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Westland gets state money with shared services report

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

With the acceptance of a report on municipal shared services, Westland will be receiving its full \$1.1 million in funding under the state Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

The report on shared services is one of three requirements to meet for full funding for what used to be called statutory state

shared revenues.

"We will get the full amount this fiscal year, we'll put it into fund balance," Mayor William Wild said. The current fiscal year budget did not include the \$1.1 million which will be added to the current \$2.2 million fund balance.

Available on the city website, the shared services summary includes programs that saves the city money or in some cases pro-

vided added value service. Print copies are available for review at city buildings, including Westland City Hall, the William P. Faust Public Library and the Bailey Recreation Center.

Included examples are:
• Joint emergency dispatch in place since 1999. Westland has a contract with Inkster to provide emergency dispatching services while each community maintains its own police and fire serv-

es. The service generates about \$100,000 in savings for Westland.

• A school liaison officer which is funded jointly with Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The officer is assigned to the school during the day and attends functions in the evening. The city saves about \$60,000 on the cost of the officer annually.
• The Westland Fire Depart-

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Technology Librarian Kristy Cooper (left) is hoping that 20-30 people will turn out for an informational meeting Thursday at the William Faust Library and volunteer to become literacy tutors like Karen Kehoe.

Library seeks more literacy tutors

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Since all of the volunteer adult literacy tutors at Westland's William P. Faust Public Library are currently working with students, Kristy Cooper hasn't been trying to recruit more people needing help with their reading skills.

"We have three students waiting now," said Cooper, technology librarian, who hopes to add volunteers after an upcoming training session. "I cut back on advertising for students until we have more tutors. The students are definitely out there."

The library is hosting an informational meeting for people

interested in the adult literacy tutor training at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. The training, which will be conducted by the Washtenaw County Literacy Council, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 3, 10 and 17, at the library, located on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road.

Currently, the library has 20 active tutors — all were trained during spring 2011 and committed to work with a students for one year.

Westland resident Karen Kehoe was among that group of tutors and is working with a student, a woman in her 40s.

"I had actually taken the train-

ing about two years ago and was certified with another program. It didn't pan out with the students. I never got called, then the students didn't follow through," Kehoe said. "I read about the program in the library newsletter. I always wanted to do it. It's working out well this time."

A reader herself, Kehoe said she struggled with math during college and utilized the services of a tutor.

"I felt like, what might some people be missing they couldn't read? So much of our world has to do with reading," she said. "I felt like I wanted to give something

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City holds seminar on energy efficiency

There is still time for Westland business owners to register for a free Energy Efficiency Seminar to be held Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the William P. Faust Public Library.

The seminar will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

This seminar is part of Mayor William Wild's Mission Green Initiative and is a way to stimulate the economic development in the downtown district by assisting projects that result in reduced energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to a more sustainable downtown district.

Attendees will learn about low cost energy upgrades, operational energy cost savings, utility rebates/incentives, tax credits and deductions, along with the Westland Downtown Development Authority's New Energy Efficiency Enhancement Grant Program.

"The City of Westland is committed to helping the economic viability of local businesses," Wild said. "Saving money on business energy operating costs can put quite a bit of money back in the pockets of the business owners and help their bottom line."

Interested businesses are asked to reserve a spot Wednesday, Jan. 25, by calling (734) 467-3264. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway.

Hearing adjourned in church embezzlement case



Galoch

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A preliminary examination for a Canton woman charged with embezzling more than \$13,000 from a Westland church has been adjourned until Feb. 2.

The defense attorney representing Kathleen Galoch, 63, requested the delay Thursday in 18th District Court to allow more time to review the audit prepared by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

A long-time employee at St. Theodore Catholic Church,

Galoch has been charged with embezzling over \$1,000 from a nonprofit organization — a 10-year felony. A not-guilty plea was entered on behalf of Galoch, who was freed on a \$10,000 personal bond.

The adjourned hearing

drew a number of onlookers connected with the church. The amount of money Galoch is charged with stealing is only a fraction of the nearly \$143,000 reported missing from St. Theodore

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State of State short on news for cities

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

In a State of the State speech light on details, local officials noted a particular topic not addressed by Gov. Rick Snyder — the continuing struggle faced by local government.

"While I agree with some of the aspects of the governor's speech, including the need to focus on public safety, bettering our schools and improving our roads, a key ingredient missing in this address was a focus on rebuilding Michigan's most important economic engines, our cities," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "Michigan's comeback will depend on making our cities stronger and more attractive for business and families."

Noting the governor put a strong emphasis on the need to cut costs and run more efficient governments, Wild noted that Westland has already been a leader in both areas.

"Despite the recession, the city of Westland has taken numerous steps to achieve these cost cuts through concessions and the consolidation of certain services. We are a leader and a model to be copied," Wild said.

Plans for strengthening Michigan communities was also something state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, missed in the speech.

"With plans to further take away specific revenue source — personal property tax revenues — our communities will be further pushed to elimi-

nate services," LeBlanc said.

Not only did LeBlanc attend the speech, he was among those asked to escort the governor into the room.

"I considered it an honor. I was pleased to be selected," he said, noting those sentiments weren't shared by all of his Democratic colleagues.

"In my opinion, it was a pretty soft message. It didn't include a lot of specifics that both sides of the aisle were looking for," LeBlanc said. "I guess I would include myself in the group thinking a bit of specifics would be nice."

One thing LeBlanc said he was pleased to hear Snyder mention was regarding public safety, with more information coming in March. Specif-

ically, Snyder mentioned high-crimes cities like Flint, Saginaw, Pontiac and Detroit.

"I'm sure the specifics will come. It would be nice to learn about that now," LeBlanc said. "The Michigan State Police were ordered to augment the Flint and Saginaw police departments. They are having a powerful affect."

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, said he agreed with Snyder on several problems that needed to be addressed, including the need for a second bridge to Canada, regional transportation, road repairs and government accountability.

"I believe that we need to invest in infrastructure," Anderson said. "But many Republicans have publicly told their

constituents that they won't raise taxes."

Anderson also criticized Snyder's address because he believed it "lacked an agenda." It's important for the governor to set the agenda, he said, otherwise other Republicans may do it for him.

"Without direction, we can't move forward," Anderson said.

Anderson supports returning the state's budget surplus to schools because school aid has been raided in the past.

For his part, Wayne-Westland Schools Supt. Greg Baracy expressed relief at the governor's speech.

"It was refreshing not to hear that school districts across the state will not receive more devastating cuts this year," he said.

The morning after the State of the State speech, LeBlanc said he received a call from Republican Speaker of the House Jase Bolger asking him to facilitate a meeting with House Democrats. The meeting took place and, shortly after, a Democratic-supported bill was passed with bipartisan support.

"It is in exchange for something the Republicans want. If this is an indication of the way we will work in 2012, I'm all for it," LeBlanc said. "This is the first time this has happened in 13 months. In part, I think this is due to the governor's message. It was light on specifics, but indicated a willingness to work together."

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and allegedly used by Galoch, the former bookkeeper, to pay her family's personal bills.

Charges couldn't be brought against Galoch for the full amount of the missing since the Rev. Gary Michalik, who was the parish priest during this time, told police that he authorized Galoch to spend the other funds.

Employed at the parish from 1986 until earlier this year when she was laid off due to financial problems, Galoch was hired as an administrative assistant, later having the job titles of parish administrator and business manager. Her duties included day-to-day bookkeeping, check preparation, bank reconciliation, counting and depositing cash collected, payroll and related duties.

Once Galoch had been laid off March 31, the parish payroll was reviewed

and some questionable transactions were identified. The Archdiocese of Detroit did a complete audit going back to January 1997 and reported nearly \$143,000 missing from Galoch paying herself extra wages, paying personal expenses for herself and family members and using parish funds for what were described as loans/donations to herself and her relatives.

An archdiocesan representative presented the

audit to Westland police, seeking criminal charges against Galoch over the missing \$143,000. The audit showed checks written to pay mobile home rental fees, utilities and other expenses for Galoch's adult son, James E. Galoch, and wages for her husband, James J. Galoch. Both men had done maintenance-type work at the parish. Personal bills were also paid for Galoch's former daughter-in-law, Shannon.

The nearly \$14,000 was identified as transac-

tions not authorized by Michalik, now pastor at St. Colette Church in Livonia — loans or donations to Shannon Galoch covering her mortgage and car payment, personal transactions for Kathleen Galoch including property tax payments, taxes owed on her personal income tax return, a traffic ticket for her son and a personal tax consultation fee.

In a statement to police, Galoch said that she worked very hard for the church, which did not pay overtime and felt

she deserved extra compensation. Additionally, Galoch told police she was angry at being laid off and cashed additional payroll checks incorrectly sent to her after she was laid off.

Galoch had improperly filed her income taxes, adding money her husband earned to her income, she told police so that her husband wouldn't lose his Social Security benefits.

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city water system.

The city saves an estimated \$100,000 annually through the five-community Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority which is able to provide discounts for solid waste disposal costs.

Along with Garden City, Inkster and Wayne, Westland participates in the Nankin Transit Authority to provide transportation services to elderly and handicapped residents.

Westland participates in the Senior Alliance, the designated Area Agency

on Aging for 34 communities in southern and western Wayne County.

"I'm proud to share the City of Westland's efforts in working with other organizations in Wayne County and elsewhere to look for collaboration opportunities and share resources," Wild said.

"This is an ongoing process in the City of Westland. As we look to maintain an All-American City that our residents can be proud of, we will continually look for future ways to collaborate services, projects and resources

with our surrounding communities."

The other EVIP requirements are to have an online citizens financial dashboard, which was done by the Oct. 1 deadline, and by May for the council to adopt a pledge to take steps to curtail employee health care and retirement costs as contracts expire. Council has already moved ahead with plans for a 80/20 cost sharing for employee medical coverage.

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You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State Office.

EILEEN DeHART, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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City of Garden City Close of Registration Notice Primary Election, Tuesday, February 28, 2012

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School board to survey residents on \$190 million bond

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Public Schools will conduct a telephone survey to gauge the community's level of support for a \$190 million bond proposal for improvements to school facilities.

The survey of nearly 500 residents with and without school-age children will be conducted Monday through Wednesday by Banach, Banach & Cassidy of Ray Township at a cost of just under \$12,000.

The residents will be randomly selected, with the survey taking about

eight minutes to complete.

The results are expected to be presented to the school board in time for its Jan. 30 meeting.

"The information we obtain from this survey will be used by the Board of Education in strategic and financial planning," board President Patrice Mang said. "We believe that it is important to listen to the members of our community and to ask them what they expect from their schools."

No decisions yet

Donna McDowell, the district's administrator of

communications, emphasized that the board has not made any decision on whether it will ask voters to approve a bond, or how much the bond would be for or when it would go on the ballot if it decides to go for a bond.

She said the specifics in the survey questions, including the \$190 million figure and cost to homeowners, are based on the board's discussion in November of the district's long-range facilities plan. The owner of a \$125,000 home would pay \$181 annually for 30 years for a \$190 million bond.

McDowell said the board would have to decide by the end of February on the bond proposal if it decided to ask voters on the May ballot.

"The board really truly could do something completely different," she said.

McDowell said the survey is just one way the board plans to get feedback from the community on a proposed bond. It will also hold community meetings, she said.

Three categories

Residents surveyed will be asked about their level of support for the three

general categories in the district's long-range facilities plan: technology and technology infrastructure, fine arts facilities at the high schools and facility repairs and remodeling across the district.

The plan was developed in 2009 by hundreds of residents, staff and experts.

"Our goal is to continue working with members of our community to maintain and enhance Livonia's educational program and school facilities," Supt. Randy Liepa said.

In November, Liepa said the district's buildings, many of which are

50 years old, need electrical, mechanical and infrastructure improvements, along with windows, exterior doors and heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades.

He said the district's sinking fund, which raises about \$5 million annually, only goes so far.

Sinking fund monies generally are earmarked for infrastructure repairs, while a bond, unlike the sinking fund, can be earmarked for equipment and furniture.

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TUTORS

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back to the community."

Students fill out a form with their goals and information that Cooper uses to match them with an appropriate tutor. Similar time availability for their sessions — usually one to two hours per week — is also a factor in pairing tutors and students.

"Each person has different goals and are at different levels. My student is more interested in writing. She will do a book report," Kehoe said. "Kristy matches people up really well. I probably would do this again. I really enjoy working with the student I have. She's a joy to work with."

About half the current tutors are Westland residents, Cooper said, with others coming from surrounding communities, such as Garden City and Livonia.

"No one is from far away. Most of the students are fairly local — Belleville is the farthest away. Some of them are

living in two places," Cooper said. "It's pretty evenly split between male and female students. They are all adults and working."

With adult students and tutors, Cooper said working around each's availability is the biggest challenge in matching the pairs.

"That's the biggest sticking point. It maybe personality, too. I had a tutor who was kind of shy and I found her a shy student," Cooper said. "Sometimes I match them by hobbies."

So far, Cooper said the tutors have kept their commitments, but some students haven't been able to continue to make their tutoring sessions.

"There are other things in life that keep you from focusing, maybe you get a job," Cooper said. "Some of the students have pretty stable lives. You really would have no idea that they have a reading problem. For some people, it's hard to be organized."

Cooper is hoping at least 20-30 people turn out for the informational meeting Thursday.

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High flying

John Glenn High School students in found themselves watching the weather recently. Teacher Amanda Laidlaw had her students collect data for the GLOBE Student Climate Research Campaign. For one week in the month of December, the students had a weather station outdoors and record daily minimum and maximum temperatures as well as precipitation. They will fly large kites to practice ground cover methods GLOBE is the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment program, a worldwide hands-on, primary and secondary school-based science and education program. Drawing on GLOBE protocols and data, as well as other datasets, students take climate-related measurements and investigate research questions about climate.

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Family hopes fundraiser helps paralyzed woman

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton resident Dianna DeClerq's life seemed full of promise.

After raising her 23-year-old son on her own, she was able to buy her very first home, a Canton condominium, two years ago. Then, for the first time in 34 years, she bought a new car, a 2010 Ford Focus.

She had hoped to work a few more years as a hospital patient account representative and retire by the time she reached 70.

Now, at 63, she fears she will lose everything after she was left paralyzed from the waist down, prompting her family and friends to raise money for her.

DeClerq, a former Livonia resident, worked her last day June 13 and walked into a hospital the next day for surgery for a thoraco-abdominal aneurysm.

"I left in a wheelchair 10 weeks later," she said.

DeClerq was left paraplegic from complications during surgery.

"I've always been very independent," she said, sitting in her condo. "It's hard to ask for help. I've always been the helper."

Her sister, Darlene McBroom, and McBroom's daughter-in-law, Darcy McBroom, have organized a benefit to help DeClerq. It's set for 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Merri-Bowl Lanes on Five Mile east of Merri-man in Livonia.

"Dianna is at risk of losing everything she has worked for," Darcy McBroom, a critical care nurse and Livonia resident, said. "She's definitely in need."

DeClerq hopes to keep her home and car. She needs to make the inside of her condo handicap-accessible and replace an aluminum ramp to her front door with a sturdier, wood ramp.

She has medical bills beyond what insurance covers, and she would like to hire a caregiver to start rehabilitation in her home, in hopes she might someday walk again.

Bowlers who attend the



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Dianna DeClerq (left) is facing mounting financial problems after surgery left her paralyzed from the waist down. A fundraiser is planned by her sister, Darlene McBroom, and McBroom's daughter-in-law, Darcy McBroom, shown here with DeClerq.

fundraiser can pay \$15 for shoes and two hours of bowling. McBroom said people who don't bowl still may attend and give donations.

Some businesses have donated items that will be raffled, and there will be a silent auction. Anyone who wants to donate items or who needs more information may send an e-mail to Benefit4Dianna@gmail.com.

There will be a 50/50 cash raffle. Moreover, anyone who wants to donate money directly to DeClerq may make checks payable to Dianna DeClerq and send them to Darcy McBroom, P.O. Box 31725, Livonia, MI 48151.

DeClerq isn't sure what her long-term prognosis is.

"I may or may not ever walk again," she said.

Regardless, her supporters have reached out for help for a woman

who, after raising her son, buying a home and a car, finds herself in the greatest need of her life.

DeClerq has always been a strong woman who faced adversity and beat it. And she hasn't given up hope.

"I still hope to walk again someday by the grace of God," she said.

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Cancel life insurance policy to raise needed cash

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in a situation where I need about \$20,000. I don't have that much money liquid, but I do have a few different options as to where I should get it from. I hope you can help me make the right decision. I've attached a list of my assets so you can see what I have. I am considering to either take a cash advance on my charge cards or borrow the money from a friend. My friend has told me that he would lend me the \$20,000 at a 10-percent interest rate. What do you think is the best way to come up with the \$20,000? I am single and have no dependents.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: Considering that you are single and have no dependents and after reviewing your information, I recommend taking \$20,000 from your whole-life, life insurance policy. From the information you've provided, it appears that you have a cash-surrender value of approximately \$25,000. Since you do not need the life insurance policy, it would make sense to cancel it and use the cash-surrender value for the

\$20,000 that you need. To me, this is the least expensive option that you have and the one that makes the most economic sense. In addition, you'll have the benefit of not having to pay future life insurance premiums. At this point in time in your life, you don't need life insurance, so why pay for it?

In reviewing your other options, if you decide for some reason not to cancel your life insurance policy, another option would be to borrow from your 401(k) plan. You have sufficient assets in your 401(k) and borrowing the \$20,000 from your account should not be a problem. Of course, you need to confirm with your employer whether you are allowed to borrow from your 401(k) plan (most plans do allow) and find out the interest rate. Generally, the interest rate on a 401(k) plan is much lower than what your friend is giving you and certainly much lower than taking a cash advance. Therefore, my second option would be to borrow against your 401(k) plan.

The last option I would consider, and one I would only use if there was absolutely nothing else available, would be to take a cash advance against your charge card. Keep in mind that this is absolutely the worst way to bor-

row money. Not only will you pay the highest interest rate, but in addition, the interest is not tax-deductible. It's also never a good idea to finance a purchase using charge cards. My philosophy is charge cards should only be used as a matter of convenience. In a perfect world, which we know this isn't, I would tell people never to carry a balance on their charge card. I recognize this isn't always possible. However, it is a goal that you should be striving for.

Many people have life insurance policies that they no longer need. In many of those situations, I recommend cancelling the policy. After all, why pay for something you don't need? The question I generally tell people to ask themselves is would they buy the policy today. If the answer is no, the next question is why are you keeping it? We should all review life insurance policies we have and if we don't need them, the next step should be to ask, why are we keeping them? Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Snyder hails adoptive family in speech

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A former Canton family captured Michigan's attention when Gov. Rick Snyder singled them out while praising child adoption efforts Wednesday night during his State of the State address.

Applause rang out inside the Michigan Capitol building as Lamar and Holly Moreland stood on a balcony with their 7-year-old biological daughter Hunter and their two adopted children — siblings Dexter, 12, and Hailey, 7.

"We felt like rock stars," Holly Moreland said.

Hunter and Hailey wore matching dresses and Dexter sported a tie as Snyder shone the spotlight on the family that moved just weeks ago to Harper Woods.

Snyder touted the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (www.mare.org), a starting point where the Morelands and other parents have viewed photo listings and information about children who need homes.

Adoption journey

The journey led the Morelands to Orchards Children's Services in Southfield, where adoption worker Laura Baldwin guided them through an adoption process that found a home nearly two years ago for Dexter and Hailey, who for a while had lived in separate foster homes.

"They have found their forever family," Snyder said Wednesday.

It brings to five the Morelands' children. Before the couple met, Lamar Moreland had a son, 31-year-old Ramal Moreland, who lives in Maryland, and Holly Moreland had Derrick Whitehead, 18, who couldn't attend State of the State because he had to work.

The couple had decided they wanted to expand their family by adopting.

"We felt strongly that we really wanted to grow our family," said Lamar Moreland, 54, an assistant Michigan attorney general.

Good adaptation

The family has adapted well, and Baldwin

called them up after she heard that Snyder was looking for parents of adopted children to spotlight during his second State of the State speech.

"It was such a wonderful feeling," Lamar Moreland said. "They invited us, and we thought it was such a great honor. When Gov. Snyder called our names, I think the kids were the most excited. It was one of those good moments we won't ever forget."

More than shining in the spotlight, the Morelands are thankful that Snyder showed support for foster care and adoption services.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who attended Snyder's address, said he was delighted when Snyder introduced the Morelands and mentioned Canton.

"It was really cool," he said.

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and other lawmakers may spar over their political differences, but legislators on both sides of the aisle

can agree that adoption efforts are good for Michigan and its families.

"There are so many kids that need good, stable families, especially young teenagers," Colbeck said.

During the first year of the adoption process, Dexter and Hailey divided their time between the Morelands and foster parents. Finally, they came home to stay.

While in Lansing, the Morelands got a tour that included a stop in Lt. Gov. Brian Calley's office. Everywhere they went — from the Capitol balcony to Calley's office — their smiles remained constant.

Before the Morelands adopted Dexter and Hailey, some people questioned their decision to adopt children who weren't younger. They were wrong.

"It made my skin a little tougher," Holly Moreland said. "It made me an advocate, so to speak. The children have been a blessing to us."

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JIM THIENEL, CHAIRMAN, OAKLAND CO. REPUBLICAN PARTY
Lamar and Holly Moreland stand with their children Hunter (from left), Hailey and Dexter on the balcony of the Michigan Capitol where they were honored as Gov. Rick Snyder, during his State of the State address, commended families who adopt children. The Morelands adopted Hailey and Dexter.

Westland invites contractors to get on registry

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Local builders looking for work are invited to attend a meeting to learn about opportunities in Westland's housing rehabilitation and other federally funded programs.

The meeting is set for 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey.

The session will focus how the contractors, who must be licensed builders, can be added to the Section 3 Registry.

"We're required to hire unemployed or low-income people to work on projects," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said. "It's primarily for single-family housing rehabilitation."

Specifically, the Housing and Urban Development Department requires 10 percent of the total dollar amount of construction contracts be used to hire local income firms.

The Section 3 Business Registry will offer a searchable online database that housing authorities, local government agencies and prime contractors can use to tar-

get firms that have self-certified their status as Section 3 businesses for HUD-funded contracting opportunities.

"We sent the letter to 45 contractors. We already have a qualified contractor list," Campbell said. "We should really do this annually. It's time to update the list. If 25 contractors attend, I'll be very happy."

The 20 contractors on

the city's business registry were sent letters about the meeting along with other firms, Campbell said.

The city has 15 houses scheduled for rehabilitation — to bring them up to code.

"There is no money for full houses (rehabilitation). In Norwayne, bringing the house up to code is nearly doing the whole house," Campbell said.

Contractors who are added to the registry would also be eligible for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which does involve full house projects.

Contractors interested in attending the meeting are asked to reserve a spot by calling (734) 595-0288, ext. 2630.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Frog, toad survey volunteers sought

Bottle Drive

Got returnables taking up space in your garage? The Garden City High School football program is holding a can and bottle drive fundraiser Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 6-7. Players will be in neighborhoods that evening collecting bottles and cans. Just leave donations on porches.

Pool tournament

Joe D's Bar at Ford Rodd and Middlebelt is hosting a "Broomstick Pool" Tournament to benefit the Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children on Sunday, Jan. 29.

The cost is \$25 per player. Signup is at 12:30 p.m., with the tournament beginning at 1 p.m. There will be prize raffles, 50/50s and food. Come on out and join in the fun

Scrapbooking

Calling all Scrapbookers to have a day of fun, food and fundraising. Garden City High School Project Graduation 2012 is having a Scrapbooking Fundraiser 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, in the cafeteria of the high school, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes meals. Many vendors will be on site. Registration information is available by e-mailing Lynn Collard at collarl@gcity.k12.mi.us or by calling (734) 812-9526.

In concert

Chapel Valley Recording Artist Abby Paskvan will be performing at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at the First United Methodist Church of Garden City.

Paskvan is a 16-year-old sophomore at Bowling Green High School in Bowling Green, Ohio. For more than a decade, she has been entertaining, providing hope and sharing God's message through song. A Southern Gospel recording artist, she started singing at age two and gave her first church performance at age five.

She has been performing at many events around the country and in the Bowling Green and northwest Ohio Area. She has been a featured performer on Alaska Carnival Cruise Lines and has performed at Dollywood and in Christmas in the Smokies in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. She recently released her second Contemporary Gospel CD, *Psalm 92*. More information can be found on her website at www.AbbyPaskvan.com.

The First United Methodist Church is at 6443 Merriman Road, at the corner of Maplewood in Garden City.

Founders Day

Garden City PTA Council has put out an invitation to the community to attend their annual Founders Day Celebration Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The celebration will be held in the cafeteria of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road. There will be a silent auction and social hour 6-6:45 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The evening will include recognition of the PTA Council's Educator of the Year.

Dinner costs \$15 per person. Reservations and payment - checks made payable to the GCPTA Council - can be mailed to Sue Bellows, 31205 Barton St., Garden City, MI 48135.

Cougars 4 Sports

Cougars 4 Sports is holding a dine and donate 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, through 2 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Sports Venue Bar and Grill, Maplewood at Middlebelt Road.

Come out and support the Garden City High School Cougars baseball program. Cougars 4 Sports is raising money to rebuild the baseball fields. Ten percent of the day's sales will be donated to the project.

Preschool signups

The Lathers Child Development Center is currently taking names for its fall enrollment. The tuition/fee-based program will begin registration in March. For more information and to get on the mailing list, call secretary Kathy Ilich at (734) 762-8490 or director Sonya Griwicki at (734) 762-8440

Fibro group

The Metro Fibromyalgia Group will meet 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City.

The speaker is from MiFi who will talk about adolescent and teenage fibromyalgia. Many young people are undiagnosed and dealing with fibromyalgia. The Metro group's goal is to spread the word about fibromyalgia, and this is the first time it is reaching out to younger people.

For more information, contact Ruthann Bruce, president, at arubobb@wideopenwest.com or go online to www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Vendor show

The Garden City Cooperative Preschool will be holding a vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the preschool inside Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford.

The participating vendors include Mary Kay, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Willow House, Pampered Chef, Avon, Creative Memories, Lindt Chocolates, Lia Sofia and Country Gourmet.

There is no admission and free parking. Proceeds will help students meet their fund-raising goals for the preschool.

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Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers who want to survey local wetlands for frogs and toads.

Volunteers learn how to recognize eight different calls that can be commonly heard in spring and are assigned a nearby area to survey by listening for the calls.

Interested volunteers need to pre-register for one of four training workshops that will be held in March. Children age five and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult, and people are encouraged to sign up as a family or team.

Surveys must be done within the Rouge River watershed and survey blocks are assigned as close to volunteers as possible.

"Learning to identify

which type of frog or toad makes each sound is what volunteers most often report they enjoy about the survey," said Sally Petrella who manages the survey. "It is a skill that makes spring more enjoyable."

The survey has been conducted since 1998 and results are used to track the health of local wetlands. Wetlands are critical to the health of the Rouge River.

The 2012 workshops will be:

- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 3, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth.
- 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in the Walnut Room of Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10, at the Livonia Civic Center Library,

32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

• 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 17, at the Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph, Bloomfield Township.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. Friends of the Rouge is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants and animals of the watershed. For more information about the Friends of the Rouge, go online to www.therouge.org or join FOTR on Facebook.



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Upcoming Events

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Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11

Location: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, north of Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Become an investor without spending any money of your own at a Mother/Daughter Micro-Lending Workshop 2012, hosted by Schoolcraft College and the Zonta Club of NW Wayne County. Each participating mother/daughter team will choose a small business in a developing country to support with a small loan, and will learn about strategies to make investment decisions, cultures around the globe, and the economic impacts of micro-lending. Discover the ways that small loans make a big difference to entrepreneurs all over the world. Explore their unique businesses, and learn how Zonta International clubs support them.

Contact: Register online today at zontanorthwestwayne.eventbrite.com.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites the widowed to celebrate Mass together at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth. It will be followed by refreshments, social time and information about other widowed activities in a safe

and friendly setting. Check-in starts at 2 p.m., Mass is at 2:30 p.m.

Contact: For more information call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8

Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: Widowed Friends welcomes widowed men and women to attend a social hour at 5 p.m. and an Italian buffet dinner at 6 p.m. The cost of \$14.00 includes buffet, beverage, desert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with exact amount. Cards, games and conversation until 9:30 p.m. Must RSVP by Feb. 1, no drop-ins. Cannot accommodate without reservations nor latecomers once dinner is served.

Contact: To RSVP, call Cookie at (248) 357-2183 or Carol at (248) 946-0300.

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 10

Location: Hillside Elementary School, 36801 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Details: \$2 early admission, \$1 general admission. About 100 tables of gently used baby, maternity and children's clothing, toys, equipment and furniture. A great opportunity to get items you need and save money off of retail prices. Proceeds of the sale will benefit Hillside Elementary and its students. Now accepting resale table registrations.

Contact: E-mail hillside-mom2mom@gmail.com

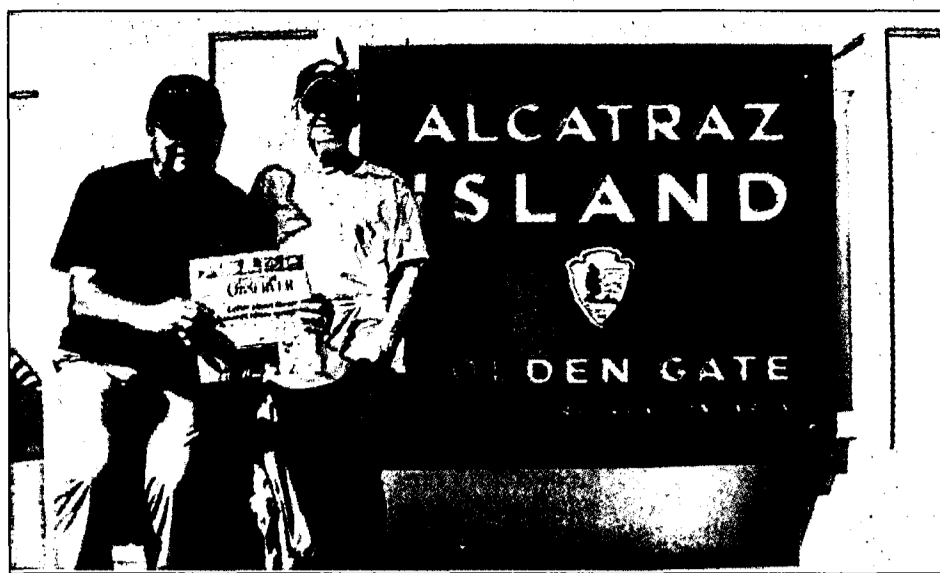
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W-W NAMI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National



Wish You Were Here

Bob and Bev Gonzalez of Garden City were all aboard for a 10-day America By Rail trip to the northern states to celebrate his 75th birthday and their 54th wedding anniversary. The train trip took them to Seattle and then to San Francisco where they visited Alcatraz Island. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

SAFE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

Details: A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

Contact: Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

Location: 570 S Main St., Plymouth MI

Detail: A structured week-day alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

Contact: Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibro.com

MENOPAUSE & MORE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

Contact: (734) 655-1100

COUNTERPOINT

Details: Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

Contact: (734) 563-5005

TOUGHLOVE

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Location: Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.

Contact: (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

LIFECARE

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

Details: LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

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

Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

Education

WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

Details: Willow Creek Co-operative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Contact: (734) 326-0078

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

Organizations

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month

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

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm

time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

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

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

AMERICAN LEGION

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251.com or www.post251.org.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

WRITING GROUP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepry@yahoo.com

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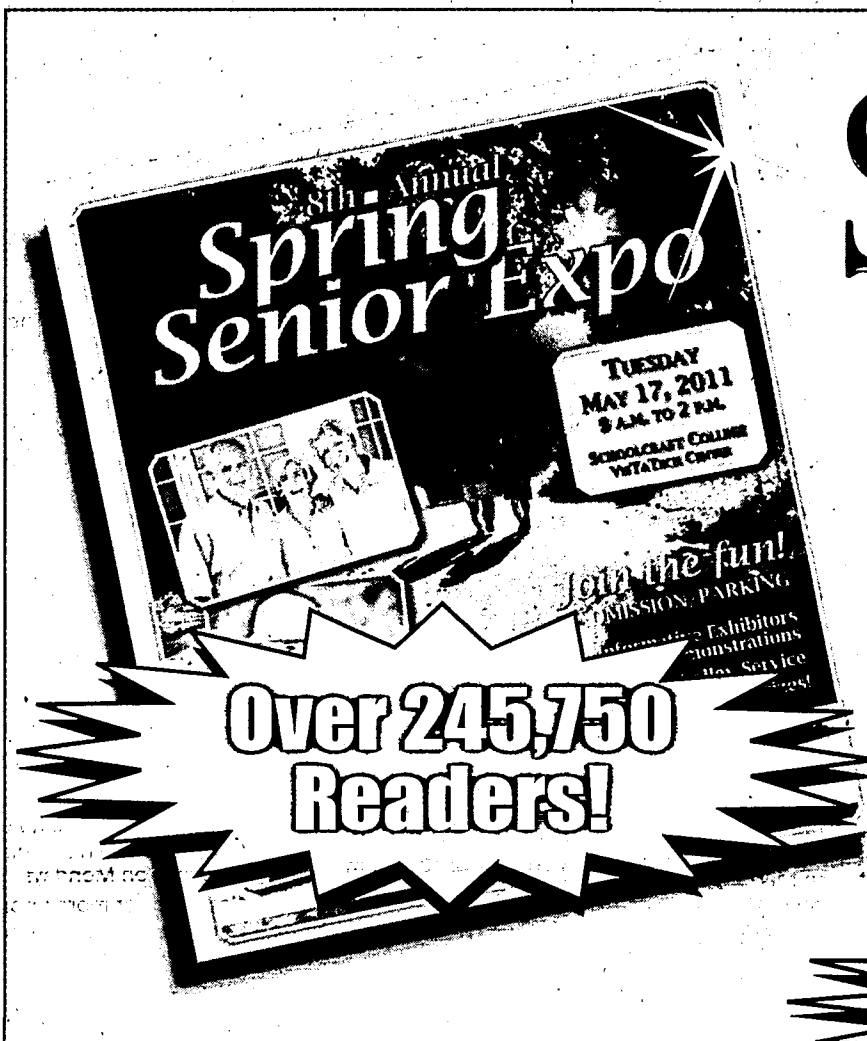
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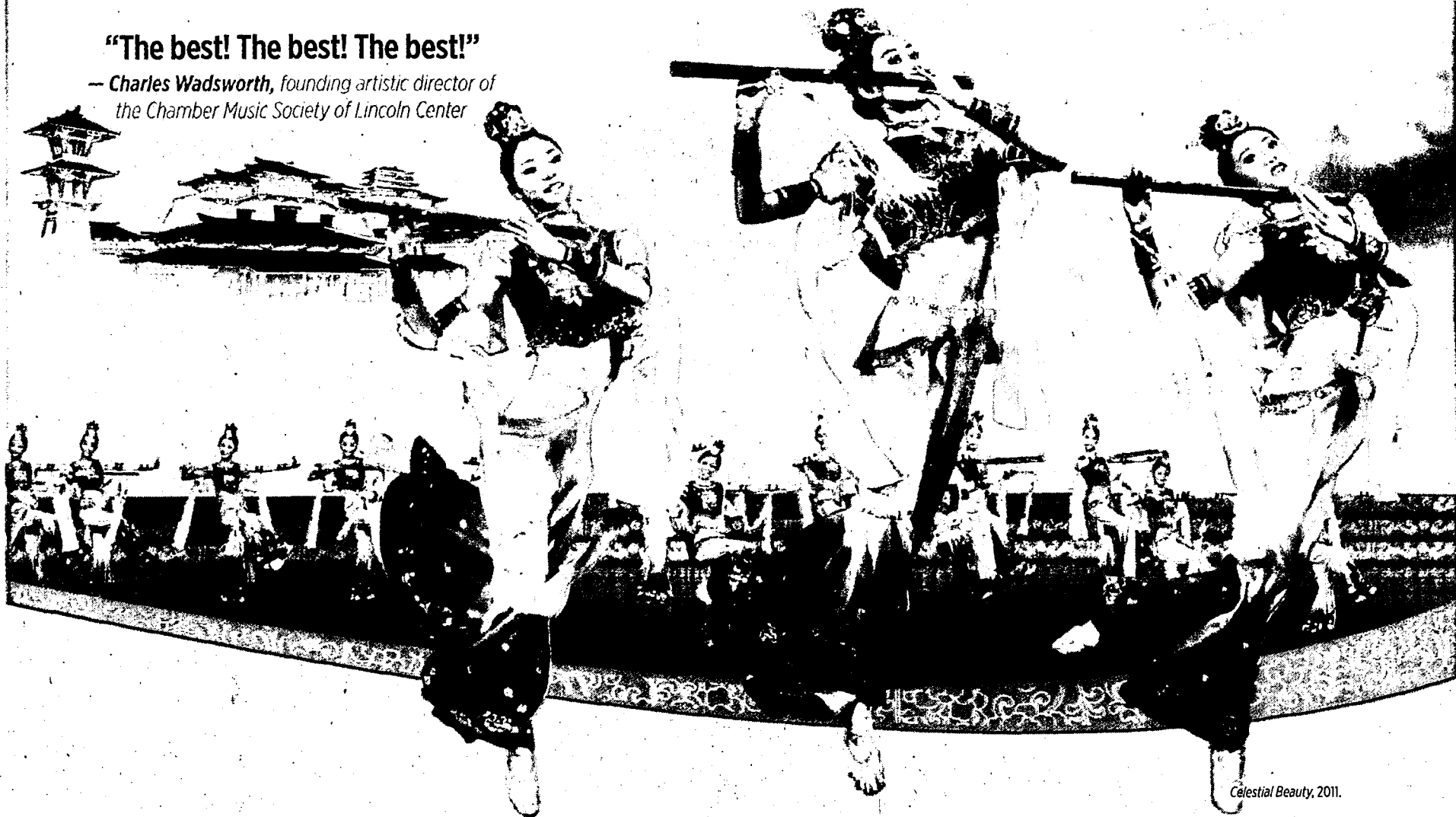


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Spartans beat Novi at buzzer Knoph's clutch shot wins it

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Maybe it was divine intervention, the kind of stuff that made Tim Tebow a sports icon.

With 9.5 seconds remaining and down a point to Novi, 32-31, Livonia Stevenson point guard Molly Knoph dribbled horizontally from the left sideline and made her move to the basket after taking a pass from teammate Rachel Wilkinson, who had saved the ball from out going out of bounds.

"I thought, 'Please, just let me get a shot off and get close,'" said Knoph, who was convinced her game-winning shot was off the mark. "That was the plan, throw them off a little bit (laughing about the near turnover). We've been practicing for two weeks with 30 seconds left and going hard because we knew it was going to be close. I got it ... honestly, no, I was just praying."

Knoph's soft one-hander dangled on the rim, kissed off the backboard slightly and fell through to give host Spartans a dramatic 33-32 victory in a battle for first-place in the KLAAs Central Division.

"Sometimes when you draw something up and execute it right, you just know it's going to work," said Jen Knoph, Stevenson's head coach and mother of the senior point guard. "Sometimes it's luck, and that feels so awesome, too. Definitely not what we wanted, but the end result was pretty sweet."

Stevenson is now 8-2 overall and 4-1 in the KLAAs Central, while Novi falls to 8-3 and 3-2.

Novi took the lead with 35 seconds remaining, 32-31, on Taylor Pavlika's 3-pointer from the wing.

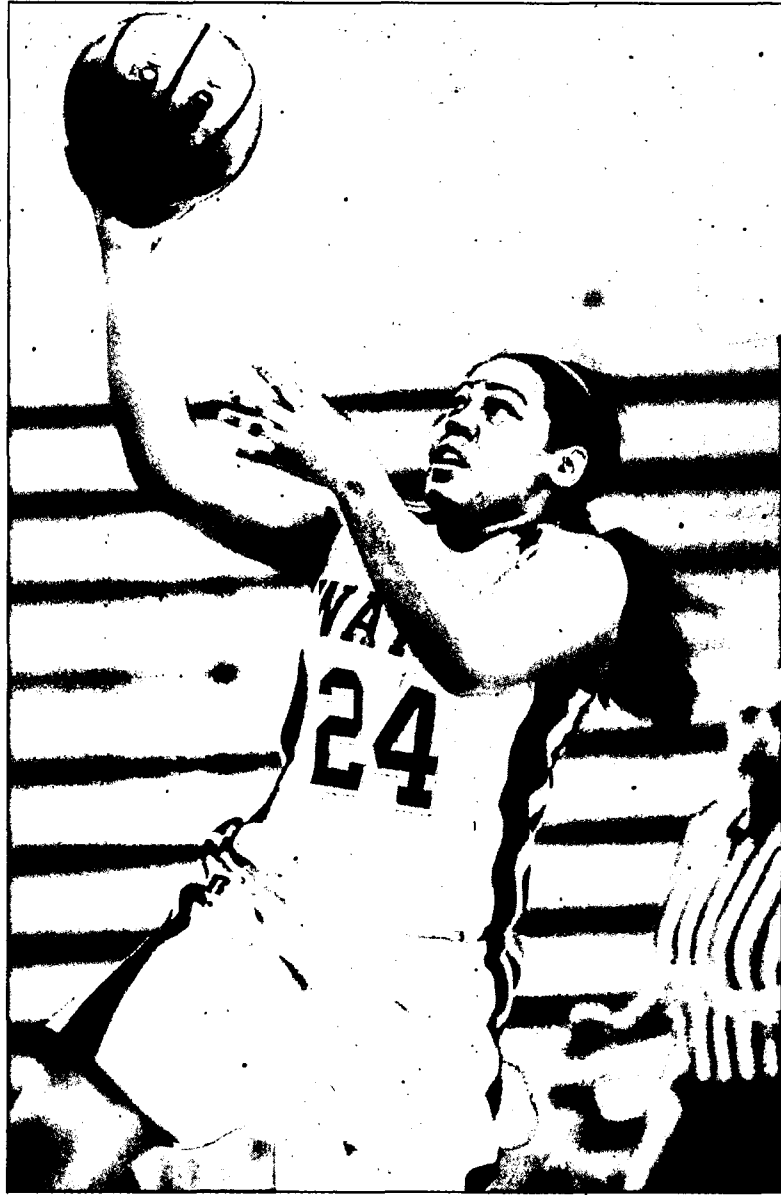
The Wildcats then set up their defensive strategy as the Spartans inbounded the ball from underneath their basket.

"We went man — normally we play zone," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "She (Knoph) made a heckuva shot. I thought our defense on the ball was good. Help-side was a little late, but she made a runner in the paint. You got to give her a lot of credit, she's a heckuva player."

Both teams struggled protecting the ball and shooting the basketball.

Please see SPARTANS, B2

Smooth operator



Wayne Memorial's Ashley Bland goes in for two of her game-high 24 points in a 52-44 win Friday over Livonia Churchill. It was Wayne's first KLAAs South Division home victory in five years. See a recap of area girls basketball games on page B3.

DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

1st Pitch for MU baseball

Terry Foster of WXYT-FM (97.1) and The Detroit News will be the featured speaker when the Madonna University baseball team stages its annual 1st Pitch banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

Tickets, which are tax-deductible, are \$60 each or \$110 per pair. Youth tickets are \$30 (12 and under).

Table sponsorships are also available and reservations must be received by Jan. 20.

Raffle items are also needed as donations.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820 or e-mail bjhwwolves@aol.com.

Captain Lee talks fishing

Captain Jerry Lee will be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Livonia Senior Center on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Meetings are free and opening to the public. No reservations required.

Lee, with more than 30 years of fishing and guiding experience on the Great Lakes, will share his knowledge of salmon and walleye fishing.

The presentation includes tips and tactics to consistently boat limits of fish for his customers daily.

Captain Chip Cartwright will also be on hand to unveil the latest lures from Wolverine Tackle, maker of the Silver Streak.

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

K of C free throw contest

The Msgr. Clement H. Cern Council No. 8284 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, open to boys and girls ages 9-14, will be Sunday, Jan. 29 at St. Thomas A' Becket Church Family Life Center, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton (south of Cherry Hill across from Holiday Market).

Registration is at 2 p.m. followed by the contest at 2:30 p.m. (Proof of age and parent consent form must be signed at registration.)

For more information, e-mail Dave Lengel at dlengel2@yahoo.com.



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Westland John Glenn junior Thomas Brusseau posted both personal prep high game (277) and two-game series (493) in a record-setting 30-0 win Thursday over Northville at Westland Bowl.

Strike force Glenn boys bowlers enjoy record day

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Pins were falling at a record rate Thursday afternoon at Westland Bowl for the John Glenn boys bowling team, which posted a 30-0 win over Northville to stay atop the KLAAs Central Division at 7-0.

"We had some meets the past week that were less than I except when it comes to spare making," said Glenn coach Ron Brusseau, whose team improved to 10-0 overall and set three team records in the process. "So that was my emphasis this week in practice and meets. Today was a culmination of the hard work the boys put in."

"We missed only six spare opportunities out of 120 for the match. I could not be happier with their effort today. They made me and John Glenn proud."

The Rockets started with a 10-0 lead in Baker games with a 234-216-450 aggregate in alternate shots.

In the first match game, Glenn rolled strikes on 20 of its first 25 shots to set a new school record total of 1,271, eclips-

ing the mark of 1,214 set during the 2009-10 season.

Seniors Mitch Dean and Thomas Brusseau both started with the first nine strikes before ending up with games of 287 and 277, respectively.

Their scores were complemented by juniors Daniel Ammons (258) and Jordan Hornes (254), the latter whom is the defending Division 1 state singles champion, along with Tommy Ruark (198).

Glenn's two-game match total of 1,271-1,046-2,317 also broke the previous mark of 2,309 established in 2009-10.

The third mark to fall was the Kensington Lakes Activities Association total pinfall for Baker and match games with a 2,767, snapping the previous record of 2,716 also set in 2009-10.

Dean posted personal and high school high game (287) and series (487) bests.

Brusseau also posted his personal prep bests with a 277 game and 493 two-game set, while Ammons also established a personal high school series high of 481.

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Madonna's best 2nd Hall of Fame class unveiled

It was announced Thursday that a trio of former All-American student-athletes and the first-ever Madonna University team to go to a NAIA Final Four are the newest selection to the MU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Those inducted into the Hall of Honor have earned prestigious honors or recognition in a team or individual sport or as individuals made significant contributions to the Madonna Athletic Department as a coach or administrator.

The 2012 Hall of Fame induction ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 9 at the University Center on the Madonna campus.

The selection committee voted all-time men's and women's basketball scoring leaders Noel Emehiser and Katie Cushman-Tillman and three-time Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Year Brandy Malewski-Verkeyn (Redford Thurston) and the 2000 women's soccer team.

Cushman-Tillman scored 1,752 points

in her four-year career to hold the top spot in the Madonna annals by almost 200 points over. A two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-WHAC selection (1998, 1999), she also garnered NAIA All-America honorable mention honors (1996 and 1997), leading MU to the 1997 NAIA National Tournament for the first time in program history.

Cushman-Tillman double majored at MU in sign language studies and criminal justice before earning a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is currently practicing law in the Metro Detroit area.

Emehiser is the lone Crusader basketball player to surpass the 2,000-point plateau, scoring 2,213 in four years.

A four-time all-conference selection, Emehiser holds the career records for scoring average (18.6 points per game), made field goals (804), three-point field goals made (348), three-point field goal percentage (.419) and is top-10 all-time in 11 other categories. Emehiser was named to the NAIA All-America honorable mention, NAIA Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-WHAC teams twice and is



Emehiser

Please see BEST, B3

BOYS HOOPS

Warriors take down rival Hawks, 67-37

Lutheran High Westland boys basketball coach Doug Haller had no complaints following his team's convincing 67-37 win Friday night over next-door neighbor and rival Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

"Defensively we were solid from the start," said Haller, whose team improved to 5-4 overall and 4-2 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. "We held them to 13 points at the half — and we'll take that."

The visiting Warriors shot only 3-of-22 from the floor during the opening quarter, but still led 9-7. "We pushed the pace at the beginning," Haller said. "We had good shots, but were missing layups and 'bunnies.' Then we started making shots."

Lutheran Westland outscored the Hawks 18-6 in the second quarter to take a 27-13 halftime advantage.

Senior forward senior Dawson Davenport then took over in the third, scoring all 14 of his team-high points as the Warriors increased their lead to 48-27.

Ernie Babon chipped in with 11 points, while Matt Sylvester added eight. Four others chipped in with six apiece in a balanced Lutheran Westland scoring attack.

Huron Valley Lutheran (2-6, 1-4) got a game-high

Please see HOOPS, B2

CHS athletic fundraiser

The Livonia Churchill High Athletic Patrons will stage its annual dinner fundraiser from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at The Coaches Corner, located at Seven Mile and Farmington roads.

The event features food and fun, with all proceeds benefitting Churchill athletics.

Hourly 50-50 drawings will be held. Rod Hawrany and Mario D'Herin of Roger and Rod's Barber Shop will serve as guest bartenders.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic office at (734) 744-2650, ext. 46117.

KLAA BOYS HOOPS

COLLEGE HOOPS

Churchill wins in OT; Glenn tops Wildcats

Crusaders go ice cold vs. Saints

Livonia Churchill came out hitting on all cylinders Friday night.

The Chargers jumped out to a 21-8 first quarter lead, before needing overtime to subdue visiting Wayne Memorial, 58-55, in a KLAA South Division boys basketball encounter.

Junior Duane Scott paced Churchill with a game-high 12 points, while Jaylin Freeman chipped in with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Scott scored a key basket with a minute left, while Scott and Charlie Hicks each added two free throws in the final 40 seconds to secure the win in overtime.

It was 47-all at the end of regulation as Wayne rallied in the final period with a 14-6 run.

Churchill missed a 10-footer at the end of reg-

ulation to win it, while Wayne's three-point attempt at the end of overtime failed to fall.

Three Wayne players scored in double figures led by Michael Cooper (15), Juawn Snipes (13) and Dezmon Burleigh (13).

"Wayne plays good pressure defense and we did enough to squeak out the win," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team is 3-6 overall and 1-4 in the division. "The first quarter the kids came out and hit shots with confidence. It's the best we've executed offensively this year. Wayne plays good defense and we knocked shots down."

Wayne was 6-of-9 from the foul stripe, while Churchill was 12-of-17.

"We came out flat and they (Churchill) capitalized," Wayne coach Mike

Schuette said. "Then we had a hard time catching up."

JOHN GLENN 61, PLYMOUTH 43: Junior guard Nick Daniels drained 10-of-11 free throws on his way to a game-high 24 points Friday as host Westland John Glenn (8-2, 5-0) stopped the Wildcats (4-6, 3-3) in a KLAA South Division matchup.

Isaac Everette added 13 points for the Rockets, who led 28-15 at halftime and 48-30 after three periods.

Eric Coville and Darrell Bunkley contributed eight points apiece for the Rockets, who nailed 12-of-18 foul shots.

Brendan Swanson and Marcus Oden each tallied 11 for Plymouth, which made 11-of-19 from the line.

CANTON 60, FRANKLIN 27: On Friday, the host Chiefs (8-2, 4-1) rolled the KLAA South Division victory over Livonia Franklin (2-8, 1-4).

Andrew Lebbos and Jake Barham each tallied seven points in a losing cause.

The Patriots shot only 10-of-42 from the field (23 percent). The Chiefs, who led 38-12 at halftime, shot 51 percent from the floor (24-of-47).

Shooting woes plagued the Madonna University men's basketball team Wednesday night in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders shot only 28 percent and finished with only 13 field goals in a 64-45 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference setback to host Aquinas College at the Sturrrus Center.

MU, going just 13-of-46 from the field, got a team-high nine points from Tyler Coker.

The team's two leading scorers, sophomore guards Bobby Naubert and Travis Schuba, were

held to seven points apiece as the Crusaders slipped to 11-10 overall and 5-4 in the WHAC.

MU's Eoghann Stephens grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

The Saints (10-11, 6-3), who enjoyed a commanding 38-17 halftime lead, got 15 points from Zach Eddy.

Joe Powers and Ken Gordon added 14 and 11, respectively.

ALPENA 88, S'CRAFT 84: Lauren Jones and Derek Hearn, Jr. each tallied 23 points Wednesday night as Alpena Community College (6-10, 1-5) earned its first MCCA Eastern Conference

victory at the expense of host Schoolcraft College (10-6, 3-3).

The Ocelots trailed 43-41 at halftime and fell behind 67-58 with 10 minutes remaining before pulling ahead 80-79 with 2:10 remaining on a basket by LenDerrick Witcher, who paced Schoolcraft with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Alpena then outscored Schoolcraft 9-4 down the stretch to pull out the win.

Other leaders for the Ocelots, who suffered their third straight loss, included Karl Moore, 17 points and 14 rebounds; Lydell Mason, 13 points and 11 boards; and Deon Gunn, 12 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Schoolcraft made 18-of-27 free throws, while Alpena hit 11-of-20.

Tolliver's effort lifts Lady Ocelots

Diamond Tolliver's 19 points and four assists led the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team to a 74-54 win Wednesday night over visiting Alpena Community College.

Domonique Jones contributed 14 points as ten of 11 players scored. The Lady Ocelots improved to 13-4 overall and 4-2 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference with the victory.

Schoolcraft led 32-26 at halftime before taking

control early in the second half with a 15-2 run to gain a commanding 47-28 advantage.

Alpena (6-10, 1-5) got not closer than 13 the rest of the way.

Center Kayla Weaver had 16 points and 14 rebounds for the Lumberjacks, who committed 29 turnovers.

Sherri Smith chipped in with 14 points.

AQUINAS 76, MADONNA 56: On Wednesday, visiting Aquinas College (12-8,

5-4) converted 24 points off 22 Madonna University (7-11, 4-5) turnovers en route to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win.

MU junior guard Michelle Lindsey came off the bench to score a team-high 16 points and eight rebounds.

Senior center Becca Wojcinski and junior guard Heather Pratt added 12 and 11 points, respectively, in the loss.

The Saints, who led 32-25 at halftime, got 16 points from Allison Heberlein and 12 off the bench from Shelby Carter.

The Crusaders were out-rebounded 46-38.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 100 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 61

Jan. 19 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Cody Hodges, Brad Alholinna, Jacob Burcicki, Aaron Alholinna), 2:04.64; 2. Franklin (Neil Culbertson, Ryan Cossin, Austin Klotz, Graham Tyrrell), 2:08.15; 3. John Glenn (Jason Burcicki, Petr Orzech, Tim Green, Steve LeBlanc), 2:15.32.

200 freestyle: 1. Tim Moran (WJG), 2:11.81; 2. Josh Ferguson (WJG), 2:22.16; 3. Alex Herrick (LF), 2:22.66.

200 individual medley: 1. Dave Vader (WJG), 2:31.0; 2. Jacob Burcicki (WJG), 2:35.37; 3. Cossin (WJG), 2:44.06.

50 freestyle: 1. Hodges

(WJG), 25.35; 2. Josh Farrough (WJG), 26.32; 3. Chris Sabal (WJG), 27.8.

1-meter diving: 1. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 163.45 points; 2. Nick Taylor (WJG), 112.35; 3. John Reid (WJG), 100.50.

100 butterfly: 1. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:00.92; 2. Jacob Burcicki (WJG), 1:11.31; 3. Green (WJG), 1:26.17.

100 freestyle: 1. A. Alholinna (WJG), 57.08; 2. Orzech (WJG), 1:04.29; 3. Rory Kemp (WJG), 1:04.9.

500 freestyle: 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 5:19.31; 2. Jake Deering (WJG), 6:27.81; 3. Josh Ferguson (WJG), 6:30.62.

200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Hodges, Nick Stevens, Vader), 1:37.8; 2. John Glenn (A. Alholinna, Far-

rough, Kemp, Moran), 1:50.2; 3. Franklin (Herrick, Klotz, Cossin, Jacob Forgacs), 2:00.98.

100 backstroke: 1. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:02.4; 2. Culbertson (LF), 1:17.58; 3. Jason Burcicki (WJG), 1:24.23.

100 breaststroke: 1. B. Alholinna (WJG), 1:19.4; 2. Tyrrell (LF), 1:19.53; 3. Cossin (LF), 1:20.43.

400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Ruben Maya, Joey Gonzalez, Josh Ferguson, Vader), 4:23.75; 2. John Glenn (Jason Burcicki, LeBlanc, Chris Sabal, Jesse Orsoria), 4:26.54; 3. Franklin (Culbertson, Tyrrell, Herrick, Forgacs), 4:36.48.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 4-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA South.

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 30 NORTHVILLE 0

Jan. 19 at Westland Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Thomas Brusseau, 277-216-493; Mitch Dean, 287-200-487; Danniell Ammons, 256-225-481; Jordan Hornes, 254-202-456; Steven White, 203; Tommy Ruark, 197. **Team totals:** 1,271-1,046-2,317 (20 points); **Baker games:** 234-216-450 (10 points).

Northville scorers: Adam Zimmer, 449-217-356; Justin Morgan, 180-173-353; Revor Corn, 177; Dan Jacobi, 165; Darren Meredith, 149; Luke Boeve, 137; split score, 128-128. **Team totals:** 744-869-1,613 (0 points); **Baker games:** 201-112-313 (0 points).

John Glenn's dual meet record: 10-0 overall, 7-0 KLAA Central Division.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 19 NOVI 11

Jan. 18 at Super Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 258-253-511; Thomas Brusseau, 257-184-441; Steven White, 221; Mitch Dean, 179;

Daniel Ammons, 173; Tommy Ruark, 166; split score, 161. **Team totals:** 1,033-994-2,027 (15 points); **Baker games:** 177-161-338 (4 points).

Novi scorers: Andrew Thorwall, 234-192-426; Chad Smith, 171-194-365; Matt Kotowicz, 172-144-316; Kam Mitchell, 174-135-309; Morgan Wiley, 154-148-302. **Team totals:** 905-813-1,718 (5 points); **Baker games:** 158-191-349 (6 points).

John Glenn's dual meet record: 9-0 overall, 6-0 KLAA Central Division.

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS NORTHVILLE 26.5

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 3.5

Jan. 19 at Westland Bowl

Northville scorers: Allison Sugiyama, 192-181-373; Brittany Browers, 183-187-370; Esha Bedi, 164-169-333; Maggie Stewart, 151-172-323; Nicole Stoner, 182. **Team totals:** 816-891-1,707 (16.5 points); **Baker games:** 159-200-359 (10 points).

John Glenn scorers: Jessica Pate, 184-181-365; Caity Lenard, 165-161-325; Olivia Cabildo,

164; Yvette Ayers, 156; Sara Aulidge, 148; split score, 148; Beccah Lenard, 143. **Team totals:** 802-783-1,585 (3.5 points); **Baker games:** 135-154-289 (0 points).

John Glenn's dual match record: 7-3 overall, 6-1 KLAA Central Division.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 17 NOVI 13

Jan. 18 at Super Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Jessica Pate, 189-195-384; Caity Lenard, 194-166-360; Bre Riblett, 181-127-308; Montana Graszak, 167; Sara Aulidge, 148; Yvette Ayers, 159-145-304 (0 points).

Novi scorers: Callie Wright, 158-152-311; Sara Schilz, 142-169-311; Jessie Snyder, 161-126-277; Megan Engels, 174; Shelby Limpert, 165; Evie Plaetinck, 149; Rebecca Ruch, 138. **Team totals:** 756-760-1,516 (3 points); **Baker games:** 177-158-335 (10 points).

John Glenn's dual meet record: 7-2 overall, 6-0 KLAA Central Division.

SPARTANS

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Novi went 13-of-57 from the floor (22.8 percent) and committed 18 turnovers.

The Wildcats shot only 4-of-30 in the first half, but found themselves only down by six, 19-13.

Novi, however, got untracked in the third, outscoring the Spartans 14-6 to take a 27-25 advantage.

"We denied their point guard (Knoph) the ball a little bit to try and take their rhythm out—that was really the main adjustment," Kelp said. "And offensively, we were just playing too fast in the first half. We were turning the ball over and shooting too quickly. And down inside we were just throwing things up, and passing too quickly."

Stevenson, meanwhile, shot 12-of-38 from the field (31.5 percent) and committed 22 turnovers.

"It was definitely opposite of our game plan, which was to work the ball around and be strong

with the ball," Jen Knoph said. "Novi's a great team, too. They force a lot of errors because they're making us get out of our comfort zone as far as what we're used to doing."

Novi also had plenty of second and third chances.

"In yesterday's practice, one-third of the drills were box-out drills," Jen Knoph said. "We talked about owning the boards. Being in control of the boards was being in control of the game."

"But we won, so you can only be upset (this) much. We talked about being happy tonight, but recognizing how much work we have to do for the second half."

Novi sophomore point guard Kerri McMahan led all scorers with 11 points. Junior forward Jade Antolec added eight, while Pavlika added seven.

Sophomore center Charlesann Roy chipped in with seven, while senior guard Jordan York added six for the Spartans, who made only 8-of-17 free throws.

The Spartans may have

been a little overhyped for the game, according to their coach.

"Part of it is the emotion and both of us coming in with the same record," Jen Knoph said. "That's all my girls talked about. Even on Tuesday's game they were only talking about Friday, Friday. I think sometimes that emotion just makes them make decisions that they normally don't make and force the issue sometimes ... rush things."

That also may have been the case also for the Wildcats, who were 5-of-10 from the foul stripe.

"What we have to do better is slow down offensively and not play in a hurry," Kelp said. "It's good to play fast, but not in a hurry."

Meanwhile, Molly Knoph had a simple explanation for the tight struggle.

"Both teams just play good defense," she said. "We've always had a rivalry, so we're both gunning for each other."

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HOOPS

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19 points from sophomore Ryan Schaffer.

Lutheran Westland hit 15-of-23 free throws, while HVL connected on 7-of-10.

"It was a decent crowd, a fun atmosphere," Haller said. **EDSEL FORD 63, C'VILLE 61:** Michael Demmons' tip-in try at the buzzer just missed

the mark Friday as visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford escaped with a victory over Livonia Clarenceville (3-8).

Manea Wahya scored a game-high 25 points for the Thunderbirds, who rallied from a 49-41 third-quarter deficit.

Manny Washington and Malek Algonia chipped in with 18 and 13, respectively. Damien Quarles and Sam Brown scored 15 and 14, respectively, for the Trojans.

DeAnthony Price and Austin Douglass each contributed six.

Clarenceville, outscored 22-12 in the decisive fourth quarter, made only 10-of-19 free throws. Edsel Ford, meanwhile, connected on 9-of-14.

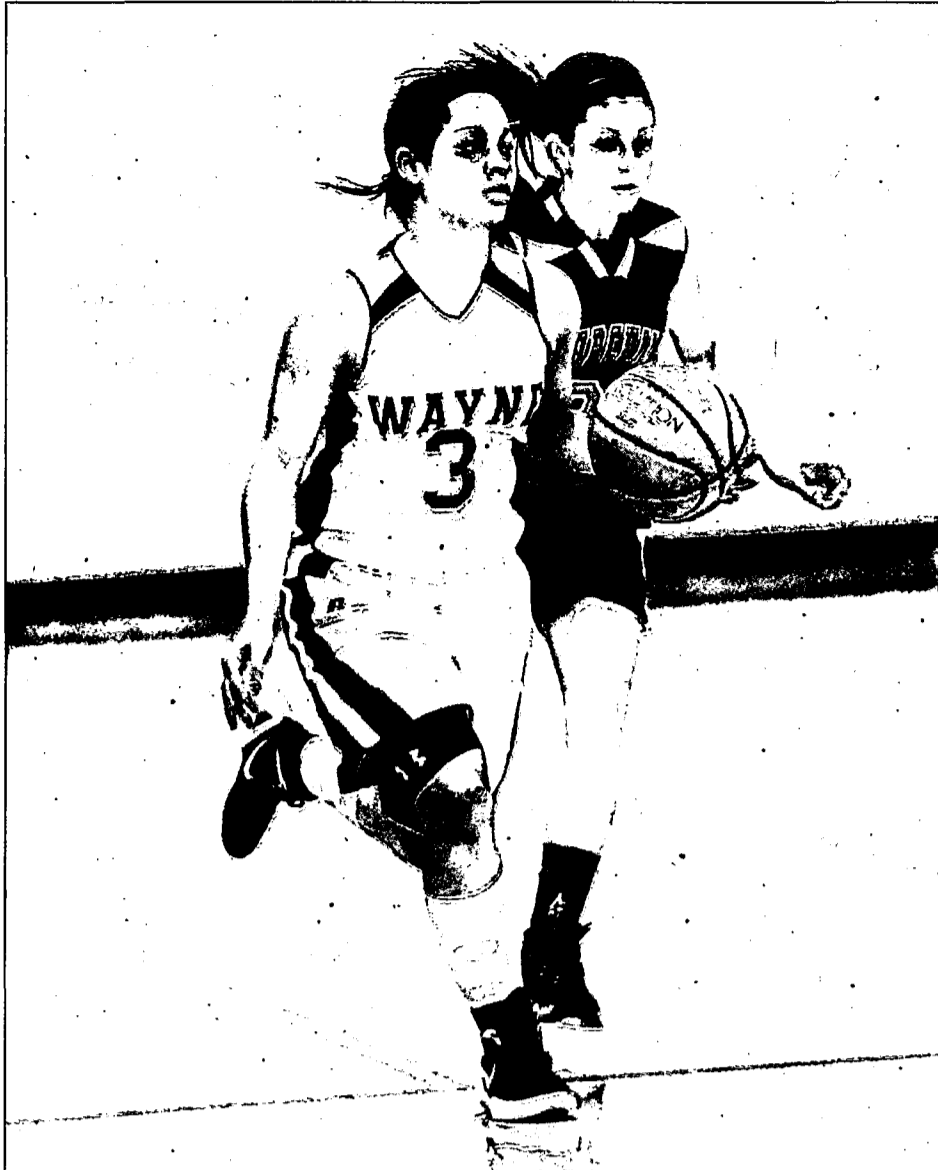


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Wayne Memorial's Kayla Horn (3) dribbles up the floor with Churchill's Erin Menard in close pursuit during Friday's KLA South Division encounter.

Lutheran Westland romps; Rockets soar to 47-30 win

Lutheran High Westland owns neighborhood bragging rights in girls basketball following a 48-32 win Friday at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Amanda Terranella, a 6-foot senior center, loomed large the victory scoring 16 points and adding 12 rebounds as the Warriors improved to 7-4 overall and 4-2 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Aldreanna Fikes also had a big game for Lutheran Westland finishing with 13 points and nine boards. Alissa Flury also contributed six points.

"We played well as a team and had a good game," said Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade, whose team led 28-14 at halftime. "We have a big week coming up. We need to continue working hard in practice and getting better."

Dayna Schroeder paced Huron Valley (1-6, 1-5) with 14 points.

Lutheran Westland made 9-of-11 free throws, while Huron Valley hit 6-of-10.

"We struggled on both sides of the floor tonight," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "We did not match up well and rebound aggressively against them. Offensively, we were very flat. We did not utilize both sides of the bas-

ket on offense, and were very sluggish.

"Lutheran Westland did a good job of keeping their post girls very active, and we let the ball get into them way too much."

JOHN GLENN 47, PLYMOUTH 30: Erica Covile and ShaKeya Graves each tallied 16 points to propel KLA South Division leader Westland John Glenn (9-2, 5-0) to a victory Friday over the host Wildcats (7-4, 3-2).

Glenn got off to a slow start, leading only 18-13 at the half before putting it away with a 14-9 fourth-quarter surge.

Joslyn Massey also added 13 points and 13 boards for the Rockets. Covile also grabbed 11 rebounds.

Kate Watson paced Plymouth with eight points.

"It was a grind-it-out victory," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "Plymouth is a good team and came out ready to play."

Glenn was 11-of-15 from the foul line, while Plymouth hit 6-of-10.

WAYNE 52, CHURCHILL 44: On Friday, sophomore Ashley's Bland's game-high 24 points sparked Wayne Memorial (3-8, 2-3) to its first KLA South Division victory in five years at the expense of Livonia Churchill (3-8, 1-4).

Tiara Childers chipped in with 14 points for the victorious Zebras, who led 26-14 at intermission and 39-2 after three quarters.

Wayne shot 15-of-26 from the foul stripe (58 percent), while Churchill made only 13-of-31 (42 percent).

Cecilia Hansen and Erin Menard paced the Chargers with 17 and 12 points, respectively.

CANTON 65; FRANKLIN 20: Taylor Hunley and Rachel Winters tallied 12 and 11 points, respectively, lead-

ing the Chiefs (9-2, 4-1) to a KLA South Division victory over Friday at Livonia Franklin (1-10, 0-5).

Paige Aresco added 10 points for Canton, which led 20-6 after one quarter and 36-12 at intermission.

Jackie Shields paced the Patriots with 13 points. Franklin was 5-of-5 from the foul line, while Canton made 13-of-20.

LADYWOOD 51, MARIAN 35: Senior guard Briana Combs nailed five triples en route to a game-high 15 points to propel Livonia Ladywood (6-6, 2-2) to a Catholic League Central Division triumph Friday at home over visiting Birmingham Marian (5-7, 1-3).

The Blazers, who snapped a three-game losing skid, also got 11 points and 10 rebounds from junior guard Andie Anastos.

Also contributing to the win was Sara Even, who had six points, seven rebounds and five steals, along with Morgan Chops, who added seven points.

LUTH. SOUTH 34, HVL 23: Sophomore forward Kristi Smircka scored 10 points and junior center Molly Rotbke added eight Wednesday to lead host Newport Lutheran South (2-2 MIAC Red) past Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-5, 1-4) in a division encounter.

"We were extremely non-aggressive in our offense tonight," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "We were afraid to attack the basket and shot 20 percent from the floor."

The Hawks, who got behind 12-5 after one quarter, got a team-high nine points from freshman forward Julie St. John.

"I thought we played pretty well defensively," Ruth said. "Julie (St. John) played great defense tonight, especially on their tall girl Rotbke. I hope we can build on that."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 24
 RU at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Cville at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.
 Macomb at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
 HVL at Greenhills, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26
 HVL at Washtenaw, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27
 G'hills at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
 S. Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Cville at Ferndale Univ., 7 p.m.
 HVL at Macomb, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 24
 P'way at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.
 Greenhills at HVL, 7 p.m.
 Harper Wds. at Cville, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at RU, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26
 HVL at Washtenaw, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27
 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.
 Greenhills at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
 Ferndale Univ. at Cville, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood at Regina, 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Jan. 25
 MU at Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m.
 S'craft at St. Clair, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
 MU at UM-Dearborn, 3 p.m.
 Mott at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Jan. 25
 S'craft at St. Clair, 5:30 p.m.

Cornerstone at MU, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
 UM-Dearborn at MU, 1 p.m.
 Mott at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Jan. 25
 Stevenson vs. Trenton, Churchill vs. Saline at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27
 Churchill vs. South Lyon at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
 Churchill vs. Davison at Lapeer Arena, 2 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Novi Det. CC at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Cranbrook at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Jan. 25
 Churchill Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Novi at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
 Cville at Monroe CC, 5:30 p.m.
 Luth. W'sld at Harper Wds., TBA
Saturday, Jan. 28
 Annapolis Tourney, 9 a.m.
 Observerland Invitational at Churchill H.S., 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Jan. 24
 Livonia City Meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26
 Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
 Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 23
 Livonia Blue vs. Huron Valley

at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24
 Liv. Red at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26
 Livonia Blue vs. Groves at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
 Troy Athens Inv., 10:30 a.m.
PREP BOWLING
Monday, Jan. 23
 Ladywood vs. Marian at Thunderbird Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
(3:30 at Town 'N Country)
 Clarenceville vs. Salem.
 John Glenn vs. Plymouth.
 Wayne vs. Novi.
Tuesday, Jan. 24
 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Royal Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25
(3:30 p.m. at Super Bowl)
 Clarenceville vs. Novi.
 John Glenn vs. Canton.
 Wayne vs. Plymouth.
Saturday, Jan. 20
 Tri-County Tournament at Five Star Lanes, noon.
PREP SKIING
Wednesday, Jan. 25
 Ladywood vs. W.L. Northern at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Wednesday, Jan. 25
 John Glenn Quad, 6 p.m.
 Novi Quad, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
 Northville Tournament, 1 p.m.
 Berkley Bear Inv., 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 29
 Catholic League Championship at Ladywood, 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced

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currently the Assistant Athletic Director and head men's basketball coach at Madonna University.

Malewski-Verekyn is the lone student-athlete in Madonna history to earn three All-America selections and to be named WHAC Player of the Year three times (1998, 1999, 2000).

A dominant outside hitter for the Crusaders, Malewski-Verekyn led Madonna to four straight WHAC championships (1997-2000) and a berth in the 2000 NAA National Tournament en route to All-America first-team honors. Malewski-Verekyn also took home All-America honors in 1998 and 1999. She is currently teaching computers and business in the Livonia Public Schools.

In its third year of existence, the 2000 Madonna women's soccer team captured lightning in a bottle. The Crusaders posted a dramatic shootout victo-

ry over Westmont (Calif.) and advanced to the NAIA Final Four in the program's first-ever NAIA Tournament appearance.

Coached by Rick Larson, MU finished 19-3 overall with two of those losses coming to eventual national champion Simon Fraser (B.C.).

MU posted a 13-1 mark in the WHAC, while capturing the regular season and tournament championships.

During the 2000 season, the Crusaders set the program record with 79 assists, 19 wins and 14 shutouts.

Hall of Fame inductee Jen Barker (Livonia Stevenson) was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the NAIA tourney and first-team All-America, while defender Melissa Jacobs (Stevenson) took home second-team All-America honors.

A total of five players earned conference, regional or national honors.

Larson was also honored as both the WHAC and NAIA Region VIII Coach of the Year following the 2000 season.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

KLA South Division.
Jan. 18 at Wayne Memorial WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 49 WAYNE MEMORIAL 18
103 pounds: Chase Spanos (WJG) won by major decision over Jake Preiss, 18-6; **112:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) pinned Tyler Mulligan, 3:14; **119:** Kevin Huynh (WJG) p. Tim Way, 2:31; **125:** Quinn Du'Praw (WJG) won by major dec. over Joseph Frazee, 17-5; **130:** Jesse O'Neal (WJG) won by technical fall over Devon Adams, 20-5; **135:** Michael Nicholson (WM) dec. DeAndre Moore, 9-5; **140:** Allen Parker (9WM) won by major dec. over Riley Donovan, 10-1; **145:** Keven Wacker (WJG) p. Micheil Hood, 2:14; **152:** Anthony Long (WJG) dec. Sharif Hegazi, 4-0; **160:** Travis Mann (WJG) dec. Sam Ekanem, 8-1; **171:** Danny Croft (WJG) p. Lucas Hofbauer, 3:42; **189:** Devin Korzetki (WM) p. Noah Williams, 0:43; **215:** Aaron Mauldin (WM) p. Nate Irvine, 4:13; **285:** Jordan Brandon (WJG) p. Tyler Casteels, 3:00.
WAYNE MEMORIAL 36 CANTON 30
103 pounds: Jake Preiss (WM) decisioned Bobby Kincaid, 9-4; **112:** Benjamin Griffin (C) pinned Tyler Mulligan, 0:44; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) p. Tim Way, 3:07; **125:** Austin Pilmer (C) dec. Tristan Jarosicwicz, 5-1; **130:** Keshav Patel (C) won by major dec. over Michael Nicholson, 14-5; **135:** Alec Pantaleo (C) won by major dec. over Devon Adams, 18-5; **140:** Allen Parker (WM) dec. Marc Przbyski, 10-4; **145:** Micheil Hood (WM) p. Bradley Babcock, 1:26; **152:** Zach Marsh (C) won by major dec. over Sharif Hegazi, 12-0; **160:** Patrick Murphy (C) dec. Sam Ekanem, 9-4; **171:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Alex Cole, 2:40; **189:** Devin Korzetki (WM) p. Scott Obrec, 1:01; **215:** Dimitris Renfro (WM) p. Ken Wolney, 1:51; **285:** Colin Mullins (WM) p. Conner Shuh, 0:50.
Wayne's dual match record: 9-1 overall, 3-1

KLA South Division.
Jan. 18 at South Lyon NORTHVILLE 36 LIVONIA STEVENSON 29
103 pounds: Marco Lytwyn (LS) won by major dec. over Kevin Charara, 14-6; **112:** Emmanuel Austin (LS) dec. Jake Kam, 13-12; **119:** Trevor Learner (N) won by void; **125:** J. Raza (N) pinned Shaune Lopes, 0:25; **130:** S. Wagner (N) p. Darren Tran, 0:24; **135:** Travis Compo (N) won by major dec. over Corey Davis, 12-3; **140:** Kody Roy (LS) won by major dec. over Alec Clevanger, 18-8; **145:** Samer Shebak (LS) won by major dec. over Max Mudar, 15-7; **152:** Alex Coe (N) won by technical fall over Connor Vaughan, 16-1; **160:** Nick Mencotti (N) dec. Joe Carrell, 6-1; **171:** Trevor Meresh (N) p. Jacob Kelley, 1:23; **189:** Brad Scott (LS) won by tech. fall over Tyler Bozdy, 17-2; **215:** Joe Scott (LS) dec. Andy Boyd, 3-1; **285:** Jacob Range (LS) won by void.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 39 SOUTH LYON 35
103 pounds: Marco Lytwyn (LS) won by void; **112:** Nathan Kurt (SL) won by injury default over Emmanuel Austin, 11:9; Logan Crandall (SL) won by void; **125:** Andrew Thomas (SL) decisioned Darren Tran, 4-3; **130:** Jameel Avbir (SL) pinned Shaun Lopes, 0:29; **135:** Corey Davis (LS) p. Dom Sprinkles, 1:47; **140:** Kody Rody (LS) dec. Luke Shepherd, 8-6; **145:** Connor Vaughan (LS) p. A. Butler, 3:49; **152:** Samer Shebak (LS) p. Chase Ederly, 3:22; **160:** Justin Mielke (SL) won by technical fall over Joe Carroll, 17-2; **171:** Kenny Sanchez (LS) dec. Jacoby Kelley, 6-5; **189:** Nathan Sinter (SL) p. Brad Scott, 1:47; **215:** Joe Scott (LS) p. Jamison Dunham, 3:54; **285:** Jacob Range (LS) p. Joe Higgins, 1:20.
Stevenson's dual match record: 9-6 overall, 3-1 KLA Central Division.

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Making Grandpa proud

Younger Andy Bathgate carving own legacy with Plymouth Whalers

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Mention the name Andy Bathgate to old-timers around Hockeytown and they'll talk about the former Detroit Red Wings forward who eventually made the NHL Hall of Fame.

But younger fans undoubtedly will have a different Andy Bathgate in mind—the one who is making quite an impression this season with the OHL's Plymouth Whalers.

Compuware Arena fans have been witness to the younger Bathgate's playmaking abilities. Through 45 games, he's racked up 14 goals and 27 assists, one of the scoring threats on a team that is running away with the OHL West Division title.

Pro prospect

While those numbers don't automatically suggest a future NHL star in the making, pro scouts are taking a closer look at the Plymouth player's potential.

"I think he's pro potential for sure," Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. "I've talked to several teams already this year about him and how they like the way he's playing."

"Obviously, the further the game goes (in the OHL playoffs) the more opportunity he's going to get to be seen by NHL guys. I think there's some definite possibility."

Although nabbing a pro contract as an OHL overage player (20-plus years old) is a top priority for Bathgate, he just intends to do all he can on the ice and let any career chips fall where they may.

"My goal my entire life ever since I laced up my first pair of skates was playing in the NHL," Bathgate said. "I kind of stay away from that (talking to pro agents about contracts). I haven't talked to many, I let Mike (Vellucci) do the talking and my agents."

"They just tell me all you got to do is play and they'll take care of the rest. So I'm just trying to do what I can on the ice and let the off-ice stuff be handled by other people."

Of course, another "chip" is having a longtime NHL all-star in the family.



Andy Bathgate of the Plymouth Whalers chips the puck to a teammate during a recent game at Compuware Arena.

Bathgate's grandfather played for the Red Wings in 1965-66 and 1966-67. Last summer, after being traded from Belleville to the Whalers, young Andy asked the elder Bathgate for advice about playing in the Detroit area.

"Yeah, I talked to him," Bathgate said. "But he just said that everywhere you go you got to treat everybody with respect, you just got to enjoy it."

He thoroughly enjoys chatting with his grandfather about hockey, even though so much about the game has changed since the mid-1960s.

"It's safe to say I wouldn't be here without my grandpa's advice," Bathgate noted. "He was my coach for about eight years when I was younger. He just behind the scenes taught me the little things and stuff."

"...I come out after a game and he just knows how to pick out the little things, where you think 'God, how did he know that?' It's amazing how different the game was back then but still how much he knows. His advice is unbelievable, I never get tired of listening to him."

There's also been a kind of family feel to his experience with the Whalers that he didn't have in Belleville. For starters, he enjoys living with his billet family (the Bushes), as does teammate Dario Trutmann.

PREP HOCKEY

Highlanders stop Churchill in state-ranked battle, 3-2

Thomas Kerr's second goal of the night coming with only 30 seconds remaining in overtime gave Howell a 3-2 boys hockey win over visiting Livonia Churchill in a game played Wednesday night at Grand Oaks Arena.

Howell improved to 11-3-2 overall with the victory, while Churchill falls to 9-2 in the battle of state-ranked teams.

"It was a great high school hockey game," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We had some chances, but they (Howell) made the most of theirs. It was good experience that we can take something from moving forward."

Third-ranked Churchill (Division 1), which outshot the Highlanders, 31-21, took a 1-0 lead at the 2:24 mark of the opening period on Mike Gambino's power play goal from Brad Milks and Ben Proben.

Howell's P.J. Krystyniak answered at 7:41 of the same period to make it 1-1.

Kerr then tallied his first goal on a power play from Connor O'Donnelly and Trevor Sergett at 2:48 of the second, but Milks' goal from Gambino with 4:26 remaining in the third period sent the game into OT.

Churchill netminder Alex Estes made 18 saves, while Andrew Brownlee had 29 stops for sixth-ranked Howell.

GRAND BLANC 5, FRANKLIN 1: Jack Clay and Hunter Moran tallied two goals apiece Friday to lead the Bobcats (8-2-2) past host Livonia Franklin (2-11-1) in a KLAAC crossover at Edgar Arena.

Trevor Gardner also scored for Grand Blanc, which broke away from a 1-1 first period deadlock with three goals in the second period. Kellen Seguin and Alex Porter each contributed two assists in the victory.

Tyler Satkowiak scored for the Patriots from Tyler Hewitt and Danny Donahue.

Franklin goaltender Matt Slinder made 24 saves, while Jake Neil had 31 stops for Grand Blanc.

NOVI 4, STEVENSON 0: Three goals during the final period carried the defending Division 1 state champion Wildcats (8-6-1, 4-3-1) to a KLAAC Central Division victory Wednesday night over host Livonia Stevenson (10-5, 5-3) at Edgar Arena.

Carl Faraon's unassisted short-handed goal at 9:35 of the first period proved to be the game-winner.

Eighth-ranked Novi then added three more goals during the final 15 minutes - Ryan Kobylarek from Brandon Ramsey at 4:38; Wes Guenther from Collin Pew and Faraon at 3:40; and Curtis Herzog from Travis Trainor at 5:08.

Novi goaltender Austin Petty made 20 saves to post the shutout.

Ninth-ranked Stevenson used two goaltenders with Connor Humitz going the first 35 minutes before giving way to Mike Kanitra. The duo combined for 23 saves.

"They (Novi) had their chances and capitalized," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We never sustained any pressure, but give Novi credit."

CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 1: In a KLAAC South Division game Wednesday, the visiting Chiefs (8-5, 5-1) scored twice in the second and third periods to subdue Livonia Franklin (2-10-1, 0-1) at Edgar Arena.

Franklin's C.J. Cromie, off an assist from Brian Roulier, opened the scoring at 2:17 of the first period before Brandon Schlieger answered for Canton at 12:41 from Brandon Grillo and Charlie Stlick.

At 2:41 of the second period, Duggan Tear scored what proved to be the game-winner from Grillo and Taylor Baker.

The Chiefs then made it 3-1 on Michael Conklin's goal from Ian Fagan and Brad Ceci just 10 seconds before the second period ended.

Canton, which outshot the Patriots 35-31, put it away with a pair of third period goals - Andrew Gorski from Fagan and Zack McArdle at 5:02 followed by Schlieger on a power play from Grillo at 8:25.

Franklin freshman goaltender Matt Monendo made 30 saves, while Canton's Spencer Craig turned away 30-of-31 shots.

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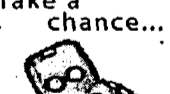
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Glitz and glamor

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Area residents were among the luminaries who filled Cobo Center at the North American International Auto Show 2012 Charity Preview Friday, Jan. 13.

"What a night," said Bill Perkins, chairman, NAIAS 2012. "We were thrilled that ticket sales were up over 20 percent from last year, and as of show time we were 12 tickets short from our goal of 12,000 tickets sold, so the Detroit Auto Dealers Association purchased the remaining tickets, and we reached the \$3 million mark."

The black-tie crowd was served 4,200 bottles of champagne, 1,000 pounds of beef tenderloin, 20,000 bottles of wine, 35,000 bottles of beer from the Detroit Beer Co., 1,200 pounds of shrimp, and 2,100 pounds of deli meat. Five hundred limos filled the streets and 378 cans of hair spray held it all together.

Proceeds from the event that mixed glamour and everything automotive support vital services for children of all ages in the Detroit area.

Beneficiaries of the Charity Preview include: Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope-Girls Hope of Detroit, The Children's Center, Judson Center, The Detroit Institute for Children, Think Detroit PAL, March of Dimes, Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation and the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Charity Preview, Detroit's premier black-tie gala, was made possible by Charter One, part of the RBS group. The event is widely regarded as the largest single night fundraiser in North America.



Saad Chehab, Chrysler brand president, WDIV-TV morning traffic reporter and Westland resident, Ashlee Baracy, and Jennifer Chehab were among the 12,000 metro Detroiters at the Jan. 13 charity preview. Baracy is wearing a paper dress made from Chevrolet and Toyota brochures and designed by Matthew Richman of Royal Oak.



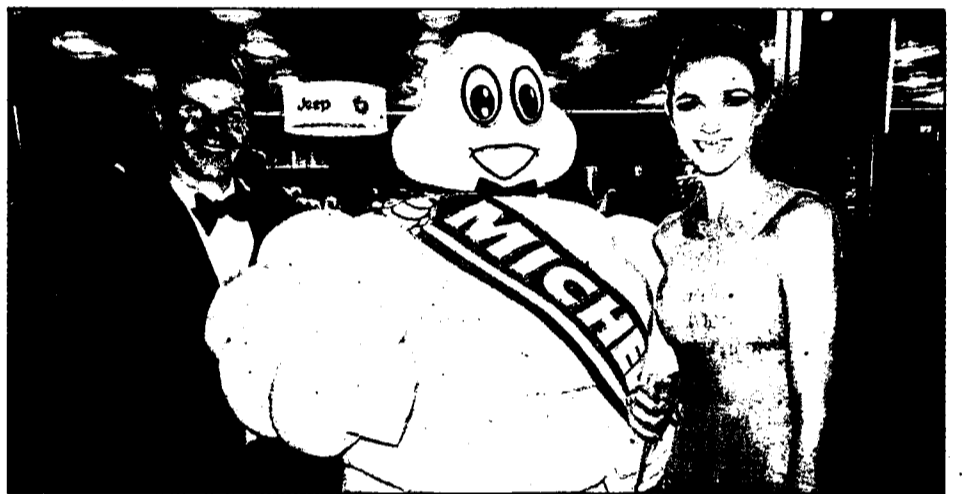
Leah and Marc Nelson of Commerce Township (left) and Amy Vitale of Farmington Hills, with Bob Burkhart of Waterford at the charity preview.



Canton friends and neighbors (left) Jennifer Vallis and Susan Haubenstricker did their Charity Preview and AutoGlow shopping spree at Parisian.



Farmington Hills residents Lori and Brent Kuhn attended the Charity Preview at Cobo Center and AutoGlow Under The Big Top to benefit The Children's Center. The Children's Center partnered with the College for Creative Studies (CCS) for a student competition to create a theme and design for the fundraiser which included carnival and circus elements.



Adam Zemke of Ann Arbor, The Michelin Man and Erin Welsh of Plymouth were glammed and glitzed for Charity Preview 2012 that raised more than \$3 million on Friday, Jan. 13.

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The training will give participants an understanding of the skills needed to aid animals during a disaster in their communities and beyond. "They could end up



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assisting anywhere around the country. You need this training to do that," said Brad Sharp, city of Canton maintenance manager.

The classes will run 9 a.m.-5 p.m. the first two days and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. the last day. Cost is \$195. Attendance is required for all three days.

For additional information or to register, visit the Humane Society University Web site at: <http://tinyurl.com/6qrk24b> or call Frances Gaeta with the Humane Society University at (301) 548-7731. Registration deadline is Feb. 3.

Sweaters for naked cats

New Beginnings Animal Rescue (NBAR) is accepting donated sweaters and blankets to help keep its rescued — and shaved — purebred Persian cats warm. The

group took 10 of 31 cats rescued from a neglectful home in western Michigan last week, shaved off their urine-soaked and matted fur and then bathed them before making the cats available for adoption. Several have already gone to new homes. The others are in foster care.

"Normally we only take owner-surrendered animals, but we were contacted by another rescue who needed our help. When we learned about the situation, how could we say no?" stated Jennifer Fritz, NBAR vice president and a Garden City resident.

"All the cats have been fully vetted and ready for a loving home. Most of the cats didn't even have names, they were known simply as numbers. We are looking forward to seeing them learn how to develop bonds and friendships with the people around them — that's something they were never allowed to do before." Before-and-after pictures are posted on the group's Facebook pages. Visit www.nbarmichigan.org for more information on fostering, adopting and donating sweaters.

—Sharon Dargay

Girls learn to invest, help others

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Middle school girls and their moms will become global investors at a workshop next month in "micro-lending" presented by Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne.

They'll also learn how their dollars can help women world-wide to establish and grow their own small businesses.

"We've never lost a dollar in this lending," said Sally Randall, Zonta Club member. "Zonta has done micro-lending for a long time and it has been good to us. It's amazing how buying a goat, or seeds or a sewing machine can make a difference in women's lives. And that's what Zonta is about."

During "Micro-lending 101," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, mothers and daughters will choose an overseas project online for their investment. Randall said loans average about \$25 and that each mother-daughter investment team can track the investment over several months. Recipients use the funds to maintain or establish their own businesses.

"It's always good when young kids can learn the value of community service," Randall said, adding that the project "builds a bond between mom and daughter."

"It's a good experience for mom to see that there are clubs out there also helping to support women."

Zonta was founded in 1919 in New York as a networking vehicle for businesswomen. The second club was established in Detroit, Randall said.

"It was a way for business women to stick together and help each other."

The organization today is worldwide, with clubs in 67 different countries. Its mission is to improve the lives of women worldwide by enhancing the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women through advocacy and service. Club members promote the organization's mission both locally and globally.

The Northwest Wayne chapter is a part of District 15, that includes Michigan and portions of Ontario, Canada.

Christy Hicks, the District 15 Jane M. Klausman 2011 Scholarship winner, will lead Micro-lending 101. The Eastern Michigan University graduate student is working toward a master's degree in human resources and organizational development.

Register for the workshop online at zontanorthwestwayne.eventbrite.com. For more on Zonta locally, visit www.zonta15.org.

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia; (734) 462-4400.

Don't throw it away yet

Did a seminar the other night at the Novi Library and I want to thank all of you folks who showed up and asked very intelligent questions. You came from all over and many are readers of this column.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

The consensus of the audience is that they are not happy with their new major home appliances. I stressed the quality issue today and pointed out that many of their old products may just outlast something they may purchase brand new.

Every week I receive several e-mails pertaining to a non-working appliance and I reply to each and every one of them. Many times, with a little guidance from the old white-haired-appliance doctor, a reader will fix something without the need of a service technician. Take the man who had a 20-year-old refrigerator which was in excellent condition but wouldn't operate and only made clicking sounds when it tried to come on. I told him that he could have a bad compressor which could cost \$600 to replace. I also advised him to spend \$30-\$40 to replace the relay and overload on the com-

pressor and he could do it himself, which is exactly what he did. He wrote me back to tell me I was dead on and that the refrigerator now runs just fine.

David writes: "We have a Maytag washer about 20 years old that has given us excellent service with very few repairs required. Just lately the washer is starting to move around quite a bit. The washer sits level on the floor and we are only washing for two people. The adjustment screws seem to be adjusted properly. Do you know what might be causing this to happen now?"

Here is an example of a consumer who owns one of the best washers ever made. It's 20 years old and this well-made product of years ago has been known to last for 54 years. The problem could be that the lock nuts on the leveling legs have worked loose after all these years of vibration and simply need to be readjusted and tightened with a pair of channel locks. The rubber feet on the legs similar to casters under a chair are all worn on the edges and need to be replaced. The very common occurrence of a wooden floor weakening from years of strain could be the problem. I suggested placing a glass of water on the clothes dryer and turning on the washer. This is a good indicator of a floor being the source of the problem. In David's case, it would be a shame to

send that old machine to the scrap heap. Those old Maytags would need new belts and a new roller kit for the motor carriage assembly and easily last another 20 years.

Mike and Cathy write: "We have had an ongoing issue with holes in our soft cotton clothing, particularly the underwear and lightweight cotton T-shirts. They appear as small holes and can be larger at times. We have looked at both the washer and dryer trying to find what may be causing this and are a bit stumped."

This is a tricky question to answer without offending the woman of the house, so I'll put it into a statement of fact. Some women wear brasieres with built-in wire supports. These wires will wear through the fabric and can snag other clothes causing little or large holes. It took years as a service technician to find this out.

The message to homeowners in this column: Don't be so quick to shop for a new appliance when the one you have may last a lot longer. If you have a question, contact me. It doesn't cost anything. If it comes to getting a service technician, I can help you with that as well. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.rr.com

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Jan. 22-31

FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 22
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard Lupovitch will introduce "Flames of Revolt" and discussion will follow the film. Cost is \$15
Contact: David Goodman at (248) 851-6880

FINANCIAL RECOVERY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 31
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills
Details: Dave Ramsey's "The Great Recovery" is a 13-week, bible-based program that teaches you to eliminate debt and leave a lasting legacy.
Contact: Register at www.daveramsey.com or call (248) 553-3380

MEMORY CHALLENGES

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28
Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, in Southfield
Details: Dr. Annette Carron, from Palliative Care in Farmington Hills, will speak about memory loss, dementia, signs of Alzheimer's, and methods to delay memory loss. This is a free program open to the public and light refreshments

will be served
Contact: (248) 569-2972 or firstbaptist@fbc-detroit.org

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 9:30-1 p.m. Jan. 29
Location: St. Edith Catholic School, 15089 Newburgh at Five Mile, Livonia

Details: K-8th grade enrollment available
Contact: (734) 464-1250 or visit www.stedithschool.org

PRAYER OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27
Location: Harvest Bible Church, 6420 N. Newburgh, Westland
Details: Anyone who needs prayer may stop by to pray by themselves or with a volunteer prayer partner
Contact: (734) 895-3280

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., Jan. 22; check-in starts at 2 p.m.
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Mass followed by refreshments, social time. Widowed Friends is a peer group within the Archdiocese of Detroit that offers activities for widowed men and women in a safe and friendly setting
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

BETHANY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11
Location: Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Detail: Stilettoes Dance, "Detroit Still Doo Wops," with music from 8 p.m.-midnight.

February

Cost is \$20 and includes beer and pop
Contact: Chooch at (734) 697-7270

DEBT FREE

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Feb. 1
Location: Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power, Farmington Hills
Details: Financial Peace University — Imagine Yourself Debt Free, is a 13-week, video-based study featuring Dave Ramsey, that teaches how to build wealth, get out of debt and gain financial freedom. You may attend the first class for free. Childcare is available
Contact: (248) 477-9144 or visit www.FHChurchofGod.org or www.DaveRamsey.com

GRIEF SUPPORT
Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7
Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: "From Grief to New Hope," presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, runs eight weeks. Each session will begin with a talk, followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses
Contact: (248) 661-9191; www.4fcc.org

GRIEF SUPPORT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 29
Location: St. Michael's Catholic Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series will offer a prayerful and practical approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bill Tindall as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. Register by calling the church of visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site.
Contact: (734) 261-1455; www.goodmourningministry.net

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: Social hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8
Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group offered through the Archdiocese of Detroit, welcomes widowed men and women to attend a social hour and dinner. Cost of \$14 includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door in cash only with the exact amount. Cards, games and conversation until 9:30 p.m. RSVP by Feb. 1. No drop-ins
Contact: Cookie at (248) 357-2183 or Carol at (248) 946-0300

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 29 and March 7, 14 and 21
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Celebrate Valentine's Day with high tea

Canton Senior Center will celebrate Valentine's Day with high tea for individuals of all ages, 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Maple Room at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.
 Finger sandwiches, cream scones, tasty desserts and tea — all provided by Victoria's Tea Salon — will be served.
 Registration for the Valentine's Day High Tea is

\$16 for Canton residents and \$21 for non-residents. Register at Cantonfun.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.
 The Canton Senior Center is operated by Canton Township and offers a wide variety of programs, trips and special events, activities and classes for free or at low-cost. For more information on its Valentine's High Tea Celebration call (734) 394-5485.

Learn to define artistic goals

Three Cities Art Club will present a free event to help artists develop and realize their goals, 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, in the lower level meeting room B at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, a quarter mile south of Cherry Hill.
 Dorrie Milan of ArtServe Michigan will talk about intellectual property and will explain how to write an artist's

statement, how to fund and market your work, and much more.
 Light refreshments will be served. Membership in the Three Cities Art Club for adults 18 and older, is \$25 per year.
 Questions? E-mail Marilyn Meredith at marilynmeredith@wowway.com or call (313) 231-3939. Visit the club online at www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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THE JOINT-KIDNEY CONNECTION

There are no kidney conditions that cause arthritis, but any doctor treating a patient for a joint problem knows that the status of the patient's kidneys determines what medications will be appropriate for the joints.

The critical point is in the regulation of the blood supply within the kidney. Kidney blood vessels are arranged in tufts and it is this arrangement that allows the kidney to filter out excess salt and water. In turn, chemicals within the kidneys, called cyclooxygenases, regulate the size of the blood vessels and determine how well the body will regulate salt and water balance.

The joint-kidney connection comes up because the medicines so often used to treat the pain of joint disease, such as ibuprofen, naproxen, sulindac and etodolac, block the action of the cyclooxygenases. The result is a decreased kidney blood supply; that change can lead to renal failure.

The problem becomes worse in older people. A person in his 70's may have normal kidney function. Even so, kidney reserve at the age or older can be small. Giving even a small dose of ibuprofen or a similar drug may cause the kidneys to begin to fail. Doctors do not lose sight of this possibility even in their hardest older patients, and so use caution in prescribing any of the common anti-inflammatory drugs.

The other joint-kidney connection is that the kidney rids the body of many anti-arthritis drugs. The best example is allopurinol, a medication used to treat gout. If the patient with gout has kidney insufficiency, then the doctor decreases the usual allopurinol dose. A reduction in dose is necessary to account for increased and prolonged presence of allopurinol that occurs when the drug is not eliminated in the normal manner.

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ALTENBERNT, ANNA I.

Beaverton, Michigan
Mrs. Altenbernt, age 92, passed away peacefully Monday, January 16, 2012 at Tender Care of Midland, following a lingering illness. She was born in Delray, Michigan on January 6, 1920 to the late Frank & Anna (Giba) Dely. She married Nelson Altenbernt on June 27, 1942 in Plymouth, Michigan. He survives her. They moved to Beaverton in 1982 and have enjoyed their home here with the family and especially the grandchildren. She is survived by a son David & Connie Altenbernt of Romeo and a daughter Nancy & Gary Singleton of South Lyons; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother Edward Dely of Plymouth; three sisters Barbara & Fred Warren of Gaylord, Betty Little of Surprise, AZ and Irene & Robert Phillips of Wayne; a half brother Fred Dely and a half sister Erma Vezinaw. She was predeceased by two brothers Steven & Louis Dely and two sisters Helen Dely and Mary Clark. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date with cremation taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory. Arrangements were entrusted to Sisson Funeral Home.

ANTIL, RICHARD

Age 77, passed away on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 in Monroe, Michigan. He was born in Fitchburg, MA in 1934 and later moved to the Detroit area with his family. He worked for Michigan Bell/AT&T for 30+ years and volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Michigan after serving in the Army in Arlington, VA from 1952-1955. He is preceded in death by both of his parents, two brothers, and his son Matt. He is survived by one sister, Gloria Riopelle (Ernie), one son, Dan (Alice) and 3 daughters, Marie Moleski (Robert), Dorothy Paulin (Rick), and Kathryn Herbst as well as 9 grandchildren, Chris Bagnall, Eric Wood, Andy Paulin, Heather Wood, Branden Paulin, Kevin Paulin, Wade Antil, Zack Herbst, and Cody Antil. A Memorial service will be held at a later date and his remains will be interred at the Great Lakes National Veterans Cemetery in Holly, MI.
Please share a memory of Richard in his guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com.

CHARD, MARK J.

Of Livonia and Alger; died January 10, 2012 at age 63. Beloved husband of Anne C. (nee Kennedy) Chard. Father of PFC Chard, Brigitte and Andrew (Melissa) Holt. Grandfather of Taylor Dalziel and Aidan Holt. Brother of Jan Jones and Lee (Marion) Chard. Preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Marion Chard. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements handled by the Prescott chapel of the BURESH FUNERAL HOME. Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Cancer Center.
Online register book available at www.bureshfuneralhomes.com.



ECKERT, JOSEPH

Of Burton, age 95 died Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at the St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia, MI. Funeral Services were held Saturday, January 21, 2012 at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 2143 S. Center Rd., Burton, MI. Rev. Fr. Matthew Peter Butrie officiated. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was Friday with a Parastas Service prayed at the Brown Funeral Home 1480 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI and Saturday at the Church. Joseph was born September 6, 1916 in Flint, MI to Czech parents Joseph A. and Theresa (Malec) Eckert. On September 1, 1942 Joe married Mary Ananich. He received his early training in Music at the age of six, when his father began teaching him the violin. Polka music has always been the center of Joe's family and he enjoyed the reunions and gatherings of his family at which time all the musical members of the family provided the music they all love. Joe became a member of the Polka Hall of Fame in 1988. Joe retired from the Personnel Department of Fisher Body in 1977 after 42 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II for three and a half years in the European Theatre. Joseph is survived by children Joseph A. (Kyle) Eckert, James (Sherrie) Eckert; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by wife Mary; daughter Joanne and two sisters. Contributions will be made to Joe's favorite charities. Condolences may be left on-line at www.brownfh.com

ELIAS, FIFY J.

Passed away on January 17, 2012 at the age of 94. Dear mother of Ellen (Les Spalding) Elias, Jim (Janice) Elias, and Thomas (Elizabeth) Elias. Loving grandmother of Erica, Elijah, Natalie, Alexis, and Sophia. Sister of Joe Joseph, Helen Joseph, Robert Joseph, and Thomas Joseph. You would always feel welcomed when you visited the family owned Elias Brothers Market on Plymouth Road in Livonia in the 1960's and 70's. Fify knew your name, and the names of your kids and parents as well. Always quick with a smile and a joke, you knew this wasn't an ordinary check-out lady. She had a special spirit. If you ever knew her, you would not forget her. Even after the passing of her husband and store founder, James T. Elias in 1972, Fify continued to be the personality of the store and the glue that held things together. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth, and interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial offerings to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, 222 North Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 100, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.



GALLENTINE, WILLIAM "DON"

January 13, 2012, age 89 of Bloomfield Hills. Loving husband after serving in the Army in Arlington, VA from 1952-1955. He is preceded in death by both of his parents, two brothers, and his son Matt. He is survived by one sister, Gloria Riopelle (Ernie), one son, Dan (Alice) and 3 daughters, Marie Moleski (Robert), Dorothy Paulin (Rick), and Kathryn Herbst as well as 9 grandchildren, Chris Bagnall, Eric Wood, Andy Paulin, Heather Wood, Branden Paulin, Kevin Paulin, Wade Antil, Zack Herbst, and Cody Antil. A Memorial service will be held at a later date and his remains will be interred at the Great Lakes National Veterans Cemetery in Holly, MI.
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HEES, KATHLEEN STICKNEY

Kathleen Hees passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, the direct result of a fall a few days earlier which had caused massive head trauma. She was 67 years old. Kathy was born in Clawson, Michigan on November 9, 1944, daughter of Thomas Harry Stickney and Garnet Widgren Stickney, where she spent most of her youth in Plymouth, Michigan, and attended and graduated from Plymouth High School. In 1984, she married Ron Hees and moved to Gaylord, Michigan, to the community of Michayew, where the couple enjoyed friendships and golf while she helped her husband with his several business interests: in 1987 they acquired a residence in Florida and spent the last several years splitting time between the two states. Kathy's bright, sweet disposition and loving smile brought her many lifelong friends and these, along with her daughter Cherie, were the joys of her life. She always had time for any and all of them. Kathy is survived by her husband, Ron, a brother, Michael Stickney of Howell, Michigan, and daughter, Cherie Pizzala, of Vanderbilt, Michigan, along with many other aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives. Her wishes were to be cremated; there will be no funeral but arrangements will be made for memorial services both in Florida and Michigan at sometime later in the year. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, it is suggested that anyone wishing to make a contribution in her name may do so through either (a) Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33407 or (b) Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, 48201.
Online condolences may be made at www.aycockfuneralhome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Aycock Funeral Home, Jupiter.

May you find comfort in Family and Friends



GREENLEE, ROBERT E.

Age 89, of Lafayette, IN formerly of Livonia, MI died Sunday January 8, 2012 at Indiana University Health, Lafayette, IN. He was born August 13, 1922, in Michigan to the late Leonard and Esther Froelich Greenlee. Bob served in the United States Navy in WWII and on March 23, 1946 he married Viola Gumas in Detroit, MI and she survives. Mr. Greenlee worked for the City of Livonia Department of Public Works for 30 years and at the time of his retirement was Foreman of Roads. He was a member of the American Legion in Redford, MI and enjoyed golfing. Surviving along with his wife is a daughter Gail M. Zhmendak husband William of Lafayette, IN and grandchildren Billy Zhmendak wife Reagan, Christi Wetter husband John and great grandchildren Logan, Mia and Aydan. Also surviving is a brother Leonard Greenlee of Wyandotte, MI and a sister Elaine Glumm of Taylor, MI. He was preceded in death by a brother Ralph Greenlee. Those wishing may contribute to Diamond Blackfan Anemia Association.



HALL, JEANNE LYNN
December 2, 1958 – December 23, 2011

Jeanne passed away unexpectedly on December 23 at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College, PA. Jeanne was an Associate Professor at Penn State University, in the College of Communications, Department of Film/Video and Media Studies, for nearly 20 years. Jeanne loved teaching and was very proud to be a member of the faculty at her beloved Penn State, where she was honored by her colleagues and the Penn State community at a memorial held at the University on January 12. Jeanne was a celebrated and respected faculty member, admired for her passion and dedication to teaching. She was regularly recognized for her outstanding contributions and received many awards, including the College of Communications Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award. Jeanne was also a five-time winner of the prestigious Faculty Marshal Award, an honor bestowed by each of the university's top program graduates and presented to the single most influential professor in that student's entire college journey. Her students often said that Jeanne's genuine interest, care and support transformed their lives, both personally and professionally, making the biggest impact on their college experience and future careers. The Hall Family wishes to extend sincere gratitude for the numerous heartfelt notes and letters from current and former students. After graduating from West Bloomfield High School, Jeanne earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and subsequently earned her Doctorate in Film Studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Jeanne began her professional career at the Ohio University School of Film, where she taught for three years, followed by her long career at Penn State. Jeanne was deeply loved and cherished by her family, and her many, many friends, and was the adored aunt of 14 nieces and nephews - to borrow one of her favorite phrases, she rocked! Jeanne is survived by her parents, Clark & Joyce Hall of West Bloomfield, sisters Kathleen (Frank) Garipey and Cheryl (David) Lindsay, and brothers, Mark (Jodi) Hall, Thomas Hall, and James (Kristin) Hall, and nieces and nephews: Brian, Michael, Andrew and Christopher Garipey; Alex and Clark Lindsay; Jacob, Matthew and Patrick Hall; Kyle, Casey and Bobbie Hall; and Bobby and Laurel Hall. Messages and memories may be posted online at the Koch Funeral Home Guest Book for Jeanne Hall, at www.kochfuneralhome.com. A memorial service will be held Sunday, January 29 at 2:30 pm at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 405 East Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Contributions in Jeanne's honor to the Jeanne Hall Penn State Memorial Fund are gratefully accepted, and may be sent to: Kevin Musick, College of Communications, 301 James Building, University Park, PA 16802. Contribution checks should be made payable to Penn State, with the memo line reference "Jeanne Hall Memorial."

HOSKINS, JACK

January 17, 2012, age 81. Loving husband of 56 years of Dorothy. Dear father of Paul Chris Hoskins and Allen J. (Lori) Hoskins. Dear grandfather of Ally and Ashley Hoskins. Also leaves three brothers and two sisters. Visitation was held Friday with services following on Saturday from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



KENNY, JULIA L.

January 8, 2012, age 93, of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Roland. Beloved mother of Guy (Susan). Proud grandmother of Ellen (David) Lukach, Julie (Bernie) Johnson, Guy (Christa), Emily and Ellie. Beloved great-grandmother of Lenora and Daniel Lukach and Hannah Johnson. Dear sister of the late Fay (Tom) Keys, the late Mary Freeman and the late Betty MacDonell. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Service will be held Friday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Visitation was held Thursday. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



KOLBE, JOY M.

Died on January 17, 2012, at her home in The Woodlands, Texas. She was born January 15, 1920, to Ila Lee (Brooks) Watkins and Wilber O. Watkins of Douglass, Texas. Joy is a descendant of a founding family of Texas, Jesse J. Watkins of Nacogdoches County. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, William H. Kolbe, daughter Patricia K. Gordinier and husband Hollace (Bud) Gordinier, son James W. Kolbe, grandchildren, Andrew J. Kolbe and Caroline E. Kolbe, and her brother James O. Watkins and wife Wilma. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary Lavern (Watkins) Johnson, husband Otis C. Johnson and half-sister Elaine Johnson Baker. Joy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She loved to entertain family and friends and to travel. Joy was very active in American Cancer Society fund raising, Gardening, shopping and working with photographs were her hobbies. She loved music. Prior to moving back to Texas she had lived in Michigan 47 years. She is a member of The Woodlands United Methodist Church and previously a member of The United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Michigan. Visitation will be held at Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home, Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 4pm until 8pm. Funeral Service will be Monday, January 23, 2012 at 11:00am in the Robb Chapel of The Woodlands United Methodist. Interment will follow at Forest Park The Woodlands Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association or the charity of one's choice are appreciated by the family. To sign the register book or to leave memories of Joy for the family please visit: forestparkthewoodlands.com



LINTON, CHRIS
6/15/59 ~ 1/4/12

Age 52, Port Orange, FL Passed away peacefully, January 4, 2012. Born in Wayne, Michigan on June 15, 1959, he grew up in a family with proud parents, Duane and Arlene, and three sisters Karen, Brenda and Sandy. Chris graduated from John Glenn High School in 1977. Chris was a skilled machinist working at Jack Roush Performance Engineering in the early 1980's and ending with a career that encompassed most of the Space Shuttle Program. Honor, love of family, friends, and country were all very important to Chris. He met his wife, Kathleen on New Years Eve 1982, on a trip to Florida. Together, they raised daughter, Jennifer, and were blessed to have 24 years together. Survivors include his wife Kathleen Linton, daughter Jennifer Lafland (Alan), granddaughters Annsley and Ashlynn, his parents, Duane and Arlene, his sisters, Karen Linton (Glen), Brenda Czubaj (Ray), Sandy Yetter (Shawn) as well as countless nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Services were held in Port Orange, FL on Monday January 9th, 2012. A memorial service is being held in his honor on February 4th, 2012 at the Wayne Moose Lodge: 38050 Michigan Ave Wayne, MI 48184. Between 2:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. All friends and family are welcome.

MCMARTIN, CHRISTINA "TINA"

Called home to her Lord on January 15, 2012. Beloved wife of Hugh. Loving mom of Erika (Kenny) Ingle, and Bradley (Paula). Proud grandmother of Cameron Ingle, Donovan Ingle, and the late Luca Ingle. Dear sister of Lisa Minto. The family will gather with friends Thursday from 3 PM until the 5 PM, memorial service at Living Word Church, 46500 North Territorial Rd., (west of Sheldon), Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MICHIE, MARTHA (nee TORIKKA)

Age 97, January 15, 2012. Wife of the late George. Survived by nieces and nephews. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday from 11 a.m. until Funeral Service at 12 p.m. Please share a memory at: www.rggharris.com

ROBERTS, ISABELL JEAN

Age 83 January 14, 2012. Beloved wife of John H. Loving mother of John Jr. and Melody (Daryl) Jackson. Cherished grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of seven. Dear sister of the late Kenneth (Sara) Hatcher, Charles (Joyce) Hatcher, the late Marion Stewart, Margery (Alexander) Janowski. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



ROBERTS, DAISY ELIZABETH

Age 95 of Luther, formerly of Royal Oak died on January 11, 2012 in Nashville TN. She was born on July 6, 1916 in Owen Sound, Ontario to Henry & Gertrude Warren. They preceded her in death. She married Thomas (Fred) Roberts on June 27, 1953. He preceded her in death on September 5, 1978. She was also preceded in death by her brother George Warren and nieces, Mary Anteaux and Amanda Irby. Surviving are sons Thom (Christine) Roberts of Nashville TN, and Dave (Diane) Roberts of Luther MI; brother Norman (Joyce) Warren of MS; dear sister-in-law Gloria Warren; brother-in-law George Roberts; grandchildren David, Haley, and Rose Roberts; step grandson John Thorburn, step great-grandson Cameron Thorburn and his mother, Toni. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, including special niece Janet Warren. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067 on Saturday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church or to the charity of one's choice.



SHERR, JULIE BETH

Age 64 of Birmingham, went to the "big concert in the sky" on 11-20-11 at Hospice of the Palm Beaches in South Florida. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Lincoln, son-in-law Darren, her grandson Richie and her sister Amy of NM. She lived life to the fullest. Her acclaims include: Record promotion for rock legends Bob Seger, Thin Lizzy, Bee Gees, Andy Gibb, Eric Clapton & many more. Julie is now at peace in "rock and roll heaven". We will remember her by her smile and her ability to make the best out of life. A memorial will be held this summer in Detroit, the date TBA.



STEFANKO, KENNETH R.

January 13, 2012, age 70. Beloved husband of Martha (48 years). Loving father of Christopher Kenneth Stefanko and Scott Fitzpatrick Stefanko. Dear brother of Gerald (Eiko) Stefanko, James Stefanko, Mary Miner and Robert Stefanko. Uncle to many. Kenneth retired from General Motors after 48 years. He was internationally recognized as a Metal Finishing expert. He continued working as a consultant with several companies up until his death. There was a visitation held on Monday, January 16, 2012 with a Prayer Service and Eulogies at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia Chapel. The Funeral Mass was Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at St. Maurice Catholic Church, Livonia, MI. Memorial Donations may be made in Kenneth's name to either Angela Hospice Care Center or International Mesothelioma Program www.brightandwomens.org/mesothelioma Please leave the family a message of condolence or share a treasured memory by going to www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



TOVEY, BETTY MARIE NEE PLUNKETT

Age 88, January 17, 2012. Beloved wife of the late David J. Loving mother of Mary Louise (Derek) Kroes, David C. (Patricia), Kathie (Bill) Hellstein, Patricia (Nandu) Srinivasan, Joan (David) Boronic, and James L. (Lisa). Cherished grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of ten. Visitation Thursday 5-8 and Friday 5-8 with Rosary 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., in Livonia. In state Saturday 10 am until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 West Chicago, in Redford. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



WOLFE, CHARLES R.

Age 58, formerly of Plymouth. Dear father of Katie (Mark) Tiefel, Scott (Lindsey) Wolfe, and Abbey Wolfe. Proud grandfather of Aubrey Wolfe and Hannah Tiefel. Memorial gathering Saturday 10 AM until the 1 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms MI 48025. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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"It begins with providing the proper clothing, safety gear and sun screen and by ensuring their child stays hydrated," said Amy Teddy, coordinator for the Safe Kids Huron Valley Coalition. "In addition, providing children a snowboarding or skiing lesson before they head to the slopes will provide them with the necessary skills to not only reduce their frustrations but also their risk of injury. Finally, parents need to have their children come inside periodically to warm up and prevent hypothermia or frostbite."

Approximately two out of five traumatic brain injuries among children are associated with participation in sports and recreational activities. Studies indicate that wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of impact forces to the brain. Safe Kids Huron Valley recommends children always wear helmets when sledding, ski-



Children sledding or skating outdoors in the winter can help avoid injury with proper equipment, such as a helmet, and warm clothing.

ing, snowboarding, or playing ice hockey.

Here's additional tips for parents to keep their children safe this winter.

Proper Clothing

- Dress your child in layers — warm close-fitting clothes, a hat, boots, waterproof gloves or mittens, and a scarf or face mask.

- Make sure your child's scarf is tucked in so that it doesn't get entangled in lifts, ski poles, or other equipment.

Sun Protection

- Cover your child's exposed skin with sunscreen to protect their skin from the sunlight, which reflects off the snow.

Safety Gear

- Make sure your child always wears sport-specific, properly fitted safety gear. For example, knee pads are just as important for snowboarding as they are for field/ice hockey.

- Helmets always should be worn by children when they ski, sled, snowboard, snowmobile,

and play field/ice hockey. Make sure your child wears a helmet that is appropriate for the particular activity or sport because there are different helmets for different activities.

- Keep the helmet well-maintained, and it should always be properly fitted to your child's head. Replace

the helmet as soon as it has been hit hard or involved in a crash or impact. Even though there may not be any visible damage to the helmet, it will not effectively absorb the impact of a future crash or may have a hair line crack invisible to the human eye.

Staying Hydrated

- Encourage your child to drink water before, during and after play in order to stay fully hydrated. Here are some general guidelines to prevent dehydration:

- Before an activity drink 12 ounces of fluid every 30 minutes.

- During an activity children under 90 pounds should drink 5 ounces every 20 minutes and children over 90 pounds should drink 9 ounces every 20 minutes.

- After an activity drink every 20 minutes during the first hour after the activity to make up for fluid loss.

Safe Kids Huron Valley is among 16 coalitions covering 34 counties in Michigan that are dedicated to preventing accidental injury to children, 1-14. Other chapters in southeastern Michigan include Safe Kids Metro Detroit, Safe Kids Monroe and Safe Kids Macomb. For more information visit www.michigansafekids.org.

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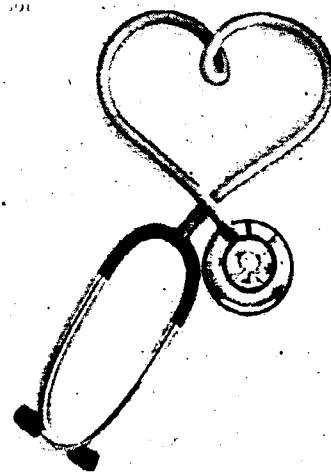
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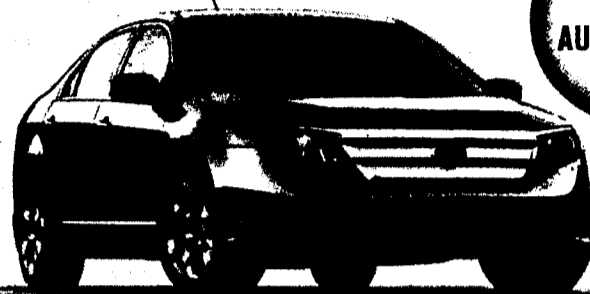
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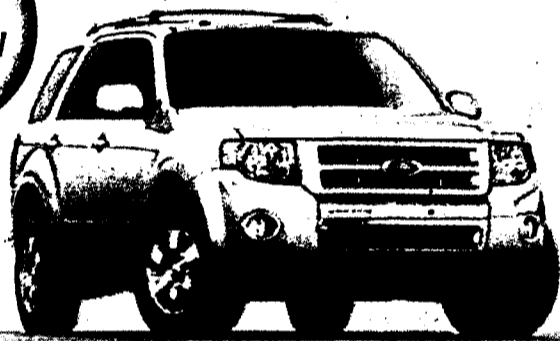
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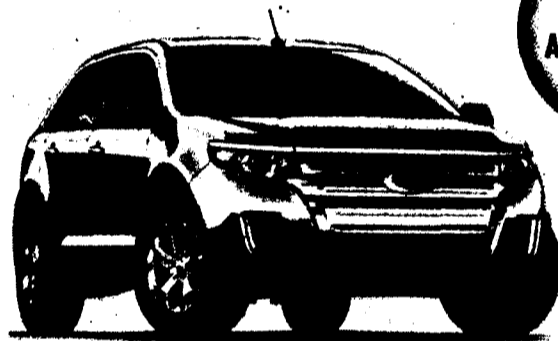
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