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'Great' W-W recommended for district accreditation



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Lead evaluator Kathy Reifschneider of the Festus School District in Missouri, provides Wayne-Westland school officials with an oral report on the NCA Advanced accreditation for the district.

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It won't be made official until June, but the Wayne-Westland Community Schools is in a celebratory mood now after being told that the district has been recommended for North Central Association AdvancEd accreditation. "You should be proud, your community should be proud," said Kathy Reifschneider, lead evaluator of eight-member Quality Assurance Review team. "In all areas, you have what it takes to be a great school

district." The QAR team spent two days last week looking at all aspects of the district and talking to 344 administrators, employees, parents, community leaders and students before providing school officials with an oral report of their review. This is the first time Wayne-Westland has gone for district accreditation, and according to Reifschneider, the district was rated as highly functional in three of seven standards for

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Shuh

Shuh-weet!

Westland pastor Allen "Buddy" Shuh is continuing his losing weighs even while away from the ranch for week four of NBC's "The Biggest Loser." Shuh went home to be with his wife who is pregnant, but was back in time for the weekly weigh-in.

Shuh, who started "The Biggest Loser" weighing 403 pounds, weighed in at 353 pounds, a 10-pound loss over the previous week. It helped his Red Team win the weigh-in with a combined 58 pounds and a 3.19 percent weight-loss percentage.

In true "The Biggest Loser" fashion, the win forced the Black Team to send a member home.

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland, the self-described All-American City, is one of the few area communities that doesn't host a program honoring military veterans on the Veterans Day holiday.

With the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland slated for Nov. 11, Westland Veterans Association Chairman Ken Mehl called on city officials to remedy the problem and get on board with memorial garden fundraising efforts.

Prior to Veterans Day 2011, Mehl said he met with council President James Godbout and Mayor William Wild. One of the subjects that came up was the city's lack of a Veterans Day program.

"I was told there was no Veterans Day ceremony due to city hall being closed. You were going to get back to me," Mehl said, speaking at the recent council meeting. "All of these people were off, but you had a Martin Luther King Day ceremony, which was noble and the right thing to do. We need to rectify this."

The National Civic League gives an award of All-American City, Mehl noted, with one criteria being civic involvement.

"I don't think we'd pass on that criteria. I hope we can all come together to resolve this," he said. "Veterans Day should be at the top of our list, so they won't be forgotten."

Westland John Glenn High School hosted a Veterans Day ceremony, but Mehl said it shouldn't be up to veterans or junior ROTC members to organize the programs.

"Unless we do this, we can't expect history to go forward. The amount of World War II veterans is minimal and we're losing a lot of Korean vets. We're also losing Vietnam vets," Mehl said. "I'm not here to beg for anything. I wouldn't do that. It's up to all of us. My comments aren't meant to be



A 20-by-20-foot replica of the POW/MIA logo will be the focal point of a plaza in the Veterans Memorial Garden. The Westland Veterans Association is selling engraved brick pavers - 6 inches by 6 inches for \$100, 6-inch by 12-inch for \$250 and 12-inch by 12-inch for \$500.

offensive." Wild wasn't at the meeting - he was in Washington, D.C., for the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting - but Godbout assured Mehl

the lack of a Veterans Day program would be remedied. "This fell through the cracks

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Man pleads no contest in dragging case

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland man accused of driving over a teenager and dragging him along a Canton road pleaded no contest Thursday to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

Rodney Manning, 20, faces sentencing March 8 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans after he accepted a plea agreement that prompted authorities to dismiss charges of assault with intent to murder, reckless driving causing serious injury, felonious assault and operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious injury.

The sole remaining charge against Manning carries a 10-year prison term, though local authorities have indicated he may not receive the maximum sentence.

Manning's plea averted a trial that could have resulted in a much lengthier prison sentence. It comes two months after 19-year-old victim Jahlil Wilson gave horrific testimony during Manning's preliminary examination in 35th District Court.

Wilson accused Manning of twice running over him and dragging him a quarter-mile along Beck Road near Woodlong as he struggled to survive by clinging to hot pipes under-

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accreditation and operational in the other four. It was rated highly functional for its vision and purpose, governance and leadership and stakeholder communications and relationships. It was rated operational for its teaching and learning, documenting and using results, resources and support systems and commitment to continuous improvement.

"I think everybody knows what a great school district we have, but it's nice to see you come in and see as strangers what we do," said school board President Carol Middel. "We have a lot of hard working people and we appreciate what they do."

Commendations

In issuing its oral report, the team offered five commendations:

- That School Superintendent Greg Baracy and the school board work collaboratively to make "great futures for all" a reality.
- That there was significant support for the school system through strong community involvement and participation.
- That the district's vision and purpose to student learning was shared



Wayne Westland school board members Frederick Weaver (from left), Andrea Clawson, Shawna Walker, Cindy Schofield and Carol Middel listen to the report.

by all stakeholder groups.

- That the district and staff foster effective relationships and communication among stakeholders and provide effective and meaningful outreach to the community.
- That the district has an ongoing commitment to technology resources, support and training in an effort to prepare students for a global technological world.

The district received one required action that "will help the district be even better." The action is to develop a systemic and systematic framework to ensure consistency and effectiveness in the areas of curriculum development, to create formative/summative assessments and to implement professional learning communities.

"You look where you can best put the money and it's all in the classroom," said Reifschneider. "I hope this is a validation



Members of the NCA AdvancEd Quality Assurance Review team includes Kathy Reifschneider (from left), lead evaluator, from Festus School District in Missouri, Pam Quitiquit of the Novi Public Schools, Rubye Holloway of the Detroit, Maryanne Ochalek of the Warren Consolidated Schools, Chase Kruse of Tulsa, Okla., Dorothy Garrison-Wade of Denver, Colo., Jan Colliton, a retired Farmington assistant superintendent, and JoAnn McCaffrey (in front) of Ozark, Ala.

for what you do. You are a very, very good school district."

A written report of the findings will be submitted in 30 days to AdvancEd and sent to the school district. The recommendation will go before the state Board of Education in June for approval. The accreditation is for five years, and the district will need to do a progress report in two years.

"While today we celebrate the culmination of an extensive self study

and external review, it is only the beginning of the next cycle of continuous improvement," Reifschneider said.

Great things

The word great permeated the oral report, presented at a special school board meeting last Wednesday afternoon, and many of the team members talked of taking back to their districts some of the initiatives they saw during their visit to school buildings.

Jan Colliton, a consultant and retired assistant superintendent in the Farmington Public Schools, told the board that if her grandchildren lived in the area, she would recommend they be put in the Wayne-Westland district.

"This is the place to be, you have some wonderful teachers and stakeholders," she said. "You now have a fan."

Evaluator JoAnn McCaffrey from Ozark, Ala., said her visit with students has warmed her up to go back and become a substitute teacher.

"I felt so blessed to talk to those young men and women at the career center, they gave me hope for our future," she said.

Their comments were music to the ears of school board members.

"I was very excited to hear the report, but a little nervous," said board Secretary Cindy Schofield. "I know everyone works hard, but it's nice to have it validated."

"This is the kind of thing that makes being a board member an honor and a privilege," said board Treasurer Shawna Walker. "I am so proud at this moment."

Trustee Thomas Buckalew praised Baracy and the staff saying that "nothing like this could be pulled off if they were not doing their job all along."

"This is a wonderful district," he said.

VETERANS

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last year with no Veterans Day ceremony," Godbout said. "It will happen this year. The dedication is this year. We need to do it on an annual basis. Once we start, it will become an annual event."

At this point, the Westland Veterans Association has raised about half of the \$150,000 estimated cost for the first phase of the memorial garden, which will be built in Central City Park.

As Mehl commented on the need for support from elected officials, 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli spoke to support veterans and, specifically, the memorial garden.

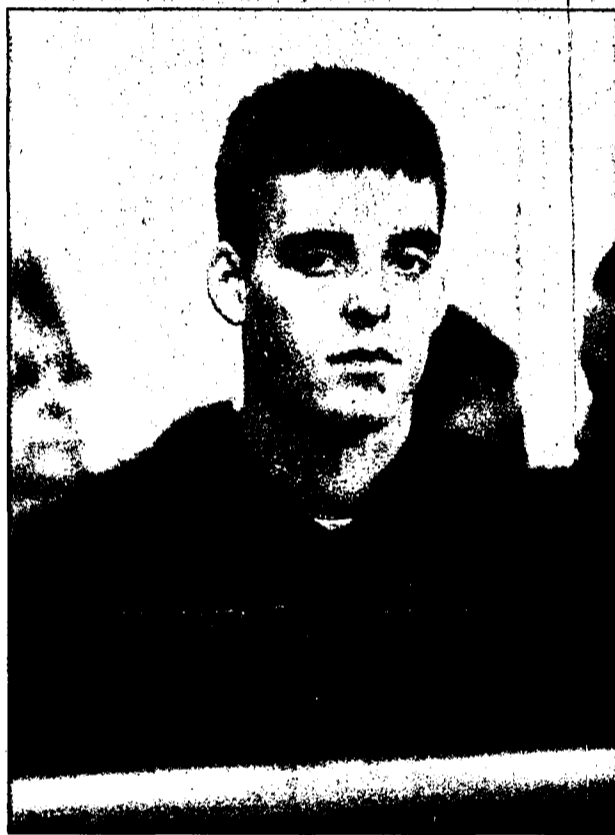
"My dad was a World War II veteran. My husband Nick was a Vietnam veteran. I say that he was

indirectly killed by the war. He was exposed to Agent Orange and died of myasthenia gravis," Cicirelli said. "I'd like to make a \$5,000 donation on their behalf. We all support veterans in our own way. I would ask you all to get behind this."

Councilman Bill Johnson, who Mehl credited with raising about 25 percent of the money already collected for memorial garden, volunteered to serve as the liaison to the veterans.

The Westland Veterans Association has had a variety of fundraisers, including the sale of hats and T-shirts. An ongoing fundraiser is at the Westland Buffalo Wild Wings, which will donate 20 percent of a bill, if the customer mentions the veterans memorial garden.

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RODNEY MANNING | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Rodney Manning of Westland pleaded no contest Thursday to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

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neath the car.

Wilson's testimony indicated the attack last July 2 followed a violent clash outside a house party between two groups of young adults, one of them allegedly affiliated with a gang dubbed Loyalty Before Respect.

Wilson, however, denied he was involved in a gang during an incident that culminated when he was dragged along the road until his buttocks were seared off and his spine was exposed.

"It was just horrible," he testified in November. Manning had been free on bond as he awaited the outcome of his case in Wayne County Circuit Court. He could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if he had been convicted on earlier charges of assault with intent to murder.

Wilson has testified he was among a crowd of 25-30 people who crossed to the west side of Beck Road after the car driven by Manning parked

across the street and one passenger got out with a baseball bat.

Wilson said the house-party crowd, some of them shouting "LBR" to signify the gang, pelted the car with cinder blocks and rocks, shattering some of the windows.

Wilson testified Manning then drove toward the party, ran off the road, drove over him two times and dragged him along Beck Road as others yelled for him to stop.

Defense attorney Leon Weiss called what happened to Wilson tragic, though he implied Wilson wasn't as innocent as he claimed during what Weiss described as "a brutal attack" by "organized gang activity" against Manning and his passengers.

Weiss accused Wilson of trying to "sanitize his own behavior" during what Weiss said was "a war type of thing."

Wilson has said his body will never be the same and that he wakes at night from nightmares caused by the incident.

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Mr. Walker goes to D.C., thanks to Mr. Wild

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker has a few things to say about his recent trip to Washington, D.C.: "It was great, it was cool and definitely an opportunity of a lifetime."

Walker was among 250 mayors who attended the recent National Conference of Mayors' winter conference in the nation's Capitol, a conference he attended at the behest of Westland Mayor William Wild. Knowing Garden City's financial situation, Walker paid for the entire trip which cost \$2,000.

"I want to thank Mayor Wild for giving me the heads-up," said Walker. "He told me about the invitation to visit the White House and that I had to come. It was an opportunity of a lifetime."

"I'm the Michigan ambassador for the conference and one of the things I do is recruit members," said Wild. "While Garden City is too small because its population is under 30,000, I thought it would be good for him to attend."

'Unfettered access'

According to Wild, the speakers at the conference are members of President Barack Obama's administration. Attending the sessions "gives you unfettered access to ask questions." "That's why I thought it would be a great opportunity for him," Wild said. "We're all facing the same issues."

Wild, who has been attending the conference since he became mayor in 2007, said he feels like he's "attending mayors college" when he goes the conference. Everyone is treated the same whether



Serving on the social media panel were Jim Shuttle of Omaha, Neb. (from left), Kim McMullan of Clarksville, Tenn., Westland Mayor William Wild and Brian Wahler of Piscataway, N.J.

they're the mayor of Los Angeles and Philadelphia or Westland.

The two men picked from a variety of meetings. Walker focused on a meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency about water as well as childhood obesity.

"All the mayors in the water meeting were giving the EPA a lot of heat about a lot of unfunded mandates like our \$40 million catch basin," he said. "They were telling them to be more realistic and come to the table with plans and funding."

He also learned in the other meeting the effect childhood obesity is having on the next generation.

"Every generation's lifespan has gotten longer, but this generation is starting to go the other way because of childhood obesity," he said, adding that he plans to share his information with the Garden City Public Schools.

Wild served as a panel member on a session on how communities use social media. Westland utilizes Facebook, Twitter, Linked In and Livestream to communicate with residents. But he also tried to get more information on the police grants to see how Westland can get some of the funding to hire more officers



Westland Mayor William Wild snapped this photo of Garden City Mayor Randy Walker with President Barack Obama during a visit to the White House.

and investigated the Mayors' Institute on City

Design to see what benefits it might have for the city which faces the prospect of replacing its aging city hall.

"There's an opportunity to apply to the institute and if your accepted, you meet with a group of professors at Harvard and they look at the city and what you want to do, then tell you the things to look out for so you don't make any mistakes," he said.

On the radar

He also attended a task force meeting on how to get on the radar for new franchises. While a lot of it was meant for inner cities, it had a lot of good information about how to make a city franchise friendly, information he is sharing with the city's Community Development Department.

But the highlight for both men was a White House reception and a chance to meet President Barack Obama. While many of the mayors toured portions of the White House, Walker followed Wild's advice and stacked out his spot by the rope near the podium. He waited there for more than 45 minutes.

"They would come up and tell him that the President wouldn't be out for another hour, he didn't move," said Wild who found his spot a few feet away so he could snap a photo of Walker with the President and vice versa.

"I got chill bumps," said Walker. "There was all kinds of noise and then you hear, 'Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States.' It was surreal. Here's the most powerful man in the world and I got to shake his hand."

That's not all Walker got to do. He also participated in a conference call to talk about Gar-

den City with the White House which was looking for stories to tie in with the President's State of the Union Address. Garden City didn't make the cut, but Walker was able to tell them about the city and the challenges it's facing.

"The auto companies are on the rebound, however, we are still hurting," Walker said in a follow-up e-mail. "I think president Obama's speech theme should definitely cover jobs, foreclosures, and infrastructure. U.S. cities are the backbone of America, where the leather hits the pavement. We need to put America back to work with skilled jobs. As you know when people make money they spend money and the economy takes off in the right direction."

Walker also got to share the stage with a group of mayors who stood around the podium as the mayor of Los Angeles delivered the opening speech. It aired on C-SPAN, and he also had the chance to introduce himself to the viewing audience.

"This gave me the opportunity to meet with mayors from all over the U.S. and learn some best practices," he said. "I enjoyed it thoroughly. I spent a lot of time in the meetings, there was so much to pick and choose from, things you think will work for your city."

"It was very interesting, very educational," he said.

Walker is thankful Wild urged him to attend the conference, something he would like to do again.

"Westland has an fantastic mayor," he said. "He's straight up and very professional. Westland's lucky to have him."

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Bee-yond: Students spell way to regional contest

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

J-E-A-L-O-U-S-Y.

It was on her highlight-ed list, one of the words Alexis Bowen needed to work on.

But Thursday morning, the Wayne-Westland student in a slow, measured response correctly spelled it, earning a spot in regional competition in Detroit in March.

"I was more nervous about spelling fronds than jealousy," said Alexis, an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School. "That was one of the words I wanted to keep working on. I studied everyday."

It took 23 rounds and 146 words to get a winner in the middle school portion of the 32nd annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee.

Eight seventh-graders and eight eighth-graders competed in the bee held at Adams Upper Elementary School, the "birthplace" of the event. They fielded words like defiantly, laborious, sequel and whisk in a contest to select a student to represent the district at the Detroit News regional spelling bee on March 3.

Ian Maas continued Marshall Upper Elementary's winning ways by correctly spelling nutton to win the fifth-sixth-grade bee. Ten fifth-graders and eighth sixth-graders went through 163 words and 23 rounds before Ian won.

Ian, a fifth-grader, said the victory felt good.

"I sort of knew all of the words, but one word I was glad I didn't get was extemporaneous," he

IN THE BEE

Competing in the annual Earle Chorbagan spelling bees were:

- Adams Upper Elementary - fifth-graders Megan Blair, John Coats, Fatima Herrera, DaSean Vance and Jessica Walk-up and sixth-graders Nakiah Bendolph, Joshua Nichols, Travis Osburn and Allison Rutter.

- Marshall Upper Elementary - fifth-graders Ernest Bracy, Evelyn Fairchild, Ian Maas, Mikaila and Yara Thome and sixth-graders David Kaiser, Pooja Patel, Akil White and Sabrina Yuchasz.

- Franklin Middle School - seventh-graders Nicholas Hagar, Gabrielle Hall, Ronald King and Audrey Sabal and eighth-graders Adam Al-Zayadi, Daiji Bendolph, Sergio Canete and Carol May.

- Stevenson Middle School - seventh-graders Ali Beeny, Samantha Kaczor, Romero Kennedy and Robert Rozanski and eighth-graders Alexis Bowen, Katrina Grant, Hope Grondy and Alyssa Hoefl.

said. "I know how to spell, but I was worried I'd mix it up."

Ian has some big shoes to fill. Last year's upper elementary winner, Ben Biber, finished as the runner-up in the regional contest after an hour spell-down with the winner.

"I'm so excited, I feel like I'm going to cry," said Pam Vardas, Ian's proud grandmother. "His

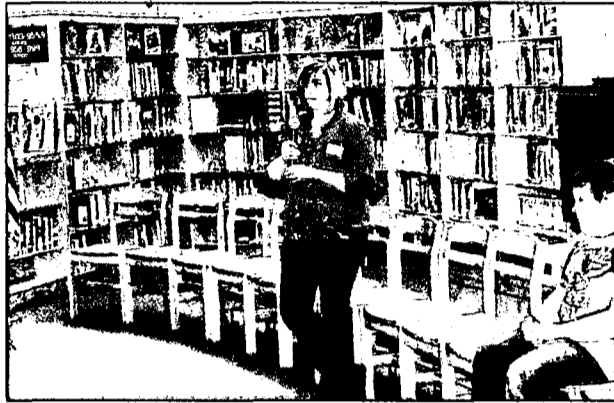


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Teacher Jennifer Fiema helps upper elementary spelling bee winner Ian Maas show off his prizes.



Congratulating spelling bee winner Ian Maas (center) is retired Wayne-Westland assistant principal Earle Chorbagan (left) and Marshall Upper Elementary Principal Bobby Kelly Jr.



Stevenson Middle School eighth-grader Alexis Bowen prepares to spell her final word, jealousy.

sister Skylar was the runner-up a few years ago."

Ian pegged his study time at a few hours, but his mother Evette said his math was off.

"It was more than that," she said. "He has a good memory, but he study more than that for this. He's a very good student in school, he's in advance classes. I'm not surprised he made it to the spelling bee, but I am surprised he won. This is all very good."

"I'm excited," said Alexis's mother, Rachel. "I think I was more nervous watching her than

she was."

This is Alexis's second spelling bee. She finished in one in fifth-grade when the family lived on the west side of the state.

According to her mother, Alexis went through the list of words and highlighted the ones she struggled with. She went through the entire list one last time on Wednesday night.

"She didn't do not one this morning," she said. "It was what it was."

Chorbagan was an assistant principal at Adams when he proposed a district bee after a

region-wide spelling bee was discontinued in the 1970s. He has been at all but last year's bee, when he was sick, to present the award to the winners.

"What a nice job you did," he told the winners. "To all of you spellers, you have special talent for words. You need to sit down and write your grandparents. They'll be so pleased to get letters from you."

The two winners will advance to the regional bee which will be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of Afri-

can American History in Detroit. The winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the May 27-June 1 near Washington, D.C.

All of the students received dictionaries while the winners received electronic dictionaries as well as a year's subscription to the online Encyclopedia Britannica and the opportunity to take on online foreign language course of their choice.

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Bills draw map for regional transit plan

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

In the wake of controversial and emotional discussions locally about mass transit and SMART bus service, it seems the light at the end of the tunnel is bright in Lansing.

This week, a bipartisan, bicameral set of bills paves the way for a Regional Transit Authority to be established and a transit system to be rebuilt in southeast Michigan.

Dennis Schornack, senior strategy advisor to Gov. Rick Snyder, on Friday, offered details during a taping of Oakland County Commissioner Jim Nash's *Commissioner's Corner* cable TV show at SWOCC Studios in Farmington.

Schornack is optimistic the mass transit woes in the Detroit area will be solved with this legislation and through the spirit of cooperation he's seeing among officials in Detroit and Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

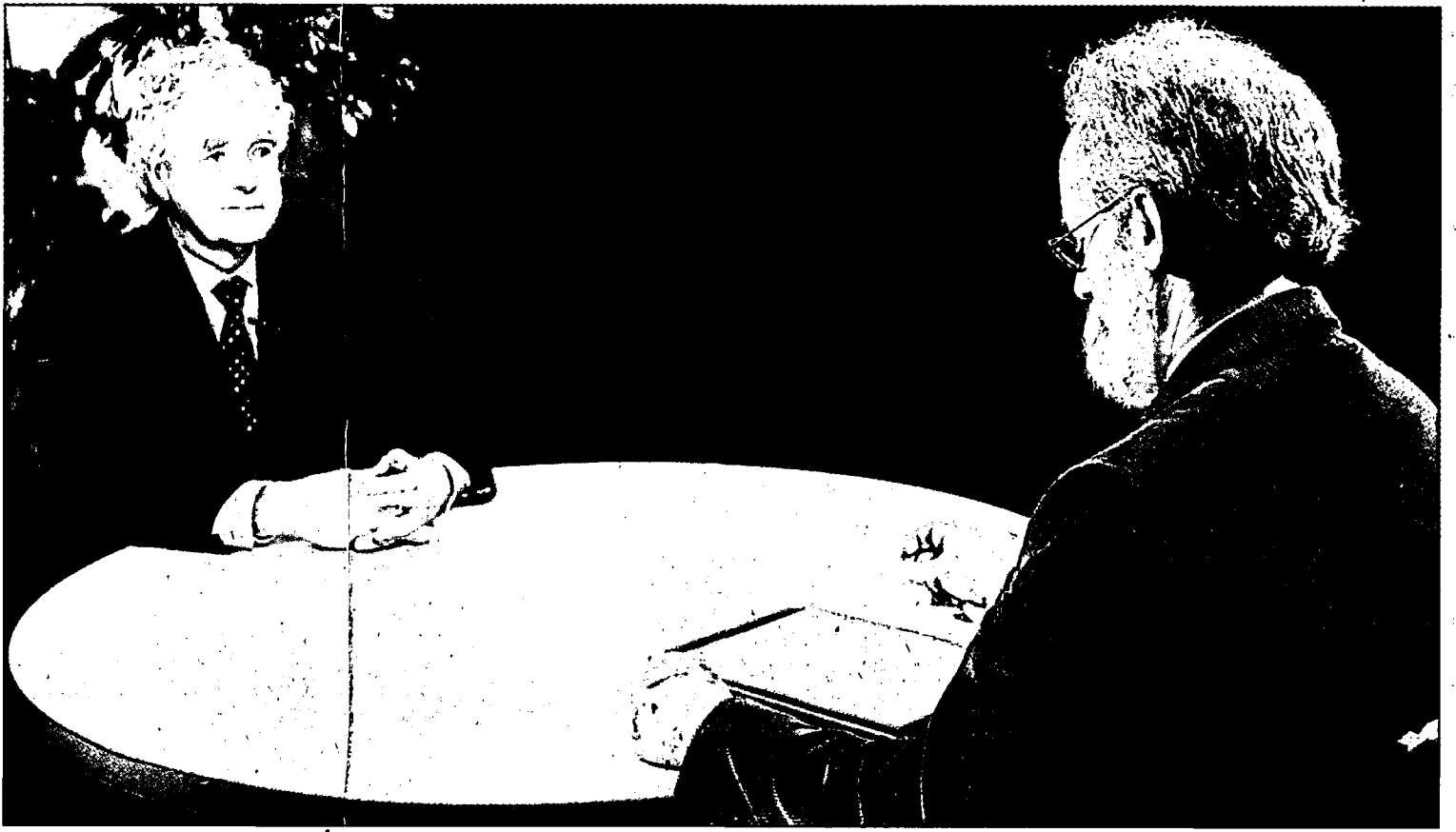
"There have been 23 attempts to establish an authority like this and they've all failed," said Schornack. "We're not going to be the 24th."

Noting that the "stars are aligned" this time around, Schornack said the nuts and bolts of the RTA legislation started coming together at a key meeting in November at the governor's office in Detroit, where Schornack and Snyder met with the four county executives and state and federal officials to establish the framework. They focused on the governance and finance structures.

The bills

State Rep. Jim Townsend, D-Royal Oak, introduced the House bills on Thursday, saying it's long overdue and very much needed.

"Southeast Michigan is the only large metropolitan area in the country that lacks a functional mass transit system. This is a huge barrier to



Oakland County Commissioner Jim Nash invited special guest Dennis Schornack to SWOCC Studios on Friday to talk about mass transit. For the cablecast schedule, visit www.swocstudios.com.

competing for talent and good jobs," Townsend said. "After 40 years of political squabbling, we finally have a bipartisan bill that can unite southeast Michigan around a common-sense vision for better transportation choices and a stronger economy for all metro Detroiters. People want elected leaders to set aside partisan differences and geographic rivalries and solve the region's problems. Action on this bill would be an important step in that direction."

The main bill, explained Schornack, establishes the 10-member board, with two members from each county and one from Detroit. The board members would have to meet certain qualifications and they would most likely come from the private sector.

The package of bills calls for establishing a 110-mile rap-

id transit system in four main corridors: Woodward, Michigan Avenue, Gratiot and M-59, and also linking to Metro Airport.

"It's sad to say that Detroit is the only major city that when you come to this busy, international airport, you cannot get transit to get to where you want to go," said Schornack. "It's something that strikes you immediately."

The regional transit system — bus rapid transit, point-to-point bus service, tying in to high speed rail — would serve the four-county area, which has a population of 4.2 million. It would span 22 communities, where 2.7 million people live within five miles of a proposed station. It's not known if the SMART bus system would be merged into it or if it would remain separate and feed into it. Schornack said he's certain

the new system would not be able to absorb the DDOT system, due to its high legacy costs.

Funding would come from state and federal sources, and a regional tax would likely be proposed to voters in all of the jurisdictions.

"In this case, there is no opting in, or opting out," said Schornack. "Either you're all in or all out."

There is also an idea to increase the vehicle registration fees to pay for the system. "We could do either, or both," he said.

Support

State Rep. Vicki Barnett, D-Farmington Hills, said she's happy to see bipartisan support for the bills in the Legislature.

"This is one instance that we are really looking forward to

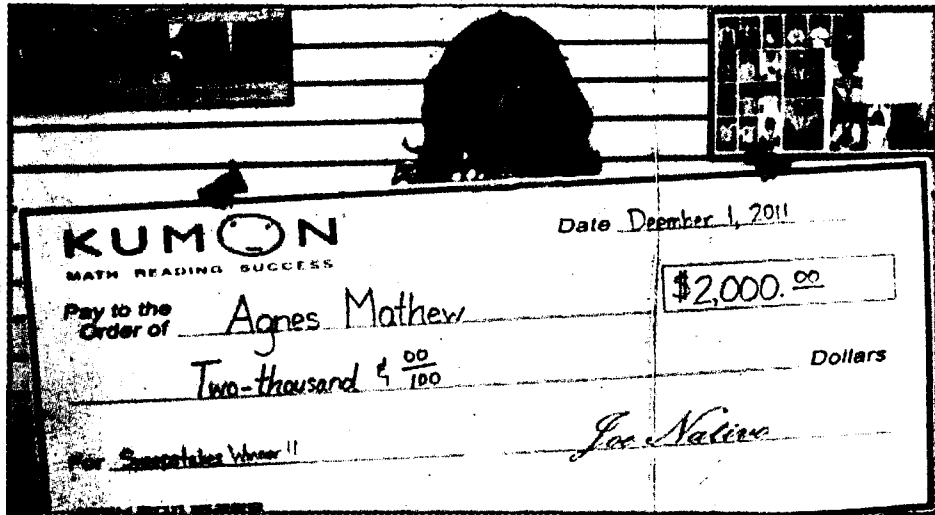
a bipartisan (plan)," said Barnett. "I'm very hopeful. The governor has made it one of his top priorities."

Nash, D-Farmington Hills, is part of an advocacy group called Regional Partners Advocating Transit Here (R-PATH), formed last fall, following a Southeast Michigan Regional Summit.

Leaders from southeast Michigan determined that citizens need to be informed of all sides of the transit issue while it's moving forward to increase economic development and mobility in the region.

Nash said the bipartisan group is advocating for mass transit and is looking to partner with other groups and Chambers of Commerce.

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Kumon of Livonia Awards \$2,000 Tuition Scholarship to local student

Kumon, the world's largest after-school math and reading program, has given students across the northeast region the opportunity to invest in their education. As part of the "Kumon Fall Scholarship Sweepstakes," the Kumon Math and Reading Center of Livonia awarded a local student, Agnes Mathew, with a \$2,000 Kumon Tuition Scholarship. Kumon presented twelve scholarships, totaling \$24,000. Winners were chosen in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Michigan, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

"Our mission is to bring the Kumon Method of Learning to as many children as possible, and we felt that this sweepstakes gives more students the chance to commit themselves to furthering their education," said John Marsh, general manager of the northeast region. "The Kumon Scholarship Sweepstakes was an opportunity for new

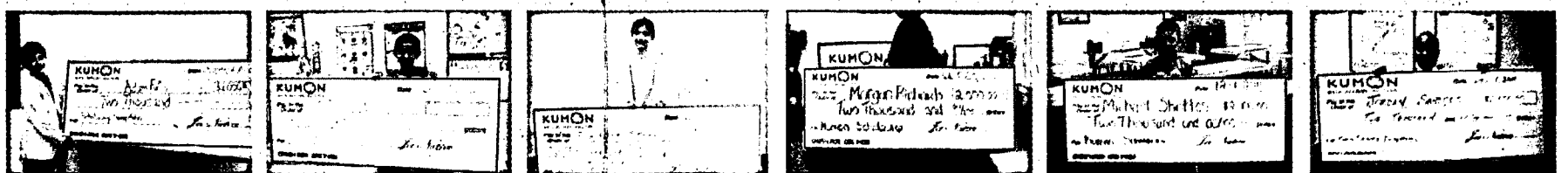
students to experience the benefits of the Kumon Math and Reading Program and for existing students to continue enriching their academic career."

The contest received more than 16,000 entries during the month of October and was open to anyone over the age of 12 who visited a local Kumon Center and filled out an entry form.

Kumon's individualized approach helps children progress by ability rather than age or grade. In the U.S., 220,000 students from preschool to high school are developing their math and reading skills independently and gaining confidence through Kumon's Method of Learning. More than half of U.S. Kumon students study advanced math, and 24 percent of these students are learning materials two to three years above their grade level.

Kumon of Livonia class hours are: Monday and Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Students study for approximately a half-hour per subject at 32614 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI, 48152, and have short assignments to complete at home. For more information, or to schedule a free placement test, please call (734) 458-1854 or fannyho@ikumon.com.

Kumon has 26,000 centers in 47 countries and more than four million students studying worldwide. Kumon opened its first center in the United States in 1974, and has since grown to more than 1,300 centers across the country. The company's North American headquarters is in Teaneck, New Jersey. Visit www.kumon.com or [Facebook.com/Kumon](https://www.facebook.com/Kumon) to learn more.



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Nominations sought for WOW's new C.L.A.S.S. Award

The Women of Westland are looking for an individual with C.L.A.S.S.

That's the name of the award they will be presenting at their eighth annual Chocolate Fantasy Ball Saturday, March 10, at Joy Manor.

The C.L.A.S.S. Award will be presented to an individual, who contributes to the Westland COMMUNITY, demonstrates LEADERSHIP qualities, has ACHIEVED success, is SELFLESS in their work and provides SERVICE to people in need.

The C.L.A.S.S. Award recognizes an individual who has made an impact within the community of Westland by assisting individuals and their families who are in need. Nominations can be made for an individual who works or lives within the City of Westland or is being nominated by an individual who works or lives within the City of Westland.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, Feb. 9. They can be mailed to Mary Denning Cake Shoppe, President, WOW, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185.

More information and nominations forms can be found on the WOW website at www.womenofwestland.org.

This is the first year WOW has given out its C.L.A.S.S. Award. In past years, the Chocolate Fantasy Ball has served as the backdrop for presentation of the Westland ATHENA Award.

"There's so many everyday people out there who do wonderful things, but don't fit the criteria of the

ATHENA Award," said WOW president Mary Denning. "They deserve recognition, and this is what this award is for. We hope it will work as well."

WOW and Westland Mayor William Wild are hosts of the annual Chocolate Fantasy Ball, while the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* is a major sponsor. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and Chocolate Fantasy Extravaganza, sponsored by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe. There also will be a silent auction.

Helping women achieve their goal in life continues to be the focus of the Women of Westland Organization. In addition to recognizing someone who demonstrates leadership, success and initiative in their business or profession, the Chocolate Fantasy Ball supports an effort to empower women who might not have the financial means to gain a higher education.

Partial proceeds from the silent auction will do to the Barbara Douglas Scholarship Program. Since 2002 with the help of local businesses and sponsors, the Women of Westland have been able to award 20 scholarships through this program.

Through the Chocolate Fantasy Ball, WOW has also been able to support such nonprofits as the American Cancer Society, the Red Wagon Literacy Project and First Step.

For more information about the Women of Westland, call (734) 261-3680 or send a e-mail to mdcake@yahoo.com.

Attorney general: More police, tougher sentences needed

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

State Attorney General Bill Schuette has called for putting 1,000 new police officers on patrol and keeping violent repeat offenders who have committed four felonies off the streets with a minimum 25-year sentence.

Schuette was joined by Linda Nehasil, widow of murdered Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil; Detroit Chief of Police Ralph Godbee; former Livonia Police Chief Robert Stevenson; county prosecutors; and representatives from the Police Officers Association of Michigan and the Fraternal Order of Police.

"With four of the top 10 most violent cities in America, Michigan will never fully flourish unless our governments can fulfill their basic task: protecting public safety," Schuette said in a prepared statement. "When families and job creators live in fear, no student can learn, no company will create a job and no family can walk the streets of their own neighborhood in peace. It is time to put more cops on the beat and remove our most violent repeat offenders from our neighborhood streets."

Targeting repeat felons

Schuette also proposed legislation known as VO-4, which targets the worst repeat violent offenders by establishing a minimum prison sentence of at least 25 years for criminals convicted of a serious violent crime after already being convicted of any three felonies.

Schuette referenced the cases of four convicted murderers with lengthy felony records who would have been behind bars had the VO-4 sentencing provision been in place at the time of their fourth felony conviction. Schuette highlighted the case of Terry Bowling, 49, who was convicted of second-degree murder and other crimes for his role in a home invasion in which Nehasil



FILE PHOTO

State Attorney General Bill Schuette proposed legislation requiring minimum 25-year sentences for the worst repeat violent offenders.

was killed in the line of duty last year, Nehasil died in an exchange of gunfire with Terry Bowling's brother, David Bowling, while working surveillance on the two suspects during a burglary in Walled Lake.

Prior to facing the second-degree murder charge, Terry Bowling had six felony convictions and nine misdemeanors. Under Schuette's proposal, Bowling would have faced a possible minimum of 25 years in prison after his fourth conviction for armed robbery in 1999, which occurred more than 10 years before the death of Nehasil.

"Bowling was one of four felons that had gone out and committed murder," said Stevenson, now executive director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. "Had the law been in effect, he and the others would not have been out on the street. All of them would have been in jail." "Some felons can't be rehabilitated," Stevenson said.

Linda Nehasil spoke about the death of her husband one year ago, and told reporters that if

Schuette's proposal had been in place, David Bowling would have remained in prison, Stevenson said.

Stevenson expects the VO-4 legislation will be introduced soon in the state Legislature.

Study needed

Stevenson said details still need to be worked out, including how the state will pay for additional police officers.

Stevenson said there are 3,200 fewer officers in Michigan since Sept. 11, 2001. Communities have been forced to cut officers because of declining property values at a time when four of the top 10 most violent cities in the country are located in Michigan.

When crime hits these larger cities, it also impacts nearby communities, Stevenson said. "Detroit crime is Livonia crime, which is Walled Lake's crime," Stevenson said. "It's time to reduce those numbers by putting 1,000 officers on the streets."

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Saving no-fault auto focus of town hall

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

No one is immune from the risk of being injured in an auto accident.

But the Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault says everyone would be at risk of financial hardship and other associated grief if a set of bills are approved by the state Legislature that would revamp Michigan's no-fault auto insurance laws.

State Rep. Vicki Barnett, D-Farmington Hills, hosted a town hall attended by about 80 citizens Tuesday at Farmington Hills City Hall. The purpose was to educate the public about the proposed bills and what they would mean for Michigan motorists.

The background

House Bill 4936 and Senate Bill 649 were introduced in September by House and Senate Insurance Committee chairs Rep. Pete Lund, R-Shelby Township, and Sen. Joe Hune, R-Hamburg Township. They call the bills "a cost-saving reform to Michigan's no-fault insurance system that increases consumer choice," according to a press release on Lund's website.

HB 4936, the Consumer Choice Insurance Act, would "preserve the integrity of the intention of Michigan's no-fault law by allowing people to choose and purchase different amounts of coverage and eliminate the mandate to purchase unlimited lifetime medical benefits."

"While families across our state have watched their jobs leave and incomes fall, their insurance premiums continue

to rise," Lund wrote in a press release. "We are the only state in the nation where motorists are required by law to purchase unlimited medical insurance. I see no reason why government should be an accomplice in picking the pockets of Michigan drivers."

Currently, Michigan is the only state that mandates motorists purchase unlimited personal injury protection insurance, Lund said.

Coverage isn't unlimited, said George Sinas, an attorney for CPAN. Yes, the no-fault insurance provides lifetime medical coverage, but only services that are deemed necessary.

"Insurance companies in Michigan do not pay until you show your service is reasonably necessary, reasonably charged and connected to the auto accident," he said, noting claims are denied if the criteria aren't met.

Current system

Michigan's no-fault auto insurance has been in place since 1972, replacing the tort system in which motorists had to sue each other to get their medical bills covered.

"You had to prove the other guy was at fault in order to get medical coverage," Sinas said. "The tort claims went crazy ... overcompensating trivial injuries."

In 1992 and 1994, voters in Michigan rejected changes to no-fault auto insurance by a 2-1 margin.

Under the current Michigan No-Fault Act, every motor vehicle accident that results in personal injury or death creates two separate claims — one for personal pro-

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- State Rep. Vicki Barnett said there is a provision in state law that says if a law has an allocated dollar amount tied to it, it's not subject to a referendum vote of the people. Proposed HB 4936 has a \$50,000 allocation tied to it, making it "referendum proof."
- Barnett said people should contact their lawmakers to voice their opinions.
- Four days of testimony were heard in Lansing on this issue, Laura Appel said: "The message is getting to our lawmakers, but we can't give up. Don't ever underestimate your voice and the power you have."
- Learn more. To find out more about the proposed legislation, visit www.legislature.mi.gov and search for HB 4936.
- Find out more about CPAN by visiting www.protectNoFault.org or by calling (517) 882-1096.
- Contact the governor's office at (517) 373-3400 or visit www.michigan.gov/snyder and click on "contact" tab.

tection insurance benefits and the second a third-party tort liability claim for recovery of non-economic damages and excess economic damages.

Personal protection insurance benefits are usually paid by the victim's own insurance company and are paid regardless who is at fault. The medical benefits for victims of personal injury accidents are paid for a lifetime.

Each no-fault policy has a liability coverage through the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association, which pays medical and rehabilitation claims once they exceed \$500,000. The average MCCA assessment on an auto insurance bill is \$150 per year.

Proposed changes

The proposed bills would eliminate that lifetime coverage for medical and rehabilitation services, instead forcing motorists to purchase personal protection coverage of up to \$500,000, \$1 million or a maximum

of \$5 million. The bills do not promise cost savings on auto insurance rates.

Limits would be placed on continuing care services such as in-home medical or therapy and on the hourly payment for basic and skilled services.

Matthew's story

Gale and Peter Beecherl, of Shelby Township, shared the story of their son, Matthew, 31, who is a quadriplegic and on a respirator, following a car accident 29 years ago.

Just 17 months old at the time, Matthew sustained closed head and spinal injuries that left him paralyzed from the shoulders down, after his mom's car was broadsided on their way to church.

Their lives changed forever, but Peter Beecherl said the one good thing was having no-fault auto insurance.

"We couldn't care for him without this insurance," he said, noting he estimates his son has needed \$12 million in medical care since the accident.

With the proposed \$5 million cap, for the most expensive coverage option, Matthew's benefits would have been exhausted 17 years ago.

What would be next, they wonder. Sinas said if someone continues to need the coverage, beyond the caps, their options would be filing for bankruptcy; getting some coverage from a health insurance plan, which also has caps; or getting on Medicaid or Medicare.

"And this isn't anywhere near what auto insurance pays," he said.

He said the person could sue the other driver, if that person was at fault, but the lawsuit would take time and money.

Laura Appel, vice president for federal policy and advocacy for Michigan Hospitals Association, said reverting back to 1972 will force people to crowd the courtrooms and resort to an already strained Medicaid system.


Randy Bruce, a neuropsychologist at Special Tree Rehabilitation, said the type of ongoing care needed after a catastrophic injury is specialized and expensive.

"If this bill goes through, you're going to see a lot of that care disappear," he said. "These auto insurance companies are not in any kind of hurt, in this current system. They're looking at their profits. You will not save money with this, and you will get far less care ... don't buy what they're saying."

Barnett said there is "bipartisan opposition" to the bills in the House and the Senate.

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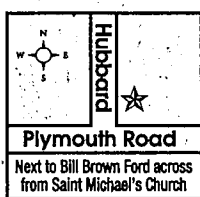
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Officials have different views of President Obama's speech

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

While President Barack Obama's State of the Union address highlighted the auto industry's recovery, pushed for further development of clean energy and called on Congress to work together, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said that the address showed that Obama believes the economy "is a zero sum game."

"He believes that the Washington elites dictate who should get someone else's money," McCotter said. "He has a tax-and-spend agenda that is outdated for the 21st century."

Obama referenced the 2009 government bailout of General Motors and Chrysler, and declared that the American auto industry "was back."

McCotter agreed that the auto companies were making progress, and also pointed out that the bailout had bipartisan support, including President George W. Bush and the Michigan congressional delegation. He also believes the companies and employees are the ones who have moved the companies forward.

"All the credit goes to the people who had to put up with the restructuring," McCotter said. "The great irony is he supported the 'restructuring down' for them to make the companies more viable, which is completely opposite of what he wants to do with federal government. He wants to make it more



McCotter



Anderson



Stabenow

expensive."

McCotter was asked about the president's call for the parties to work together. He said that the president does a disservice in calling the differences between the parties "personality differences."

"He hasn't changed his position at all," McCotter said. "He wants the LBJ policies, the Great Society programs of the '60s, which didn't work, and I want the policies of Ronald Reagan. I just believe he's wrong."

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, said in a prepared statement that transforming the economy to create new jobs and improving economic security for middle-class families was the most important issue in Michigan. She also was pleased that he embraced the idea of a trade enforcement unit to help crack down on countries that violate trade laws.

"American manufacturing is growing again thanks to new innovations and technology breakthroughs — with Michigan businesses and entrepreneurs leading the nation in clean energy patents and advanced battery research and pro-

duction," Stabenow said. "I have been focused on promoting Michigan's strengths like agriculture, advanced batteries, clean energy and other 21st century manufacturing, and the more the public and private sectors work together to make things and grow things, the stronger Michigan's future will be."

Locally, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, said the President delivered a strong and inspiring message for America: "We must stand united if we are to build a future that is to last for everyone."

"Now that the dust has settled, we must rely on Congress to put the President's words into action and pass the legislation to make his vision possible," said Anderson who is a candidate for Congress in Michigan's 13th Congressional District. "Our President needs strong and capable partners in Congress that will stand up for what's right and advance policies that are vital to our nation's future economic success."

Anderson said Congress needs to focus on achievable goals that both sides can agree on like equal pay, end-

ing tax credits to companies that send jobs overseas, and engage in some nation-building here in Michigan.

"The President's speech exemplified the type of bold leadership that we sent our elected officials to Washington to provide, and our elected leaders must work together if our country is to enjoy a new era of economic prosperity," he said.

Westland Mayor William Wild said the President's speech offered an optimistic and common sense approach "was the right message for the American people."

"As civic leaders it is our duty to work hard to make our communities the best places in America to do business, the best place to educate our children and the best place to call home," he said. "We live in the land of opportunity and together, we play an important part in our nation's success and in our nation's challenge to maintain our role as world leader. It is everyone's responsibility to make the right choices for America's future."

He added that reigniting the American Dream and expanding on the nation's economic recovery are contingent on creating jobs, investing in infrastructure and education, and restoring the housing market to what it once was.

"It is time for our nation's leaders to focus on realistic solutions that will get both our economy and our country back on track," he said.

AROUND WESTLAND

Energy seminar

Westland Business Owners will take advantage of a free Energy Efficiency Seminar 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

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

Valentine dances

The deadline to register for the annual Fairy Princess Ball and Daddy/Daughter and Mommy/Son Western Hoedown is Thursday, Feb. 2.

The Hoedown will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Bailey Recreation Center. The cost is \$15 per couple and includes dancing, snacks, a sundae bar, games and a gift bag to take home. There will be two Fairy Princess Balls - 3-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4. The cost is \$20 per couple and includes entrance fee, snacks, gifts and a complimentary picture.

If a parent cannot attend, bring an aunt, uncle, grandma, grandpa or special family friend. For more information, call (734)722-7620.

Auditions

Westland's own Inspire Theatre is holding auditions for the upcoming production of Neil Simon's *Rumors*.

Five men and five women, ages 30-60, are needed. Actors will do cold readings from the script at the auditions, planned for 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 6-7.

The comedy revolves around several affluent

couples who decided to conceal from the police and media what they discovered when they arrived at a posh suburban residence for a dinner party. Comic complications arise when the try to hide the fact that the hostess is missing, there are no servants and the host has shot himself through the earlobe.

Inspire Theatre is located inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

Open House

The Westland Free Methodist preschool is holding an open house 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at the church at 1421 S. Venoy, south of Cherry Hill.

The preschool has classes for 3- and 4-year-old children. Come and enroll for the 2012-2013 school year.

Meet the staff, see the classrooms, play at activity tables and have a great time. Take advantage of the Open House special and save half off the enrollment fee — a savings of \$25.

For more information, call (734) 728-3559.

History series

The Friends of Nankin Mills will look at "Marcus Swift and the Local Underground Railroad" Saturday, Feb. 4, as part of their 2012 Adult Interpretive Program' Local History Series.

Mary Ann Wheeler, local historian and librarian and "Teller of Tales," will present a program from a fascinating period of local history. She has thoroughly researched local abolitionist Marcus Swift and will share stories with about what she has discovered.

The program will be 1:30-3 p.m. at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Call the mill at (734) 261-1990 to reserve a spot.



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All about Jim Henson and the Muppets

What is the difference between a regular puppet and a Muppet? In a recent appearance on *Saturday Night Live*, lead Muppet Kermit the Frog clarified that a puppet is "controlled by a person" whereas he is "an actual talking frog."

What separates Muppets from other puppets is a tell-tale Jim Henson style: Muppets are recognized by their large eyes and wide mouths, and are matched to a specific puppeteer (working completely off-screen), who works with that same Muppet for years or even decades. Unlike ventriloquist dummies, Muppets are animated throughout their entire bodies and made of softer materials, such as foam and felt.

Jim Henson created the prototypes for his Muppets in 1955 for *Sam and Friends*, a short puppet show featured on local television in Washington, DC. Afterward, Henson spent many years developing his main Muppet characters and featuring them in television appearances and commercials. In 1969 he joined the Children's Television Workshop team to work on *Sesame Street*, and in 1975 he expanded the Muppets audience to adults by developing sketches for *Saturday Night Live*.

When most people think of Muppets, they think of

The Muppet Show. *The Muppet Show* ran for only five seasons (from 1975 to 1981), but its characters have lived on in films and television specials ever since, including *The Muppet Movie*, *The Great Muppet Caper*, and *Muppets Take Manhattan*.

Outside of *The Muppet Show*, Jim Henson's Muppets were the primary "actors" in a number of other children's shows, including *Fraggle Rock*, *Bear in the Big Blue House* and *Sesame Street*. Although Henson passed away in 1990, his characters are still appearing in films and television and may continue to for years to come. The Muppets' newest adventure, simply titled *The Muppets*, is still in select theaters and will be released for home

media in March. The Westland Public Library has many Muppet adventures available on DVD, including the *Muppet Christmas Carol* and episodes of *Sesame Street*, *The Muppet Show* and *Fraggle Rock*, along with books on Henson and the Muppets. If you'd like to learn more about Jim Henson's work, check out *No Strings Attached* by Matt Bacon, or *Jim Henson's Designs and Doodles* by Alison Inches. Readers interested in the man behind the Muppets might enjoy his biography, *Jim Henson: The Works* by Christopher Finch.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Online Tax Filing Tools - Information Session: 7 p.m. Feb. 1

Join Jerisha Hawkins, experienced tax preparer, as she shares with you what free online tools are available to use as you prepare your taxes online. Jerisha will demonstrate how to use these tools and provide examples to guide you through tax preparation. Taxpayers who earn \$57,000 or less can choose from approximately 20 commercial software programs to use free of charge. Save your seat by signing up online or call the library (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org/events.

Open Mic: 7 p.m. Feb. 2
Open Mic is here again!!! Poets, songwriters, bands, dancers and more are welcome. We have a friendly group who enjoy entertainers of all kinds and all levels. Tonight's OM emceed by two-time Detroit Blues champ, John Latini.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. Feb. 3

Join us as we continue our Friday Night Movies throughout February. Tonight's movie is *55/55*, "inspired by a true story, (and) a comedy centered on a 27-year-old guy who learns of his cancer diagnosis, and his subsequent struggle to beat the disease." Snacks and refreshments served. Trivia and prizes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m.

Repeat Program - Online Tax Filing Tools - Information Session: 3 p.m. Feb. 4

Join Jerisha Hawkins, experienced tax preparer, as she shares with you what free online tools are available to use as you prepare your taxes online. Jerisha will demonstrate how to use these tools and provide examples to guide you through tax preparation. Taxpayers who earn \$57,000 or less can choose from approximately 20 commercial software programs to use free of charge. Save your seat by signing up online or call the library (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org/events.

Bollyfit for Teens: 1 p.m. Feb. 4, sixth-12th grade

Learn Bollywood dance, a popular form of dance seen in Indian films. An instructor from BollyFit in Ann Arbor, MI, will be here to teach us how to dance Bollywood-style.

A Life in Food: Chef Reva Constantine: 7 p.m. Feb. 6

Join us for a special African American History Month celebration, as we spotlight local chef, Reva Constantine's, rise to Executive Chef status at Joe's Produce in Livonia, and also her recent first-place finish at the 2011 Arts, Beats, and Eats Chef Dual (beating out seven other renowned chefs from the Detroit area). Chef

Reva will give a cooking demo as part of her talk. Save your seat by signing up online or call the library at (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org/events.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

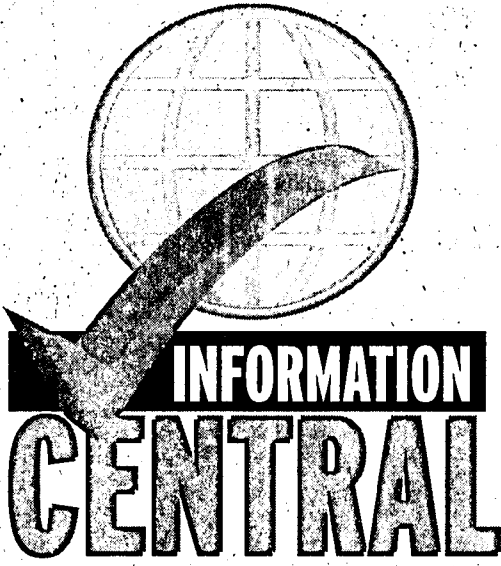
Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

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



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That argument has validity but usually not enough to excuse the person from activity. First, other ways to exercise exist. Stationary bikes, swimming, Nordic Track and variations of it are available. However, these alternatives, involve expensive equipment and require a large space, or necessitate paying membership dues to a health club.

Nothing betters walking for being inexpensive and except for bad weather or a dangerous neighborhood, being readily at hand.

A person with arthritis can walk because the goal is persistence not pace. The purpose of the exercise is to build stamina and muscle reserve, an end point achieved by a steady pace that one undertakes for a reasonable time such as 20-30 minutes.

Walking with impaired joints also provides the basis for knowing when it is time for a knee or hip replacement. The appropriate moment arrives when the knee or hip begin to fail. Waiting longer until any ambulation becomes painful is too late, as by that time, the person has lost a great amount of muscle strength. In turn the loss will make rehabilitation after joint replacement a difficult task.

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No easy answer for when to dump an investment

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm a few years away from retirement and I've started to become more active when it comes to my investments. I have looked at my investments to see how they've done. When I went through the performance of some of these investments, they've been dogs. My first question to you is what's a fair time frame to judge an investment, and what criteria should I use? I would also like to know if it makes sense to sell a B-share mutual fund before the penalty has expired. I have a few of these funds that I've had for the last three or four years and I want to get rid of them. Should I take the penalty or should I wait another couple of years? A few of my investments that I would like to sell, I was told I can't because

of some sort of real estate partnership. Do you have any ideas how to sell those?

A: I think it is great that you're taking a more active role in your investments. I don't care whether you're retiring in 20 years, 20 minutes or you've been retired for 20 years, it's important to be involved with your investments.

First, with regards to the criteria that I use in judging investments, from a pure performance standpoint, I'm judging an investment against other investments in their same category. I'm not going to compare the performance of an emerging market fund to a large company U.S. fund. Rather, I'm comparing funds that are in the same category. That said, generally once I buy



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a fund, if that fund underperforms others in the same category for a two-to-three-year period, that's when I pull the plug. I recognize that good funds and good fund managers sometimes go through periods where they underperform. Just because a good fund has a bad year doesn't mean I'm going to sell it. It's important to keep in mind that I do extensive research before I buy a fund, therefore, I'm willing to give the manager some leeway. Generally, when it comes to performance, I

give the fund two to three years after I purchase it. That doesn't mean that I would not sell it prior to that if something happens — such as change in the fund's manager or the goals and objectives of the fund. In those situations, I am much quicker at liquidating the fund than I would be purely based on performance.

As to B-share mutual funds, I do not like this type of fund. In a B-share mutual fund, you pay high management fees. In addition, generally if you sell your fund before a five-year period, you have to pay a penalty. These funds are sold under the theory that you don't pay commissions. They are correct in the fact that you don't pay an upfront commission, however, you end up paying higher management fees year after year. These funds are not investor friendly and, generally, should be avoided. The only people who recommend these types of funds are the people selling them.

In your situation, if the B-share mutual funds that you own have been underperforming, I would have no problem liquidating them before the penalty period is over. After all, if you kept the fund you'd end up paying higher management fees anyway. You are not losing any more by liquidating the fund now.

With regards to your real estate investment, that is a difficult one. Unfortunately, many of these investments are very illiquid. Unlike stocks that you can sell whenever you want, that is not the case with these partnerships. The secondary market for these types of investments is very small. My recommendation is to contact the real estate investment company directly because sometimes these companies have programs where they will buy back your shares. Of course, in the great majority of those cases, you're going

to take a substantial hit, however, it may be worth it just to get rid of the investment.

I've never been a fan of any type of investment that will not allow me to get my money out when I choose to. It's one of the reasons I like mutual funds, because you can liquidate when you want to. You can't do that with many of these real estate investments.

Unfortunately, many people that get involved in these real estate investments don't realize they can't liquidate when they choose. I always recommend that before getting involved with any investment, make sure you know how you can sell it when you want.

Good luck!

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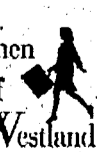
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Petition #2754-Ford Rd. Investors-37400 Ford Rd.
Req. for 2 variances from Ord. 248 to demolish the existing service station building & construct a new 2,712 sq. ft. service station building in the same location that would be 25'7" in hgt. & would be located 1' from the west side lot line; whereas Sec. 9:7.6(a) requires that the hgt. of the building be a minimum of the distance of the proposed building to the nearest property line and Sec. 9:7.5(a) requires a minimum side rd. setback of 30'.

Petition #2755-B. Dziejdzic-1263 Springer
Req. for 2 variances from Art. X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances to install a 6' high vinyl privacy fence in the north & south side yds. of the home in place of an existing wood privacy fence; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

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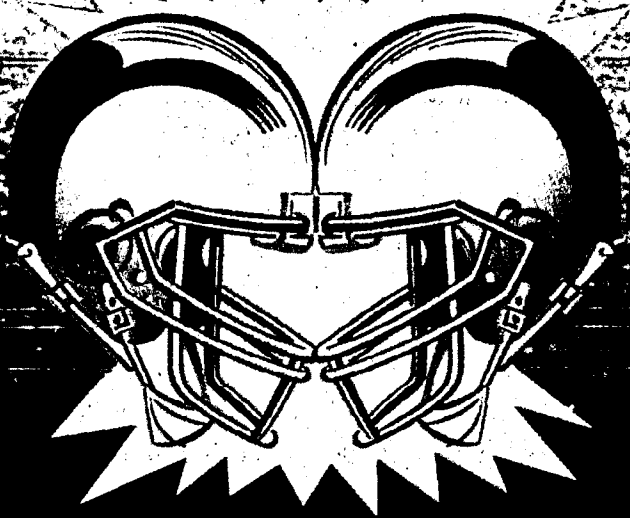
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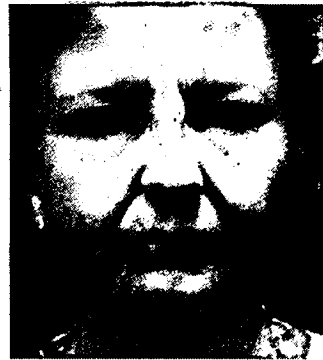
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Rockets take control of KLAA South

Chiefs rally, but fall 60-58

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Canton came on like gangbusters during crunch time Friday night against Westland John Glenn in a battle of the top teams in the KLAA South Division.

But the host Chiefs had a long way to come back after a dismal second quarter, when they were outscored 17-2 to fall behind 30-16 at halftime.

Despite a gallant rally in the fourth, which saw Canton come all the way back from a 19-point deficit to catch the Rockets 58-58 with 11 seconds left, it wasn't enough for a victory.

After hot-shooting Kyle Adams evened things up with a jumper, Nick Daniels sank two free throws with six seconds to play for a 60-58 John Glenn victory.

Roller-coaster ride

"You knew that they were going to bring it all in the second half," said John Glenn head coach Dan Young, who formerly helmed the Chiefs when Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy was a player. "And we told our guys, 'This lead is not safe, we're going to have to guard.' And they made so many clutch shots, some of them with a hand in the face."

Young added that the Chiefs "brought it to another level in the second half. I thought we played, in the first half, about as good as we can play. Take your hats off to Reddy."

The Rockets improved to 9-2 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA South.

"When you're playing a really good team like

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Darrell Bunkley (21) takes the ball strong to the basket against Canton defender Scott Gring (10) during Friday's KLAA South Division showdown.

Pats trivia challenge

A trivia challenge to raise money for the Livonia Franklin wrestling team will be Sunday, Feb. 19, at Buffalo Wild Wings, located on the west side of Wayne Road just south of Warren, in Westland.

Registration begins at noon with the trivia challenge starting at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per person (\$10 for wrestlers). A percentage of food and drink sold will be donated to the Franklin wrestling program.

All ages are welcome with league players eligible to win 20 bonus points. Bring your own team or join a team. There will also be bonus questions for more prizes and raffles.

First-place prize is \$200, while second and third is \$125 and \$75, respectively.

For more information, call Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola (734) 752-2340.

Future Stars camp Feb. 11

The sixth annual Future Stars baseball camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Session 1 consists of hitting, base running skills, and infield work, along with taking the extra base, hitting for average, and proper infield approach.

Session 2 consists of pitching and defense, pitch location, catching drills, and outfield approach.

Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (bring your own).

The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both (includes T-shirt). Registration forms are available at www.franklin-patriotsbaseball.com.

For more information, e-mail Franklin coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniaschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.

WYAA hoop registration

Registration continues for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Age groups offered include: Right Start (7-8), Freshman (9-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-16).

Right Start games will be played at Upper Elementary School, while Freshman, JV and Varsity will be at the Bailey Recreation Center.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.



Catbird's seat

Glenn girls topple Canton, lead by 2

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There's plenty of space on the record board up on the wall for girls basketball inside Westland John Glenn's gymnasium.

Any kind of championship has been few or far between for the Lady Rockets, who last captured a divisional crown in 1982.

But 30 years later, that could all change as Glenn took a giant step in winning the KLAA South on Friday night with a hard-fought 42-33 win over nemesis Canton.

The host Rockets improved to 10-2 overall and 6-0 in the South, while the Chiefs slipped to 9-3 and 4-2.

Temple University signee Erica Covile, a senior forward, paced Glenn's scoring attack with 12

points, while junior forward Kierra Jordan chipped in with 11.

Canton, meanwhile, got a game-high 17 points from senior guard Robyn Mack, who was cleared to play the morning of the game by doctors after suffering a concussion the previous Friday against Livonia Franklin.

Although Glenn beat Canton for the second time this season, it was the Chiefs that controlled the tempo.

"We got through it," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "That's what they do. Canton slows the game down. They play great defense. They're not in a hurry to do anything."

"Our girls, even though we weren't playing our pace, came out with the win. We're in the driver's seat. And we're sit-

ting right where we want to be. We couldn't ask for any more."

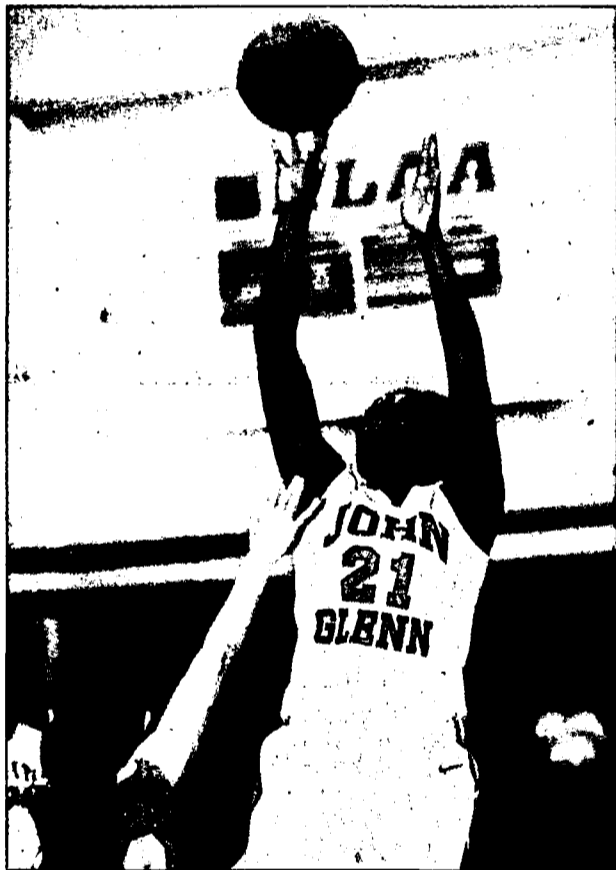
Glenn jumped out to a 9-2 advantage, but Canton closed to within one after one quarter, 11-10.

In the second period, Glenn once again enjoyed a seven-point lead, only to have the Chiefs cut the deficit to 22-19 at intermission on Shannon Perry's last-second shot.

"At halftime we really thought we let them back in the game," Kovatch said. "We missed a lot of layups. My assistant coaches and I thought we should have been up by at least another 10 points. We missed a lot of easy opportunities. But that was Canton does. They slow the game down and are never out of it."

Glenn's best quarter

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

John Glenn's Joslyn Massey (21) takes a jumper over Canton's Megan Smith during Friday's KLAA South Division encounter.

WRESTLING

Headlock

Wayne pins Pats for divisional share

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Let out a big howl, because the Wolfpack is back.

Wayne Memorial earned a piece of its first wrestling division title since 1996 Wednesday night when it upended host Livonia Franklin, 36-31.

The Wolfpack, who improved to 11-1 overall, will share the KLAA's South Division crown with the Patriots and Westland John Glenn — each with a 4-1 record.

"It's been a year of firsts for us, finally beating some of the division powerhouses like Canton and Livonia Franklin," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "It has taken us a long time to get here, and it is nice to be able to hang with the tougher teams. We've knocked off so many other teams in the KLAA in the last few seasons, including some of the champions from other divisions, but never been able to claim one of our own in the KLAA South."

Scoring pins for Wayne were Michael Nicholson (135 pounds), Devin Korzetki (189) and Dimitrus Renfroe (215).

Adding major decisions for the Wolfpack were Tyler Mulligan (112), Allen Parker (145) and Lucas Hofbauer (171).

Meanwhile, Tim Way (125) and Sam Ekanem (160) also earned victories via decisions.

"My wrestlers have stayed hungry and pushed themselves, and we were able to earn a co-championship," Vasiloff said. "We ended up in a three-way round robin after beating Livonia Franklin, who had beat John Glenn, who beat us. We're very proud of what we have accomplished, and I am happy to share the championship with guys like Dave Chiola (Franklin) and Bill Polk (John Glenn). We've all worked hard to help the sport grow in the area."

Franklin winners by pin included Jack Nawa (103), Dan Martinez (119), Jordan Atienza (145) and Omar Haymour (285).

"We really came out flat at the meet," said Chiola, whose team is 15-3 overall. "It was our worst performance of the year. I've been saying all year that a balanced team

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BOYS HOCKEY

Spartans clipped by No. 1 Trenton

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Although Livonia Stevenson fell 3-1 Wednesday night to perennial boys hockey state power Trenton at Edgar Arena, Spartans coach David Mitchell said his team took a step in the right direction.

"The effort was there, the intensity was there," said Mitchell, whose team slipped to 10-6 overall. "We battled for three periods and we had some guys hurting. Hats off to them (Trenton) and they're a great team, but it's still tough to lose."

Trenton (12-3), ranked No. 1 in Division 2, got the game-winning goal from Cory Seychel with 6:37 remaining to break a 1-1 deadlock. Joey Russo and Cory Dunn drew assists.

Seychel's empty-net-

er from Andrew Sawyer and Dunn then put the game away with 46 seconds left.

Stevenson, ranked No. 8 in Division 1, trailed 1-0 after one period after Michael Lesko scored from Zac Cunningham at 9:24 for the Trojans.

But the Spartans tied it at 5:40 of the second period, when Cam Tetrault's backhand off a rebound got past Trenton's outstanding senior goaltender Blake Wojtala. Thomas Ross and Jake Kierdorf drew the assists.

The Spartans, despite being outshot 29-25 for the game, enjoyed a productive second period with a 14-5 shot margin.

Trenton, however, was able to kill off a 30-second five-on-three situation after Seychel was sent off for hooking and Brandon

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BOYS HOCKEY

Comback kids

Churchill icers rally to freeze Lions, 4-3

By Jeff Theisen
South Lyon Herald

Livonia Churchill took advantage of a late South Lyon parade to the penalty box to get a 4-3 KLAACrossover victory Friday night at Eddie Edgar Arena.

South Lyon successfully killed off a 5-on-3 Churchill advantage in the final six minutes of the game, but a high-sticking penalty with 2:12 to play on South Lyon proved to be the difference.

Churchill's Ben Proben slapped a shot from near the blue line that was redirected in by Mike Gambino with exactly two minutes to play and a 4-3 lead.

It was Gambino's third tally of the game.

South Lyon failed to mount any pressure as Churchill clogged up the middle and held on for the win.

State-ranked Churchill is now 13-2 overall and 6-1 in the KLAAs South Division, while South Lyon falls to 10-7-1 overall and 4-5 in the KLAACentral.

"It was a good comeback," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We spotted them two goals and had to work, but we

kept our composure, stuck to game plan and I think we wore them out at the end."

The Lions tallied the lone goal of the first when Juho-Petteri Maki-Lohiluoma held onto a pass during an odd-man rush, causing the keeper to react to him. A perfect pass out front left Cory Haas with an open net for the 1-0 lead.

South Lyon opened the scoring in the second when Jared Vincek took a long feed off the boards and went glove side for the goal 3:10 into the second.

Churchill got on the board with 7:57 remaining in the period when Gambino scored his first off a rebound right in front of the net off a Proben slapper.

The Chargers evened the game when Drew Puishes capitalized on a perfect faceoff win right in front of the net with 6:02 to play in the second. Kevin Louwers took the face-off and got the assist.

Churchill took its first lead of the game when Gambino spun off a defender and deposited a backhand by South Lyon keeper Nate Klebe with 2:51 remaining in the second. Brad Milks

drew the assist.

South Lyon pulled even late in the second when Jared Vincek broke in free off a takeaway and went around a poke check by the keeper for a wide-open net and goal with 21.7 on the clock.

The defenses took over in the third period until Churchill cashed in on the only power play goal of the game late in the third.

Senior goalie Alex Estes made 17 saves for the Chargers, who out-shot the Lions 29-20. **CHURCHILL 9, SALINE 1:** Riley Brown notched a hat trick to propel Livonia Churchill (12-2) past the visiting Hornets (8-6-1) in a non-league game Wednesday night at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Kevin Louwers and Matt Sinclair assisted on Brown's goal with 2:23 to go in the third period to end the game on the eight-goal mercy rule. The Chargers, ranked No. 3 in Division 1, outshot Saline 47-13 as Devin Smythe chipped in with two goals and one assist, while Jake Otto contributed a goal and three assists.

Tommy Carey and Nick Proben each collected a goal and added one assist each, while Brad Milks tallied the other Churchill goal.

Saline, which trailed 4-1 after one period and 5-1 after two, got its lone goal from Grant Ellis.

Alex Estes made 12-of-13 stops in goal for the Chargers, while Saline's Neil Flavin made 38 saves.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Coker's layup gives MU win

The Madonna University men's basketball team continued to play giant killer Wednesday night Grand Rapids scoring an 82-80 over host Cornerstone University, the No. 24-ranked team in NAIA Division II.

Tyler Coker's layup with six seconds remaining proved to be the difference as the Crusaders beat their second straight nationally-ranked opponent and improved to 13-10 overall and 7-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Sophomore point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) led MU with 22 points and nine assists.

Coker and Matt Jenkins chipped in with 19 and 13 points, respectively, to enable the Crusaders their first-ever sweep of Cornerstone in program history.

Coker and Eoghann Stephens combined for 21 rebounds with 11 and 10, respectively.

Wes Hudson and Justin Yoder each tallied 17 points for the Golden Eagles, who also stand 13-10 overall and 7-4 in the WHAC.

Derek Kingshott (15) and Dan Possehl (12) also scored in double figures for Cornerstone, which trailed 47-40 at halftime and by as many as 13 on three different occasions during the second

half before Hudson tied it at 80-80 with 17 seconds left.

SCHOOLCRAFT 98, ST. CLAIR 92: Karl Moore's 29 points and 13 rebounds lifted Schoolcraft College (11-7, 4-4) to an MCCA Eastern Conference win Wednesday over host St. Clair County Community College (10-10, 3-5) in Port Huron.

The Ocelots, who led 42-40 at intermission, also got 25 points from LenDerrick Witcher.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) and Richmond Jackson chipped in with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Deon Gunn also figured prominently in the Schoolcraft victory with eight points, seven rebounds, seven assists, four steals and three blocks. The Ocelots made 28-of-44 free throws (63.3 percent). Deion Stegall and Johnnie Mills scored 29 and 20, respectively, for the Skippers.

Lady Ocelots survive test against Skippers

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team was off the mark Wednesday night, but it didn't matter.

Despite shooting only 30.7 percent from the field (23-of-75), the Lady Ocelots earned their fourth straight victory with a 56-54 triumph over host St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron.

Schoolcraft trailed 28-22 at halftime before going on a 16-3 run to open the half and take a 38-31 advantage with 12:46 to play.

St. Clair (11-10, 4-4) came back to tie the game at 40-all with 8:44 remaining, but Charlise Slater's baseline jumper with 2:00 to go gave the Lady Ocelots the lead, 55-52.

The Skippers then closed to within one and had the ball when Jasmine Bell was called for traveling with 15 seconds left.

Schoolcraft's Diamond Tolliver hit the first of two foul shots with just eight seconds remaining, but missed the second, only to have teammate Ashley Beemon secure the

rebound as time expired.

Tolliver finished with 16 points and four assists, while Slater added 15 points. Infiniti Maxwell grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds.

Cianna Peterson paced St. Clair with 18 points, but had 10 rebounds. Heidi Highstreet added 10 points and 14 rebounds, while Teisha Knott led all rebounders with 20.

St. Clair committed 24 turnovers to Schoolcraft's eight.

CORNERSTONE 73, MADONNA 65: Melissa Veltkamp scored a game-high 25 points to lead Cornerstone University (14-9, 7-4) to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Wednesday night at Madonna University (7-13, 4-7).

Janae Trombley added 14 and Samantha Flietstra chipped in with 11 for the Golden Eagles, who led 40-33 at halftime.

Michelle Lindsey came off the bench to lead the Crusaders with 19 points.

Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Becca Wojcinski and Erin Bentley finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

MU shot a respectable 41.4 percent from the floor (24-of-58), but committed 26 turnovers.

GIRLS

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came in the third with an 11-7 scoring margin, including a key basket from reserve guard Micah Mecks to make it 33-24 with 1:17 left.

"She's a freshman, and she was the number 12 girl when we started the season," Kovatch said. "She's slowly moved her way up and now she's getting significant minutes. She's a ninth-grader. She's what we're building for in the future. She comes in there and is playing hard. She's getting better and better every day. It's awesome to have her on the team."

Mack's three-pointer just 42 seconds into the fourth quarter cut the deficit to 33-29, but the Chiefs simply couldn't get over the hump even though Glenn went scoreless for the first 5:10.

Baskets by ShaKeya Graves (seven points) and Abbey Wright (six points) down the stretch secured the win for the Rockets.

Canton shot only 23.8 percent for the game (10-of-42) and committed 12 turnovers, including four in the fourth quarter.

Mack was 4-of-19 from the field, but in her defense, she did not practice all week. She did hit 8-of-9 free throws. Canton's next best scorer was Paige Aresco with six.

"One of our problems when we get stuck or in a jam, everybody else just kind of stops and stands and watches everyone else," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "Robyn tried to make plays ... but we've got to get better with that. It boils down to the same thing it did last game — the ability to pass and catch under pressure."

"And Glenn's a great team. They're athletic. They can shoot the ball. I thought our kids' effort was outstanding. At times our execution wasn't great. That credit goes to John Glenn, their players and what they do on the court."

Glenn, meanwhile, made 16-of-44 shots from the floor (36.3 percent) and had 13 turnovers.

"This is probably one of the biggest margins of victories against Canton that I can remember," Kovatch said. "They've only lost five or six games the last five or six years, and when they do



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO
John Glenn's Joslyn Massey (right) collides for the loose ball with Canton's Kiara Schneider during Friday's KLAAsouth Division encounter.

lose, it's usually within three or four points, or usually one or two. It's a nice margin against an excellent team like that."

Canton may get another crack at their South Division rival once the KLAAsplayoffs begin.

"Glenn puts you in tough positions and makes you play a little faster and put a little pressure on you," Samulski said. "We're going to have to get better at handling that stuff. I'm going to have to find a way to keep working on it. To try and simulate what Glenn does in practice is not an easy thing. I'm going to have to come up with a way to simulate that kind of pressure and hopefully get another shot at them in the conference tournament."

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 21 CANTON 9

Jan. 25 at Super Bowl
John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 191-258-449; Steven White, 190-203-393; Mark Kassab, 186-200; Daniel Ammons, 193; Mitch Dean, 178; Thomas Brusseau, 166; split score, 140. **Team totals:** 873-1,032-1,905 (11 points); **Baker games:** 222-192-414 (10 points).

Canton scorers: Mike Richards, 183-223-406; Aaron Madsen, 218-179-397; Josh Posen, 184-149-333; Kurt Kowolski, 170-156-326; Alex Champagne, 214; Gary Barrett, 146. **Team totals:** 90-921-1,822 (9 points); **Baker games:** 159-183-342 (0 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 12-0 overall, 9-0 KLAACentral Division; Canton, 6-4 overall, 5-3 KLAACentral.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 21 PLYMOUTH 9

Jan. 25 at Super Bowl
Wayne scorers: Elliott Arnold, 241-193-434; Shane Rambaldo, 200-171; Zack Huffman, 159-183-342; Kody Wojewski, 156-149-305; Austin St. Peter, 160; Matt Mikulec, 142. **Team totals:** 898-856-1,754 (11 points); **Baker games:** 225-230-455 (10 points).

Plymouth scorers: Evan Grimme, 183-191-374; Ryan Riva, 193; Burhan Yaish, 191; Eric Thompson, 178; Rob Korstjens, 160; split scores, 168-136-304, 153-143-296. **Team totals:** 842-854-1,656 (9 points); **Baker games:** 161-168-329 (0 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 9-2 overall, 6-2 KLAACentral; Plymouth, 4-7 overall, 2-7 KLAACentral.

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16 CANTON 15

Jan. 25 at Super Bowl
John Glenn scorers: Olivia Cabildo, 181-171-352; Jessica Pate, 166-157-323; Caity Lenard, 177-129-306; Sara Auldige, 167; Montana Graszak, 125; split score, 113-147-260. **Team totals:** 804-729-1,533 (15 points); **Baker games:** 152-150-302 (0 points).

Canton scorers: Charlotte Zimmer, 189-159-348; Bri Bailey, 146-153-299; Jessica Holowicki, 147-143-290; Kim A'Hern, 148-135-283; Beth Stark, 144; Amber Holly, 133. **Team totals:** 774-723-1,497 (5 points); **Baker games:** 154-158-312 (10 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 8-4 overall, 7-2 KLAACentral Division; Canton, 1-8 overall, 1-6 KLAACentral.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 21 PLYMOUTH 9

Jan. 25 at Super Bowl
Wayne scorers: Lorrissa Willet, 226-156-382; Tiffany Markham, 177-151-328; Kira Leach, 149-174-323; Tiffany Ozog, 138-104-242; Sarah Shurge, 107-129-236. **Team totals:** 797-714-1,511 (17 points); **Baker games:** 114-155-269 (4 points).

Plymouth scorers: Caitlyn Webb, 208-147-355; Emily Fraser, 176-150-326; Megan Bianck, 146-144-290; Tiffany Patterson, 132-137-269; split score, 94-112-201. **Team totals:** 756-690-1,446 (3 points); **Baker games:** 161-141-302 (6 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 2-9 overall, 2-6 KLAACentral Division; Plymouth, 4-7 overall, 2-6 KLAACentral.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

TRI-MEET RESULTS

TEAM SCORES: 1. Birmingham Unified, 136.90; 2. Livonia Blue, 136.05; 3. Madison Heights Lamphere, 39.15.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Vault: 1. Haley Olson (Blue), 9.2; 2. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.95; 3. Sydney Moosekian (BU), 8.7; 4. Justin Peterson (MHL), 5. (tie) Samantha Siegel (BU) and Jennifer Kendall (BU), 8.6 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Kendall (BU), 8.8; 2. Peterson (MHL), 8.75; 3. Kitz (Blue), 8.65; 4. Moosekian (BU), 8.2; 5. Hogan (Blue), 8.15.

Balance beam: 1. Tessa

Raymond (BU), 9.35; 2. Peterson (MHL), 9.1; 3. Olson (Blue), 8.75; 4. Hogan (Blue), 8.7; 5. Moosekian (BU), 8.5.

Floor exercise: 1. Andrea Irvine (Blue) and Raymond (BU) 9.2 each; 3. Maddy Reem (BU), 9.0; 4. (tie) Kitz (Blue) and Moosekian (BU), 8.95 each.

All-around: 1. Peterson (MHL), 35.15; 2. Kitz (Blue), 34.50; 3. Raymond (BU), 34.80; 4. (tie) Moosekian (BU) and Kendall (BU), 34.35 each; 5. Olson (Blue), 33.80.

Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 5-2 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 31

John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Greenhills at HVL, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3

Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
HVL at Greenhills, 7 p.m.
C'ville at Hazel Park, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Mercy at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3

Wayne at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Monday, Jan. 30

Schoolcraft College at Marygrove JV, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Siena Heights at MU, 7:30 p.m.
S'craft at Kirtland, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.
Wayne Co. at S'craft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Wednesday, Feb. 1

MU shot at Kirtland, 5:30 p.m.
MU at Siena Hts., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Wayne Co. at S'craft, 1 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Franklin vs. Dexter at Eddie Edgar, 8 p.m.
Churchill vs. Brighton at Kensington I.H., 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3

Churchill vs. Stevenson at Eddie Edgar, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Churchill vs. Plymouth at Arctic Edge, 5:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
KLAACrossover, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Luth. W'sld at Clawson, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Summit Tourney, 9 a.m.

KLAAsTourney at EMU, TBA

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Feb. 2

Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

N'ville at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Feb. 2

Livonia Blue vs. Salem at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Canton Invitational, 9 a.m.

PREP BOWLING

Monday, Jan. 30

Ladywood vs. Gabriel Richard at Woodland Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

(3:30 p.m. at Super Bowl)

Clarenceville vs. Plymouth

Wednesday, Feb. 1

(3:30 p.m. at Westland)
Clarenceville vs. Northville.

John Glenn vs. Salem.

Wayne vs. Canton.

Friday, Feb. 3

Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Sterling Lanes, 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Mercy Tournament at Drakeshire Lanes, 10 a.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Sunday, Jan. 29

CHSL at Ladywood, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Southgate Invitational, 10 a.m.
KLAAsat Hartland, TBA.

PREP SKIING

Wednesday, Feb. 1
Ladywood vs. W. Bloomfield at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 3
Plymouth Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m.

Rally caps Churchill, Wayne squeak out wins

Duane Scott scored nine of his 13 points in the decisive fourth quarter as Livonia Churchill rallied for a 35-32 KLA South Division boys basketball win Friday night at Plymouth.

The Chargers, who improved to 5-6 overall and 2-4 in the division, trailed by as many as 13 in the third quarter before making a spirited comeback with a 13-2 final period run.

"We played 10 different guys in the third quarter and the starters got the message," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We were able to put pressure on them and rebound the ball. The kids did not give up and it was an incredible effort. I'm proud of the kids because that just doesn't happen very often at a place like Plymouth."

Scott's triple with just under a minute left gave the Chargers a two-point cushion and Jaylin Freeman followed with a free throw with 17 seconds remaining to secure the win.

Brendan Swanson scored a team-high nine for Plymouth (4-7, 2-4).

Churchill made 10-of-15 free throws, while the Wildcats hit only 1-of-2.

WAYNE 48, FRANKLIN 44: Dezmon Burleigh, Juawn Snipes and Jordan Lowry each tallied

12 points Friday as host Wayne Memorial (6-5, 3-3) rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Livonia Franklin (2-9, 1-5) in a KLA South Division clash.

"We'd have been better if we hit free throws," said Wayne coach Mike Schuette, whose team made only 6-of-21, but outscored Franklin 18-9 in the final period. "We were down eight in the second half, but we finally started putting pressure on them, we picked up the tempo and scored on some fast-breaks."

Franklin got 13 points and nine rebounds from 6-foot-7 senior center Jake Barnham. Senior forward Tommy Smith added seven and Jake Erme had six.

The Patriots made only 16-of-43 shots from the floor (37 percent) and 8-of-14 free throws (57 percent).

STEVENSON 52, S. LYON 48: On Friday, Boulos Saba scored eight of his 13 points in the final period to lift host Livonia Stevenson (7-3, 3-3) to a KLA Central Division triumph over the Lions (7-4, 3-3).

Billy Bonnano's triple with only 15 seconds left gave the Spartans a two-point lead and Saba nailed a pair of free throws to clinch the victory.

Junior guard Josh Campbell paced Stevenson with 14 points. "We had some guys step up," said Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi. "It was a tough game, but offensively and defensively we were terrific."

Joe Remstad led South Lyon with 13 points.

UNIV. HIGH 64, C'VILLE 39: Trevon Boyd tallied 15 points and Jason Penn chipped in with 13 as Ferndale University High (9-3) rolled to a victory Friday at home over Livonia Clarenceville (3-9).

Damien Quarles and Sam Brown scored 16 and 10, respectively, for the Trojans, who trailed 29-19 at halftime and 51-25 after three quarters.

The Trojans made 19-of-30 free throws, while the Driving Eagles hit 5-of-10.

GREENHILLS 47, LUTH. WESTLAND 44: Andrew Khouri's 22 points was the difference Friday as Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-5, 5-3) downed host Lutheran High Westland (6-5, 5-3) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

Dawson Davenport led the Warriors, who were outscored 12-8 in the final quarter, with nine points.

Greenhills made 20-of-28 free throws, while Westland hit 10-of-20.

HVL 71, MACOMB 36: Sophomore Ryan Schaffer poured in a game-high 32 points to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-8, 2-5) to a MIAC Red Division win Friday over host Warren Macomb Christian (0-10, 0-8). Romero Hardy and Matt Hurst led the Crusaders with 20 and 14 points, respectively.

The Hawks made 7-of-16 foul shots, while Macomb Christian hit 5-of-10.

WASHTENAW 56, HVL 46: In a non-conference game Thursday, host Saline Washtenaw Christian (5-6) got 15 points from Brian Stout to down Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-8).

Trent Shelby and Josiah Donat added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Wildcats, who led 31-15 at halftime.

Ryan Schaffer scored 26 for the Hawks, who made only 8-of-18 free throws.

Washtenaw Christian connected on only 11-of-23.

KLAA GIRLS HOOPS

Spartans clamp down on Lions

KLAA Central Division girls basketball leader Livonia Stevenson played lockdown defense Friday night en route to a 40-18 victory at South Lyon.

The Spartans, who improved to 9-2 overall and 5-1 in the Central, jumped out to a 19-7 first-half lead and put it away with a 13-5 third-quarter run.

"The defense was great, just awesome," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "And we're coming around on the offensive end. We're starting to jell and we're getting good looks."

Senior guard Jordan York paced the Spartans with nine points, while Molly Knoph, Charlesann Roy and Mara Murray added eight apiece.

Murray also grabbed

nine rebounds. Stevenson was 11-of-16 from the foul line, while South Lyon (5-7, 2-4) went 10-for-19.

The Spartans also held South Lyon's top scorer Gabrielle Williams, who fouled out in the third quarter, under double-digits.

PLYMOUTH 39, CHURCHILL 37 (OT): Kylie Robb made an off-balance layup with only two seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime and eventually propel the Wildcats (8-4, 4-2) to a KLA South Division victory Friday at Livonia Churchill (4-7, 1-5).

Robb finished with a game-high 13 points, while teammate Shelby Cheston chipped in with 10.

Churchill, outscored 16-5 in the final quarter, got 10 points from Erin Menard. The senior center fouled out at the end of regulation (tied at 34-all).

Julia Szuba and Lindsey Dusablon added eight and

seven, respectively, for the Chargers. Plymouth made 12-of-19 foul shots, including 4-for-4 in the fourth period.

"We played really, really well and fought hard," said Churchill first-year coach Matt McCowan, whose team was 8-of-15 from the free throw line.

"We froze up a little bit and turned the ball over a little bit in the fourth quarter. We just have to learn how to win."

WAYNE 54, FRANKLIN 35: Sophomore Ashley Bland pumped in a game-high 21 points Friday as Wayne Memorial (4-8, 2-4) knocked off visiting Livonia Franklin (1-11, 0-6) for the second time this season in a KLA South Division encounter.

Tiara Childers chipped in with 12 points for the victorious Zebros, who outscored Franklin 29-16 in the second half.

Alexis Smith and Julie Magdowski paced the Patriots with 17 and 10 points, respectively.

Wayne connected on 24-of-39 free throws (62 percent), while Franklin hit 6-of-11 (55 percent).

SPARTANS

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Torolski for slashing.

Wojtala also robbed J.D. Byrne on a shot from point-blank range during the period with eight minutes left.

"When we're not scoring a lot of goals, we've got to kill what we can," veteran Trenton coach Mike Turner said. "That was in effect a penalty kill. We were good. We had to do what we had to do."

Stevenson's Mike Kanitra made 27 saves, while Wojtala was had 24.

"A bounce here or there, a goal here or there, and it's a different hockey game," Mitchell said. "Give him all the credit in the world. The kid stood tall when he had to and they buried them when they needed to."

When Turner was quizzed if Wojtala was the Trojans' glue, he said simply: "He's a four-year guy and started the last three. He was a Dream Team (All-Stater) his sophomore year. Your observation is correct."

Mitchell, a former goaltender himself, also gave kudos to the Trenton senior netminder.

"Blake Wojtala is one of the best goal-

tenders in the state," the Stevenson coach said. "He's been that a number of years. He's just solid, and he'll be successful at the next level."

"You've got to get shots and get them at the net. You hope you get a bounce here and there. We did it and you just have to execute it."

The last two meetings between the two teams had ended in draws.

"We've had a good history of playing Stevenson," Turner said. "We enjoy playing them. They're well-coached and generally a fast team. Last two years we've played, it's been tied. It's good to finally resolve one of them this time."

Stevenson's schedule didn't get any easier. The Spartans returned to the ice Saturday night at Edgar to face Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, ranked No. 1 in Division 1.

One of CC's two losses this season came against Trenton as Wojtala turned in a spectacular performance.

"It was a real good hockey game," Mitchell said. "Trenton is such a high-quality opponent. They're just good and they bring it every night. We knew we had to give a good effort tonight."

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ROCKETS

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Glenn and you don't play a full 32 minutes, it's going to cost you," said Reddy, whose team dropped to 9-3 overall and 4-2 in the division.

He was referring to the second quarter, where the game turned around thanks to the physical play of John Glenn senior forward Eric Covile (22 points, 11 rebounds).

"The second quarter was pretty bad, but it had a lot to do with Glenn," Reddy said. "They have a lot of good guys, they're well-coached, they move the ball."

"(Junior guard Nick) Daniels is hard to guard and Covile was a beast tonight. Our urgency wasn't as good in the second quarter as it was at the start. We kind of lost that urgency, that energy, that edge."

John Glenn kept up the heat in the third quarter.

Young praised his former player for the way the Chiefs did not fold after falling into what looked like an inescapable hole.

It was a 49-30 John Glenn lead early in the final quarter, but the host Chiefs started hitting triples from all over the court.

"We got all the way back up the hill," Reddy said.

But Daniels (17 points, 11 boards) and Covile, among others, lit enough of a fuse to keep the Rockets from crash-landing.

"He's a horse, he's been working his tail off to do better in everything he's trying to do in his life," Young said about Covile. "In the classroom he's getting better, his attitude's gotten a ton better, he's a great teammate. "And he was unbelievable tonight. He made some plays that were out of this world."

Covile also made life miserable for Canton senior forward Paul Baumgart (16 points, 12 rebounds), particularly in the middle two quarters.

"A couple years ago, coach told me he (Baumgart) was pretty good," Covile said. "So I just kept up and did what I had to do."

But I didn't do it by myself, I did it with my teammates and I'm proud of them."

The game had a promising start for Reddy's group. A 7-0 run in the first two minutes featured a trey by Adams (13 points) from the left flank.

But pressure defense, quickness and size down low by the Rockets enabled that lead to slowly evaporate.

Covile was a big reason with his penchant for getting position in the paint and either snagging rebounds or depositing the ball into the basket.

Rockets roll

Canton held on to a 14-10 edge in the final moments of the opening quarter, but a triple by Desmond Cervera (eight points) at the horn cut the lead to a point and gave the Rockets the fuel they needed to keep flying in the second.

It was all John Glenn in that quarter. Getting it started was 6-6 forward James Pruitt with a jumper to put the Rockets in front.

A stop-and-pop by Baumgart from the side of the key briefly reinstated Canton's lead at 16-15, with 6:30 to go in the half.

But that's when John Glenn took control. Covile outmuscled Baumgart for an offensive board and scored on a putback, adding a tack-on foul shot to make it 18-16 Rockets.

A long gun from the left wing by Daniels rattled around and dropped in for a 21-16 lead.

The onslaught continued unabated with Isaac Everette (seven points) draining a trey, and hitting a jumper at the buzzer to put the Rockets up 30-16 at halftime.

Meanwhile, Canton missed four straight free throws, which didn't help the home side cope with John Glenn's rally.

The Chiefs received offensive help from guard Josh Mayberry (eight points), junior forward Scott Gring (11 points, six boards) and freshman guard Greg Williams (six points), but it wasn't quite enough.

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Blazers' balance sinks Saddlelites

Junior guard Shelby Walsh paced a balanced attack with a game-high 18 points to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 68-46 Catholic League Central Division girls basketball win Friday night over host Warren Regina.

The Blazers, who improved to 7-6 overall and 3-2 in the Central, also got 12 points from junior Kiley Gorski and 10 points apiece from Andie Anastos and Morgan Chops.

Anastos also had five steals and five assists, while Chops grabbed a team-best 10 rebounds.

Lauren Kozlowski also chipped in with six points as Ladywood led 35-18 at halftime.

"We got after it defensively and it was a good overall effort," said Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti, whose team made 22-of-31 free throws. "The kids played hard and shared the ball."

Emily Nelson paced the Saddlelites (5-8, 0-5) with 17 points.

GREENHILLS 39, LUTH. WESTLAND 29: The one-two punch of Marissa Thompson and Jackie Oestreich combined for 31 points to lead Ann Arbor Greenhills (9-3, 7-1) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win Friday at Lutheran High Westland (8-5, 5-3).

Thompson finished with 18 points, while Oestreich added 13 for the Gryphons.

Senior center Amanda Terranella scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Warriors, who were outscored 19-10 in the final period.

"It is a one point game at the end of the third quarter," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "Start of the fourth quarter they hit some shoots on a few of our turnovers, which was basically the game. It was a tough game, but we played hard and to the end."

WASHTENAW 52, HVL 49: Senior Becca Grimes scored 24 points Friday night to power host Saline Washtenaw Christian Academy (6-4) past Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-9) in a non-conference game.

Freshmen Madison Dest and Julie St. John paced the Hawks with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

"Lack of consistency was our issue again tonight," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "We had way too many unforced turnovers to start the game. Our shooting woes also continued, both underneath the basket and at the free throw line (6-of-17)."

The Wildcats led 25-21 at halftime and outscored HVL 17-10 in the third quarter to take an 11-point lead going into the fourth.

"We made a nice push in the fourth quarter (18-10), but it was too little too late," Ruth said. "We got into some serious foul trouble early, which became a hardship all game."

UNIV. HIGH 44, C'VILLE 36: Angelica Brown scored 20 points and Alex Thompson added 14 to carry Ferndale University High (6-6) to a victory Wednesday over host Livonia Clarenceville (1-11).

Jodi Ankiel and Ayanna Buckley scored 11 points apiece for the Trojans, who led 13-9 after one quarter, but was outscored 13-3 in the second period.

Ashley Murphy also chipped in with seven points.

Clarenceville was 5-of-9 from the foul line, while the Driving Eagles made 2-of-6.

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Patriots honor late mat assistant

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Sporting a black T-shirt, a Metallica necklace and shoulder-length hair, Brian Hinzman made quite an impression at his first Garden City High School wrestling practice in 1995.

Appearance-wise, the free-spirited, soccer-loving freshman may not have fit in right away.

But once he hit the mats, the makings of an incredible legacy was forged.

"At Brian's first practice, the coach told a few of his best wrestlers, 'Make (Hinzman) quit,'" Ken Hinzman, Brian's dad, recounted with a chuckle Thursday night. "No matter what they threw at him though, Brian just kept coming back for more."

"After a few days of practicing, the brother of the head coach told him, 'The kid with the hair is going to be your best wrestler.'"

After trying out for wrestling only in response to a request from

his high school soccer coach to stay in shape during the off-season, the hard-working Hinzman molded himself into one of Garden City's best-ever matmen, earning All-State honors at 171 pounds his senior season.

Following a year of wrestling at Eastern Michigan University, Hinzman joined forces with his former high school wrestling coach when he took over a floundering program at Livonia Franklin.

The coach's name: Dave Chiola, who has become one of the most successful wrestling mentors in the Overland area.

With Hinzman serving as one of his top assistants, Chiola quickly turned the Patriots from a one-win team to a district champion.

"Brian worked as a bartender and he did some other things during those years," Ken Hinzman recalled, "but when people asked him what he did, he'd tell them, 'I'm a wrestling coach.' That's how proud he was of what he was doing at Franklin."

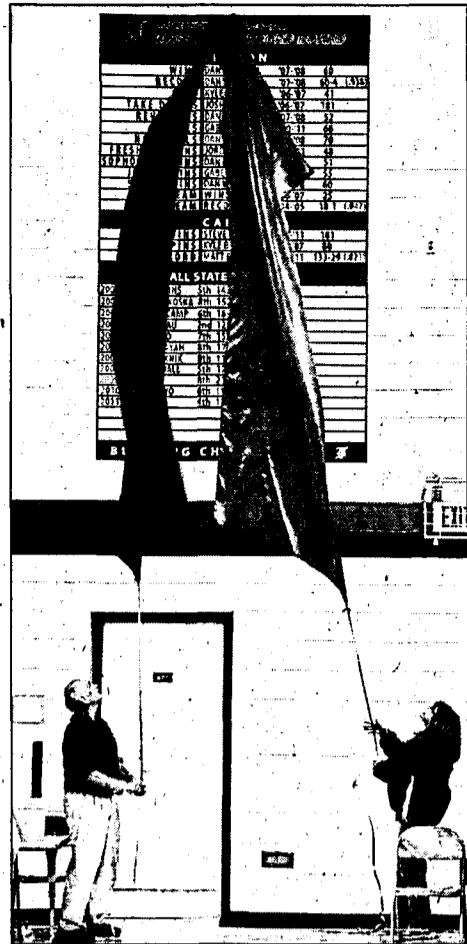
On July 27, 2007, Hinzman drowned while on a white-water rafting vacation with some of his life-long friends. The tragedy hit the local wrestling community hard.

"After Brian's death, we found out how many lives Brian actually touched in a positive way," Ken Hinzman said. "He inspired a lot of people."

On Wednesday night, the legacy of the one-time long-haired, Metallica-loving free spirit was forever memorialized with the unveiling of the "Brian Hinzman Memorial Record Board," which hangs on a wall in the Livonia Franklin High School gymnasium.

In honor of Hinzman, the board will list all of the school's significant wrestling records and state-placers.

"It was a very nice ceremony," said Ken Hinzman, who helped pull the curtain away to reveal the board along with his wife, Sylvia. "It shows how much Brian meant to the program. He would have loved it."



Ken and Sylvia Hinzman unveil the new "Brian Hinzman Memorial Record Board" Wednesday night in the Livonia Franklin High School gymnasium. The board's namesake, a former wrestling standout at Garden City High School and an admired assistant coach at Franklin, passed away tragically in a drowning accident in 2007.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS Jan. 25 at Livonia Franklin WAYNE MEMORIAL 36 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 31

103 pounds: Jack Nawa (LF) pinned Jake Preiss, 1:58; **112:** Tyler Mulligan (WM) won by major decision over Nick Robertson, 15-5; **119:** Dan Martinez (LF) p. Joseph Frazee, 0:45; **125:** Tim Way (WM) dec. Anthony Berrelez, 13-7; **130:** Gabe Martinez (LF) won by major dec. over Devon Adams, 15-5; **135:** Michael Nicholson (WM) p. Kenneth Steele, 1:47; **140:** Jordan Atienza (LF) p. Kevin Marz, 0:43; **145:** Allen Parker (WM) won by major dec. over Tyler Solnikowski, 16-6; **152:** Nick Frazier (LF) dec. Sharif Hegazi, 6-3; **160:** Sam Ekanem (WM) dec. Avery Opperman, 7-3; **171:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) won by major dec. over Allen Steele, 15-5; **189:** Devin Korzetki (WM) p. Matt Horne, 4:23; **215:** Dimitrus Renfro (WM) p. Ryan Simmons, 3:05; **285:** Omar Haymond (LF) p. Aaron Mauldin, 2:15.

Dual match records: Wayne, 11-1 overall, 4-1 KLAAS South Division; Franklin, 15-3 overall, 4-1 KLAAS South.

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103 pounds: Moe Yousef (M) pinned Jake Preiss, 0:47; **112:** Ramsey Yousef (M) decided Tyler Mulligan, 16-9; **119:** Tim Oskarek (M) p. Joseph Frazee, 0:24; **125:** Tim Way (WM) won by disqualification over Ryan Large-Agae; **130:** Andrew Barron (M) won by major dec. over Michael Nicholson, 9-1; **135:** Luiz Perez (M) dec. Devon Adams, 5-2; **140:** Allen Parker (WM) p. Xavier Ortiz, 1:09; **145:** Michael Hood (WM) p. Matthew Nasceif, 0:36; **152:** Sharif Hegazi (WM) p. Ross Ladach, 0:29; **160:** Sam Ekanem (WM) won by technical fall over Zachary Freeman, 17-2; **171:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Scott Carpenter, 1:02; **189:** Devin Korzetki (WM) p. Kyle Blevins, 0:46; **215:** Dimitrus Renfro (WM) p. Roderick Tubbs, 2-1; **285:** KaRaun

King (M) dec. Tyler Casteels, 2-1.
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103 pounds: Dan Denova (N) decided Marco Lytwyn, 11-9; **112:** Andrew Park (N) pinned Emmanuel Austin, 1:30; **119:** Kelsey Larken (N) won by void; **125:** Evan Davis (N) p. Darren Tran, 3:53; **130:** Alejandro Albuerno (N) won by major dec. over Corey Davis, 15-5; **135:** Kody Roy (LS) dec. Giddani Albuerno, 9-7; **140:** Austin Harris (LS) won by void; **145:** Samer Shebak (LS) won by major dec. over Ben Wright, 21-12; **152:** Fairman Kian (N) dec. Connor Vaughan, 6-0; **160:** Ben Landry (NO) p. Joe Carroll, 1:16; **171:** Jake Dobras (N) p. Jacob Kelley, 0:49; **189:** Zach Roush (N) p. Brad Scott, 3:46; **215:** Justin Michael N) won by major dec. over Joe Scott, 10-2; **285:** Jacob Range (LS) dec. Jimi Keller, 10-6.
Stevenson's dual match record: 9-7 overall, 3-2 KLAAS Central Division.

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could beat us, and that's what Wayne is. They not only beat us where we have holes, they beat us where we had good kids. Give Wayne a lot of credit. They came in hungry and aggressive and we did not respond."

Gabe Martinez (130) also won by major decision, while Nick Frazier (152) also won on a decision.

"This is one of the more disappointing losses I've had since I've been here," Chiola said. "It's very embarrassing to watch my guys go out there and just get manhandled. The fact that it was for the division and possibly the conference, made it even worse."

Before the meet, a dedication was held to unveil the new Brian Hinzman Record Board in memory of the late Franklin assistant coach (2001-07), who passed away July 27, 2007, due to a drowning accident while on vacation.

Hinzman was a 1999 Garden City High grad and wrestler who was a two-time state placer.

"Then, we had a lot of alumni there for our record board unveiling and I was sorry that they had to watch that," Chiola said. "They must think that Franklin wrestling is on its way down. I'm interested to see how we'll respond to this loss."

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Local moms turn creative card ideas into cash

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Kim Murray of Livonia has what it takes to help you flirt with your sweetie this Valentine's Day — a smiling power strip, happy electrical plug and catchy words of love.

They all came together on the Hallmark Valentine's Day card that she designed for an online competition. Her winning contest entry, sporting a cartoon of the love-smitten electrical devices, is being sold at Hallmark stores and at other retailers that carry the brand.

"You had to create a fun or flirty card — for him, for her or for anyone. Two of mine won," Murray said. "What they do is they pick winners, maybe 20. And from there they pick maybe 10 store winners. We found out in November that one of my cards is a store winner."

The card went on sale earlier this month. Her two other winning entries into the greeting card giant's monthly design challenge — another valentine and belated birthday wishes — are available at Hallmark.com. Murray will learn this spring if the birthday card, which sports a photo of a banana with googly eyes, will be released into stores in June.

Erika Laszlo's winning birthday card also has a shot at earning a spot on store shelves. The Garden City woman, like Murray, entered Hallmark's "Watch What You Say ... Again" competition that challenged designers to create birthday cards without using the words "special," "party," and "old."

Her photo card is being sold at Hallmark.com. "I submitted a hilarious picture of my daughter staring at a cupcake. Outside is just the picture. Inside it says 'as soon as they are done singing, it's just you and me, cupcake,'" said Laszlo, describing her winning entry. "I was so shocked when they called me. I have submitted quite a few times over the last seven or eight months. Every month is a different theme. This is the first time I've ever won."

Avid designers

Both women are self-taught artists and tend to design cards with photos, rather than illustrations.

Laszlo, 41, grew up in Dearborn, is married to Bryan and has two children, Sophie, 6 and



Erika Laszlo of Garden City used a photo of her daughter, Sophie, on her winning entry into a Hallmark greeting card competition. One of her other entries sported a photo of her son, Ethan, (right).



Kim Murray of Livonia shows off some winning valentines in Hallmark's card competition. Her cards have been chosen for sale online and in Hallmark stores.

Ethan, 10. She worked as a director of medical equipment at Garden City Hospital for nearly 20 years before taking a job with the University of Michigan's Cardiovascular Center as a physician liaison.

"It's funny because I'm very much into photography. I really enjoy taking pictures of the kids. I always have a camera in my hands," said Laszlo, who uses a digital Canon SLR.

Laszlo told her daughter that her photo is on a Hallmark card, but isn't certain if Sophie has thought much about it.

"She doesn't seem to be overly excited. I think I'm more excited."

Laszlo said she may submit another design this spring. She jots down ideas for both sentiment and images while at home or while driving.

From radio to candles

Murray, 41, won her

first competition — and a Schwinn bike — when she was 10, by submitting a drawing of Toucan Sam, the Froot Loops icon, to a Kellogg's contest.

She took pottery classes during her years at Churchill High School and ended up working in radio at WNIC 105.1 FM after graduating from Specs Howard School of Media Arts. She traded radio for candles and sold PartyLite products for 14 years before becoming an independent consultant for Scentsy, a company that sells flameless candles.

She stumbled on the Hallmark contest site last year after getting active in blogging. Her first entry, for a challenge involving photos of food, didn't make the cut. Her second try, for the valentine competition, turned up two winners.

"Since I have the perfect soulmate, that was easier," she said. Murray and her husband,



Kim Murray of Livonia took a light-hearted approach to designing her Hallmark card. Her husband and sons named the banana used on the card, 'Bentley.' Murray also bought several 'understudy' bananas just in case the original didn't brown in the right places.



Erika Laszlo of Garden City used a photo of her cupcake-loving daughter, Sophie, on the card she designed for Hallmark's contest.

and inside sentiment reads "I feel just rotten about it."

"That banana was so stinking cute, but I wanted him to be more spotty," Murray said. "I couldn't speed up the rotting any quicker, so I went to Meijers and got four 'understudies.' They weren't as cute."

Meanwhile, her husband and sons named the original banana, "Bentley." After searching for "the perfect banana" with just the right about of brown spots, Murray photographed Bentley and submitted her design to Hallmark. The overly-ripe fruit ended up in the trash and she ended up with a win.

Hallmark receives thousands of entries for each monthly challenge. Winners receive \$250 and get an additional \$250 if the card is selected for sale in stores. For more information visit www.hallmark.com.

Jim have been married 17 years and have three boys, ages 13, 9 and 5.

"My husband and I brainstorm sometimes, so he can enter, too."

His birthday card with a photo of their 13-year-old son at age 5, won one of the challenges last year and has been sold online.

"I helped him with the words. He took the picture. I said, 'you can have that card.' He won on that one, which was cool."

Bentley the banana

The entire family weighed in on her last card design, the winning entry that shows a googly-eyed banana with body parts made from flexible toy building sticks called Bendaroos. The phrase under the photo says "Your birthday slipped past,"

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Go Red campaign seeks national spokesperson

Tell your story about heart health Saturday, Feb. 4 at Macy's in Westland and you'll get a chance to become a national spokesperson for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign.

The Go Red CONNECT casting call runs from 10 a.m.-noon at the store, located at Westland Mall, 35000 W. Warren Road.

Alexis Wiley of FOX 2 News will kick off the search for the next spokesperson at the event and online at GoRedForWomen.org. The national winner will represent the campaign in marketing materials, at events, and on its Web site.

In addition to Wiley's appearance, the event will include makeovers from beauty lines Clinique, Lancôme, and Estée Lauder, chair massages and hair embellishment extensions courtesy of Premier Salon. Attendees will also have the chance to win a day of beauty package and Go Red For Women prizes.

Go Red For Women also encourages women to participate in National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 3. Women can learn about their risk for heart disease, get involved with local events and register for a free red dress pin at GoRedForWomen.org or Facebook.com/GoRed.

The campaign's Wear Red Day Challenge will spotlight the most spirited supporters. Thirteen Wear Red Day Award categories are listed on Facebook.com/GoRed. Participants can record a video or take photos of their efforts to "Go Red" and submit them on the Wear Red Day Challenge tab on the campaign's Facebook page through Feb. 23. Winners will be announced for each category on Feb. 25.

More women die of heart disease than all forms of cancer combined. Some eight million women in the U.S. are living with heart disease, but only one

in six women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat. Ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease.

"Understanding your risk factors is a smart way to keep you heart healthy and events like this encourage women to take control of their personal health," said Dr. Monique Butler, medical director of corporate health and wellness promotions for the Detroit Medical Center and an American Heart Association volunteer.

Find out more by visiting GoRedForWomen.org or call (888) 694-3278.

Learn meditation, alleviate stress

Schoolcraft College will offer a series of meditation classes, beginning Monday, Jan. 30 and again on Monday, March 19, to help individuals achieve a sense of calm and control.

Present Moment Meditation is designed to give students a lighthearted, practical approach that makes meditation inviting and beneficial for everyone.

Each series includes four classes that will run from 6-7:30 p.m. on the college's main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia.

Each meeting includes two meditations, a short presentation on topics relating to meditation and stress reduction, discussion and question and answer time.

Classes are aimed at helping students see positive results in their work, family life, home, health, relationships, personal goals, and more. Registration is under way. For more information on the mediation classes or Schoolcraft's Continuing Education and Professional Development program, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call (734) 462-4448.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature announcements to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Farmington Garden Club

Master flower show judge, Sally Ouelette, will talk about designs for special occasions Monday, Feb. 6 at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington. The meeting starts at noon, with the program following at 1 p.m.. Ouelette

is a member and past president of the Greater Detroit Arrangers Guild and a master gardener. Guests are welcome. Call Joann at (248) 474-0866 or visit www.farmington-gardenclub.com.

Native trees

Tom O'Dell, collections and natural areas specialist at the Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor, will talk about "Native Alternatives to Invasive Trees and Shrubs," from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Costick Center, 28600 West 11 Mile, in Farm-

ington Hills. The seminar also will feature a case history of native plant restoration at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, presented by Ashlie Simons, nature center supervisor, and Randy Lovett, supervisor of parks, Farmington Hills. Attendees will receive a packet of information and suggestions for "next steps" in their home landscape projects. The seminar is free, but advance registration is requested. Call Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority at (248)

288-5150 or e-mail to LFDean@aol.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Sandra Healy, Advanced Master Gardener from Earthenjoy Flower Scaping, will talk about garden design at the next meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. E-mail to sprakay@sbcglobal.net

Gardening seminars

The Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne County will present four seminars for the gardening public, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28, in the Wayne County Extension Office auditorium, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, Wayne. Cost is \$10 per session or \$30 for all if registered in advance. For more information visit mgwcc.org. To register, e-mail mgwccorg@gmail.com or call (313) 719-1181.

Master gardeners will teach each session:

- All About Herbs kicks off the series on Feb. 7. Learn how to choose plant and harvest herbs for culinary and other uses culinary and other uses. Taught by Pat Mann herb specialist from the Greenfield Village Herb Associates.

Roller derby league offers training program

Detroit Derby Girls, Michigan's female roller derby league, will hold its third annual Derby! U program to train prospective players from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 11 and 12 at Masonic Temple in Detroit.

The two-day program costs \$50 and is open to any women interested in attending the June try-out for the league. No skating experience is required, but attendance at Derby! U is required to try-out.

Guest lectures from Robb Dunn, USA Roller Sports Speed Skating and Detroit Derby Girls Coach, will compliment the hands-on lessons from Detroit Derby Girls All-Stars Travel Team skaters. Attendees must provide their own basic equipment, including skates, helmet, mouth guard, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards. A limited amount of skate equipment will be available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Masonic Temple Drill Hall is home to Detroit Derby Girls' bouts, but teams practice in Livonia.

For more information or to register, e-mail the Detroit Derby Girls' human resources department at hr@detroitderbygirls.com. Visit the league's Web site at www.detroitderbygirls.com.

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January

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.

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 9:30-1 p.m. Sunday, 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

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29
Location: St. Michael the Archangel School, 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Student-led tours, meet the staff, share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's offers half or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum that includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 226; www.livoniastmichael.org

February

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

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Time/Date: Dinner, 6 p.m. Feb. 18; Eucharist, 10 a.m. Feb. 19
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The dinner, held at the Summit in Canton, will include, a video presentation, music, gift drawings, and a ticket for a chance to win a centennial quilt and more. The ticket costs \$40 per person. Bishop Wendell Gibbs will attend the worship service on Feb. 19. The service will include

special music and banners created by members of the parish. A celebration reception will follow the service
Contact: (734) 453-0190

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

GLAZER INSTITUTE LECTURES

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Feb. 10
Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Rabbi Daniel B. Syme will talk about "Combating Bullying, Cruelty, Depression and Suicide Among Youth People - A Religious Imperative." Heather Irish, founder and director of The MINDS Program, a non-profit organization that educates teenagers about mental illnesses and suicide prevention, will continue the discussion at 10:45 a.m. after a brief intermission. Admission is free
Contact: (248) 851-1100, ext. 3149

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 and March 7, 14 and 21
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 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

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Time/Date: 6:30-7:45 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8
Location: South Redford Christian Church, 26505 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: The church's weekly children's program will present a Valentine's Day party. Children ages 3 years-5th grade may attend. The children will play games, worship, eat a sweet snack, and learn about God's love.
Contact: (313) 937-2050

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12
Location: Prentis Apartments, 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan is a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework. Judy Galperin will lead a Passover table runner workshop.
Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Feb. 10
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: Includes silent auction. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 4-11, and free for children 3 and under. Tickets available at door.
Contact: (734) 427-3660

VALENTINE DINNER

Time/Date: 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10
Location: Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, at West Chicago Road, in Livonia
Details: Full dinner; tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.
Contact: (734) 421-5406

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

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class

for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8
Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study
Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits of the past.
Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13
Location: Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Discussion-based study from the Gospel of Luke; preschool child care provided
Contact: (734) 427-8743

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs
Contact: (313) 563-0162

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ALLEN, LINDA SUE

Age 63, of Canton, passed away January 23, 2012. Loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

BALLENTINE, RUTH HELENE (nee Knade)

Beloved wife of David George, of Fayetteville, PA, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Menno Haven, Chambersburg, PA, on 26 January 2012. Born May 4, 1938 in Philadelphia, PA. Ruth was the daughter of Oscar W. Knade and Doris J. Utsch. Raised in Philadelphia, she lived in Warrington, PA and Farmington Hills, MI, before retiring to Fayetteville, PA in 1996. In lieu of flowers please direct donations to Otterbein church (801 Park Street, Waynesboro, PA. 17268) and/or the CVBCA (Cumberland Valley Breast Cancer Alliance, 1215 Prairie Dr., Chambersburg, PA. 17202) in memory of Ruth. Ruth's life celebrated helping others and she would also ask that others do something special for someone else in her honor. A memorial Service of Praise will be held at Otterbein Church of Waynesboro, PA, at 3:00pm on 29 January 2012, followed by a meal at the church. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Services are under the direction of Bowersox Funeral Home, Waynesboro, PA. Online condolences may be made at www.bowersoxfuneralhomes.com

BURMAN, JOSEPH R.

January 22, 2012, age 80. Served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of Jeanette. Dear father of Lynn Dowell and Joseph D. Burman. Grandfather of Joseph C. (Melana) Burman, Madeline Burman and David M. Burman. Brother of Shirley Burman, Loretta Allen, Nancy McGue and David Burman. Services were held Wednesday. Contributions suggested to St. John's Musical Ministry, The Michigan Humane Society or charity of your choice.



CARROLL, LYNNE MARIE

Age 46, of Traverse City, formerly of Seattle, Washington, died Sunday, January 22, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was born May 18, 1965 in Pontiac, Michigan to John and Peggy L. (Bauervic) Carroll. She graduated from Marian High School in Birmingham, Class of 1983. Lynne graduated from Southern Methodist University with her Bachelors degree and the University of Phoenix with her Masters. Lynne worked in the banking industry. She enjoyed cooking, pets, gardening, flowers and skiing. She was a very artistic person. She is preceded in death by her father - John Carroll who died in 2011. She is survived by her mother - Peggy (Chuck) Maitland of South Haven, Michigan. One brother - Jeffery Carroll of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and one sister - Jane (Jose) Peruyero of Ridgewood, New Jersey. Two nephews. Visitation was held Thursday, January 26 at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home. Funeral services were Friday at St. Basil Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to South Haven's Hospice at Home, 05055 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, MI 49090. Burial will take place at Lakeview Cemetery. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com 269-637-0333

DILLAHA, MARY FRANCES

Age 87, of Mt. Juliet, TN, formerly of Gallatin, TN, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Funeral service was Saturday, January 28th, at 1:00 p.m. from the Chapel of Alexander Funeral Home, with Brother Jerry Peace officiating. Burial will follow in Crestview Memorial Park, with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation was Friday, January 27th 2:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m. until time of service. She was born in Sumner County, daughter of the late Mary Julia and John B. Collins. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Delton Dillaha, son, Daniel Dillaha, granddaughter Billie Jayne and siblings, Gladys, Eleanor, Ruth, Mabel, Irene, Hazel, Harold, Leonard, Bill and Ry. She is survived by her children, Larry Dillaha of Mt. Juliet, James Dillaha and wife Janice of Gulf Breeze, FL, Kenneth Dillaha of Garden City, MI, Jane Ryder and husband Dave of Gallatin, grandchildren, Khara, Naomi, Emily, Andrew, Nathan, Jesse, Brooke, Jason, Samantha, Corey, Carrie, Tracey, Jody, Melissa, Jamie, Ryan, Janess, Jessica, Bradley and Danny, Jr. Online condolences may be submitted at: alexanderfh.info

DONNELLY, BRIAN F.

Age 61, of Kalkaska County, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 4, 2012. He was born in Plymouth to the late Mac J. and Elizabeth Anne (DeWaele) Donnelly. Brian graduated from Plymouth High School and the University of Michigan Law School. Brian is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Rathann; his dear siblings, Kathleen Martin of Troy, Mary (Hal) Smith of Overland Park, Kansas, Tom Donnelly of Canton, and Elizabeth (Dick) Barker of Plymouth; his sister-in-law, Margie Thornton of Williamston; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Mac Donnelly, Jr., who was killed in the line of duty during a bank robbery in Lansing making him the first Lansing police officer to die in the line of duty; and his sister Gail Drouillard. Memorials may be given to the VASA Trail Organization, 415 South Union Street, Traverse City, MI 49684-2536. Condolences may be left on-line at: www.wolfoneill.com

HOGG, JOYCE EVELYN

Age 88, of Salem Township, Michigan, died January 25, 2012. Born January 29, 1923 in Friedenstahl, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to the Reverend William Allen and Joyce Oehler Allen. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Marie Lancaster and brothers Theodore Allen and Reginald Allen. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, William Finlay Hogg Sr. and her four children, Joyce Diane (James) Grace, William Finlay (Nancy) Hogg Jr., John Earle Hogg and David Richard (Judy) Hogg. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren and four great-granddaughters. Evelyn was a devoted wife and mother who loved antiquing, reading, gardening and her many pets. She will be remembered for her years as a Sunday school teacher of four year olds at Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, MI, where she also enjoyed her fellowship with her Jet Set senior group. Visitation will be held Monday from 10am until time of the funeral service at 1pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, with Pastor John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be held at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, MI. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



NORRIS, PATRICK (PAT) JOSEPH MICHAEL

66, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2012 at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL after a brief illness. Pat was a resident of Ponte Vedra, FL. He was born in Detroit, MI on March 20, 1945 to Noelia and Robert Norris, who preceded him in death along with his brother, Robert T. Norris. He is survived by his wife and friend, Charlotte Buckley Norris; sons Patrick J. (P.J.) Norris Jr. of LaGrange, Ohio, and Brian W. (Angi) Norris, and grandchildren Alyssa and Jacob of St. Charles, Illinois; sister Mary (John) Lockwood of Plymouth, Michigan; Aunt Virginia Myles and family; sister-in-law (Mary Ann); nieces Cathy, Teresa and Patty; and nephew Robert. In addition, Pat leaves behind his extended family, the Buckeys: brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews, great-niece, and great-nephews whom he loved and enjoyed in life; and his true companion, 'The Colonel', and numerous friends across the country. Pat was retired, having spent his career in sales, most recently with Xerox in Columbus and Boston. Prior to that, he worked and lived for several years in Caldwell, Ohio where he raised his sons. Pat was a graduate of Caldwell High School where he first met his wife, Charlotte. In Caldwell, Pat was a member of the St. Stephen's Catholic Church. He enjoyed traveling (particularly to Italy with Charlotte), cooking, football, golf, working with children and the elderly, and rooting on the Running Redskins of Caldwell High School. Memorial services will be held in both the Detroit area and in Caldwell (dates TBD). The family has established a memorial charitable contribution fund in the name of Pat Norris (in lieu of gifts, flowers, etc.) with the American Heart Association. To donate to his memorial fund, please call 800-242-8721, go to http://honor.americanheart.org/site/TR?pxfid=235527&pg=fund&fr_id=1030, or www.heart.org/giving/donate now/memorial gift/Pat Norris - Heart of gold. St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory of St. Augustine, FL is handling the arrangements.

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MAXTED,

GEORGE ALLISTER

July 21, 1920-January 13, 2012. George Maxted passed away at age 91, from natural causes at the Bentley Village Care Center in Naples, Florida. Born in Western Springs, Illinois, he was the youngest of three children of Evaline Ruth Horner and Frederick John Maxted. Preceding him in death were his brother Frederick and sister Marilyn Higgins Olmstead ("Perky"). In the late 1930's the family moved to Greenwich, CT where George finished high school. He spent a year at Brown University, took a year off to care for his mother, and then finished college at Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, receiving a Bachelor's Degree. While in Greenwich, he also worked at the Riverside Yacht Club, where his interest and skill in sailing developed. He was a member of Sea Scouts. Mr. Maxted is a combat veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific from 1943 to 1946 on the PC1231 and the DE449 (destroyer escort USS Hanna) as Lieutenant and Commander. He came home, married Shirley Hoyt Scott in 1949, and moved to Birmingham, MI where they had four children. Shirley passed away in 1965. He remarried in 1968, to Jane Cole Brown who survives him and lives in Naples, FL, where they moved in 1992. He was a 36-year employee of the Fram Corporation, retiring in 1985 as District Manager, Southeast Michigan. In addition to his wife, Jane, he is survived by his four children: Dodie (John Logsdon) Maxted, McGrady, NC, George Horner (Beth) Maxted, MD, Little Compton, RI, John (Kathy) Maxted, North Palm Beach, FL, and Ellen Maxted Gill, Los Angeles, CA. He is also survived by his two step-children, Malcolm (Ann VanderLaan) Brown, Bloomfield Hills, MI and Gail Brown Chapman, Oxnard, CA, along with twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. George A. Maxted was a man of strong character, honesty and diligence. He always had a project around the home, and especially enjoyed woodwork. He was a life-long golfer, faithfully attending such courses as Twin Beach in Michigan, and Bears Paw in Naples, FL. He really liked being around his family. A service for Mr. Maxted will be held on May 27, 2012 at 10am at the First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, MI with burial immediately following in Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send your remembrance in his name to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105



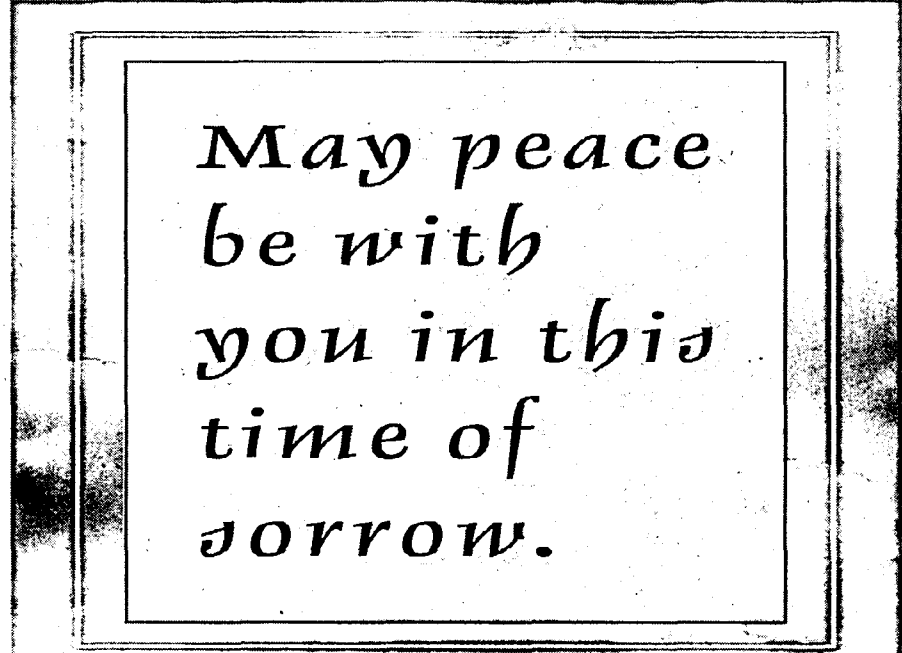
GRADY, SAMUEL

Age 91, passed away peacefully Monday, January 23, 2012 at Waltonwood Assisted Living in Canton. He was born December 26, 1920 in Union City, Tennessee to Samuel M. and Evie (Hayes) Grady. On October 28, 1939, he married Opal Caksackkar and she preceded him in death in 2005. He is survived by two daughters Laverne (Conrad) Henry of Milan and Sue (Clyde) Truesdell of Pickford, two daughters in-law Sharon Grady of Loveland, CO and Susan Grady of Canton, ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and sister in-law Vivian Caksackkar. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Ralph in 1996 and Bill in 2011. A funeral service was held on Friday at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home in Milan with burial at Marble Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. www.ochalekstark.com



HALE, AGNES 'BABE'

Age 88, January 22, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Barbara (Craig) Duncan, Sandy (the late Mike) Ellinger and the late Thomas (Sharon). Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two. Memorial visitation Friday, January 27th, 2pm-4pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to American Heart Association or the charity of your choice. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



Milestones



Klebba-Moulann

Erin Klebba and Mark Moulann announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Paul and Sue Klebba of Livonia, graduated in 2002 from Churchill High School. She earned a BS degree in 2006 and a PharmD degree in 2010, both from the University of Michigan. She is employed as a pharmacist in Seattle, Wash. Her fiancé, son of Wes and Antonia Moulann of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Churchill High School. He earned a BS degree in 2005 and a master's of mechanical engineering in 2007, both from Michigan State University. He is employed by Boeing in Seattle, Wash. A May 2012 wedding is planned in Northville.



Savastano-Young

Steven and Elizabeth Savastano of Plymouth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Bryan Michael Young, son of Michael and Dr. Kathryn Young of Canton. Angela is a 2003 graduate of Canton High and a 2009 dean's list graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in science. She will continue her studies at Oakland University in the nurse anesthetist program this fall. She currently works as a registered nurse in the surgical ICU department at the Detroit Medical Center. Bryan, a 2003 graduate of Salem High, studied business at Eastern Michigan University while also playing for their hockey team. He currently owns Niche Marketing, I AM DETROIT Clothing Co., and Legends Barbershop in Westland. A July 2012 wedding is being planned at Holy Family Church in Detroit, with a reception at The Italian American Club of Livonia followed by a honeymoon in the Caribbean. They plan to make their home in Plymouth.



VEASEY, JOSEPHINE

January 23, 2012. Age 84 of Livonia. Loving wife of the late Clyde. Beloved mother of Tom (Lisa) and the late Brian (Suzanne). Proud grandmother of Elaina, Evan, Bret (Cristina) and Kyle. The Funeral Service was held on Thursday at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ZAHARA, IRENE

Age 90, passed peacefully on Monday, January 23, 2012 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Michigan. Irene was born in Detroit, MI in 1922, lifelong resident of Livonia since 1951. She retired from the City of Livonia Clerk's office in 1989. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, the late Michael T. Zahara. Survived by her children Sharon Zahara-Flack, Michael Zahara (Denise Missale), Robert Zahara, Loreen Zahara. Grandchildren Ryan Flack (Jennifer Armbruster), Michael Zahara, Steven Zahara, and Alexann Zahara. Great-granddaughter Madyson Flack. Visitation was held Thursday, Rosary at 7 p.m. at Harry J Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation was held Friday at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia, until Mass at 11a.m. Tribute donations can be made to the St. Jude Children's research Hospital: www.stjude.org/tributes



Howery-Padilla-Altamirano

Darlene Howery and Jorge Padilla-Altamirano announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Doris Howery of Livonia and Terrence Howery of Salem Township, graduated in 1996 from Stevenson High School in Livonia. She is currently employed with Bank of America Corp., in Swedesboro, N.J. Her fiancé, son of Maria Teresa Altamirano-Leyva of Puebla, Mexico, and the late Alfonso Padilla-Soto, earned a bachelor's degree in electronic engineering from the Instituto Tecnológico de Puebla. He currently works as a computer repair technician on weekdays and a photographer/videographer on weekends. A June 2012 wedding is planned at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Swedesboro, N.J.



Augustyn-Pavlich

Lauren Marisa Augustyn and Ben Pavlich announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Ken and Rita Augustyn of Plymouth, attended Michigan State University and Thomas Cooley Law School. She is a trust administrator for J.P. Morgan. Her fiancé, son of Scott and Kathy Pavlich of Cheboygan, attended Michigan State University and is a structural engineer for Rocky Structures. An August 2012 wedding is planned at Henry Ford Museum.

Study urges booster seat use when carpooling

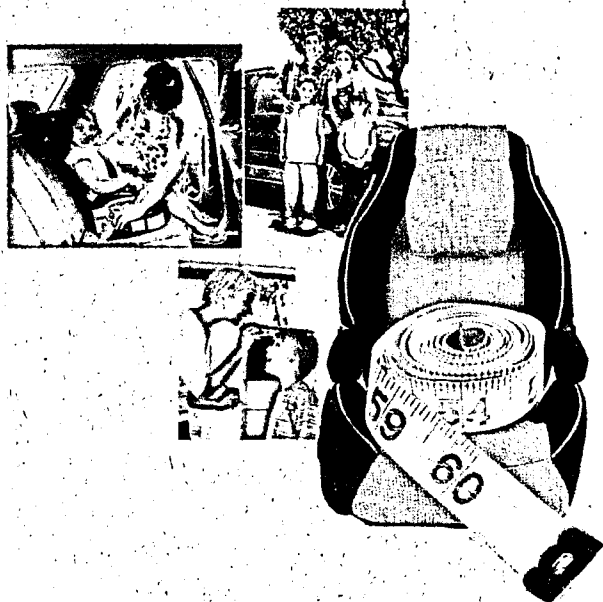
Many parents are more relaxed about booster seat use when carpooling, according to a study conducted by the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

According to the study, most parents report that they typically require their child to use a life-saving booster seat, but more than 30 percent say they don't enforce this rule when their child is riding with another driver.

"The majority of parents reported that their children between the ages of 4 and 8 use a safety seat when riding in the family car," said Dr. Michelle Macy, a clinical lecturer of emergency medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and a pediatrician at U-M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. "However, it's alarming to know that close to 70 percent of parents carpool, and when they do, they're often failing to use life-saving booster seats."

Researchers say they believe practical barriers, including limited vehicle space and difficulties making arrangements with other drivers, lead parents to abandon safety seats when carpooling.

Most state laws require children to use a booster seat, many until children are 8 years old. National recommendations encourage the use of booster seats until a child



reaches 57 inches, which is the average height of an 11-year-old child.

Placing a youngster in an adult seat belt prematurely can cause shoulder and lap belts to fit improperly, negating the life-saving benefits of seatbelts.

"Therefore, parents who do not consistently use booster seats for kids who are shorter than 57 inches tall are placing children at greater risk of injury," Macy said. "Parents need to understand the importance of using a booster seat for every child who does not fit properly in an adult seat belt on every trip."

Study authors suggest that social norms may be set by state booster seat laws, because parents are motivated to follow guidelines set by law.

State booster seat laws were associated with higher safety seat use, regardless of carpooling, even though half of parents surveyed admit to not knowing the age cited in their state booster seat law and another 20 percent guessed incorrectly.

"According to current recommendations most children should be using booster seats beyond the age cited in state laws. As many parents may not even be aware of current booster seat recommendations, pediatricians should make it a priority to share this vital information with them," Macy noted.

Michigan law requires children ages 8 and under who are less than 4'9" in height to be secured in a child restraint system.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

February

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

• National Go Red Day: Women's Heart Health Forum features cardiologist Dr. Karen Wiarda, and an interactive Polynesian aerobics class, along with prize drawings, giveaways and lunch, 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, Feb. 3 at the Garden City Hospital, Medical Office Building, Lower Level Classrooms, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All events are free. Heart risk assessments will be offered on site. Seating is limited. Call (734) 458-3248 for reservations.

• Healthy Hearts 101 celebrates American Heart Month. Cardiologist Nizam Habhab will discuss heart health at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Village of Redford, 25300 Six Mile Road. An exercise physiologist will be on hand to teach simple exercise techniques that can easily be done at home or in the office. A heart healthy dinner will be served. All events are free. Heart risk assessments will be offered on site. Seating is limited. Call (734) 458-3248 for reservations.

• Heart Walk 2012 celebrates American Heart Month, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 25 at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Dress in comfortable clothing and bring all your heart-related questions for a panel of experts. A hospital pharmacist will be on hand to answer medication questions; free health screening on site; and Pulse EMS will be on hand for support. All events are free. Heart risk assessments will be offered on site. Call (734) 458-3248 to reserve.

• Get Up and Move, an invigorating exercise program, aims to help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or get you started for the first time. It meets

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• Eating Disorders Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the hospital. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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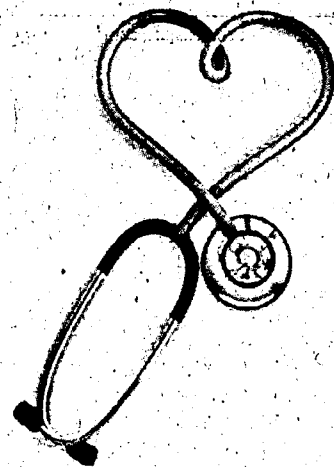
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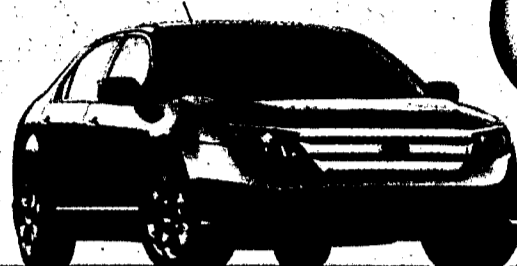
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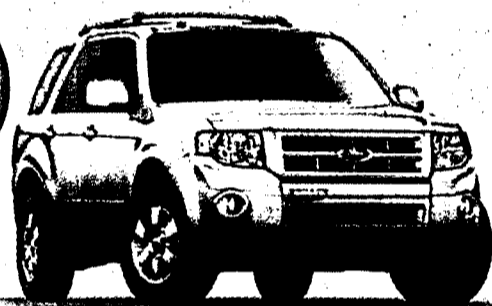
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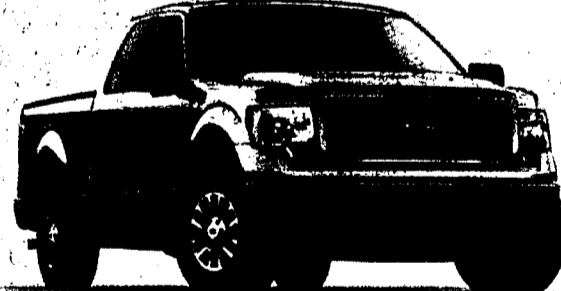
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2012 WILL BE ANOTHER BIG YEAR IN RISE OF CROSSOVERS

By Dale Buss

"Crossover" utility vehicles have steadily and inexorably taken over the key marketplace position previously occupied by SUVs. Smaller, lighter, with a more integral underlying structure - and therefore nimbler and more fuel-efficient - a stable of CUVs has joined small sedans and pickup trucks as the true indicator of a full-line auto manufacturer in the U.S. market.

Here's a look at some of the most interesting and important new CUVs and SUVs slated to debut during the 2012 calendar year as well as some new 2012 models that debuted in late 2011:

The all-new, 2013 Ford Escape will be a spring replacement for one of the most enduring SUV nameplates

in the industry. Even as the previous version of Escape was preparing to make way for quite a different new one, last year Ford sold more than 254,000 of the 2011 version, up a whopping 33 percent from the previous year - demonstrating remarkable consumer demand for a decade-old model.

The new Escape demonstrates the most significant redesign of the nameplate in its history. In its sleekest configuration yet, the new Escape sports a roof that curves down slightly, triangular tail lights and other touches very different from its boxy and conservative predecessor - overall, producing 10 percent less drag.

The SUV's new version will feature all-new powertrains: three fuel-efficient four-cylinder options, including the new 1.6- and 2.0-liter EcoBoost engines, the smallest of which is expected to deliver more than 31mpg on the highway.

Escape also boasts amenities



Ford continues the legacy of Escape with the 2013 model.

such as a parking-technology package that bundles a blind-spot warning system, rain-sensing wipers, front and rear parking sensors, a backup camera and Ford's self-parking system. Most unusually, the 2013 Escape offers a "kick-to-open" power liftgate: Owners with their hands occupied simply wave a foot beneath the rear bumper, and sensors tell the liftgate to open or close.

Another significant new SUV for 2012 is the 2013 Nissan Pathfinder. Pathfinder is one of the best-known nameplates in the Nissan lineup, but sales have fallen off significantly over the last several years.

The new Pathfinder, which goes on sale in the fall, is built on a car platform like an SUV, ditching the truck platform that supported previous versions. That makes for a lighter and more fuel-efficient vehicle, promising a 25-percent increase in fuel economy versus the current model, to around 21mpg in combined city and highway

driving.

A concept version of the new Pathfinder displayed at the North American International Auto Show featured a V6 engine with continuously variable transmission and all-wheel drive. A more fuel-efficient, front-wheel-drive version also will be available.

Few would identify the CR-V as America's best-selling SUV, but that's exactly what the smallish Honda model has been. For that reason, Honda's late-2011 launch of a completely redesigned, 2012 Honda CR-V will be an important entry in the segment as the new year unfolds.

For most of 2011, Honda had a difficult time, of course, supplying the U.S. market with the previous version of the vehicle. The company was able to restore its supply chain nearly completely in time to introduce the new CR-V and believes it is poised for a big

sales year in 2012.

Typical of Honda, the "new" CR-V really represents an evolution, albeit a significant one, of the previous model. Motor Trend characterizes the new version as a careful redesign that "is about 10 percent better" than the old one in every way. The ride is softer and smoother, for instance, and a new electric power-steering system is said to match the old hydraulic unit's road feel and directness.

Actually, the biggest change in the 2012 CR-V and last year's version may be in the styling, which includes a more raked windshield and a completely new tail.

Set to be unveiled at the New York International Auto Show in March, the 2013 Hyundai Santa Fe is expected to be launched by the end of 2012. It is expected to represent a significant overhaul of a vehicle that was last reconfigured for 2010, including a slightly larger overall size and an interior and exterior recast in Hyundai's evolving design language.

Mazda unveiled its 2013 Mazda CX-5 at the Detroit auto show. Expected to go on sale in the spring, the new CX-5 will boast segment-leading fuel economy of 35mpg on the highway, 26 in the city and 29 in combined driving. Cast in an eye-catching new design with scalloped sides and a new grille, the CX-5 will showcase Mazda's pioneering suite of new drivetrain and weight-saving techniques, called Skyactiv as a package.



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