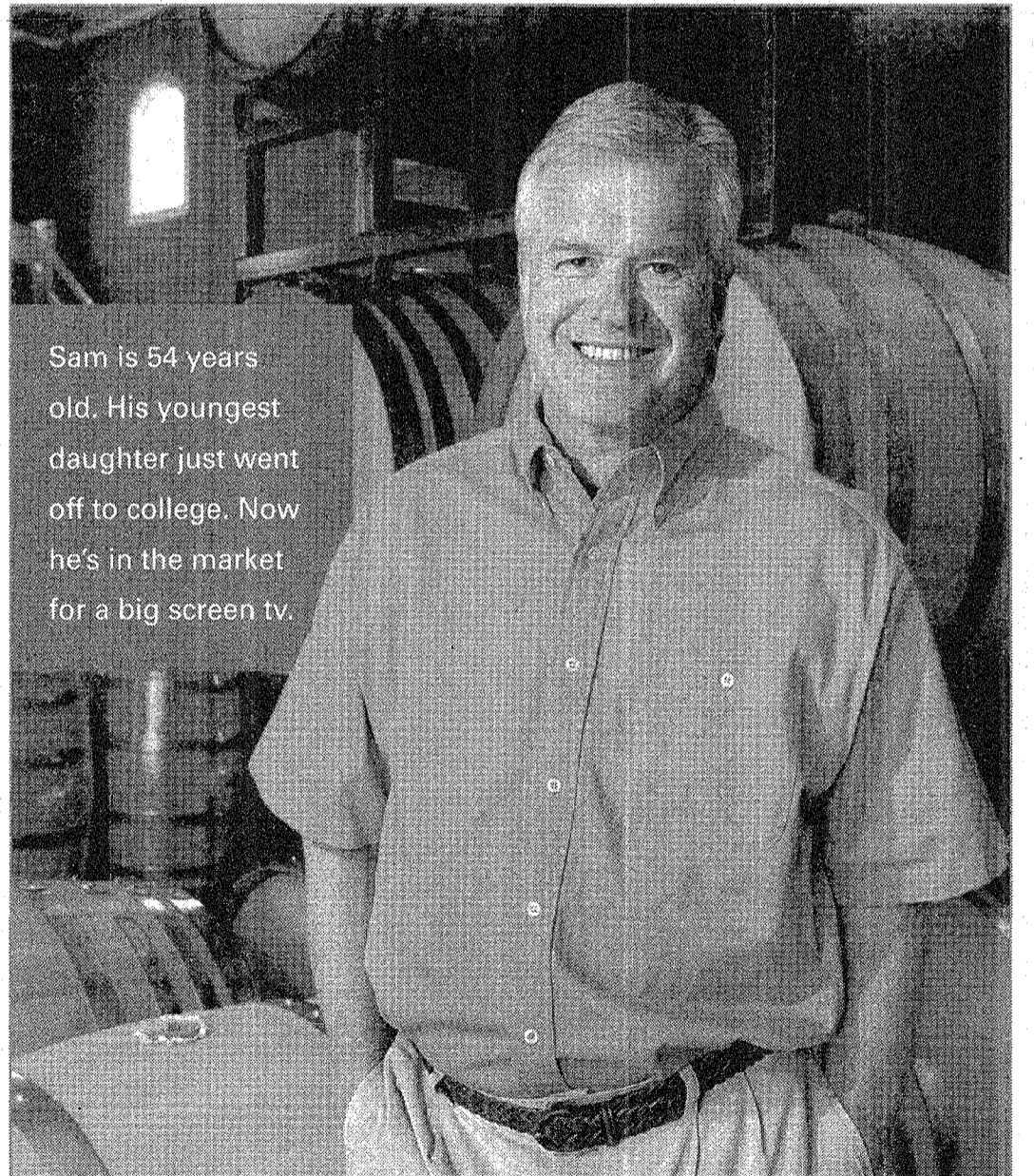
incorporated into the final Judgment of Divorce.

Additionally and if desired, the law firm can then draft pleadings for each party to appear In Pro Per (without attorneys) in court and facilitate entry of the divorce judgment. The parties then go through the system without the need for attorneys or additional expense, other than the normal divorce filing fees, while the mediator monitors them through the system.

Most family law attorneys in Michigan charge between \$150-\$250 per hour for their services. If both parties retain their own attorneys, they can be jointly paying between \$300 and \$500 per hour, further depleting the joint marital assets. In pre-divorce mediation, the parties share the hourly rate of only one attorney.

While admittedly these services are not suitable for every divorce case, the law firm believes that the method is an effective means of resolving a divorce where people are trying to handle things in an amicable, cost-effective fashion, Russell said. It not only minimizes the costs associated with a divorce, but also serves to minimize the emotional damage to the family.

Clos, Russell & Wirth, P.C., is at 35551 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (734) 326-2101.



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OUR VIEWS

Be a mentor Help develop tomorrow's leaders today

When it comes to commemorative days, Jan. 25 may not be recognizable. But if you're someone who has or has had an adult help you, it's your day. Jan. 25 is Thank Your Mentor Day, a time to reach out and thank or honor that person who encouraged and guided you and had a lasting impact on your life.

Mentors come in all shapes and sizes. They can be found in the schools, in the community, in sports and in business. They are volunteers who believe they can make a difference in the lives of troubled youth, a struggling student and a new employee. They are caring, nonjudgmental and an effective tool in steering young people away from drug abuse and violence. They help boost academic achievement, build character and confidence, expand a young person's universe, and help them navigate a path to success.

Thank Your Mentor Day is part of National Mentoring Month, and to those adults who have stepped up to help, we say thank you. We are only as strong as our young people. If they falter, we all falter. Mentoring is a one way the ensure that the next generation gets off to a good start.

"As tutors, coaches, teachers, volunteers, and friends, mentors commit their time and energy to kids who may otherwise lack a positive, mature influence in their lives," stated President Barack Obama in proclaiming January as National Mentoring Month. "Their impact fulfills critical local needs that often elude public services. Our government can build better schools with more qualified teachers, but a strong role model can motivate students to do their homework. Lawmakers can put more police officers on our streets and ensure our children have access to high-quality health care, but the advice and example of a trusted adult can keep kids out of harm's way. Mentors are building a brighter future for our nation by helping our children grow into productive, engaged, and responsible adults."

For young people who have mentors, we urge you to say thank you to them. They do what they do because they care. For people who would like to be a mentor, take a look around. You can find opportunities as close as your neighborhood school, the Westland Youth Assistance Program and nonprofits like Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

According to Paul Motz, director of Westland Youth Assistance, "helping one kid helps the community." His agency has 20 mentors working with a like number of youth. Mentor training was held earlier this month in hopes of getting mentors for 10 other youths who are on a waiting list.

We agree with Motz about the importance of mentors and what they do for our community and our young people. In Homer's 8th century epic poem, "The Odyssey," King Odysseus had such confidence in Mentor that he entrusted him with the care of his kingdom and to be the teacher and overseer of his son, Telemachus, while he went to fight in the Trojan War. We need to know we can do that same thing today. We need to know that we have a mentor who we can entrust with our kingdom.

If you're interested in being a mentor, give Motz a call at (734) 467-7904. Help develop tomorrow's leaders today.

Pitsenbarger will be missed on Wayne-Westland board

Last week, Martha Pitsenbarger resigned from the Wayne-Westland Board of Education. The longest serving member of the board, Pitsenbarger has spent more than six months shuttling between the Wayne-Westland area and Myrtle Beach, S.C., where her husband has been recovering from a bacterial fungus.

The announcement came as no surprise. Pitsenbarger had already indicated she would not be running for reelection in the May school election. She had hoped to serve out the remainder of her term, but "due to personal circumstances" beyond her control, decided it was in the best interest of the district that she resign now.

Her departure is a loss to the school district. As a school board member, it wasn't hard to see where her heart was. She was dedicated to the students and committed to providing them with the best learning environment possible. She was with the children through thick and thin. She made decisions that she felt were best for the children. They may not have been popular with some, but that didn't matter. The kids did.

Her caring shone through in the little things, like reading the biographies of the youngsters who led the Pledge of Allegiance at board meetings. Her smile, her greeting had the youngsters beaming. Even older students earned her praise and encouragement for what they did.

We will miss Martha Pitsenbarger. We wish her well in her retirement and a speedy recovery for her husband. We hope she will not be a stranger to Wayne-Westland, but come back to visit once in awhile. Home is where the heart is, and we know this school district is still in her heart.

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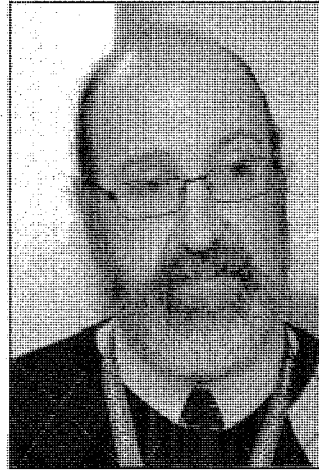
Do you plan to attend the North American International Auto Show?

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



"No, I'm not interested in getting a new car nor do I have the money to get one."

Jan Bartel
Livonia



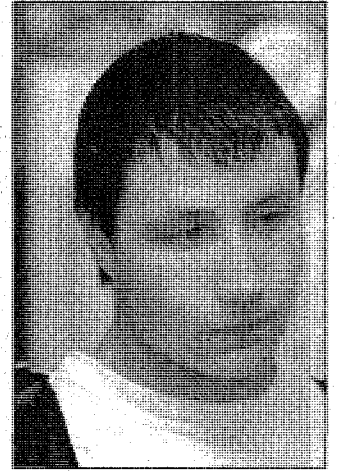
"Not this year. I've been in the past and it's a lot of fun, but I can't fit it into my schedule."

James Lenze
Belleville



"Not me. My husband will go and his friends - I might go."

Rita Clark
Westland



"I planned to go last weekend, but I still squeeze it in. I go every year."

Jesse Willis
Garden City

LETTERS

Hypocrisy

The Obama administration's selective grief over the tragedy in Arizona, where a deranged individual killed six people, was lacking in the Fort Hood massacre in which 13 were killed. Where was the moment of silence, the tears, the presidential visit, etc., for the 13 that lost their lives? When it's a Democratic congressperson that gets shot, it's all hands on deck with the tears and sympathy. Such hypocrisy by the administration and a real teachable moment for the rest of us.

Mack Tario
Southfield

Need civil discourse

We may never know for sure the exact motivation for Jared Lee Loughner, the 22-year-old accused of mass murder in Tucson on Saturday morning, which resulted in six people dead and the wounding of (at least) 12 others.

Among the dead are John Roll, chief federal judge at the center of an immigration dispute with the state of Arizona, a 9-year-old girl, an aide to U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, as well as the severe wounding of Giffords herself.

Although we may never fully know Loughner's intent in this violence and carnage, Arizona Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, who obviously knows more than we do, suggests the severe vitriol of our political discourse for this last year may well be connected to the shooting. This may well be the exercise of free speech, but our current political state has consequences, so states Sheriff Dupnik.

Giffords herself was one of 42 U.S. representatives who reported vandalism of their offices in the first three months of 2010 after they voted in favor of the health reform plan.

Giffords' Tea Party-backed opponent, Jesse Kelly, held a fund-raiser at a shooting range where he invited supporters to fire an M-16 with him to "help remove Giffords from office."

Giffords noted that she was being targeted by Sarah Palin and in Palin's sights as Palin had declared Giffords' district in her "crosshairs."

Does this violent anger and hate speech, supplemented daily over the airwaves by Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, G. Gordon Liddy, Michael Savage, et al., have influence on those already deranged? You bet.

What to do about it? First, we can easily begin by removing the toxic rhetoric and anti-government from our current political discourse. As Sheriff Dupnik stated above, inflammatory free speech has consequences. We are not talking censorship, but lending civility.

There is no self-felt grievance worthy of the murder of six and of wounding of 12.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Why cut Social Security?

There has been a lot of talk lately, and there is sure to be more, about reducing our country's debt, something everyone pretty much agrees would be good. However, it seems every proposal includes cuts in Social Security benefits.

As has been stated by many, Social Security has yet to add to the deficit and as of 2009 held a \$2.6 trillion surplus.

Also, it is projected that without change the fund will be able to pay all cost to 2037. Why then does every conversation on cutting spending seem to start with Social Security? Is it the dirty little secret that neither party will admit they already spent the money and don't have the

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courage to do what it takes to pay it back?

These are the questions I am writing my congressman and senators to ask.

If we are to have "an adult conversation" on deficit reduction, at least tell me why we must cut something that is not part of the problem.

I encourage all who wish to see this very successful government-run program to continue to ask for answers from those who seek to cut it.

Chuck Tindall
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Citizens need to be informed

New members of the 112th U.S. Congress could/should realize voters elected them because of misunderstanding and lack of information about the economic collapse, two wars, and tax credits granted under the previous administration. Neither President Obama and his advisers nor the media stressed the many accomplishments of Obama's administration. The individual voter had to be open-minded and get information alone. Some members of the 111th Congress refused to support the Obama administration. Perhaps some could not adjust to an African American as president of the United States or accept the content of his mind.

There is no mandate from the people to continue partisan gridlock and rancor. Solving the unemployment problem should be a main priority, not killing the health care law. Improving lives of the lower and middle classes should be a main goal, not cutting programs which help these segments of society as legislators deal with deficit reduction. I believe these items should be true for all levels of government - city, county, state. Selfishness, self-interest, bias and fear should not be motivations for governing.

Equally important tasks include ending two wars in a just manner and working for world peace by working with other countries.

John Dean was interviewed recently on TV about his book "Conservatives Without Conscience," which he wrote a few years ago.

He stirred my interest in reading the book. All of us would benefit by improving our conscientiousness, that is sensitive regard for fairness or justice with a feeling of doing right or being good.

Participatory democracy is crucial in helping our leaders solve problems and alleviate suffering in our country. Let us hope all citizens will inform themselves, be skeptical, positive and involved.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Government is broken

Collins English Dictionary defines a patriot as "a person who vigorously supports his country and its way of life." Thomas Payne wrote "it is the duty of every patriot to protect his country from its government." Thomas Payne also wrote "to argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead."

Americans who sound the alarm of a broken, dysfunctional government and who try to change that government within the electoral process, are often demonized as dangerous extremists by those within our society who have surrendered reason for a few morsels of government hand outs. One doesn't have to look under rocks for evidence of a broken government, the evidence is right in front of our noses. Some examples for those interested in facts rather than fantasy and political spin:

1. To those who celebrate a viable General Motors and Chrysler due to governmental bailout, I remind you that our government confiscated the investment in those companies of millions of middle class Americans, gave most of that investment to the union, and gave much of Chrysler to a foreign government. As many private companies in this country do daily, these companies could have reorganized and continued operating under special provisions of existing bankruptcy laws. A government allowed to confiscate the investment of stockholders and bondholders of the auto companies can confiscate anyone's assets, yours included.

2. We elect legislators to represent our interest. Whose interest do they really represent when they pass thousand page bills without reading them?

3. Our government loves to place blame when things go wrong, never does it take responsibility. Why are the regulators charged with overseeing the financial system, or the regulators and inspectors charged with monitoring and inspecting every aspect of offshore oil drilling, or any federal agency, not held accountable for failure? Government simply increases funding, adds another layer of dysfunction, and calls it reform.

4. Our government continually loves to tell us how good the health care legislation is for America. Why then are so many supporters of the current administration, namely unions, being exempted from its provisions? Should we not all receive equal protection from our government?

The Tea Party movement is a grassroots movement whose primary mission is education of the electorate about the importance of restoring the founding principles of constitutional limited government, fiscal responsibility and free markets. Our meetings are open to all and we encourage everyone to come see what we are all about. Our next scheduled meeting is Jan. 27, 7-9 p.m. at Baker's of Milford. We are planning a showing of the movie "The Cartel" followed by a panel discussion on the state of public education in America. Participating in the panel discussion will be Michael Van Beek, education research director at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, and Dan Quisenberry of The Michigan Association of Public School Academics. Also invited but not yet confirmed Eileen Weiser - state school board member - and Tom Watkins - former state school superintendent. Join us, bring family and friends, and contribute to the solution.

Ben Di Ponio
Milford

IRS audit can cause concern, but be vigilant

I recently received a call from an individual who had just gotten that dreaded letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that their 2009 tax return was selected for an audit.

The caller was concerned because his preparer had been aggressive when completing the return. During our conversation, we discussed a number of issues regarding the audit that I thought would be helpful to my readers.

The first issue discussed was who was responsible for his return. I explained that although the preparer has some responsibility, ultimately it is the taxpayer's responsibility to file an accurate and complete tax return. In some rare cases,



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

audit.

One of the most important issues regarding taxes is to make the decision regarding how your return is going to be prepared. For many people, preparing it on their own is still a viable alternative. There are many good software pro-

grams available for filers with straightforward tax situations. Keep in mind that if you prepare your own return, you cannot just blindly input numbers. Take your time and pay attention to what you are doing. If your tax situation is complex or you just don't wish to do it yourself, decide who will prepare your return.

If you are paying someone to do your return, you want someone who is qualified. You want to hire someone who has a commitment to staying current with the tax laws, and who will stand behind you if you are contacted by the IRS.

Hiring someone to do your tax return is no different than hiring an attorney or other professional. Don't be afraid to ask questions, and be sure to talk about fees.

The other issue I discussed with the caller is what causes audits. On a year-by-year basis, about 1 percent of taxpayers are audited. Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason why a return was selected. Yearly, the IRS selects at random a number of returns for audit.

However, there are returns that are selected because of other factors. One of those is mathematical errors.

Another audit trigger is excessive deductions — taking deductions that are disproportionately high in comparison to your income.

That doesn't mean that legitimate deductions should not be taken. However, it does

increase your audit risk and therefore it is important to have backup documentation.

Other items that increase the chance of audit are hobby losses. Even though as taxpayers we must pay income tax on what we earn from our hobbies, it doesn't necessarily mean we can deduct any losses.

Another audit trigger is the home office deduction. The IRS has always been very skeptical of this deduction. Taxpayers entitled to a home office deduction should take it. However, look at what the deduction actually saves. It may be a more prudent deci-

sion to not take the deduction. As tax season moves forward, it is important to think about how to prepare your return. Just because you did something last year doesn't mean you should do it this year. Take some time, think about it, and if you decide to hire someone, make sure you hire the right person.

Good luck.

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

Local firm displays plug-in power at auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

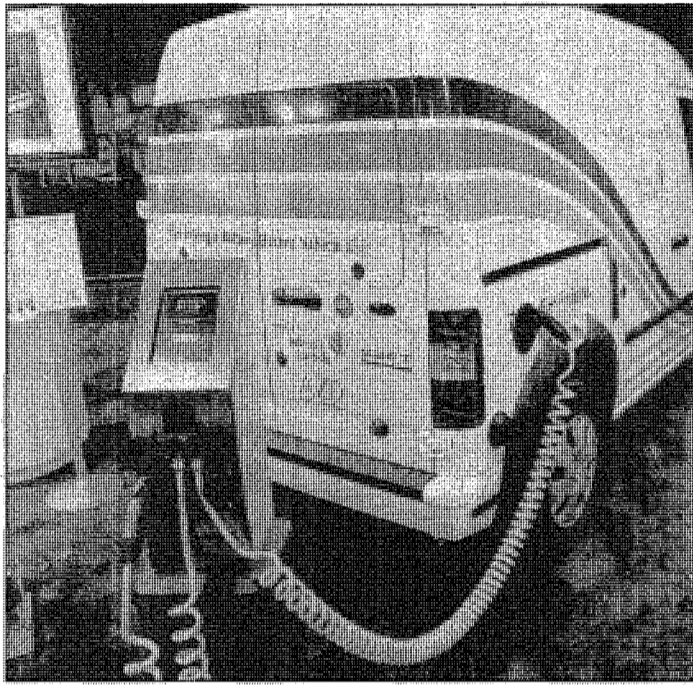
Imagine filling 'er up for about \$2.

That's how little drivers could pay in the near future to charge a Chevy Volt using a PEP Station. Designed by the Livonia-based Blain Group, the electric charging stations are going into production this year.

"2011 is the year of the electric car," said Brady Blain, PEP Stations vice president of business development. "In order for electric vehicles to be accepted by the general public, a charging infrastructure will be needed. Now that the vehicles are here, we've seen demand for commercial charge stations increase dramatically."

PEP stands for Plug-in Electric Power. Each unit has a pair of 240-volt chargers, so it can charge two cars at the same time. Charging a Volt would take about three hours, Blain said.

They're on display at



Livonia-based PEP manufacturer's electric vehicle recharge stations have a display at the MEDC hall inside the auto show.

the Michigan Economic Development Corp. "Town Square" exhibit at the auto show. Ricardo, Inc. engineered

the units and Diebold, Inc. will install and service them.

Similar in size to a parking meter, PEP units are being

targeted for commercial uses, such as hospitals, shopping malls and movie theaters that might require a stay of several hours.

Units are expected to cost \$500 to \$1,500 each and the unit owners would determine the exact rate to charge per hour. Customers would buy the electricity using a debit/credit card. The units use an LED touch-screen similar to an ATM machine.

The stations are made of stainless steel, with underground wiring connecting each unit to the owner's business. They'll sit on concrete pedestals to help avoid a parking lot mishap.

The Blain Group, located at 39206 Six Mile, is a commercial design and real estate development company. Members of the firm include two former Ford Motor Co. executives with backgrounds in technology and product development.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE #11-001

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, January 10, 2011, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. #11-001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND B154.164 HOME OCCUPATIONS OF CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on December 9, 2010 to considered an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend Section 154.164, Home Occupations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of January 10, 2011 that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Section 154.164, Home Occupations is added to Chapter 154 of the Code of the City of Garden City as follows:

Section 154.164 Home Occupations

(A) Home occupations may be permitted as an accessory use in the R-1, One-Family Residential and R-2, Two-Family Residential districts, subject to the following:

- (1) No employees other than those living on the premises are allowed.
- (2) Delivery vehicles used to deliver goods to a home occupation are limited to automobiles, passenger vehicles, mail carriers, and express package carriers. Deliveries are limited to an average of once a week.
- (3) Home occupations are not allowed outside of the interior of a structure. An approved garage or accessory building may also be used for storage of materials, supplies, goods, or equipment incidental to the home occupation.

(B) The following uses shall be permitted as home occupations:

- (1) Home offices for such professionals as architects, doctors, brokers, engineers, insurance agents, lawyers, realtors, accountants, writers, salespersons, and similar occupations.
- (2) Personal services, including hair or nail care, tutoring, music and art classes.
- (3) Workshops for tailors, dressmakers, milliners, and craft persons, including weaving, lapidary, jewelry making, cabinetry, and wood working.
- (4) Repair services, limited to watches and clocks, small appliances, computers, electronic devices, and similar small devices.
- (5) Any home occupation not specifically listed as permitted, may be permitted as a special use subject to the provisions of this Section and Section 154.415.

(C) The following uses are expressly prohibited as a home occupation:

- (1) Motor vehicle, recreational vehicle and/or boat repair, bump and paint shops, and salvage and/or storage yards.
 - (2) Kennels and/or veterinary clinics.
 - (3) Medical or dental clinics.
 - (4) Retail sales of merchandise.
 - (5) Eating or drinking establishments.
 - (6) Adult uses and sexually oriented businesses.
 - (7) Growing of Medical Marijuana as a qualified caregiver under the Michigan Marijuana Act, Law 1 of 2008
 - (8) Uses similar to the above listed use, or any uses that would in the determination of the Community Development Director, result in nuisance factors as defined by this ordinance.
- (D) Home Occupations shall not include:
- (1) Outdoor displays or storage of materials, goods, supplies, or equipment used in the home occupation.
 - (2) The use of machinery or equipment not commonly incidental or accessory to a residential dwelling.
 - (3) Changes or alterations to the character or appearance of the residence.
 - (4) Parking that cannot be accommodated on the site.
 - (5) Signs unless expressly permitted by Chapter 153, Sign Regulations.

REPEAL:

All Ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith and the same are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY:

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the City Council of Garden City at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of January, 2011.

Allyson M. Betties, Clerk

Randy Walker, Mayor

Resolution # 11-01-003
Effective Date: 01-10-2010

Publish: January 20, 2011

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE #11-002

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, January 10, 2011, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE # 11-002

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD B154.165, OUTDOOR SEATING AND DINING OF CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on October 28, 2010 to considered an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to add Section 154.165, Outdoor Seating and Dining; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of January 10, 2011 that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Section 154.165, Outdoor Seating and Dining of Chapter 154 of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

Section 154.165

The following regulations shall apply to all outdoor seating and dining areas:

- (A) *Location.* Outdoor seating and dining areas shall be located immediately adjacent to the establishment with which it is associated. Outdoor seating and dining areas shall not encroach upon any public right-of-way. A minimum of 5 feet of sidewalk shall be maintained free of tables and other encumbrances.
- (B) *Defined Area.* If alcoholic beverages are to be served, outdoor seating and dining areas must be enclosed by a barrier, a minimum of 3 feet in height above the ground. The barrier must be decorative and cannot restrict visibility in or out of the area.
- (C) *Capacity.* Outdoor seating and dining areas shall not exceed 25 percent of the total seating for the establishment.
- (D) *Furniture Storage.* Tables, chairs, table umbrellas, railings, planter, posts, and other items shall not be stored outside during the off-season.
- (E) *Noise.* No music, intercom, or other noise shall be permitted that impacts adjacent properties per the standards of Section 154.176.
- (F) *Patron Entrance and Exit.* Patron entrance and exit from the enclosed outdoor seating and dining areas at establishments serving alcohol may only occur through the main establishment. The enclosed area shall have an approved fire emergency exit. The emergency exit shall have an alarm to alert the establishment in the event of unauthorized use when no emergency exists.
- (G) *Food and Beverage Service.* All food and beverages shall be prepared within the main establishment. The service of alcoholic beverages is subject to the current Michigan Liquor Control Commission Rules and Regulations.

REPEAL:

All Ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith and the same are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY:

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the City Council of Garden City at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2010.

Allyson M. Betties, Clerk

Randy Walker, Mayor

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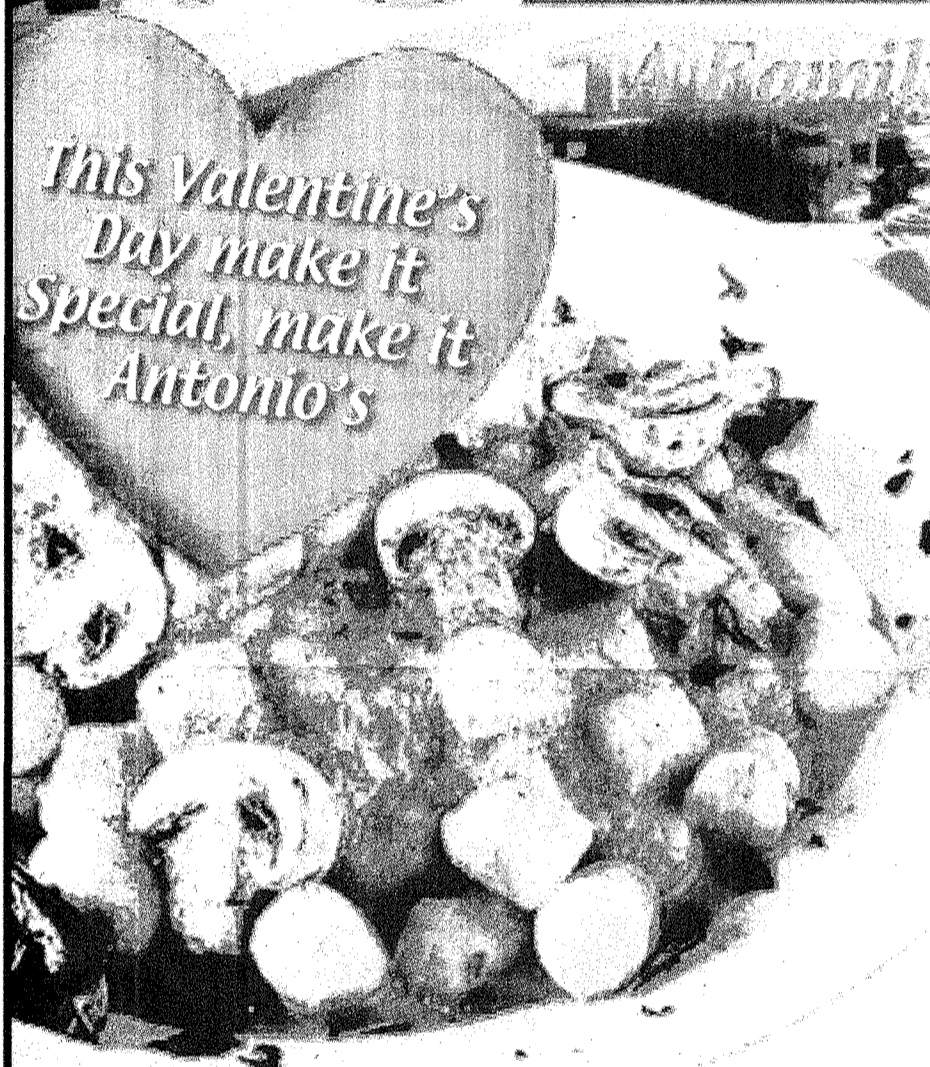
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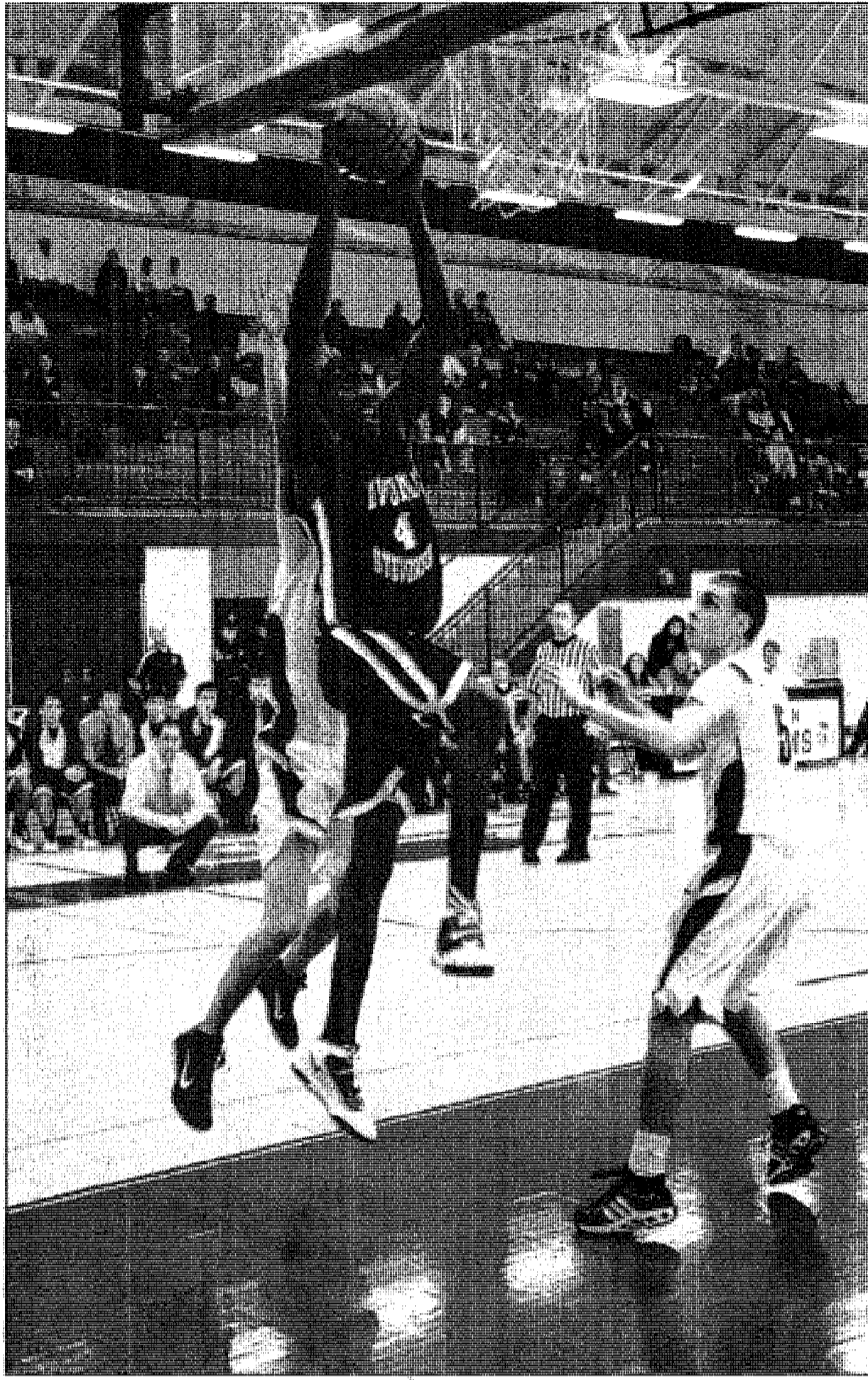
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Stevenson's Jalen Reynolds (4) goes in for one of his four dunks en route to a game-high 30 points in a 61-55 overtime win Tuesday over Novi.

Workin' overtime

Reynolds' 30 keys Stevenson win vs. Novi

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson needed a big game from its 6-foot-9 senior center Jalen Reynolds in Tuesday night's KLAA Central Division showdown with unbeaten Novi.

And the Xavier University signee delivered with a career-high 30 points to go along with 14 rebounds as the host Spartans rallied for a 61-55 overtime victory.

Stevenson, which improved to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the division, overcame a 10-point third-quarter deficit and sent the game into OT when Reynolds delivered a clutch three-pointer from the deep corner to make it 53-all with 22.46 seconds go.

"I fired it off and let it go," said Reynolds, who also added four rim-rattling dunks. "I was ready, I felt it in my body and said, 'Hit this three.' I was ready to take it to overtime and prepare from there. Our coach has had us in here shooting every day and preparing for what just happened today."

Novi (8-1, 3-1) had its chances, but missed a pair of front-ends of a one-on-one free throw situation, including one with 16.98 seconds remaining in regulation, giving Stevenson the ball one more time for an opportunity to win.

Reynolds, however, missed a free throw line jumper in the waning seconds.

Senior point-guard C.J. Mwila, who had suffered through a miserable shooting night, then came through with a seven straight points in the overtime, none bigger than his short jumper with 54.31 seconds

left to give the Spartans the lead for good, 57-55 (after he converted a free throw while being fouled on the shot).

"I was open at the moment," said Mwila, who finished with 16 points. "It got tipped back to me and I just decided to shoot the ball and hope for the best. I saw my teammate tip it in the air, and my first instinct was to just go for the ball. I was going to go in for a layup, but I was open where I was and just decided to shoot it."

Mwila then made back-to-back foul shots followed by two more by Charlie Swingle in the final 44 seconds to put the game out of reach.

Stevenson junior guard Jonathan Campbell, who went scoreless during the opening half, came alive during the second with 10 points.

Campbell converted a rare four-point play with 2:02 left in the third period to pull the Spartans to within two, 41-30, to spark a 9-0 run.

"They definitely stepped up," Reynolds said of the Spartan teammates. "They're happy, we're all happy and we got the win. This just puts us further up in the map. It puts us higher and makes us ready to take on whoever is in front of us."

Novi shot a blistering 7-of-8 during the first quarter, but led by only one, 16-15.

The Wildcats enjoyed a 28-24 advantage at halftime and stretched the margin to 40-30 with 3:35 to go in the third period on a triple by Scott Kempa.

But 22 turnovers on the night led to Novi's undoing and the Wildcats went cold during the four-minute

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SIDELINES

Blazers ice North

Jenny Rohn's goal three minutes into overtime gave Livonia Ladywood a 3-2 upset Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win Saturday over visiting Grosse Pointe North at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Rana Freij and Hannah Pereira assisted on the game-winner and goaltender Jessica Pavea stood out with 40 saves.

"It was huge win for the program and good to see that the girls' hard work paid off," said Ladywood coach Bruce Peck, whose team is 5-6 overall and 5-6 in the league.

North (10-2, 9-1) took a 1-0 advantage in the second period on Kailey Schmitter's goal from Sara Villani.

"We came out in the first period and skated hard, but didn't have a lot of scoring chances," said Peck, whose team was outshot 42-16 on the night. "North was carrying the play most of the period, but we played well defensively in our zone and limited their scoring opportunities. We played well in the second, but made a mistake that led to North's first goal. Going into intermission, we felt good to only be down by one and knew we could come back, but we would have to become more offensive and take some more chances."

In the final period, Rohn scored from Katie Folk and Brittany Galvin to make it 1-1 before North's Jennifer Cusmano answered from Megan Bergeron and Bryn Moody.

Freij's goal from Rohn and Pereira then sent the game to OT.

Hogan recognized

Livonia Clarenceville senior linebacker and running back DeAndre Hogan is among a select group of players eligible to be selected as national Old Spice Player of the Year.

For the 10th straight year, Old Spice is recognizing high school football players who go above and beyond the call of duty. The program honors athletes who are able to elevate their play and step up when the heat is really on. These athletes embody leadership, performance and desire, and serve as examples to their teammates on and off the field.

The 6-foot-1, 230-pound Hogan earned first-team All-Observed honors with 72 solo tackles and 49 assists at linebacker. He also rushed for 847 yards.

Wild game dinner

The Wayne County Fair Association, Inc. will stage its annual Wild Game benefit dinner Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Fairgrounds Dining Hall, 10871 Quirk Road, Belleville (off I-94 and Belleville Road).

Tickets are \$25 per person. Proceeds will go to fund 4-H educational programming and fairgrounds upkeep.

Appetizers will be served at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. The event includes door prizes and several raffles (including gun and crossbow). There will also be a 50-50 raffle.

For more information, call Mary Zellner at (734) 942-1684 or e-mail maryzellner@sbcglobal.net.

C'ville hoop alumni

The first ever 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.

Rockets, Wayne roll strikes

The Westland John Glenn boys and Wayne Memorial girls emerged as the team champions in their respective divisions at the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament held Saturday at Super Bowl.

The Glenn boys pulled out the title by edging rival Wayne by one pin, 3,783-3,782.

Glenn posted a best three-match set of 2,964 on games of 1,010-1,002-952. The Rockets also won the two-game Baker set battle with a 203-216 and 207-193 for a 419-400-819 total.

Brian Monty led the way for Glenn with a three-game series of 597 on games of 185-208-204.

John Cleavenger added a two-game set of 506 on games of 277-229. Other top individual game scorers were turned in by Steven White (231), Jordan Hornes (231) and Daniel Ammons (225).

PREP BOWLING

Wayne's three-game team total was 1,063-938-945 for a 2,946 set followed by 202-232 and 198-206 Baker sets for an 836 total.

Individually, Wayne's Elliot Arnold the tournament with a 732 series on games of 257-189-286. Teammate Jeremy Brown also bowled his second career 300 game.

Meanwhile, the Wayne girls posted a total of 3,051 to earn the first-place trophy.

Brianna Everett took second place with an individual high game of 201 while Stephani O'Harris was third with a 199.

Other members of the Zebras included Chelsea Morneau, Emily Everett, Tiffany Markham and Brianna Winn.

The Wayne girls, coached by Dianne St. Louis, are current-

ly leading the KLAA Central Division girls race with a 4-0 record. The Zebras are 6-0 overall.

Meanwhile, the Glenn varsity girls finished in the middle of the pack with a total score of 2,755 led by Julianne Ayers' 182 game.

Glenn wears 2 JV crowns

Both the John Glenn JV boys and girls also captured team titles Saturday at the P-C-S Tournament.

Deandre Plear's 605 series included games of 218 and 209 to pace the Glenn boys, who posted a total of 3,549.

Other notable scorers included Brad Houghton (221) and Mark Kassab (204).

The Rocket girls captured their second title of the season with a 2,497 as Emily White led the way with a 177-160 followed by Bryann Riblett (174) and Caitlin Lenard (160).

2nd-period meltdown does in Chargers, 7-5

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS HOCKEY

A high percentage of pucks found the back of the net Saturday afternoon for the Salem boys hockey team as the Rocks skated to a 7-5 victory over Livonia Churchill at Arctic Edge Arena in Plymouth.

The Rocks took just 20 shots to get their seven goals in raising their record to 8-3-1 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Churchill, meanwhile, falls to 6-5 overall and 3-4 in KLAA's South Division.

Despite giving up five goals, Salem senior netminder Brandon Price might have been the first star as he stopped 33-of-38 Churchill shots.

"There's no question whatsoever he played well today

and we needed him to play well to win because he's the most important player on the ice," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said of Price. "And again, he's been our best player. We couldn't ask for much more from him. Even with five goals they could have had more because he made some big saves."

Churchill had the puck a majority of the time in Salem's end during the first period and struck first with 1:20 to go when Joe Williams' slap shot just inside the blue line deflected into the net and past Price.

The Chargers outshot Salem 13-6 during the period, but fell

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Moore spearheads Ocelot hoop victory

Karl Moore poured in a game-high 31 points and freshman forward Daniel Hill grabbed 18 rebounds as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team notched its

COLLEGE HOOPS

first conference win with an 87-72 triumph at home of Alpena Community College.

Schoolcraft overcame 36 percent shooting from the field by making 30-of-35 free throws (87.5 percent).

Moore, a 6-foot-6 freshman from Academy of Oak Park, got plenty of scoring support as five other Ocelots notched double figures in scoring.

Anthony Nash added 12 points, while Mohamed Elhaj and Lydell Mason each added 11. Davonte Broden and Hill (Wayne Memorial) tallied 10 apiece. Elhaj also dished out seven assists.

Alpena (7-10, 1-7) got 17 points from Lavario Smith and 12 each from Michael Alden and Lucas Wickert.

The Lumberjacks, who trailed 41-35 at halftime, shot 14-of-22 from the foul line.

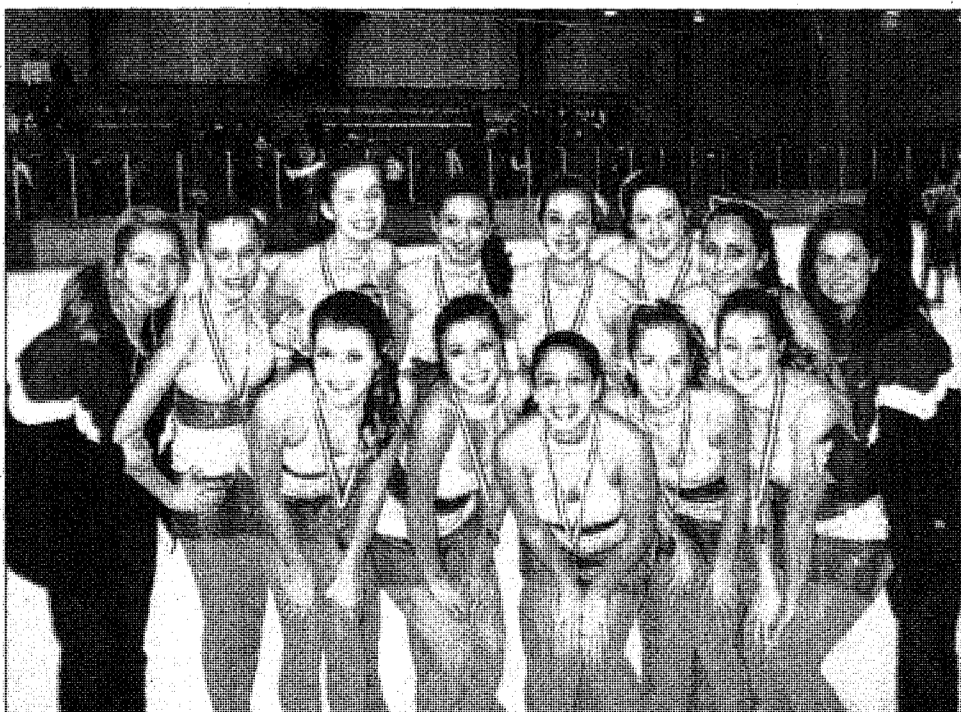
N'WESTERN OHIO 81, MADONNA 68: On Saturday, Jake Bolyard scored a game-high 24 points as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference newcomer Northwestern Ohio (6-12, 3-5) downed visiting Madonna University (4-15, 2-15).

The Racers jumped out to a 44-22 halftime lead and never looked back. Kyle Gillette added 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Isaac Bowers and Todd Watkins contributed 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Mike Clark came off the bench to lead the Crusaders with 16 points.

Mitch Cieslak added 14 points before fouling out, while Geoff Gaylor added 10 points and nine boards.

MU committed 19 turnovers and shot 39.7 percent from the floor (23-of-58).



Skater in sync

The Livonia Icettes, a synchronized skating team based out of Eddie Edgar Arena, took first place in Saturday's ISI competition held at the Wayne Arena. Members of the Icettes include (front row, from left): Kayla Young, Haley Szpara, Summer Abdelnour, Sarah Bartoszyk, Mary Fredendall; (back row, from left) coach Emily Alderman, Katie Henderson, Lauren McAlinden, Alyssa Burgess, Natalie Menestrina, Rebecca Wilson, Lauren Karnesky and coach Angela Pawlowski. (Not pictured are Amanda Kamrath and Hillary Menestrina.)

New pastor

The Rev. Michelle Werner will be installed as associate pastor Sunday, Jan. 23, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, where she'll focus on youth and family ministries. Werner studied economics and religion at University of Michigan and earned a bachelor's degree in 2004. While managing local restaurants in Ann Arbor and East Lansing for two years, her call to the ministry became apparent. She began seminary studies in 2006 at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ill., and spent a year in a parish internship at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jackson, before graduating in May 2010 with a master of divinity degree. She will be ordained at 2 p.m. Jan. 22 in her home congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Lansing. She and her husband, Kurt, live in Novi.



RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Sharon Dargay, The Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. Submit items at least a week before expected publication date. Be sure to include a contact telephone number for readers, as well as any ticket prices for an event.

JAN. 20-31

Concert
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth
Details: The church's Resounding Art in a Sacred Space concert series features the Detroit Handbell Ensemble. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$25 for families
Contact: (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16

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 mtschmidt@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
Details: Six-week series, "Catholics Returning Home," is designed for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the possibility of returning to the Church. The sessions will be conducted by former lapsed Catholics in a casual, non-threatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

Why Be Catholic

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The popular series, *Why Be Catholic*, returns from hiatus with the Rev. Ed Fride pastor of Christ the King parish in Ann Arbor, sharing the story of his journey from Protestantism to teen-age agnostic to high-school convert to Catholicism. He'll explain why he gave up plans to be a nuclear physicist to become a parish priest. The evening is open to all, regardless of religion preference. A children's ministry is available by prior arrangement at childrenministry@livoniastmichael.org
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org.

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 2:15 p.m. check in; 2:30 p.m. Mass, Jan. 23
Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton
Details: Mass for widowed men and women, with refreshments and social time after
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

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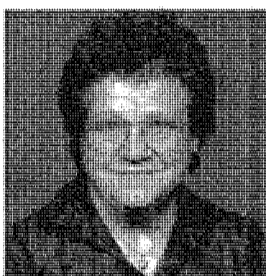
Fellowship
Time/Date: 11 a.m., following Sunday worship, Feb. 6
Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy, Livonia
Details: A fellowship hour of soups to raise attention to the fact that many Americans can't afford even a bowl of soup, while others will spend freely on food for Super Bowl Sunday. A \$1 offering is suggested to raise money for the Wayne Co. Family Shelter
Contact: Jean Coleman at (734) 422-8855

ONGOING

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

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DON ATKINSON
Age 82. Dear husband of Elizabeth. Loving father of Gary and David. Proud grandpa of the late Nora Jean, the late Kathryn Jean, Shane and Jacob Atkinson. Don was laid to rest in Indiana. Arrangements were handled by Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Memorial Contributions may be made to Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 734-425-7280

ROBERT H. UFFOLD
Age 63 of Redford Twp., December 18. Son of the late Harry & Sue. Proud sergeant in the U.S. Marines serving two tours during Vietnam War. Receiving friends at the Fisher Funeral Home 24501 Five Mile Rd. (btw. Beech Daly & Telegraph) Redford Twp 313-535-3030, January 27, 2011 from 1 until time of memorial service at 3pm. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

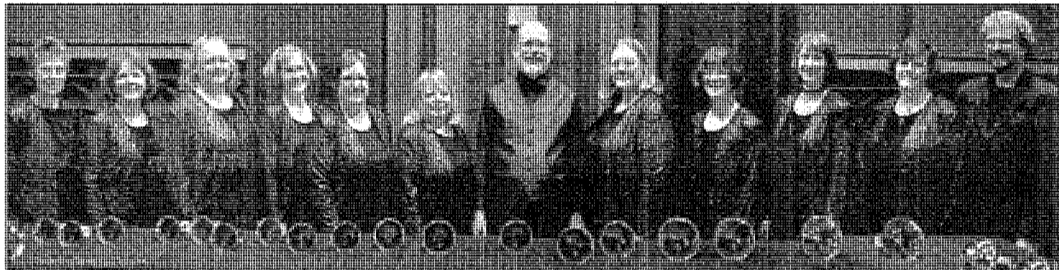
CLARA SINTA

January 15, 2011, age 95, of Northville. Loving mother of Leroy (Sophie) McGarry. Dear grandmother of Marsha (Michael) Maxey, Rick (Bonnie) McGarry, Darryl McGarry and Wendy (Mark) Grimm. Also leaves 16 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, one brother Herman Arnoldink and one sister Mary Nycamp. Her family meant the world to her and in their company she smiled. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 PM and Wednesday 2-9 PM and Funeral Service Thursday 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). Interment United Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Canton.
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BECOME A FAN TODAY

Tail-wagging fun

Livonia Kennel Club stages four-day dog show in Novi

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

At age 5 months, Celine and Walker are too young to compete with adult dogs in the show ring.

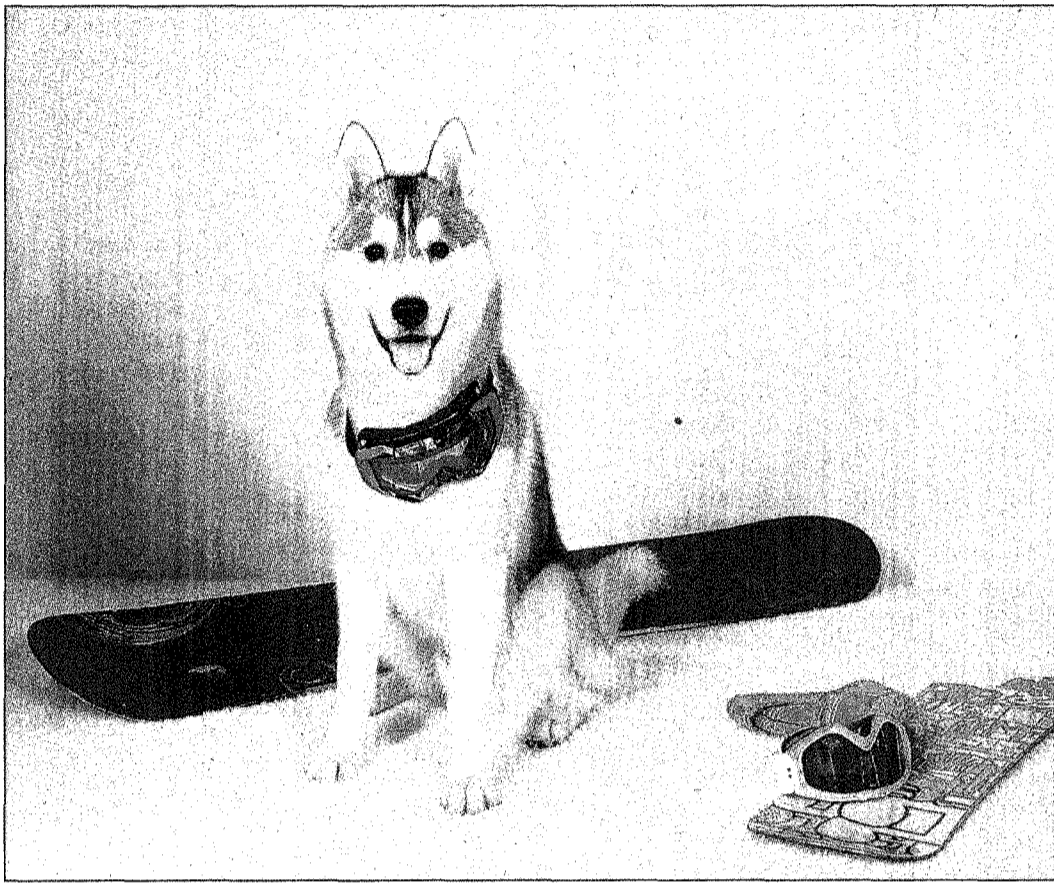
But the Livonia brother and sister poodle puppies will debut in a new puppy event Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic in Novi.

"They're just babies," said owner and handler Barb Gallagher of Rosebar Standard Poodles in Livonia. "But I'm always looking for something to get my puppies into. The event I entered them in is brand new. It's a step we can take before we can actually enter AKC shows for points. It's kind of nice. It's good exposure for them. They've never been in a huge building before, with barking dogs. I plan to get there pretty early."

Celine and Walker will be among approximately 80 puppies involved in the new event at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, which spans four days and will include more than 6,000 dogs involved in conformation, agility and obedience trials.

Judges will select a "best in show" dog each day.

The Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club sponsor the show, which is in its second year at Suburban Collection



Drizzle, a member of Dog Scouts of America, and a Wayne resident is the poster dog for the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

Showplace, (formerly Rock Financial Showplace). Lee Patten, secretary of the Livonia Club, says the organization has run dog shows "for years," starting at Schoolcraft College and then moving from Belleville to Dearborn

to Chelsea to Detroit after the college began expanding and the group lost its outdoor show space.

"We've been all over the place. Now we're at Rock Financial (Suburban Collection) and it's a wonder-

ful place," Patten said, adding that dog owners and handlers from across the Midwest participate in the show.

VETERAN MEMBERS

She and her husband, Mike, the Club's vice president, have



Jon Provost, who played Timmy in the original "Lassie" television series will be on hand, selling copies of his book and greeting fans at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, presented by the Livonia and Oakland County kennel clubs.



Provost

been involved in the group for 30 years. It was organized in 1955, at a time when there were more people in Livonia breeding dogs and showing them, Patten said.

"In those days you didn't have a lot of dog shows. A group of people got together and started the Club. It had 35-40 people back then."

Today, a handful of members meet on a regular basis and help organize the annual

Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

Patten advises purebred dog owners to join a local breed club and then apply to an all-breed kennel club.

"You can learn more that way," she said.

OWNING COLLIES

She was a member of a local collie group before joining the Livonia Kennel Club and has bred and shown collies through the years.

"I always wanted a collie, but I started out with a German Shepherd. My husband owned a Shepherd," she said. "I just love the look of Collies. I just like them."

To her delight, Jon Provost, the actor who played Timmy in the original television series, *Lassie* will greet fans and sell his book, *Timmy's in the Well*, at the show.

The 11th generation descendant of "Lassie," the collie that starred in the 1941 MGM movie, also will be on hand.

Eye clinics will be held Thursday and Saturday and a cardiac clinic is planned for Saturday. Canine Good Citizenship testing will be held Thursday and Saturday. The clinics are open to the general public and are held in a different section of the building. Only those dogs that are entered in the Michigan Winter Dog Classic are allowed in the show area.

MICHIGAN WINTER DOG CLASSIC

What: More than 6,000 dogs representing 167 breeds will compete at the four-day dog show

When: Noon-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 20-21 and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23

Where: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi and Beck Roads in Novi

Details: The 11th generation Lassie will be on hand along with Jon Provost, who played Timmy in the original "Lassie" television series. Provost will have his book available for purchase and will greet fans. Demonstrations and performances include the Rock n roll K9 Performance Team, Dog Scouts of America, Alaskan Malamute weight pull, Border Collie duck herding and Macomb County Sheriff Department K-9 team. The show will include daily judging, "Rescue Row" featuring rescue organizations, health clinics, obedience tips and a vendor marketplace. An all-new Puppy Special Attraction, designed to help puppies, 4-6 months, get acclimated to the judging ring, starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 22. Eighty puppies have been registered in the event. The show is presented by the Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club

Admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and children, 7-12. Children, 6 and under enter for free. A discounted family pack is \$35 and includes admission for two adults and three children. Group tickets are \$4 per person for groups of 12 or more. Parking is \$5

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ARCHIVE PHOTO

A carver works on a sculpture at a previous Plymouth Ice Festival. Visitors to this year's show who feel as cold as this artist looks, can warm up with hot drinks and comfort foods at area restaurants.

Grab a warm drink, a quick bite during Plymouth Ice Festival

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Krista Diamond and her crew at Kilwin's served so many hot chocolates during last year's Plymouth Ice Festival, they broke their beverage-making machine.

If temperatures stay in the teens this weekend as predicted, she's likely to face another rush on warm drinks, but says the store is ready for a potential onslaught of hot chocolate-seeking customers. And she says the machine won't break again.

"This year, we're making the hot chocolate on the fudge stove. It's made in a copper pot and we will store it, to keep it hot," said Diamond, store manager.

Kilwin's is among stores and restaurants in downtown Plymouth that are gearing up for the 29th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, which runs Friday-Sunday, Jan. 21-23 in Kellogg Park. Event demonstration and activity times are 3-11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. More than 100 ice sculptures will be on view 24 hours a day.

The event's "Hot Spot" will offer a warm area to grab a quick snack or drink, but visitors who want to get out of the crowd will find many nearby restaurants and stores catering to festival-goers.

"Last year we were very busy," said Joe Walters of Liberty Street Brewing Company. "We don't normally serve a bunch of food here. We do have a special on homemade beef stew and a bread bowl. I figured it was good, stick-to-the-ribs."

A folk-rock group, Northern Skies, will entertain on Friday night and Bebe and the Bluesmasters take the state on

Saturday. Both shows start at 6 p.m. and are free of charge.

Walters won't have any hot drinks on hand, other than coffee, but festival visitors might want to try the brewery's Punkin Pie Ale or a German bock beer.

He tried a special hot drink for the festival last year, but didn't like the result.

"I tried mulled ale. It was hot beer. I used a barley wine-style beer and all you could taste was the alcohol. It was not enjoyable, although it was quite the warmer," Walters said.

SNOWBALL CONFECTIONS

In addition to hot chocolate, made with melted dark chocolate and steamed milk, Kilwin's will serve "drinking chocolate." That's the same melted chocolate, but with only two ounces of milk.

"It's a strong shot of chocolate in a 4-ounce cup," Diamond explained.

Kilwin's specialty item for the ice festival consists of a caramel apple coated in white chocolate and white pear sprinkles.

"It looks like a big snowball. They really are fun."

Customers can eat the confection off a stick or request it be sliced into pieces. Diamond also will have new items, including chocolate-dipped maraschino cherries and dark chocolate sea salt caramels, ready for the weekend crowd.

"When ice fest people come to town we get requests for a lot of custom assortments," she said.

SNACKING AL FRESCO

Janice Kraft, manager of the Burger Spot, plans to serve a variety of easy-to-handle foods from the restaurant's por-

table grill and hot dog cart, which will be stationed on the sidewalk. She said the outdoor fare is likely to include hot chocolate, coffee, hot dogs, tofu hot dogs, hamburgers, and possibly chili or soup and chicken sandwiches.

"We'll have our regular menu going inside," she said. "Our chili is vegan. It's a quinoa chili and it has become our house chili because it's a huge seller." Black bean burgers and a Greek burger are two of the restaurant's vegetarian selections.

Cupcake Station will offer a special flavor in conjunction with ice festival, but Rob Stolerow, store manager, said exactly what kind of cupcake is still under debate. The store also will offer a "buy one and get one free" special and will sell tea, hot chocolate, specialty regular coffee.

Last year Station 885 served up a world record-breaking 5,714-pound snow cone to festival-goers last year. This year, the restaurant is leaning toward light and healthy foods, especially for young diners. It's launching a new children's menu with healthful sides such as apples, vegetables and cottage cheese instead of fries, and grilled cheese, turkey or peanut butter and jelly skewers. Adult festival visitors can't go wrong with the restaurant's pot roast or French onion soup. Try Spanish coffee as a dessert drink.

Nico & Valli won't run a special promotion for the ice festival, but owner Paul Depalma, recommends that guests warm up with comfort foods, such as lasagna, and homemade soups.

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Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through Jan. 29

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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

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

Details: Erik Olson shows oil portraits of homes and structures in various stages of repair in a show called "An Outside View"

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Saturday, Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Kurt Metzger, through Jan. 22; John Roy, Jan. 26-29

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Tom Segura, Jan. 20-22; Ken Rogerson, Jan. 27-29; Louis Ramey, Feb. 3-5

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

CONCERTS

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

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. 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

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Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-

CITY BITES

Wine dinner

Livonia - Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar will offer a Celani Napa Valley wine dinner with Tom Celani, Celani Family Vineyards proprietor, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. Tickets are \$125 per person and include tasting of four Celani wines and five-course dinner. Call (734) 542-WINE (9463) to reserve. The restaurant is located at 17400 Haggerty.

5th annual Steak Fry

Livonia - American Legion Riders Post 32 holds its Polar Bear Steak Fry from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 22, at 9318 Newburg, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 per person and include an 8 ounce New York Strip, baked potatoes and hot creamed corn and a side salad. Guests can cook their own steak or the post's chefs will do it for them. The event will include a 50/50 raffle, Chinese Auction, and DJ. (734) 427-5630.

Cooking at Longacre

Farmington Hills - Tickets are available now for cooking classes, lunch shows and dinner at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road. Two Dining & Wine dinners are available. Both run from 6:30-8 p.m. and include a three-course meal and wine sampling. Chef Anne-Marie will make pasta with homemade tomato sauce, Mediterranean salad, pastry pinwheels, braziola and chocolate cake on Jan. 26 and cheese-stuffed chicken, salad, rice pilaf, and cheesecake on Feb. 18. The fee for each meal is \$35 and includes drinks, tip and demonstration. Chef Anne-Marie will demonstrate how to prepare Shephard's Pie, salad, and a chocolate peanut butter cake at a lunch show, noon-1 p.m. Feb. 3. Guests will eat the lunch and take home the recipes. Cost is \$13 and includes the meal, drinks, tip and demonstration. Participants will learn how to make several different frostings and icings at a cooking class, Feb. 12. They'll also frost a cake, taste their finished products and take home leftovers. The fee is \$45 and includes all ingredients and the demonstration. Buy tickets at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or call (248) 473-1800.

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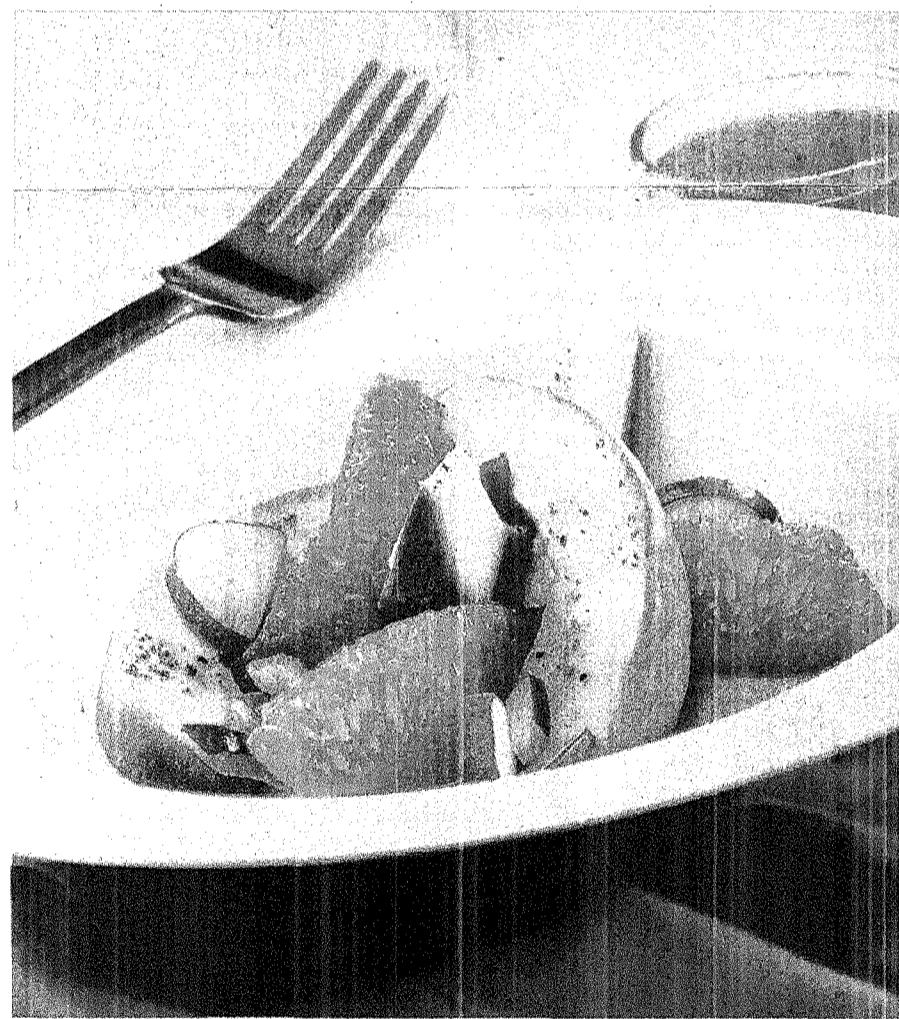
- Flour for dusting
- Olive oil cooking spray
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- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon aged balsamic vinegar
- 3 cups baby arugula
- ¼ cup red onion, sliced thin
- ¼ cup snipped fresh basil
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 Texas Rio Star grapefruit, peeled and segmented
- ¼ cup roasted, salted peanuts, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 450°F and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. If using pizza dough, divide into 2 equal portions and roll each into a thin oval on a lightly floured board (about 9 x 13 inches). Place on prepared baking sheets and spray with cooking spray. Top with equal amounts of cheese and bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until crusts are golden brown.

In large bowl, whisk together olive oil and balsamic vinegar; add arugula, onion, and basil, tossing gently to coat. Season with salt and pepper.

Divide arugula mixture among flatbread and top with grapefruit segments and peanuts; serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 280, Fat: 13g, Saturated Fat: 4.5g, Cholesterol: 20mg, Sodium: 420mg, Carbohydrates: 33g, Fiber: 2g, Sugar: 3g, Protein: 12g, Vitamin A: 15%, Vitamin C: 45%, Calcium: 20%, Iron: 10%



Grapefruit, Avocado and Radish Salad

CRUNCHY PEANUT CHICKEN STRIPS WITH SPINACH SALAD

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: about 30 minutes

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 cup finely crushed baked tortilla chips
- 6 tablespoons peanut flour, divided (available at supermarkets nationwide and online)
- ¼ cup roasted, unsalted peanuts, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon Mexican seasoning blend
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 pound chicken tenders, or boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into 1-inch strips
- 2 beaten egg whites
- Olive oil nonstick cooking spray

Peanut Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
 - 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 - 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
 - 1 teaspoon hot chili sauce (such as Sriracha)
 - 1 teaspoon honey
 - ¼ cup canola or vegetable oil
- Salad:**
- 5 cups baby spinach, washed and dried

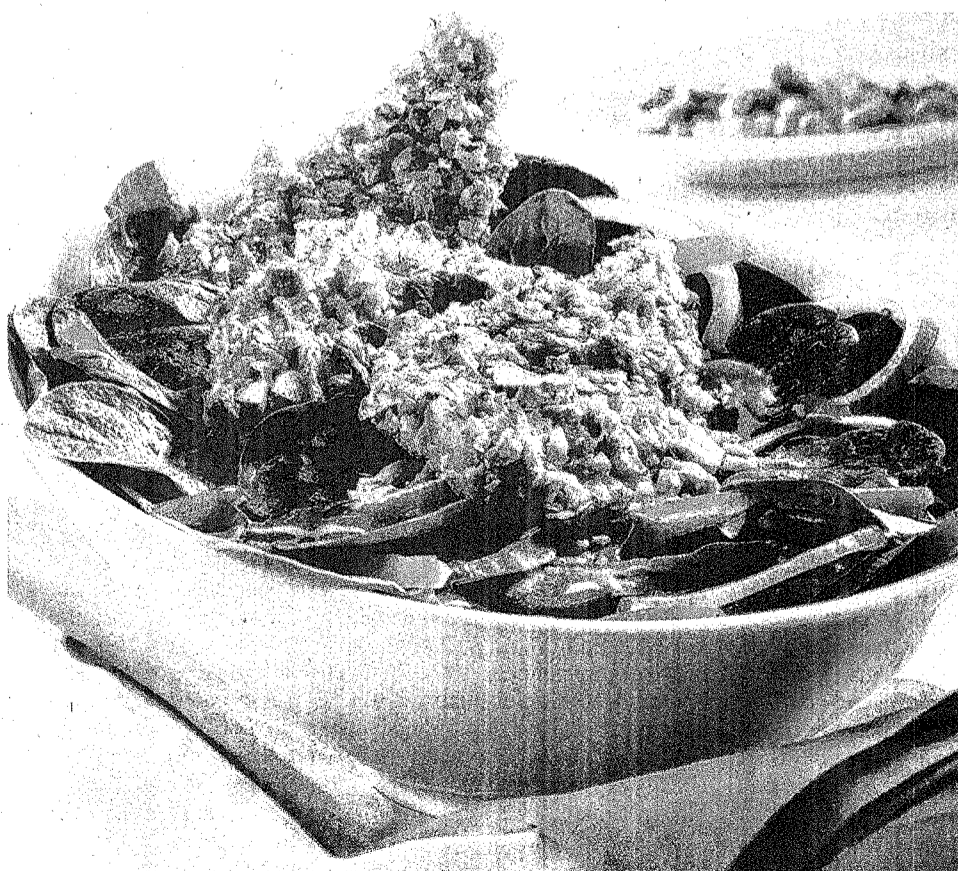
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced thin
- ¼ medium red onion, sliced thin

Preheat oven to 425°F. Stir together tortilla chips, 2 tablespoons peanut flour, chopped peanuts, Mexican seasoning and garlic powder in a shallow dish.

Dip chicken into remaining peanut flour, then in egg whites, then into tortilla chip mixture, pressing to evenly coat. Place on a baking sheet and sprinkle any remaining crumb mixture over chicken. Coat liberally with cooking spray and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until chicken is golden brown, coating with nonstick cooking spray several times during cooking.

While chicken is cooking, in large bowl, whisk together all dressing ingredients until smooth. Gently toss spinach, red pepper and onion in dressing. To serve, divide dressed salad among plates and top with 2 to 3 chicken strips.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 500, Fat: 32g, Saturated Fat: 5g, Cholesterol: 30mg, Sodium: 770mg, Carbohydrates: 32g, Fiber: 6g, Sugar: 4g, Protein: 25g, Vitamin A: 25%, Vitamin C: 50%, Calcium: 6%, Iron: 15%



Crunch Peanut Chicken Strips with Spinach Salad

FRESH GRAPEFRUIT, AVOCADO AND RADISH SALAD

Prep time: 15 minutes

Makes 8 servings

Make sure all ingredients are chilled before assembling this salad.

- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed Texas Rio Star grapefruit juice
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- ½ teaspoon granulated sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 5 radishes, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons minced red onion
- 4 Texas Rio Star grapefruit, peeled, and segmented
- 2 large firm but ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and sliced

In medium bowl, whisk together grapefruit juice, olive oil, sugar, salt and pepper. Add radish and onion, toss to coat and set aside. On a large platter, layer grapefruit and avocado slices, top with radish mixture. Serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 140, Fat: 9g, Saturated Fat: 1.5g, Cholesterol: 0mg, Sodium: 80mg, Carbohydrates: 17g, Fiber: 5g, Sugar: 1g, Protein: 2g, Vitamin A: 8%, Vitamin C: 90%, Calcium: 2%, Iron: 2%

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