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District to offer schools of choice for pilot TAG program

By Sue Mason
 Observer Staff Writer

Just four days after the school board approved a talented and gifted pilot program, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools has announced that it will accept nonresident schools of choice applications for the 2013-14 school year.

The pilot program to be offered at the elementary level for sixth-grade at Walker-Winter Element-

ary School in Canton and Adams and Marshall Upper Elementary Schools in Westland with limited space available for nonresident students who are residents of Wayne County.

The district will accept the applications, nomination forms and parent inventory forms Friday, Dec. 14, through Friday, Feb. 1. Prospective students will qualify after being tested between Dec. 14 and March 1 and notified during May 2013.

The board voted 7-0 to approve the program.

"Our goal is to have one classroom at each grade level, it's a great opportunity to offer this to our students and those who live outside the district," said Paul Sallah, deputy superintendent for instruction. "It makes sense to offer a program that students can't get in another district."

Wayne-Westland teachers and administrators have spent almost a year put the program together.

According to Sallah, the group extended a lot of energy and time and did research, with an emphasis on best practices. One component will be the testing which will look for a students' high level of ability, creativity and task commitment to identify them as talented and gifted.

"Our obligation is to remain competitive in a difficult day and age," said Sallah. "We have to

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'Be Proud' workshop

Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center is hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, south of Palmer, Westland.

The workshop is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program that is fun and interactive for youth ages 12-18. All participants will receive a free snack in the morning, a free lunch and prizes.

For more information, call (734) 467-7904.



Santa gives third-grader Trenton Mielke of Plymouth a coloring book during his visit to the St. Nick Feast at St. Damian School in Westland.

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St. Damian students share the holiday spirit

By Sue Mason
 Observer Staff Writer

The sounds of the Christmas season filled the multiple purpose room at St. Damian School in Westland Friday as students, staff and even Santa Claus gathered for a St. Nick Feast.

The get-together included a turkey and ham meal, an ornament exchange and a chance to chat with the Big Guy.

"This is wonderful to see the community come together like this," said the Rev. Jim Lopez, associate pastor, who joined in the festivities. "We're not a big school, but look at what we're able to teach one another."

The students have been "giving back and giving support to the community," according to Kelly DeLaRosa. The honor society has been conducting a food drive. There's also a giving tree filled with hats and mittens and "our first- and third-grade students recently went to Gleaners food bank to help package lunches for other children to take home so that they may have something to eat over



First-graders Andy Toloday and Leah Katers, both of Livonia, wait for the potatoes to be put on their plates.

the weekend," she said. "The kids were asked to donate things they like for the food drive," said DeLaRosa. "It's good to learn to give back at a young age."

The dinner was prepared by parents who cooked up six tur-

keys and five hams and made mashed potatoes and gravy, corn dressing, apple sauce and cookies for the crowd. "I'm glad to see everything steaming," said Denise McGee

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2 charged in August shooting at Wayne bar

By LeAnne Rogers
 Observer Staff Writer

Two men are facing multiple felony charges stemming from an August shooting at a Wayne bar that injured one patron.

Devon Davis, 21, of Lansing and his cousin Nathaniel Davis, 23, of Melvindale, have both been charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and two counts of felonious assault. Devon Davis is also charged with felony firearm.

"We're very happy to have made the arrests. We worked on this for a long time," said Wayne Police Detective Kevin Schmidtke. "This was a big priority for us."

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Rezoning will turn eyesore into retail center

By LeAnne Rogers
 Observer Staff Writer

Bruce Thompson has worked for the City of Westland for nearly 18 years and for that entire time the former gas station on Warren Road has been vacant.

"Every year it was an eyesore. We thought something would happen there," said Thompson, Westland's director of planning and building.

Now the property, on the north side of Warren Road east of Middlebelt, is actually being cleaned up and redeveloped for new retail use. The council recently approved a rezoning of the property from commercial business 4, which specifically allows gas sta-

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The William P. Faust Public Library is offering an evening of musical cheer via the delightful interplay between marimbas that is Musica Batteria (a marimba is like a xylophone) at 7 p.m. Dec. 18. The concert will be in us in the Faust Area of the library. There's no charge.

The library is on Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Kids Night Out

Do some last minute shopping and drop the kids off at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

Have your kids bring a bathing suit, towel and lots of energy. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, games, pizza and pop. Resident cost is \$13, non-resident is \$16. For more information, call (734) 728-2900.

Blood Drive

The William P. Faust Public Library will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 20. To make an appointment, log onto www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: wplccp or call 800-RED-CROSS.

Hurricane Sandy has affected all blood banks so there is a high demand

for donors. Everyone who donates in December is eligible to win a \$500 VISA gift card from the Red Cross. Individuals age 17 or over (age 16 with permission slip) can donate.

The library is on Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Christmas Party

Tickets are on sale for the Wayne Golden Hour Christmas Party Golden Hour Christmas Party which will start at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

There will be a punch reception, followed by lunch at noon.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Wayne Community Center. For more information, call (734) 728-2900.

Community Center

Wayne Community is offering a lock-in visit for families this winter. Pay \$5 per visit per family and enjoy your choice of swimming, ice skating or using the indoor track. A visit is good for 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday and 3:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the center, located at Annapolis and Howe. The offer is valid now through March 31.

The center also is offer-

ing winter walker/skating/swim passes. Get 30 visits to use the track, go to open skate or open swim. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. The visits are good now through March 31st.

For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information please call Luddie at (734) 414-0034 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or visit westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org/.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post 251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.



Parents prepared the food and then worked the buffet line, serving it to St. Damian students.

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of Westland, who was in the kitchen with Susan Wiska of Westland waiting to replenish the food trays at a moment's notice.

"We'll soon find out if we made enough food. Some folks came in the night before to do the set-up."

"We have a plan, we're on top of it," added Wiska. "The food's sorted and in the ovens, we're ready to go."

Wiska volunteers at St. Damian quite a bit. Her granddaughter, Hailey Petty, is an eighth-grader at the school.

"I'm here a lot, I enjoy it," she said.

Students had the option of eating the hot lunch or bringing their own. Hai-



Fr. Jim Lopez, associate pastor at St. Damiah, was among the guests who attended the feast. He brought a friend, his dog Romeo.

ley did the latter and sat at a table with classmates, looking over a gift from "Jacob" that she received in the random ornament exchange. The ornament was the word snow and had bells on it. Every one of St. Damian's 112 students

received an ornament in the exchange. Some were handmade, some were bought. Some were plain and some decorated.

"I'm definitely going to put this on our tree," she said.

Youngsters also lined up to share their requests with Santa Claus who gave each child a coloring book.

"It's nice they were able to share," said Lopez. "It's a privilege to be able to come in and spend time with the kids and to thank the parents. We appreciate all they do for our kids and our school."

"We're a small school, the only Catholic school in Westland," added DeLaRosa. "The students do a good job in sharing."

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compete and that means surpassing those around us. In education, the typical classroom doesn't meet the needs of gifted students."

The program is open to both Wayne-Westland and schools of choice students. Wayne-Westland students in kindergarten through fourth grade who are accepted into the program will be transferred to Walker-Winter and will receive transportation to the Canton school.

Sallah stressed that Wayne-Westland TAG students "will be serviced first and foremost."

Students who sign up for the program will be identified as a number during the selection process.

Their forms will be reviewed by the committee which will have no knowledge of who they are. Students who are not identified as talented and gifted one year, can be identified during another school year, Sallah said.

"Because a student isn't identified K-6 doesn't mean they can't take advanced programs at the middle school and high school levels," Sallah said.

"This program is excellent on multiple levels," said school board Trustee Thomas Buckalew.

"There's so much to like about this selection process. I wish success with this, it's going to be beneficial for our kids."

Outgoing board Secretary Cindy Schofield, a longtime champion of a talented and gifted program, was "excited" about the new program.

"It's the missing piece

we've needed," she said. "When I joined the board 12 1/2 years ago, TAG was something I cared about deeply. I'm very excited to see this come to the board tonight and see it become a reality."

Applications are available to download on the district's website at www.sd.net/icsoc-tag/. Click on the Intra-County Schools of Choice application for Talented and Gifted link under Resources. Questions and Answers related to the TAG program can also be found on the same page.

For more information, contact Wayne-Westland Community Schools at (734) 419-2083, or in the Instruction Department at its administrative offices at 36745 Marquette, Westland.

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The incident occurred at about 1 a.m. on Aug. 19 at the U.S. 12 Bar and Grill, 34824 Michigan Ave. The shooting came after a fight in the bar.

"There was a big melee with at least 20 people fighting," said Schmidtke.

Some people were ejected from the bar, then shots were fired from outside into the bar. An Ypsilanti man, who

Schmidtke said was not involved in the fight, was shot in the upper body.

"The victim is still unable to work. He has a long road ahead of him. He was real lucky (to survive)," said Schmidtke.

The night of the shooting the suspects had fled before police arrived.

"We investigated talking to witnesses. We did a lot of interviews and looked at surveillance video," said Schmidtke. "We recovered the gun." As indicated by the fel-

ony firearm charge, Devon Davis is charged with firing shots into the bar. The charges against Nathaniel Davis are that he assaulted people with a blunt object.

Both defendants have been arraigned in Wayne 29th District Court and not guilty pleas were entered. Both are free on bond.

A preliminary examination for the pair has been set for Tuesday, Dec. 18.

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tions, to commercial business 3, which would allow a retail business.

The state had obtained ownership of the long-vacant property and it was subsequently acquired by Nawal Hmad.

"He actually got the state to use state funds

to pull the gas tank and remove the soil to remediate the site," said Thompson. "He didn't want to do a gas station. It will be a retail building — a small hardware store or a dollar store."

A fence which surrounded the property has removed and the building as been stripped down to the shell for renovation.

"We don't need the gas station. It has been

cleaned up for a productive reuse," said Thompson. "The rezoning was an easy decision for the council. It brings new use to a site that has been a eyesore for 20 years."

There is a lot of work being done on the building which takes time, but Thompson said he is hoping the new retail business will be open soon.

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Helping the Westland Veterans Association pack boxes sent to U.S. troops overseas are Greg Bajorek, president of Choice Insurance (from left), Connie Kincer, Pam Martin, Ken Mehl and Elaine Rokita.

Veterans Association packs it up for troops in Afghanistan

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

U.S. troops serving overseas will have a brighter Christmas, thanks to packages that sent out by the Westland Veterans Association.

Members of the organization gathered at Choice Insurance in Westland last week to assemble the 47 packages, including packages for several female soldiers. They are being sent to 21 individuals, in primarily Afghanistan and Japan for disbursement to troops.

"We've been doing this for four-five years, we try to do it twice a year," said Kenneth Mehl, association president. "It depends on how many addresses we get. This is the most we've ever had."

The boxes are filled with donations collected at Westland City Hall and the William P. Faust Public Library. The organization also received items from UAW Local 900 in Wayne. The boxes contain such items as snacks,

candy, cookies, personal hygiene items, socks and books.

There also were six boxes earmarked for working military dogs, filled with such things as treats. Those packages are being sent to two soldiers on the list who will then disperse them among soldiers who have working dogs, Mehl said.

"Meijer donated gift cards and we used them to buy the dog stuff," Mehl said.

The boxes were filled assembly-line style with the dog boxes getting done first. The declarations required to send the packages overseas were done last.

"It's time-consuming to fill out and you can't do it in advance," Mehl said. "One form is five-six pages."

Shipping was \$700 which the association paid for, but Mehl is hoping it will be reimbursed. It's happened in the past.

"Every time, someone comes through like UAW retirees or the Foundation

for American Veterans," he said. "We try and get it back in different ways."

Going forward, the organization will be scaling back on the packages to focus on the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland which will be constructed behind the William P. Faust Public Library. The group broke ground for the memorial on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

"We're working on obtaining retired military equipment right now, if we get a lead on something, we have to jump on it, we can't wait," Mehl said.

He added that people looking for gift ideas this holiday season can purchase a brick paver or make a donation to the memorial. For more information, call Mehl at (734) 335-7943.

One thing is certain about this shipment. According to Mehl, the boxes will make it to the troops by Christmas.

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Al's Market closing emotional for Haidous

By LeAnne Rogers
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Longtime Wayne business Al's Friendly Market has closed its doors.

No one was answering the telephone at the store but Mayor Al Haidous, who owns the building and operated the store for nearly 38 years, said it was in the process of shutting down.

"There is a lot of emotion and stress on me, I have special feelings and love for the neighborhood after all that time," said Haidous, who ran the store from 1974 until his retirement in 2008. "With all that time I ran the store with my wife, you become part of the

neighborhood."

Located on Howe at Annapolis, Haidous said the market was a convenience store offering beer, wine and novelties. Haidous maintained ownership of the building when the store operation was taken over by Bob Fomia in 2008.

"Bob operated it for four years, then sold it to the present guy," said Haidous. "He has a lot of family problems, personal problems, operational problems. I don't know a lot of details but the utilities were not paid. I just collect the rent on the new guy."

Fomia has taken control of the store, Haidous said, but doesn't plan

to reopen the store and there are no plans by either party to extend the current lease on the building when it expires in February.

"There are a lot of challenges with a mom and pop store. The economy didn't help the situation," said Haidous. "If I was 10 years younger, I'd roll up my sleeves and clear it up. When you're in your 70s, you can't do the 12-hour days."

It's a good location, Haidous said, adding he hopes someone will be interested in leasing the space when it's back on the market in February.

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Westland youth wins national pageant

Selia Rendon, a 9-year old honor student from Westland, went to Hollywood over Thanksgiving break and brought back the title of National American Miss Junior Pre-Teen 2012-13.

Selia is both the first Latina and first junior pre-teen from Michigan to win the title. Her prizes included \$5,000 cash, luggage, an assortment of jewelry, a photo shoot in Houston, Texas, and a trip back to California to crown her successor.

To reach the competition, Selia first competed at the Hyatt in Dearborn as a state finalist and beat out 142 girls to win the state title of National American Miss Michigan Junior Pre-Teen 2012.

The girls were judged on community service, an interview and on her per-



Selia Rendon, 9, of Westland (left) poses with Extra host Mario Lopez and other contestants in California.

sonal introduction. After winning here, Selia went to the national competition as part of her prize package, spent a day at Disneyland and in Hollywood.

During the trip, Selia was able to meet Mario Lopez and the whole cast

of Extra.

Selia has started her own foundation called Selia's Warmth which collects items, such as coats, blankets, scarves, socks and hats, to help keep people warm. She currently has boxes at Plymouth Scholars charter school where she is a student and has collected more than 500 items.

Selia also actively involved with other organizations, such as the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, Garden of Hope and the Salvation Army.

The daughter of Adrian and Monique Rendon, Selia has dreams of being on the Disney channel but if that doesn't happen she plans on using all of her winnings to help pay tuition to attend Stanford University.

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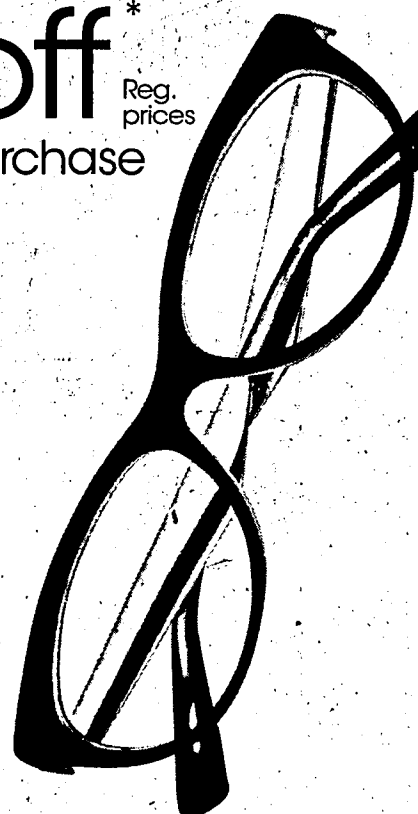
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Woman reports wallet taken at church service

Larceny

A resident in the 30000 block of Stewart Lane told police Dec. 3 that someone had stolen the central air conditioning unit from the rear yard.

The homeowner said that the unit is connected to his home security alarm but the alarm was shut off overnight when the theft occurred.

Vandalism

On Dec. 5, an Ypsilanti man told police his 2005 Honda Accord had been parked overnight outside a building at the Westland Colonial Village Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road. When he came out in the morning, he said all four tires had been slashed, resulting in \$500 damage.

Vehicles stolen

• A 1986 Porsche 944 was reported stolen from a home in the 400 block of Barchester Dec. 3. The owner told police he had parked on the street about 12:30 a.m. and the vehicle was gone at 8 a.m.

• On Dec. 3, a resident of an apartment at 7460 Central told police that someone had stolen her 1998 Dodge Intrepid from the parking lot overnight. She said it had been left locked, was paid off and not insured for theft.

• A 2008 Dodge Caravan was reported stolen from a home in the 31000 block of Hiveley Dec. 9. The owner said she started the car and left it running unattend-

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ed to warm up when someone drove off with the van.

Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Cherry Hill told police Dec. 3 that someone had damaged the driver's side door handle and steering column/ignition on his 2003 Dodge Ram pickup truck.

Attempted larceny

Police were called to Dare to Dance, 2037 N. Marie, Dec. 3 after the owner noticed someone had cut the lock off a trailer parked behind the business. The lock was found under the trailer and minor damage was caused to the latch. She told police no valuables were stored in the trailer and nothing was missing.

Larceny

A Livonia woman told police Dec. 4 that someone had stolen her wallet while she was attending services at Wallace Street Baptist Church, 35345 Wallace, on Dec. 2. She said her purse and wallet were in a closed room during the services and she didn't notice the wallet, containing \$220, was missing until after she had left the church.

Vandalism

A resident in the 31000 block of Joy told police

Dec. 6 that someone had broken off a section of wrought iron fence on the north side of her home near the sidewalk. The fencing, approximately one foot by three feet, was valued at \$100.

Hit and run

On Dec. 7, a Garden City man told police that on Nov. 25 he was driving westbound in the curb lane of Van Born when his 2007 Nissan Altima was sideswiped by a Ford Fusion. He said his vehicle received damage to the driver's side front fender.

The other driver, described as a female with blonde hair, turned onto a side street, so he thought she was stopping. When he turned onto the side street, he said the other vehicle was gone.

The man told police he delayed making the police report as he hoped to locate the suspect vehicle in the neighborhood.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Redford man told police he had left his wallet on the center console of his 1999 Chevy Silverado Dec. 8 after using a drive-through. He said he had forgotten the wallet when he went into Kroger, 200 S. Merriman. The truck was unlocked and the wallet, containing an unspecified amount of cash, was gone when he returned.

By LeAnne Rogers

Man gets probation in fatal motorcycle crash

By LeAnne Rogers
 Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth man has avoided jail after pleading no contest to charges including driving drunk and killing a Garden City man.

Robert John Montgomery, 79, was sentenced to four years probation on Dec. 7 on charges of driving under the influence of liquor causing death and a second charge of causing serious injury while under the influence.

Other conditions of the probation are that Montgomery report monthly, pay fees and costs and undergo testing for alcohol use.

Gary West, 56, of Garden City was killed in the July 24 accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Park Drive. His wife, Susan, 54, was critically

injured in the accident.

Police said Montgomery had a .11 blood alcohol level at the hospital following the accident. The legal limit for drunk driving in Michigan is .08.

The accident happened just before 9:30 p.m. Police said the motorcycle ridden by the Garden City couple was southbound on Hines Drive. As the motorcycle approached Ann Arbor Trail, police said a four-door sedan traveling northbound attempted to make a left turn onto Ann Arbor Trail.

Police had four witnesses to the accident who saw Montgomery make a left turn in front of oncoming traffic, including the Wests on the motorcycle.

The motorcycle dropped to the pavement and

began sliding. Police said the motorcycle struck the turning vehicle, causing both rider and passenger to be ejected.

Susan West suffered injuries to her shoulders, legs, arms and multiple broken ribs in the accident. Unlike his wife, Gary West was not wearing a helmet when the crash occurred.

The couple, Garden City residents for 28 years and the parents of three adult children, were known to ride their motorcycle on Hines Drive regularly.

There had been no plea agreement made in connection with the no contest plea. Montgomery was sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margie Braxton.

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Man uses hammer to break into gas station

Break-in

A break-in was reported at the Gas-n-More, 32912 Cherry Hill, about 2:30 a.m. Dec. 6.

A video captured the image of a man using a hammer to break the front glass door and enter, but he failed to enter the counter area.

The police reported that the man then fled on foot on North Venoy.

The Dearborn police sent their K9 officer to track the suspect. The track ended on North Venoy Circle.

Two suspects were involved. The first suspect, who carried the hammer, wore gloves, a blue hoodie, dark colored pants and black with white shoes. The second suspect wore a blue hoodie, dark colored pants and black shoes and carried a black bag. He may have been wearing a mask.

The police also found an open window at the business.

Home invasion

An elderly woman who lives in the 6000 block of Middlebelt reported a theft of \$100 from her bedroom Dec. 7. The police found no signs of forced entry at her apartment. She said that she always locks her doors.

• A woman in the 30000 block of Elmwood reported that her son, who she has a personal protection order against, entered her garage without her permission Dec. 4.

Her daughter found him lying on the floor in the garage. When he saw her, he got up and fled westbound on Elmwood on his bike.

The woman found alcohol and clothing in the garage.

• A West Bloomfield woman reported that an

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unknown suspect used a rock to break the window of a side door in the 2800 block of Beechwood Dec. 8 and then entered the home. The thief then cut and removed some copper pipe from the home.

• A woman reported that after she left her purse unattended in the game room of Pandemonium, 1858 Middlebelt, on Dec. 7. It later turned up missing.

The purse was described as a black messenger bag. It contained her cell phone, wallet and credit cards. The police advised her to cancel the cards.

• A woman in the 6000 block of Sunset Drive came to the police station to report that on Dec. 10 someone entered her car and stole her Apple iPod that was inside.

She said that she fell asleep and when she awoke, she used her key fob to lock her car and then went back asleep. In the morning, she noticed search activity and found that her iPod was stolen.

• A woman in the 2000 block of Gilman reported that someone stole her paycheck stubs that were inside of her Ford 150 parked at her home on Dec. 7.

She told the police that she was concerned because the paycheck stubs had her Social Security number on them as well as other personal information.

She had left her vehicle unlocked.

• An employee at IPM, 5921 Middlebelt, reported the theft of several pieces of equipment on Dec. 4.

He said that he

didn't notice the missing equipment earlier because different pieces of equipment were used for different types of jobs.

Several thousand dollars worth of equipment were missing.

He said that the only people who had keys were his employees and those employees who work at Performance Peddler, a neighbor.

• A manager at the Oakwood Health Center, 29150 Ford, reported the petty cash envelope missing about noon Dec. 4. It wasn't found in its usual location and employees were questioned about it.

Retail fraud

Loss prevention investigators at the CVS store, 27436 Ford, reported to police that at 10 a.m. Dec. 7, a man failed to pay for a couple item when he left the store.

They observed him place two bottles of Delsyn cough syrup up his sleeve. He did pay for a can of tea he got out of the refrigerated case and for a pack of cigarettes.

When he didn't pay for the cough syrup, they stopped him outside of the door and ordered him to return to inside the store for questioning.

Property damage

A resident in the 28000 block of Sheridan came to the police station about 1:30 p.m. Dec. 5 to report damage to his 1865 Pontiac GTO.

He doesn't know when or where the damage occurred but he noticed the damage when he was pumping gas.

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By Sue Buck

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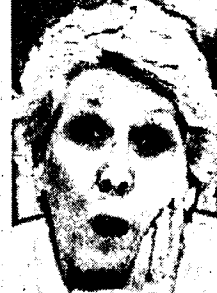
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Ray of hope: Vigil offers mourners chance to honor loved ones

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Leona McKinnon of Belleville spent much of the first couple of years after the 2006 murder of her son incapacitated, barely able to get out of bed and hanging on emotionally by the slimmest of threads.

But there she was Sunday, one of hundreds of mourners, friends and family gathered in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the 16th worldwide candlelight vigil hosted by the western Wayne County chapter of the Compassionate Friends to honor children who passed away too soon.

McKinnon said her son, Shawn Martin, was murdered while he slept in September 2006, and she's been unable to do much since.

"This is the first year I've been able to come ... I've been dying," McKinnon said. "My mental state is better. I'm never going to get over it, but I'm able to go on now. It's been a very, very long road ... (being here) lets



Sisters Kim and Julie LaPlante honor the memory of Julie's daughter Lauren LaPlante, who passed away six years ago.

me know I'm not alone." And that's the idea. Held annually the second Sunday in December, the vigil provides a chance for families who have suffered the tragic loss of a child to grieve and remember.

The Worldwide Candle Lighting is a way of uniting together to remember

all children around the world who have died too soon and to try to bring light out of darkness during this difficult time of the year.

Rhonda Temple of the Livonia-based Compassionate Friends chapter, who lost her 6-year-old daughter, Alyssa, to leukemia in 2006, called the

night "a healing event." "It helps people at

Christmastime to come together with others who've been through it," said Temple, who attended the event with husband Lee and sons Justin and Brandon. "It's a difficult time, and this helps people through that."

Kathy Rambo, who helps run the Compassionate Friends, lost her son, Jason, in a 2001 car accident.

"Seeing others who are farther along the grief journey helps those who are just starting realize they can get there, too," Rambo said.

Rambo's son's name was among more than 800 names read during the annual ritual, up from some 745 last year. Another was Matthew Wansor, who died in a motorcycle accident five years ago at the age of 21. Wansor's

sister, Melissa Moriarty of Northville, said she attends the vigil every year.

"It keeps his memory alive," said Moriarty, who attended Sunday's vigil with her husband, Chad. "It's something I feel I'm doing not only for him, but for myself. Hearing his name is still very emotional."

Laurie Layton of Ann Arbor joined Compassionate Friends after the death of her daughter, Courtney, eight months ago. This was her first candlelight vigil.

"It helped," she said afterward. "I got to light a candle for my daughter, and I know she sees it. It helps me celebrate a little bit in these sad times."


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Jennifer Lashbrook of Livonia finds the ornament dedicated to her son, Brad Lashbrook, on the Compassionate Friends Christmas tree in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Brad was killed in a car accident in 2010 on Eckles Road in Livonia.

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Volunteer Katie Kuhn of Livonia and Cadet Troop 20568 of Westland watches Noah Kaczmarek of Canton golf as dad Joe looks on.

Games, crafts, sing-along: Nankin Mills ushers in holiday with fest

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Dreary weather throughout the day didn't dampen the spirits of families who gathered at Nankin Mills Saturday for the 25th annual Family Holiday Fest and mill lighting, hosted by Wayne County Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills.

"I wanted to see the lights and this popped up on the Internet. I decided to bring the kids," said Amber Bishop of Plymouth, who was at the mill with her daughter, Alivia, son Jaxon and friend Sarah Due, also of Plymouth. "They had a lot to do, I didn't expect that."

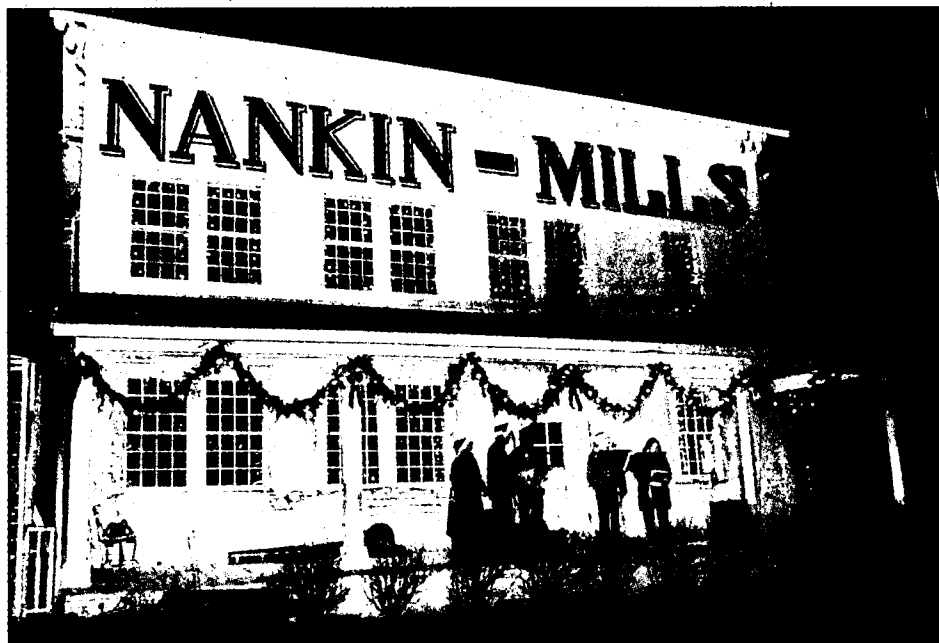
Her children also were excited to see Santa Claus who arrived to help flip the switch to light up the mill.

The Holiday Fest included crafts as well as games and a scavenger hunt that introduced youngsters and their families to the displays throughout the museum.

"The reason we do this is because we like to bring in people who might not come," said Denise Braun of the Friends group. "The youngsters search for candy canes and look over the displays. We hope they come out and do some fun things with their families and find all kinds of interesting things, so they'll want to come back."

The crafts and games lasted for just over an hour before participants gathered on the lawn of the mill for a Christmas sing-along. The Old Friends — Mike Chrisom, Helen Epskamp and Pat Grimes — led the crowd in singing such holiday favorites as Must Be Santa, Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and Deck the Halls.

Braun was pleased with



The Old Friends trio provided the music as families sang Christmas carols as part of the Family Fest and Mill Lighting at Nankin Mills Saturday.



Santa Claus visits with Wyatt Cope of Westland in Nankin Mills after help light the historic building for the holidays..



Volunteer Michael Rolder of Westland demonstrates how to make a paper angel.



Joslyn Talbert of Westland and a member of Girl Scout Cadet Troop 20568 was among young volunteers who helped with the activities at the Family Fest.

the crowd for the event. "We had a good turnout," she said.

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Roberta Pitts and granddaughter Hailey Marie Mieczkowski dance and sing along with the Old Friends band during the tree lighting ceremony.



Alivia Bishop of Plymouth is intent on making a snowman at the Family Fest.



Volunteer Jasmyrn Krupski of Canton and Cadet Troop 20568 Westland monitors the ring toss game.

Local theater stages a ghost of a good story

Filing the stage with ghosts, orphans, and redemption of the human soul, the Inspire School of Theatre Arts' will present Charles Dickens' holiday classic *A Christmas Carol*, this weekend.

The play, which opens Friday, is the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, the heartless miser who discovers the true meaning of the holiday season after a Christmas Eve haunting. The play features all of Charles Dickens' beloved characters: Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit and the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Future.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased online at inspire-theatre.com or at the door.

In its third year, Inspire School of Theatre Arts is the youth teaching arm of Inspire Theatre. Begun in 2005, Inspire Theatre has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, as well as many original productions.

As it grew, it became apparent that there was a need for a children's program. Out of that need, Inspire School for Theatre Arts was born. ISTA is an outreach to the community for local creative children to learn the elements of theatre. Past classes have presented *A Merry Christmas Charlie Brown*, *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*, plus two original productions, *The Wolf Chronicles* and *Enchanted Forest*. Students come from Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills and Redford. Inspire Theatre located



Students in the Inspire School of Theater Arts strike a pose as the prepare for this weekend's production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.



Jack Tolen of Livonia and Emily Proctor of Canton rehearse a scene from this weekend's production of *A Christmas Carol* at the Inspire Theater in Westland.

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Hot tech gifts priced right for holidays

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Having the some of the newest, best and coolest technologies under the tree this holiday season doesn't have to come at a premium price. From cameras to game systems and even the best smart-phones, there are plenty of tech gifts on sale for under \$100.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

Sony Cyber-Shot DSCW650 - For \$89 at participating ABC Warehouse retailers you can purchase this 16.1 megapixel digital camera featuring 720p HD video recording. Features include an automatic shot stabilizer, smile detection, 5x optical zoom and panorama shooting options. ABC Warehouse also offers accessories for point and shoot cameras and high zoom cameras such as bags, memory cards and tripods.

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MP3 Players - For the music lover on your list, how about an iPod shuffle or similarly sleek MP3 player? A 2GB Apple iPod shuffle retails for approximately \$29 while an 8GB Sandisk Sansa Fuze + is \$64.99. Other MP3 players can be found as low as \$14.99 at electronic retailers.

Cell phones - Upgrade a loved one's phone plan or treat yourself with a new smartphone. Verizon is currently offering a variety of holiday deals on popular phones such as the impressively, thin Droid Razr (\$99) or the Apple iPhone 4 which is free with a two-year agreement.

Samsung BDEM57C Smart Disc Blu-Ray Player - Enhance your movie watching experiences with this WI-FI enabled blu-ray player for \$69 at ABC Warehouse.

Computers and computer accessories - It is difficult to find a reputable laptop or tow-

er for under \$100 but a quality monitor could cost as little as \$99. ABC Warehouse has a current special on an 18.5 inch Samsung LED monitor for \$99. Online and other brick and mortar retailers will likely have similar deals on monitors. Wireless keyboards, optical mice, computer speakers, shredders and even web cams can be found for \$25 or less.

Vintage gaming systems - Video game resale shops and eBay have a plethora of old school units for sale. An original Nintendo (NES) with controllers, cords and popular games such as Super Mario Bros. can be purchased for about \$45 plus shipping.

A Super Nintendo bundle with controllers, cords and games can be found for about \$80-\$100 while a classic Sega Genesis unit from the early 90s can be bought for around \$70. Original Playstation units are for sale for as low as \$25 while Nintendo 64 systems are selling for about \$60.

Other gadgets - eBay is also a hot spot for vintage video games for all units and even current games for Playstation3, Nintendo Wii, WiiU, Xbox 360, Nintendo DS and Playstation Vita.

Other small gadgets - Digital picture frames are a popular item around the holidays. They can be purchased for as low as \$25 depending on the make and model. ABC Warehouse even sells a keychain with a digital picture frame for \$6.99.

Automatic start, car starter kits are a nice idea in the cold months. If you are handy and can install one yourself, consider buying one online. You can snag one for as low as \$70.

Then there are the holiday favorites such as remote control cars, electronic games and more. If you aren't sure what to buy, here's one last suggestion: an electronic version of Catchphrase (\$22.95 at Target). The game requires 3 AAA batteries but is suggested for ages 8 and up.

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Skill of working with people leads to audiology industry

Paul Beauch's start in the hearing aid industry stemmed from his natural skill of working well with people.

Beauch was a restaurant manager with Bob Evans in Toledo and customer who was a doctor of audiology was a patron there. The doctor noticed how well Beauch ran the restaurant and how he was always able to work well with folks and make them satisfied. The doctor thought this skill would be good for the audiology (hearing aid) industry.

Eventually the doctor was able to show Beauch an opportunity with Miracle Ear Hearing Centers with two openings in the Michigan markets of Dearborn and Ann Arbor. Beauch started with three employees and 16 years later, he has seven stores and 19 employees. This staff has more than 90 combined years of experience in the industry.

What Beauch likes most about his business and



Paul Beauch started with two Miracle Ear Hearing Centers in 1996 and now has seven locations and a staff of 19 employees.

the hearing aid industry is seeing people's faces light up when he helps them hear better. Some are literally moved to tears to hear little things like the sound of their zipper or a clock ticking that they haven't heard in years.

One of the challenges is just to get people to recognize they can't hear. Since hearing loss occurs gradually over time, it's

easy not to recognize. "On average a person suffers from diminished hearing for seven years before finally making that appointment and allowing us to evaluate them to see if we can help them," he said. "Patients often think people are mumbling or don't enunciate their words. They're always asking people to repeat themselves." Other signs of hear-

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ing loss are people thinking they heard different words than what was actually being said, have the TV up loud or think they have a poor phone connection.

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Brackney is a member of the Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a national nonprofit organization committed to helping prevent disease and improve the health of their communities. He will be offering complementary blood pressure testing, saliva screenings for toxins, adrenal hormone screening (determines stress levels) and seat chair massages.

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Business success: Enjoy what you do

By Clarity Patton Newhouse
Guest Columnist

Recently one of my colleagues shared with me the first chapter of Virgin Records founder Richard Branson's new book, *Like A Virgin*. In it, Branson lays out five secrets for new business success.

What's his first secret? If you don't enjoy it, don't do it. As Branson points out, starting a business takes a lot of hard work. For that matter, so does running or working for an existing business. But if we like what we do, it's a lot easier to put in the necessary effort. Plus we typically do a better job at things we enjoy.

The flip side of this message is that if we find ourselves doing work we don't like, hopefully temporarily, actively trying to find a bright spot or some aspect to enjoy can also make us more successful in the short term

and long term. So here's to Branson's advice - and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."

Aristotle

P.P.S. To read the first chapter of Branson's new book click here: www.virgin.com/richard-branson/blog/like-a-virgin-chapter-one

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President Obama: 'Generations of Redford workers have walked through these doors'



Sen. Carl Levin and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano greet at the presidential appearance at Detroit Diesel.

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz had one thing to tell President Barack Obama during his visit Monday at Detroit Diesel.

"I just said, 'Don't forget about us,'" she said. "The reality is, the inner-ring communities house the most voters. We are the ones struggling the most."

The conversation wasn't long, but she received an embrace from Obama as he told her not to be nervous. The visit, his first to Michigan since April, came as an honor to Redford, Kobylarz said.

"I think anytime you can have the president of the United States mention the community you lead and live in, it's quite the honor for us," she said.

Obama spoke Monday in front of several politicians and workers at the Detroit Diesel plant, addressing several hot political topics, including the looming federal fiscal cliff.

Obama's visit is the third by a president in Redford's history. Both Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton have visited Redford in the past. The visit to Michigan was the first for Obama since a fundraiser held in April.

During his speech came the news that Daimler North America would be investing \$120 million at the Detroit Diesel plant to build transmissions and turbochargers. The investment will add 115 new jobs at the plant, which is known best for building truck engines.

"That is great for the plant. It's great for this community. But it's also good for American manufacturing," Obama said. "Soon, you guys will be building all the key parts that go into powering a heavy-duty truck, all at the same facility."

Kobylarz had visited the White House last year as part of a delegation of Michigan representatives to discuss issues facing older suburbs and communities, but did not get

a chance to meet Obama. She was nervous before Obama embraced her.

"He said, 'There is nothing to be nervous about,'" she said. "I just said, 'Don't forget about us.'"

The president received a commemorative coin as well as a Redford Township lapel pin for his visit, Kobylarz said. Both items will be entered into the president's historical archive.

Obama praised workers at the plant and said their efforts help surrounding areas.

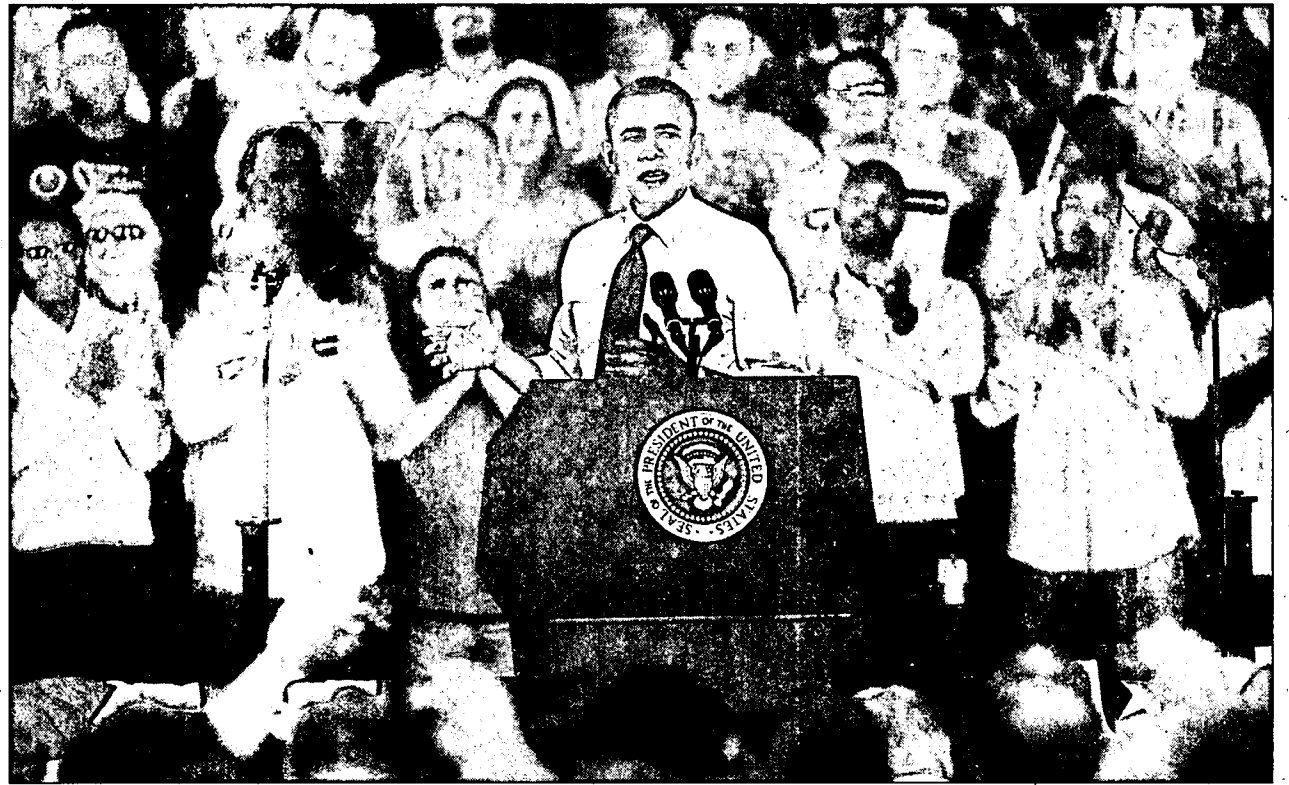
"Generations of Redford workers have walked through these doors," he said. "Not just to punch a clock, not just to pick up a paycheck, not just to build an engine, but to build a middle-class life for their families."

Obama also addressed Michigan's move to become a right-to-work state during his speech, coming out against the legislation the day before Gov. Rick Snyder signed it into law Tuesday.

The largest applause at the plant came when Obama decried the movement, saying the right-to-work issue was nothing more than a political football.

"These so-called 'right to work' laws, they don't have to do with economics; they have everything to do with politics," he said. "What they're really talking about is giving you the right to work for less money."

Kobylarz said the move by Detroit Diesel is a "great investment" in Redford, and shows the commitment the company has to Redford. The company has donated money to several community events, including



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Union workers at Redford-based Detroit Diesel cheer as President Barack Obama remarks that Right to Work legislation hurts America.

the township's fireworks this year.

The increase in workers is not expected to take place until sometime next year or 2014, Kobylarz said, because some things still need to be worked out.

"It's one of the larger investments Daimler has made into that particular

facility," she said. "Those are very strong commitments on behalf of the organization. Anytime we can ensure good paying jobs for our communi-

ty, we need to make sure those come home."

For the full text of President Obama's speech, visit our Website, Hometownlife.com.

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Upcoming Events

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31

Location: AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: AMVETS Post 171 will hold a New Year's party. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. Music by Cadillac Karaoke will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes buffet dinner, open bar, pizza at midnight and champagne.

Contact: For more information and tickets, call (734) 729-8930.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31

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

Details: Dr. Pocket and The WhatAbouts will provide the music for the New Year's Eve party. Doors open at 7 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. Music will be 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tickets cost \$60 per person and champagne toast, prime rib and more, complimentary bar.

Contact: Call Craig at (586) 924-6866 or Joy Manor at (734) 525-0960 or send an email to arrangeit@aol.com.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16

Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men and women are invited to attend a social hour at 5 p.m. (cash bar) and a dinner buffet served promptly at 6 p.m. Cost is \$18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games and conversation until 9 p.m. Reservations required by Jan. 11.

Contact: RSVP to Carol (313) 562-3080.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances.



Magical production

Local youths, including Collin Ward of Westland, are showcasing their acting talents in Spotlight on Youth's production of Santa's Shoes this weekend. The play is a comedy with magical cheer and feature Santa Claus as himself. It will be presented at 7 p.m. this evening (Dec. 13) through Sunday, Dec. 16, and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15-16. Tickets are \$10 each and are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to show-time. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill, west of Denton, Canton.

There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

Organizations

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

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

Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

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

Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

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

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

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

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

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

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

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

Ill, 35700 Hunter, Westland

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

Contact: Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month
Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

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

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

WRITING GROUP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month
Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

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

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

TOASTMASTERS

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, between Marquette

and Ford Road, Westland

Details: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Doug at (248) 417-4922, or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or visit the website at westlandeasytalkers.toastmasters-clubs.org.

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

EARTH ANGELS

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangelstour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

TOPS 869

Time/Date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

TOPS M128

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Contact: (734) 728-0527

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

Contact: (734) 482-2902, http://geocities.com/ssdsociety

GARDEN CITY KIWANIS

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

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

GARDEN CITY ROTARY

Time/Date: 12 noon Thursdays

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Details: The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

Contact: (734) 459-7744

ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-74

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-3 district classification where CB-4 district classification are now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

LOTS 1 TO 7 INCLUDING ALSO THE SOUTH ¼ OF ADJACENT VACATED ALLEY OF KUBIS WEST WARREN SUBDIVISION, T2S R9E LIBER 56, PAGE 11 OF WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS.

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

Adopted: December 3, 2012
Effective: December 13, 2012
Published: December 13, 2012

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 27 12/3/12

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
259: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 11/19/12.
- Ext. deadline to pay 2012 winter taxes to 2/28/13.
- Appr. revised admin. fee schedule.
- Appr. IGA w/Wayne Co. for Central City Pk. improvements.
- Intro Bud. Amend. 2013-08; Fire Department \$791,787.
- Adopted Bud. Amend. 2013-07; Library \$1,375,000.
- Adopted Ord. 248-A-74, rezone CB-4 to CB-3, PID #003-03-0001-000, north side of Warren, east of Middlebelt.
- Adopted resolution approving revised ARC Bylaws.
- Adopted Wayne co. NSP3 Rehab. Subrecipient Agreement Amendment resolution.
- Adopted resolution to amend Liberty Hill Housing CHDO Agreement and acquisition of 499 Hix.
- Adopted Prep Res. for NSP acquisition-32570-72-74-76 Mackinac.
- 260: Appr. 2013 City Council Schedule of Meetings.
260: Appr. checklist: \$291,786.27 & Prepaid: \$2,421,931.27.
Mtg. adj. at 7:53 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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Josh White, Mike Ball and Kitty Donahoe will perform separately at various Bookfair events on Friday.

Program shines a light of hope for troubled children

Numbers are an important part of anyone's life, whether phone numbers, Social Security or credit card.

But here is a number that will give you a chance to rescue children who need help: 10837987. That's the number you can use to go Christmas shopping for Lost Voices through the Barnes & Noble book fair program.

Lost Voices is a Michigan nonprofit representing a group of songwriters and musicians founded by Erma Bombeck and award-winning humorist and folk singer Mike Ball. These performers dedicated themselves to changing the lives of incarcerated and at-risk young men and women.

"We sit down with children who are in trouble, most of them to the point that they are locked-up, and we help them explore their feelings in music," said Ball. "They write individual songs, and they write songs as a group. At the end of each work-

shop, the kids go on stage with us in a professional concert to perform their work for their peers, their teachers and their families. The growth and healing we see on that stage, and even in the audience, is incredible."

Here's how the book fair works: when you buy something in Barnes & Noble stores from Dec. 14-20, you simply give that magic number to the cashier, and a percentage of what you spend goes to help the folks at Lost Voices. The book fair is also available for online shoppers at barnesandnoble.com through Christmas Eve, Dec. 4. When you check out online, you click a link that says "Check if this is a Bookfair Order" and enter the number.

The more people who shop the book fair for Lost Voices, the higher the percentage Barnes & Noble will donate.

To kick-off the book fair, three of the Lost Voices artists will be

performing free concerts in the Ann Arbor, Green Oak and Northville Barnes & Noble stores on Friday, Dec. 14, 7-9 p.m. Folk music legend Josh White, Jr. will be at the Northville store on Haggerty Road; award-winning Celtic singer/songwriter Kitty Donahoe will be in the Ann Arbor store on Washtenaw Avenue; and Mike Ball, along with Scott Clauser, Sharon Tse and John Finan, will be at the Green Oak store.

At each of these concerts you can hear some of the music written by the kids in the Lost Voices program, and Lost Voices volunteers will pass out stickers and coupons for the book fair.

"Many of the kids we work with have done bad things," said Ball, "and bad things have happened to them. At the end of the day, they are also children, who are really not all that different from your kids or mine. They deserve whatever help we can give them."

There's more to personal finances than investing

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Sometimes I wonder where the time goes. December is nearly over and 2013 will be here before we know it. I recognize that life is not as easy as it used to be. We're all forced to make more decisions than ever. The consequences of making a bad decision can be greater than it has been in the past. This is particularly true when it comes to our personal finances.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Personal finances are easily ignored and let's face it, some of the decisions to make are not fun. That being said, personal finance is important. It is not something that can be put on automatic pilot. It's something that needs to be carefully watched and monitored. The consequences of not taking care of personal financial affairs can be devastating.

When it comes to personal finance, most people like to believe that what I'm talking about is their investments. Not true. Investments are part of your personal financial affairs, but they're not the only item. There are other

areas that have nothing to do with investments that need your care and attention.

The first is estate planning needs. The purpose of estate planning is to ensure matters are handled properly upon your death and have plans in place and the necessary legal documents to handle a family emergency. Estate planning is not something that you have to do all the time. However, you need to execute a plan and then occasionally review it to make sure that it is up to date.

The next area with regards to personal finances is taxes. I don't believe it's more patriotic to pay more money in taxes than you have to. Taxes are not something that you look at on April 15 and then forget about. Being smart with taxes is something that you need to do 12 months a year. When you make a financial decision, whether it's with your investments or not, taxes should be considered.

Risk management is another area of personal finance. Risk management is not a buzz word to buy insurance. Remember, insurance is a product that handles risk. We all need to be aware of what risks we have and how we handle them. Sometimes we buy insurance to cover a particular risk such as auto insurance. Other times we assume the risk. The bottom line is that the

risks that we have are constantly changing and we need to be aware of them. In addition, the area of risk management is to ensure that if we are buying insurance, we are buying the right kind and that it is cost effective.

Debt management is important to everyone. We constantly need to be looking at the type and the amount of debt that we're carrying. It is tax deductible? In addition, we should be looking for ways to reduce our debt and to find better ways to manage it.

The last area of personal finance — investing — is he one that gets the most publicity. Investing is for everyone and to be successful you can't follow the strategy of buy and ignore. Be proactive with your investments and watch them.

As we get ready to enter the New Year, we should dedicate ourselves to keeping our personal financial affairs in order. It may be a hassle and it is time-consuming, however, the time and energy you spend on personal financial affairs will pay dividends as your quality of life also improves. Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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OUR VIEWS

AG right not to accept plea deals in petition fraud case of Congress staffers

Attorneys for two of four staffers charged in the petition signature fraud scandal involving former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter are disappointed Attorney General Bill Schuette didn't go easier on their clients.

Tim Dinan, the attorney for Don Yowchuang, 33, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, said he was very surprised Yowchuang was not offered any plea bargain based on his cooperation with the investigation. Yowchuang pleaded no contest to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Mark Mandell, the attorney for Paul Seewald, 47, who worked as district director for the former congressman, said justice was not served. He said drug offenders and domestic abusers who commit far worse crimes than misdemeanors are allowed to complete probation to clean their records, yet Seewald is not — even though he has never had a traffic ticket and has dedicated his whole life to Livonia youth football and public service.

Seewald pleaded guilty to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

A sentencing hearing for Seewald and Yowchuang is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 18.

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony, remains pending against both Yowchuang and Seewald. Judge Margie Braxton of Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court will hold a hearing Jan. 9 to consider a motion filed by the defendants to quash the charge. The attorney general's office has indicated it will oppose the motion in court.

McCotter was not charged, as investigators said there was no direct evidence of his involvement.

We applaud Schuette for not accepting plea deals and find Mandell's comment inappropriate. Yes, no person was abused, but the public's trust certainly was.

Since being elected, however, Schuette has sent mixed messages when it comes to enforcing election laws. We are still puzzled his office didn't even give current House Speaker Jase Bolger a slap on the wrist for his role in an election-rigging scheme in which he helped Democrat Rep. Roy Schmidt switch to the Republican Party at the last minute, all the while recruiting a fake Democrat candidate to keep any real Democrat from competing against Schmidt. Schuette, a Republican, said there was no basis to charge Bolger with any crimes, despite overwhelming evidence he played a role in trying to rig the election. And in fact, Bolger has since apologized for his role. The scheme ultimately backfired and voters chose a write-in Democrat, Winnie Brinks, to represent the 76th District on the west side of the state.

So we are pleased Schuette seems to have developed some newfound concern for the integrity of our elections. Better late than never.

The bottom line is we must protect the integrity of elections in this country. They are the foundation of our democracy. If we can't trust that our elections are free of corruption — and that our officials are in office because the majority of voters wanted them there — we are no different from countries run by dictators or the select few already in power.

Seewald's attorney had a point that his client had no criminal record, but it's important that elected officials — and their staffs — are above board and maintain integrity in all of their professional and personal conduct.

We expect them to follow the law, not act as though they are above it.

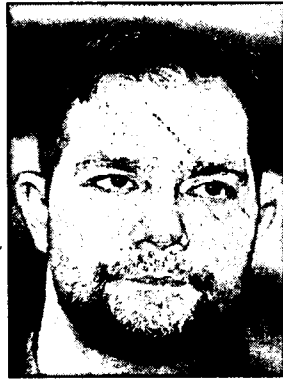
Schuette had to send a message to prevent cases of petition fraud in the future.

We're glad he treated this case with the seriousness it deserved.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you find the holiday season stressful?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"No, I don't. I find it's a good time to enjoy family and friends."

Casey Hensel
Wayne



"No, I go shopping when no one else does."

Jennifer Audritsh
Westland



"No, I start early with my shopping, before Black Friday. I'm 90 percent done."

Larry Geiger
Livonia



"Yes, because I have four kids and their gifts aren't like our gifts were when we were kids. They're more into technology."

Michele Derrick
Garden City

LETTERS

Danboise helps

We are teachers at Franklin High School in the Franklin Transition Program. Our program consists of Wayne County students with developmental challenges. One of the special joys of our profession is experiencing our students' and their families' happiness when we make a difference in their lives. Actually, sometimes it is not us who makes the difference. Sometimes, it is people we never expect.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, we learned one of our student's family was without a hot water tank. They had been boiling water for bathing for several weeks and did not have funds for a replacement unit. With high hopes, we immediately contacted many resources, certain that a donated or low-cost water heater could be found. However, the companies and organizations that typically provide assistance had either depleted their budget or their waiting list was extensive.

As our resources dwindled, our hopes began to waver. On a long shot, one of the last calls we made was to a well-established company in Farmington Hills: A.J. Danboise, which specializes in plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling.

The owner was immediately committed to helping, and his staff's response was heart-warming. They did not want the family to be without at Thanksgiving. Within two hours of our call, they had spoken to the student's father and were ready to install

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We asked the representative, Jim Randall, if there was anything we could do. He responded with sincerity, "we appreciate all that you teachers do. You just keep doing what you have been doing."

Jim's words lifted our hearts, and for the family, A. J. DanBoise gave them a gift of a new hot water heater that same evening, two days before Thanksgiving.

Danboise heard our call and responded with lightning speed. Their spirit of caring and giving has inspired us. Thank you for your generous act of kindness, A.J. Danboise.

Mae-Yong Ogletree
Kristen Kandt
Franklin Transition Program
Franklin High School

Dramatic shift

Since Gov. Rick Snyder was elected in 2010 he has often stated that right-to-work legislation would not be part of his plans for Michigan. He expressed that a right-to-work agenda would be too divisive. However, in a sudden move late last week, Snyder urged the Republican-dominated state House and Senate to fast-track a union-busting right-to-work bill during a lame-duck session of the Legislature.

Gov. Snyder's dramatic shift on this most critical economic issue demonstrates his commitment to further dismantle workers' rights, as well as the middle class.

While Gov. Snyder and Republican legislators try to pass off right-to-work as a benefit to Michigan's workers, it is anything but that. According to the Economic Policy Institute, workers who live in right-to-work states, including Florida and Nevada, experience higher unemployment, earn wages that are lower by \$1,500 per year and have more difficulty in obtaining pensions and health coverage. This means more pain for Michigan's middle class and greater rewards for CEOs.

"Michigan, my Michigan" while many of your citizens were being lulled into a false sense of security by a seemingly unassuming, corporate "nerd," he betrayed you. Michiganders need to take constructive action to defeat Gov. Snyder and his Republican Legislature in 2014.

Jill Farber-Bramson
West Bloomfield

STAFF COLUMN

Actually, I've had enough with 'actually'

By Greg Kowalski
Staff Writer

Actually, it's time we stopped using the word "actually."

I will explain: I don't watch much TV, but I listen to it a lot. I'm almost always doing something else while the TV is on,



Greg Kowalski

so I may not see the action, but I hear it.

Maybe that's why I pay attention to what people are saying. On scripted shows, things are pretty straightforward. Every-

one says their lines, which probably were rewritten a dozen times before they made it to the final draft of the script.

But on the "how to" shows that I love, everyone is doing their own thing.

So you get a lot of really honest sounding dialogue. That's refreshing, until the cast of characters latches onto a particular word — like "actually" — and repeats it endlessly.

I like to watch *This Old House*, which should be called *This Old*

Mansion since they never work on anything less than a million-dollar project, but that's another story. Well, one of the guys has hooked onto the word "actually" with a vengeance. In one episode, he said it at least 10 times in less than two minutes. It got to the point I started counting the times he said it. "This pipe actually fits into that pipe, which actually goes ..."

It actually does? Really? I find that hard to believe. No, it actually fits. He repeated. And repeated and repeated. And he wasn't the only one to repeat actually — as opposed to actually repeat — the word to absurdity.

That's not the only show to actually get on my nerves. I don't cook, but I like to watch *Cook's Country*, a cooking and cooking-related show. But one day last week, they really overdid it. For a time it seemed like every second word was "actually." "To actually make a ..." "This actually tastes ..." and so on.

Even the local newscasters stepped into the trap. Last week on Channel 7, one of the reporters, speaking about a family traveling on a Thanksgiving Day trip, said, "The family was

actually scheduled to actually leave ..."

I guess they actually were. Why this seeming obsession with "actually"?

I'm not sure, but look at the word. "Actually" means that something is factual, as if you are saying, "This is real. I'm not fooling." Well, gee, I didn't think you were fooling in the first place. But if you have to keep stressing that you're being honest, now maybe I should question all the other times you say something without qualifying it is "actually" true.

I wonder if there are other overworked words being uttered out there that I'm not noticing. I hear "exactly" a fair amount of times. And there are a few others that I can't repeat on the pages of this newspaper, but even they haven't risen to the annoyance level of "actually."

Maybe we should all scale back on our "actuallys."

Or maybe I should stop listening to so much TV.

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Aviation 'ambassador' visits Detroit Metro Airport

Detroit Metropolitan Airport is welcoming an internationally-recognized ambassador for aviation and space education to Michigan this week.

As part of her ongoing effort to raise awareness of the various components of the aerospace industry and the exceptional personal and professional opportunities it provides, Skye Bleu, a pig endowed with the special gift of flight, is spending this week touring the ins-and-outs of the Detroit Metro Airport and meeting representatives of the airport community on-the-job to learn about the diverse team of professionals that operate one of the world's leading commercial aviation facilities.

"We are delighted to welcome Skye Bleu to Detroit Metro Airport and look forward to showing her and her friends around the world what it takes to run one of the world's busiest air transportation hubs," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton. "Skye's efforts to broaden awareness of the skills young people can begin to develop now in order to become part of our exciting and dynamic industry are truly exceptional, and it is a privilege to provide her with an introduction to airports' role in aviation."

Bleu travels the world on behalf of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), exploring the varied aspects of aviation and aerospace and sharing her insights with her followers in classrooms around the globe.

Base at AIAA headquarters in Reston, Va., Bleu has been traveling since 2010 to promote science, technology, engineering

and mathematics (STEM) concepts and the opportunities those skills provide in the aerospace field. Her journey began as part of the crew of BTS-1, a space weather balloon flight, with fellow mascots Camilla SDO from NASA and Fuzz Aldrin from Bears on Patrol. The crew launched out of Houston and was lost in the swamps of Louisiana.

Since then, her adventures have taken her inside the Space Shuttle training facility at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, the 2012 Women in Aerospace Awards and the Space Shuttle Discovery Welcome Ceremony at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

Along the way, she has met NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, astronauts, aviators and thousands of educators and students. This visit will be her first to a major international airport in her role as an aerospace education ambassador.

"Airports are a huge part of aviation, so I'm super excited to go behind-the-scenes and see how the important STEM concepts I love are put to use everyday operating Detroit Metro Airport," said Bleu. "Plus, with all of the cool people who are involved in aerospace, I never miss an opportunity to make new friends."

In 2013, Skye will take on her biggest adventure as she climbs aboard ThinkGlobalFlight's round-the-world flight aboard a single-engine, Cirrus SR-20 commanded by renowned aviation educator Capt. Judy

Rice. Over three months, they will travel more than 14,300 miles around the earth, do live broadcasts to Student Command Centers in classrooms and the spread awareness of STEM concepts and aviation careers at stops on every inhabited continent along the way.

"I'll be spending a lot of time at airports around the world next year, so this week is a great opportunity to learn more about all the parts of aviation that occur on the ground," Bleu said.

Bleu, whose flight suit was custom made for her by one of her more than 560 Facebook friends and is adorned with pins she has collected throughout her travels, will leave Detroit with more than just a better understanding of what it takes to make an airport work. Before she departs, Bleu will be presented with a DTW pin to commemorate her visit.



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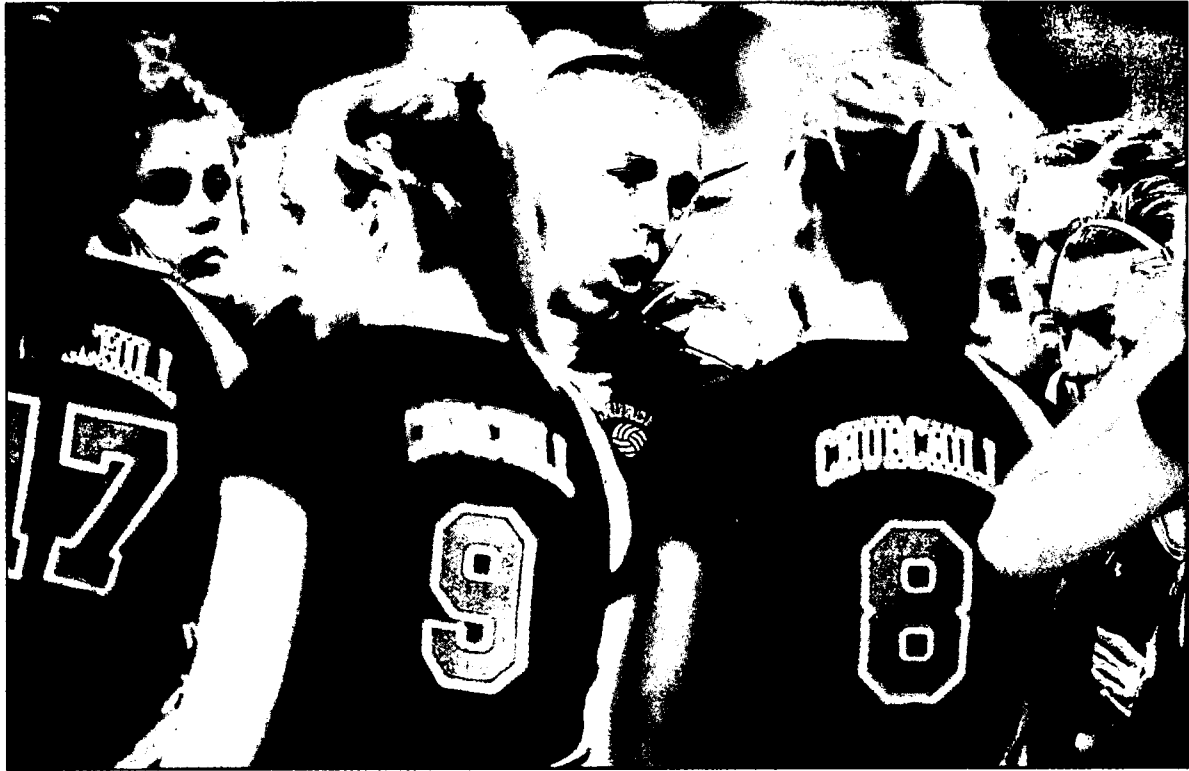
Grenier steps down as coach

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The area's most successful high school girls volleyball coach over the past decade is stepping down.

Livonia Churchill's Mark Grenier, who guided the Chargers to a Class A state title in (winter season) 2007 and compiled an overall record of 466-72-14, cited increased family obligations.

"I do it with a heavy heart," said Grenier, who won five regionals and went to three different Final Fours. "It's just been a great experience. With the challenges of four kids as they get older, and being able to be with them and experience all activities and things that they're doing, it's just getting harder



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Churchill girls volleyball coach Mark Grenier is stepping down after 10 seasons where he compiled an overall record of 466-72-14.

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Naubert top WHAC player

For the second time this season, Madonna University junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball (ending Dec. 9).

The 5-foot-10 Naubert averaged 17 points, eight rebounds, 6.5 assists and 3.5 steals for the Crusaders, who finished 1-1 for the week including an 81-74 upset Saturday of No. 12-ranked Cornerstone.

In that win, Naubert posted a double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Nazelli leads Elks shooters

Gabe Nazelli was the top shooter hitting 21-of-25 attempts to win the Boys 10-11 age division in the 41st annual Livonia Parks and Recreation 2012 Elks Hoop Shoot Contest held Dec. 1 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

A total of 35 participated in the contest, sponsored by Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246. Nazelli was among six champions crowned and advance to Southeast District finals Saturday, Jan. 12 in Flat Rock where they will compete against 10 other Detroit metropolitan winners.

Also moving on are Nathan Micallef, Boys 12-13 (18-of-25); Heather Burke, Girls 12-13 (12-of-25); Kimberly Freed, Girls 0-11 (12-of-25); Tommy Cornier, Boys 8-9 (16-of-25); and Shannon Butki, Girls 8-9 (11-of-25).

Ex-Livonian Super Senior

Former Livonia resident Joan Stockton, 71, of McCormick, S.C., helped her Super Senior U.S. Tennis Association team (60 and up) capture both the state and eight-state Southern championship titles to qualify for the USTA National Team Tennis Finals next April in Phoenix, Ariz.

Joan Stockton got her start in tennis with a Kmart racquet on the Livonia Rotary Park courts, according to her husband, Bob.

Livonia Park Run winners

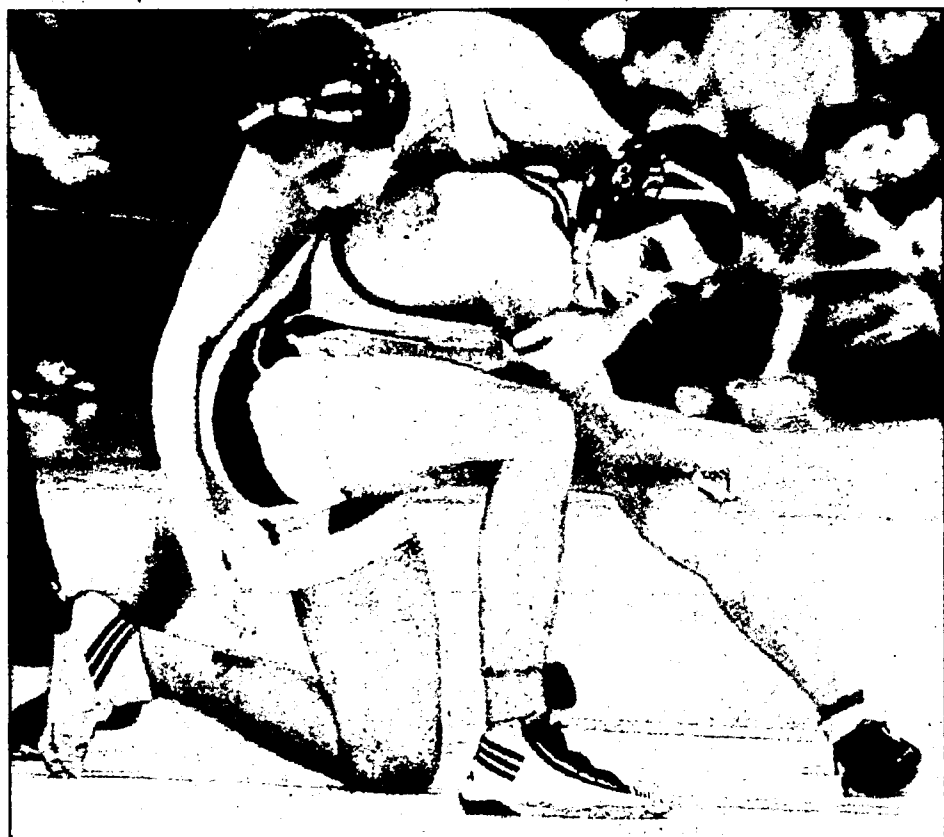
Collin Hall, making his first appearance unattached, captured Saturday's Livonia Park Run at Bicentennial Park with a 5-kilometer time of 21 minutes, 6 seconds.

He was followed by Alexander Brauer (22:21) and Lynn Boven (22:37).

All three also led in best age-grade scores. The top women's finishers included Amy Sunda (25:54), Callie Kane (28:03) and Kim Zamora (32:17).

The current men's leaders for the Livonia Park Run series include William Pederson (1,774 points), Spencer Greve (1,697) and Kostas Voutsinas (1,332).

The women's points leaders include Jennifer Greve (1,868), Sheila Dow (1,531) and Zamora (1,452).



Wayne Memorial's Derek Pomerico (bottom) battles Riverview's Tyler Lossing during a third-place match at Saturday's Garden City Christmas Tournament.

Wolfpack matmen earn tourney title

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Wolfpack is on the prowl once again.

Wayne Memorial's wrestling team scored a team-high 251.5 points Saturday to capture the 14-team Garden City Christmas Invitational tournament.

Gibraltar Carlson was runner-up with 193.

Rounding out the next five were Riverview (183.5), Livonia Clarenceville (177.5), the host Cougars (119) and Livonia Stevenson (98).

"It's always great to win a tournament, but the idea is that you are providing your wres-

tlers with good competition," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "And this year the competition was up. Carlson looked the toughest I have ever seen them, in addition to Riverview and Clarenceville looking much improved. We had some exciting matches with Berkley as well. We saw a lot of those teams in the semifinals and the finals, and we had some really good matches."

Wayne boasted six individual weight class winners including junior Tim Way (119 pounds), senior Michael Nicholson (135), senior Allen Parker (135),

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Thurston cagers down Stevenson

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's boys basketball team played very fast, very tall and — at times — very sloppy during Tuesday night's entertaining non-conference clash at Livonia Stevenson.

As it turned out, two out of three wasn't bad for the Eagles, who survived a late Spartan rally and 25 turnovers to post a 64-58 victory.

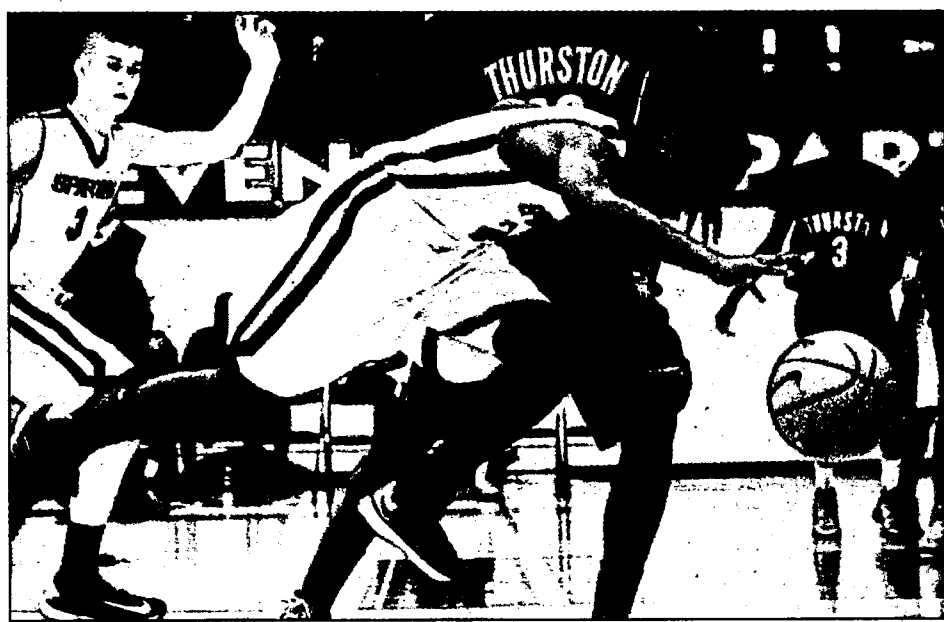
Sparked by a scrappy full-court press and a decisive advantage on the boards — the Eagles outrebounded their hosts 47-25 — Thurston rolled to a 47-26 lead midway through the third quarter, but had to hang on late when Stevenson's sharp-shooting guards

Josh Campbell, Zach Atwood and Jalen Webber orchestrated a 26-point fourth-quarter outburst.

Thurston improved to 2-0, while the game was the season-opener for the Spartans.

"I thought we played hard the entire game and we executed well right out of the gate," said Thurston coach Brian Bates. "The guys were getting a little frustrated late in the game — I was getting a little frustrated, too — but we called a timeout and got things calmed down."

There were spurts when the Eagles played way above the rim, particularly 6-foot-5 junior forward Rayvlon Croon, who rocked the cylinder with a one-handed dunk



ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Livonia Stevenson guard Kaemen Holman-Rayos gets tripped up while driving past Redford Thurston's Rayvlon Croon during the second quarter of Tuesday's game.

with 3:30 left in the third quarter. Four minutes earlier, Croon sliced high through the Spartans to tip in a Xavier Bowen miss.

Bates said the Eagles are as much fun to coach as they are to watch. "It's really a great

group of kids," he said. "They work hard and they listen to what we tell them — for the most part at least. We just need to get a little more disciplined with the basketball and maybe not gamble as much as we did with our man-to-man defense."

Even when his team faced the 21-point mountain with 12 minutes left, Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi was confident the Spartans still had a run in the tank.

"One thing I know about

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Milford girls storm back to edge C'ville

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It was certainly there for the taking Monday night for the Livonia Clarenceville girls basketball team.

The host Trojans held the lead for the first 29 minutes and 37 seconds, only to have Milford storm back with a 21-6 fourth-quarter run to pull out a 40-37 victory.

The Mavericks, who evened their record at 2-2, won despite hitting only 13-of-59 shots from

GIRLS HOOPS

the floor (22 percent), but they got back into the game with an effective full-court press while forcing Trojans into 18 second-half turnovers.

"That game was ours to win," said Clarenceville coach Brady Gustafson, whose team slipped to 2-3 overall. "We've just got to control our turnovers and we win the ballgame. It's as simple as that."

Ironically, Milford made more

three-point attempts (eight) than two-point field goals (five).

"That's what we were talking about at halftime — we were living and dying with one shot," Milford coach Jennifer VanGoethem said. "We have a good outside shooting team, but when we get one shot and that's it ... that's hard to overcome when they're not falling."

Milford junior forward Madison Kurtz finished with a team-high 15 points, including three triples, while senior Paige Smith added 13, while connecting on

an additional three more from beyond the arc.

The Mavericks trailed by as many as 12 in the third quarter, but caught Clarenceville with 1:27 to go on a triple from sophomore Abigail Miller to knot the count at 33-all.

Smith then hit a three-pointer with exactly a minute remaining to put Milford ahead for keeps, 36-33.

The Trojans were able to close within one, 38-37, with only 5.5

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Spartans tie defending D-1 champion Brighton

Livonia Stevenson got high marks for its performance Saturday against defending Division 1 state boys hockey champion Brighton skating to a 2-2 tie at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

"It was a really good up-and-down hockey game, fun to watch," said Stevenson coach David Mitchell, whose team is 6-1-1 overall. "Our guys grew up a lot tonight playing against a team like Brighton and this can only help us from this point forward."

After a scoreless first period, Stevenson's Devin Kelly scored a power play goal 11:56 into the second period off assists from Dominic Lutz and Tyler Irvine.

Brighton (7-1-1) answered at 5:46 into the final period on Danny Bosio's power play goal from Brent Pietila and Troy Marrott.

The Bulldogs then took a 2-1 advantage on a Michael Yuhasz goal from Tyler Hayes, but six seconds later Lutz scored the equalizer from Kelly and Cole Christie.

Brighton outshot the Spartans, 28-20, as Connor Humitz made 26 saves for Stevenson.

CHURCHILL 3, P.H. NORTHERN 1: Livonia Churchill (2-4) overcame a 1-0 first-period deficit by scoring three unanswered goals in the second period Saturday to beat host Port Huron Northern (2-4) at McMorran

BOYS HOCKEY

ARENA. Brendan Shagena's goal at 2:18 of the first period stakes the Huskies to a 1-0 lead.

Churchill's Riley Brown tied it at 1:47 of the second from Evan Gibboney and Brad Milks and Tommy Carey scored what proved to be the game-winner at 8:19 on a power play from Gibboney and Brown.

Luke Otto's goal from Matt Sinclair at 12:04 gave the Chargers a two-goal cushion. Churchill goaltender Davie Turel made 16 saves, while Matt Fernandez had 25 stops for Northern.

"It was a great victory for our boys and David played solid, but he was supported by a strong defense," Churchill first-year coach Jason Reynolds said. "It was a solid defensive effort by the entire team."

FRANKLIN 4, DEXTER 2: In a non-league game Saturday at Ann Arbor's Veterans Arena, Livonia Franklin (3-3-1) defeated the Dreadnaughts (1-5) as Mike Diaz had a goal and three assists.

The Patriots led 2-1 after one period thanks to C.J. Cromie's goal at 37 seconds from Diaz and Jacob Decina followed by Diaz's goal at 8:15 from Cromie.

Franklin added another goal at 3:06 on Josh Dudek's goal from Ryan Pace and Adam Stadler to make it 3-1.

After Dexter closed the deficit to 3-2, Decina's empty net goal from Diaz with only 17 seconds remaining in the game sealed the victory.

Franklin sophomore goaltender Mike Monendo stopped 20-of-22 shots in the victory.

"It was nice to be able to suck it up and get a win after back-to-back games," Franklin first-year coach Dennis Gagnon said.



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Rocket duals

Westland John Glenn's 130-pounder Quinn Dupraw (top) gets ready to pin his opponent from Roseville in Saturday's Rocket Duals. Glenn finished 3-2 on the day in a dual-meet tournament which also featured No. 1-ranked Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, No. 10 Clarkston, Livonia Franklin, Roseville and Melvindale. "I thought we would be better on opening day so we have a lot of work to do," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "Hopefully things will come together as the season progresses. We have a great group of youngsters and a few really talented wrestlers. Several others have not turned the corner yet so we are pushing them hard everyday. I feel the tournament was a success once again. CC looks unstoppable. Clarkston and Franklin looked impressive as well. The surprise team of the day for me was Melvindale. They gave us all we could handle."

MATMEN

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senior Sam Ekanem (171), senior Tyler Casteels (215) and junior Aaron Mauldin (285).

Nicholson and Mauldin are both 6-0 on the year, while Way, Parker and Ekanem are 5-0 each. Wayne also got a sec-

ond from Kevin Marz (152) and thirds from Jack DeJack (103), Tyler Mulligan (125) and Lucas Hofbauer (189).

Derek Pomerico and (130) and Tim Flores (140) placed fourth and sixth, respectively, for the Wolfpack.

"I'm very proud of my team for the way they wrestled their finals matches, with nine of my

12 wrestlers that made the medal round winning their finals match," Vasilloff said. "That always makes for a fun day."

Top finishers for Clarenceville included Shane Martin (125), Mikey Weiss (135) and Aaron Bibik (160), second place; Domanick Slagle (145) and Ryan Groves (215), third; Joey Walker (140), Devin Howell

(152) and Rodrigo Ferrer (285), fourth; Alan Baumgardner (130) and Steven Spens (171), sixth.

Stevenson's top placers included Marco Lytwyn (112) and Jake Kelley (171), both earning seconds.

Sandro Lytwyn (135) and Kody Roy (160) each added thirds.

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Sharpshooter: Brusseau's hot hand lifts Glenn boys

Junior Steven Brusseau rolled a two-game set of 244-236-476 to propel the 2-0 Westland John Glenn boys bowling team to a 22-8 victory Friday over South Lyon East at Century Lanes.

Other top scorers for the Rockets included seniors Mike Russom (194-244-438) and Steven White (201-211-412). Senior Mark Kassab

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added a 195 individual game, while junior Billy Wicker posted a 150.

Glenn captured the first Baker game, 193-172, but lost the second, 193-208, after failing to split in the ninth and 10th frames.

"I thought we lost focus in those two frames allowing East back into the match," Glenn first-year coach Ron Staples said. "We need to learn situations. Just spare in the ninth and 10th and we do not even give them a chance to win."

The Rockets' total pin count, however, was the difference with a 984-981-1,095.

"We have good balance though out our lineup and with senior Dan Ammons,

back we will get even stronger," Staples said.

Wayne boys win

Shane Rambaldo had a two-game set of 446 to lead Wayne Memorial to a 19-11 KLAA crossover boys bowling victory Friday over South Lyon at Century Lanes.

Rambaldo posted scores of 254 and 192.

In the Baker portion, the Zebras went 205-222-427 and posted match play two-game set of 968-977-1,945 to improve to 2-0 overall.

Glenn girls roll

The Westland John Glenn girls pitched a shutout Friday against host South Lyon East in a 30-0 triumph at Century Lanes.

Julia Huren led the Rockets with a 214-202-416 two-game set.

Other individual game highs for Glenn (2-0) included Caity Lennard (181) and Bre Riblett (178).

Jessica Thomas rolled a 198 for South Lyon East (1-2).

Zebra girls prevail

Tiffany Markham recorded a two-game set of 177-184-361 as the Wayne Memorial girls team won a tiebreaker based on total pin fall in a 15-15 match Friday with host South Lyon at Century Lanes.

Kira Leach also added an individual game high of 189 as the Zebras evened their record at 1-1.

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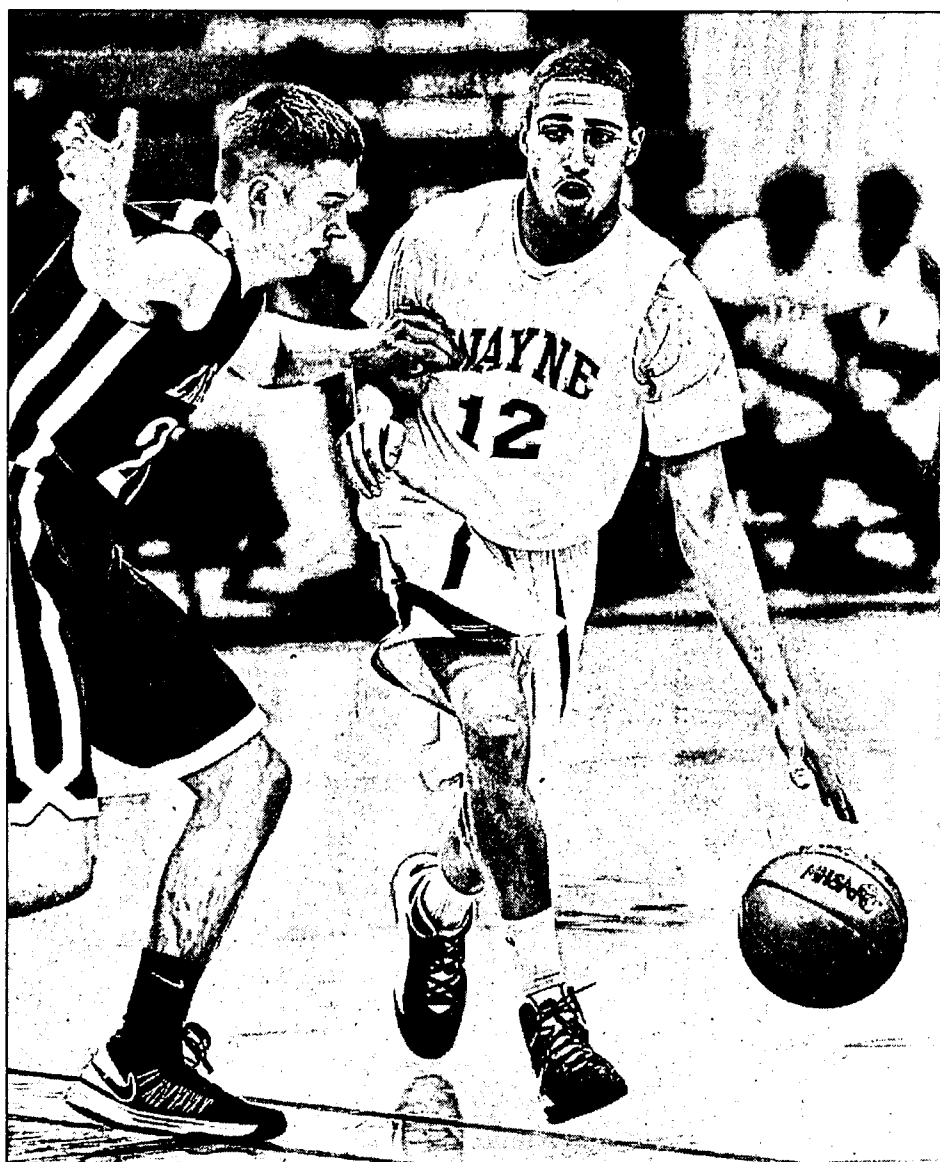
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Wayne's Josh Lowry (with ball) protects the dribble in the Zebras' 45-39 victory Tuesday over visiting Lakeland.

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Breakthrough

Wayne, Glenn, Churchill get first victories

Juawn Snipes led the way with 15 points as Wayne Memorial notched its first boys basketball win of the season Tuesday with a 45-39 triumph over visiting White Lake Lakeland.

The Zebras, now 1-2 overall, led 21-14 at halftime and 35-24 after three quarters.

Rafeal Parks contributed 10 points, while Rod Washington added nine points and 10 rebounds for Wayne.

Nick Troxell scored nine for the Eagles, who dropped to 0-1.

Wayne connected on 8-of-14 free throws, while Lakeland hit only 9-of-17.

GLENN 56, BELLEVILLE 44: Senior guard Nick Daniels poured in a game-high 25 points to catapult Westland John Glenn (1-1) to a non-league win Tuesday against the host Tigers (0-3).

Daniels, headed to Oakland University, made 10-of-13 free throws and added three 3-pointers.

Senior forward Richard Roberts, a transfer from Inkster, chipped in with 15 points, while junior forward Isaac Everett added 12.

The Rockets led 24-16 at halftime and extended their lead to 45-26 after three quarters.

George Spencer scored 10 of his 14 points for Belleville in the final period, while Julian Van Dyke added 11 of his 13 in the second half.

Glenn made 18-of-22 foul shots, while Belleville hit 11-of-20.

CHURCHILL 64, GARDEN CITY 39: Junior forward Colton Robison scored a

game-high 19 points, including five 3-pointers, to lead Livonia Churchill (1-1) to a non-conference win Tuesday over the host Tigers (0-3).

Churchill jumped out to a 16-6 first quarter lead and took command with a 22-12 second quarter run thanks to six points from freshman Jon Hovemale and 5-of-6 free throws from sophomore Jalen Davis off the bench.

"We came out and played extremely hard early on and kept going on both ends of the floor," Churchill coach Jim Solak said.

Robert Foster, Jr. also contributed seven points and eight rebounds in the victory, while Dwayne Scott had six steals.

Kevin Brown-Bayko and Austin Gonzales each tallied eight points for the Cougars, who hit only 15-of-46 shots from the floor (32.6 percent).

Churchill was 22-of-47 from the field (46.8 percent) and 11-of-18 from the foul line (61.1 percent).

FRANKEL 63, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 58: On Tuesday, host West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy (1-0) held off a fourth-quarter comeback bid by Lutheran High Westland (1-2) to earn the non-conference win.

Nick Andrzejewski scored a game-high 21 points in defeat, while juniors P.J. Gusé and A.J. Seltz contributed 13 and 12, respectively.

"We decided to switch to man-to-man late in the third quarter," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft, whose team trailed 49-38 after 24 minutes. "I think we should've probably gone to man earlier in the game...that's on me. I didn't make the adjustment early enough. Having constant pressure on their shooters made a big difference, but we didn't capitalize on the mistakes. We made some plays down the stretch, but it was

too little to late."

Dylan Bressler paced Jaguars with a game-high 26 points hitting six 3-pointers and going 6-of-9 from the foul line.

Jonah Folbe and Teddy Salen chipped in with 17 and 10, respectively, for Frankel, which led 49-38 after three quarters.

"Frankel was a very scrappy group of kids who liked to shoot from the outside," Hoeft added. "Our ball pressure was good, but I think we broke down sometimes and let their hot shooters get too open."

FRANKLIN ROAD 65, CLARENCEVILLE 56: Jawan Nelson's 21 points was not enough Tuesday as Livonia Clarenceville (0-4) fell to host Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-0).

Clarenceville, which trailed 34-31 at the half, also got 12 points from Austin Douglas, while Jalen Bryant came off the bench to score nine and made an impact on the defensive end, according to coach Justin Johnson.

Scott McSweeney and Quinn D'Ascenzo tallied 20 and 19 points, respectively, for the victorious Warriors. Phillip Isbell also contributed 15, including four 3-pointers.

Clarenceville was 12-of-19 from the foul stripe, while Franklin Road was 14-of-20.

FRANKLIN 50, S. LYON EAST 29: Livonia Franklin (1-1) roared out to a 25-7 halftime advantage and cruised home to a KLAAs Kensington crossover victory Friday at South Lyon East (0-2).

The Patriots, who shot 45 percent from the floor (21-of-48), got 12 points apiece from Andrew Lebbos and Olushakin Cole.

Michael Gluth chipped in with eight points, while Adam Monroe dished out a team-best six assists. Cole also grabbed seven rebounds.

MU men's cagers stun Cornerstone

No. 12 Golden Eagles fall

In a game that featured 10 ties, 14 lead changes and almost dead even numbers in most of the key statistical categories Saturday, the host Madonna University men's basketball team used 30 made free throws and a plus-19 rebound edge Saturday to its advantage in a 81-74 upset of No. 12-ranked Cornerstone.

Madonna, now 7-4 overall and 4-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, got a game-best 23 points from Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) with 13 of those 23 points coming at the free throw line.

The 5-foot-10 Naubert also led all players with 10 rebounds, one away from tying the career-best.

Junior forward Derek Lennen added 11 points off of the bench, hitting 4-of-7 shots as MU outscored the Golden Eagles 28-18 in the paint.

The victory extended the Crusaders' winning streak over Cornerstone (7-3, 4-2 WHAC) to three straight games dating back to last season. The winning streak is the longest for MU in the history of the series.

The Crusaders went 30-for-35 from the charity stripe while the Golden Eagles were 19-for-22.

MU also controlled the glass, 46-27.

Madonna, which led 39-38 at halftime, took the lead for good on a Naubert layup with 5:27 to go that put the home side on top, 65-64.

The Golden Eagles were able to pull within three, 77-74, with 17 seconds left but Naubert and fellow junior guard

Travis Schuba (eight points) sank all four of their free throws over the final 14 seconds for the 81-74 win.

Wes Hudson paced four Golden Eagles in double figures with 19 points. Justin Pepper added 13 with Ty Mason and Shane Moreland scoring 12 and 11, respectively.

MU (WOMEN) 54, CORNERSTONE 42: Senior center Kaylee McGrath tallied 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds to propel Madonna University (6-3, 4-2) to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball victory Saturday afternoon over Cornerstone (6-5, 3-3).

Heather Pratt and Michelle Lindsey each added 10 points for the victorious Crusaders, who bolted out to a 27-16 halftime advantage.

Robyn Veitkamp led the Golden Eagles with 14 points. MU shot only 19-of-60 from the floor (31.7 percent), but made 11-of-15 free throws while committing only 10 turnovers.

Cornerstone was 17-of-54 from the floor (31.7 percent), but committed 17 turnovers.

Lakers' guard torches Blazers

Lexie Robak connected on six 3-pointers en route to a game-high 29 points to ignite four-time defending Class D state champion Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes to a 50-38 girls basketball triumph Monday night over visiting Livonia Ladywood.

The Lakers, now 2-1 overall, led 19-12 at halftime and put the game away with a 19-13 fourth-quarter run.

Ava Doetsch added eight points for Lakes, which hit 8-of-10 free throws.

Senior guards Andie Anastos and Shelby Walsh scored 16 and 12, respectively, as the Blazers slipped to 3-1 overall.

CHURCHILL 40, GARDEN CITY 28: Senior Sydney Anderson led balanced scoring attack with 10 points as Livonia Churchill (2-0) pulled away in the second half to beat the Cougars (2-2).

Stefani Polkowski chipped in with nine points for the Chargers, who outscored Garden City 28-18 in the second half after leading by two intermissions, 12-10.

Churchill also had a decided rebounding advantage as Hannah Pummill led the way with 12 boards.

"We only allowed 10 points the first half, but unlike the last game we took care of business the second half," Churchill coach Matt McCowan said. "We shot the ball better and took it to the basket. We have a long way to go. We have to do a better job of communicating with

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each on the court and playing tough."

Lindsey Michalak and Julene Pummill each tallied eight points for the Cougars, who made 9-of-12 free throws.

Churchill was 13-of-18 from the foul line.

HVL 49, BAPTIST PARK 39: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-0, 1-0) overcame 30 turnovers and 13-of-30 foul shooting Tuesday to beat host Taylor Baptist Park (1-2, 0-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game.

Junior guard Brooke Kuehn scored 11 points and added seven rebounds for HVL, which trailed 15-6 after one quarter.

Junior forward Ashley Hewer sparked a 21-8 Huron Valley second quarter run by scoring all 10 of her points.

"We came out sluggish in the first quarter — missed some layups and didn't move our feet on offense," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "Our defensive transition was slow tonight, we let them get to the basket too easily at times. We also had some break downs in boxing out on the defensive end. In the first half we gave them too many looks at the basket."

"We need better composure and control on offense. Their pressure was causing us some fits, and it should not have."

Baptist Park got 12 points apiece from Betsy Posont and Brittany Williams.

MOTT 53, C'VILLE 35: Lauren Hung scored a game-high 20 points to propel Waterford Mott (2-2) to a victory Tuesday at Livonia Clarenceville (2-4).

Amy Cooper added nine for the victorious Corsairs, who led 22-13 at halftime and 34-24 after three quarters.

Junior center Ayanna Buckley

had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Trojans.

Ashley Murphy, a senior center, contributed six points, 14 rebounds, three steals and three blocks. Erica Katz also collected nine rebounds and four points.

Clarenceville was 10-of-18 from the foul line, while Mott made 12-of-23.

LAKELAND 55, WAYNE 26: Senior Dominique Zigo nailed six 3-pointers to tally a game-high 23 points as White Lake Lakeland (3-0) cruised to a victory Tuesday over visiting Wayne Memorial (1-2).

Amanda Lock added 14 for the victorious Eagles, who led 35-18 at halftime and 46-20 after three periods.

Junior Ashley Bland notched 11 points for the Zebras.

CRANBROOK 45, LUTH. WESTLAND 25: On Tuesday, Tierra Binder scored 18 points and LaShay Edwards added 11 to spur Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (3-2) past Lutheran High Westland (0-4) in a battle of old Metro Conference foes.

Aldreanna Fikes and Alissa Flury each scored six points in a losing cause as the Warriors shot only 9-for-23 from the floor (39.1 percent), 6-of-14 from the line (42.9 percent) and committed 23 turnovers.

Fikes also grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds.

N.D. PREP 68, C'VILLE 20: Lindsey Klei scored 17 points Friday to spur Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (1-0) to a season-opening win over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (2-2).

Sarah LewAllen and Ellen Guera chipped in 11 and 10, respectively, for the Fighting Irwin, who led 33-12 at halftime and 52-18 after three quarters.

Ayanna Buckley and Ashley Murphy tallied nine and six points, respectively, for the Trojans.

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this team is that we have a lot of fighters; I knew they wouldn't quit," said Sinawi. "We just got down too much early and the comeback we made was too little, too late."

The Spartans shot themselves in the collective foot at the free-throw line, where they made just 1 of 10 attempts.

Thurston was markedly better — but not great — at the stripe, making 10-of-17 freebies.

Croon led all scorers with 15 points to go along with a game-high 12 rebounds. He also registered four steals.

The 5-foot-8 Bowen, the Eagles' little big man, scored 14 points, dished out 10 assists and joined

Croon in the four steals club.

Thurston senior guard Chris Broxton was a thorn in the Spartans' side all night as he recorded 11 points, three steals, three rebounds and four assists.

"The thing that makes Chris so effective is that he's so aggressive," Bates said. "He's making really good decisions with the ball and he defends really well. His motor is always running."

Also shining for the winners were Otis Kemutambah, who chalked up 10 points and seven rebounds, and Diante McGowan, who yanked down 11 caroms while scoring six points.

Stevenson's scoring ledger was as balanced as a tight-rope walker.

Led by 12 points each from Chris Haldane and

Campbell, the Spartans had five double-digit scorers.

Webber netted 11, while Atwood and Joe Mims twined 10 points each.

The Eagles never trailed after bolting to a 17-10 first-quarter lead. They upped their advantage to 37-22 at the half and 50-32 with eight minutes left.

"I knew it would be difficult for us to rebound the ball tonight because we don't have a lot of size this year, but I was disappointed by how easy it was for (Thurston) to get put-backs and get to the line like they did," Sinawi said.

Thurston made 25-of-55 field-goal attempts (45.4 percent). Stevenson was 25-of-68 (36.7 percent) from the field.

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seconds to go on two of junior center Ayanna Buckley's game-high 17 points, but two more free throws by Smith helped seal the win with 2.8 seconds left.

Gustafson, however, got a final timeout and junior guard Mikala Kieling's three-point bank shot attempt at the buzzer just missed the mark.

"I was hoping," Gustafson said. "It was close. Glass definitely, but it was close."

Senior forward Ashley Murphy chipped in with nine points for the Trojans, who made only 7-of-26 second half shots.

The Trojans, who dressed only eight players, just seemed to wear down during the final quarter.

Buckley, the 6-footer, went 4-for-10 from the floor during the second half and did not attempt a free throw.

"When we have a hard time getting the ball up the floor initially it's hard to get into our offense and get her (Buckley) involved easily," Gustafson said. "When we got the long throws there was body contact and stuff like that that prevented us from scoring. But we just missed a lot of layups on top of that, too. So, if we make our layups and don't turn the ball over, we win the ballgame."

After going 4-for-38

from the floor and a boatload of turnovers in the first half, VanGoethem was looking for any kind of spark coming out of intermission.

"Play hard, play with intensity," the Milford coach said. "It just seems we were missing a couple of shots and our confidence was low. I said, 'We've got to pick our heads up and play hard, get some steals, get some defense and that will lead us into our offense.'"

And the Mavericks began to dial up the defensive pressure in the final quarter after trailing 31-19.

"We depend on our guards to get the tempo of the game up and really pressure their guards, which we got a couple of steals and that really led into some offensive conversions for us," said VanGoethem, a former Madonna University player. "We were concerned about her (Buckley) from the beginning of the game. We just had to keep her off the boards."

Clarenceville's zone defense was effective for three quarters, but not in the fourth.

"Our man-to-man defense isn't where I want it to be, so it's hard for us to switch outside the zone," Gustafson said. "We do have a very short bench and it's hard for us to go full-court and hard for us to press."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 14
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Franklin, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Novi at Wayne, 7 p.m.
C'ville at Inter-City, 7 p.m.
Roepel at HVL, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 13
Luth. W'sld at Inter-City, 6 p.m.
Franklin Rd., at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 14
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Novi, 7 p.m.
Grosse Ile at Lady., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

John Glenn at Robichaud Holiday Classic, 2:20 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 14
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Ladywood vs. Port Huron at McMorrans Arena, 7:15 p.m.
Churchill vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Ladywood vs. WL Northern at Kensington Valley I.H., 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Dec. 15
Redford Union Tourney, TBA.
Hawk Havoc Invitational at Farm. Hills Harrison, 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Dec. 13
Churchill at N'ville, 6:30 p.m.

PREP BOWLING

Friday, Dec. 14
John Glenn vs. Wayne at Westland Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
C'ville vs. Notre Dame Prep at Merril Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Dec. 15
CCCAM at Northville, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Friday, Dec. 14
(Crusader Classic at MU)
Johnson-Wales vs. Roch., 5:30.
Madonna vs. Grace, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

(Crusader Classic at MU)
Rochester vs. Grace, 1 p.m.
MU vs. Johnson-Wales, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Dec. 15
MU at Davenport, 1 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.



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Livonia Squirts 1st

The Livonia Predators captured first place in the Squirt Division at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center's 2012 Thanksgiving Tournament. Team members include (bottom); goalie Justin Swamba; (first row, from left) Connor Hatfield, Riley Heath, Aydan Olszowy, Brendan Matey, Ray Wejroch; (second row, from left) Donovan Young, Dylan Statham, Owen Medico, Connor Reed, Charlie Remenapp; (third row, from left) Henry Shymanski, Reno Parker, Nick Olsen, Michael Reddy; (top row, from left) head coach Eric Olsen, assistant coaches Roger Labby, Eric Wejroch and Kris Medico. (Not pictured is Matt Sheridan and assistant coach Joe Sheridan.)

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

ROCKET BOYS SWIM RELAYS
Dec. 8 at Westland Glenn (no team standings)
200-yard medley: 1. John Glenn (Jacob Burcicki, Derek Sweet, John Kukulka, Chris Sabal), 2:02.31; 2. Dearborn, 2:04.12; Wayne Memorial, 2:07.34.
800 freestyle: 1. Wayne (Mack Beeney, Zack Williams, Mike Gibson, John Stover), 8:46.67; 2. John Glenn, 8:48.36; 3. Dearborn, 9:46.76.
1-meter diving: 1. John Glenn, 78.55 points.
400 individual medley: 1. John Glenn (Jacob Burcicki, Kukulka, Josh Wakeford, Cody Hodges, 4:19.22 (meet record)); 2. Dearborn, 5:10.52.
100 butterfly: 1. John Glenn (Sabal, Jacob Deering, Steve LeBlanc, Josh Eddings), 57.54; 2. Dearborn, 59.65; 3. Wayne, 1:29.33.
200 backstroke: 1. John Glenn (Jacob Burcicki, Eddings, Jason Burcicki, Kukulka), 2:08.39; 2. Wayne, 2:19.54; 3. Dearborn, 2:24.53.
100 breaststroke: 1. John Glenn (Brad Alholinna, Sweet, Petr Orzech, Tim Green), 1:09.78; 2. Dearborn, 1:18.15; 3. Wayne, 1:31.04.
200 freestyle: 1. Wayne (Clint Smith, Devin Gibson, M. Gibson, Stover), 1:40.36; 2. John Glenn, 1:41.35; 3. Dearborn, 1:57.89.
100 medley: 1. Wayne (D. Gibson, Noah Karson, Michael Gibson, Jacob Griffith), 1:02.55; 2. John Glenn, 1:03.37; 3. Dearborn, 1:10.6.
1,500 freestyle: 1. Wayne (Stover, Beeney, Williams), 18:03.87; 2. John Glenn, 18:44.6; 3. Dearborn, 19:07.3.
100 freestyle: 1. John Glenn (Nate Alvord, B. Alholinna, Steve LeBlanc, Rory Kemp), 50.84; 2. Dearborn, 51.26; 3. Wayne, 59.52.
200 breaststroke: 1. John Glenn (Wakeford, B. Alholinna, Orzech, Green), 2:27.13; 2. Dearborn, 2:32.47; 3. Wayne, 2:27.65.
100 backstroke: 1. John Glenn (Aaron Alholinna, Alex Nagy, Alvord, Josh Ferguson), 1:05.43 (meet record); 2. Wayne, 1:08.67; 3. Dearborn, 1:15.08.
200 butterfly: 1. John Glenn (Jacob Burcicki, Eddings, Jason Burcicki, Wakeford), 2:03.72; 2. Wayne, 2:05.77; 3. Dearborn, 2:10.32.
400 freestyle: 1. John Glenn (Kukulka, Josh Farrowgh, A. Alholinna, Hodges), 3:46.51; 2. Wayne, 3:48.61; 3. Dearborn, 4:02.75.



Livonia Hawks 1st

On Dec. 8, the Livonia Hawks, a 6th-grade girls travel basketball team, defeated Comstock, 29-26, to capture the Chelsea girls basketball tournament. The Hawks also defeated the Michigan Mystics (20-19) and Common Bond (16-9) en route to the title. Team members include (back row, from left): Elisa Lebron, Katie Sopko, Kimmy Freed, Abby Cormier, Talia Anderson, (front row, from left) Olivia Napier, Danica Nichols and Vanessa Cummings. (Not pictured are Jayla Perkins and Emily Haines, along with coaches Jennifer Sopko and Doug Freed.)

GRENIER

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and harder. I've coached everybody else's kid and I need to be there for mine."

The 44-year-old Grenier, a Churchill social studies teacher, has four children including daughter Sydney, a sophomore diver and gymnast at Churchill, along with three boys — Avery, a sixth-grader, and 7-year-old twins Jack and Ben.

"My wife (Amy) probably didn't want me to do this," Grenier said. "She wants me to do whatever I want to do. But I've given so much to the program that I'm ready now for my wife and my kids. I just have to make sure I'm there for them a little bit. I want to be there for their activities and their things. I want to participate in that as a dad."

Grenier also captured eight district and division titles, seven conference championships along with one KLA Association crown.

In his final season, Grenier led Churchill to a top-ten ranking, a KLA

South Division title and a 44-9-2 overall record.

"This was a very tough decision for Mark," Churchill athletic director Mark Hage said. "It's size-16 shoes to fill. They're huge and we'll miss him tremendously. His record speaks for itself. He and I had a fantastic working relationship, which I will miss dearly. My only hope is that he gets back into it one day. I enjoyed working with him immensely. He's a great individual and great kids have come out of our program. I think kids worked hard because of the type of person that he is."

Grenier, a 1987 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High and former football running back for the Shamrocks, spent five years as Churchill's JV volleyball coach before replacing Mike Hughes.

The Wayne State and Western Michigan University grad also had one-year varsity coaching stops at Detroit Dominican, St. Clair Shores South Lake, Warren Mott and Taylor Center high schools.

All told, Grenier has over 700 career volleyball wins

and has coached numerous All-State players.

His most notable player was the 2007 (fall season) Miss Volleyball Kyn-dra Abron, who went on to earn honorable mention All-America honors at Michigan State.

Hage said he will post the vacant position immediately and try and find a replacement as soon as possible.

"It's a sad day for me selfishly, but good for Mark and good for him," Hage said. "He needs to take care of some things in his own personal life with his kids. That's a priority and I support that 100 percent."

Grenier hasn't ruled out coming back to coach volleyball one day, but it's time to step away.

"I would like to give a 'thank you' to the outstanding leadership and support all the coaches get from (Principal) Joe Anderson and (athletic director) Marc Hage," Grenier said. "On top of that the great parental support the volleyball program gives that I'm grateful for as well."

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Madonna University will hold a series of winter softball camps (ages 7-18) including:

Hitting — 9-11:30 a.m. (Session I) and noon to 2:30 p.m. (Session II), both on Saturday, Dec. 22 at the MU Activities Center. (The cost is \$30.)

Fundamentals (Camp I) — 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; Fundamentals (Camp II) — noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24. (Cost for each is \$125 by Dec. 1; or \$150.)

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Winter baseball

Madonna University will stage a winter baseball camp (ages 7-16) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 26-28, at Total Sports in Wixom.

Campers will work with college coaches and players. The cost is \$160 per camper (half off for siblings).

For more information,

visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Pitching clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach, along with the Livonia Stevenson baseball program, will stage two sessions of pitching clinics on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the high school field-house.

Session 1 (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. until noon, followed by Session 2 (13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Former pro pitcher Dave Marcon, a member of the Stevenson coaching staff and owner/scout for Indy Pro Showcase, will also assist Jones in covering the proper throwing mechanics, fielding, warmup and drills for pitchers.

The cost is \$40 person.

For more information, call Stevenson head baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

Foul shot contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champi-

onship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. with all age-group contestants recognized for their participation in the event, which will progress through local, district and state competition.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call Dave Lengel at (734) 516-4930 or email dlen-gel2@yahoo.com.

Weekly 5K runs

All runners, joggers and walkers are welcome to participate in a weekly timed 5-kilometer run-walk at 9 a.m. each Saturday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

Participation is free, but you must bring your registrant barcode to earn by registering at www.parkrun.com or www.parkrun.us.

Oshawa comeback harpoons Whalers

Scott Sabourin's second goal of the game at 15:37 of the third period snapped a 3-3 tie and the Oshawa Generals rallied to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 4-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game Saturday night before 2,658 fans at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth remains in second place in the OHL West with a record of 14-9-4-3, two points behind first place Sarnia.

Oshawa improves to 17-11-1-2 and is in second place in the OHL's East Division.

Besides Sabourin's pair, Cole Cassels (6) and Sebastian Uvira (3) scored for Oshawa and third star Scott Laughton added a couple of assists.

Oshawa goaltender Daniel Altshuller stopped 34-of-37 shots for the victory.

Stefan Noesen (17), Rickard Rakell (13) and



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth Whalers forward Cody Payne (No. 8) tries to disrupt the vision of Oshawa goalie Daniel Altshuller during Saturday night's game at Compuware Arena.

Tom Wilson (7) scored for Plymouth and second star Matt Misteale earned two assists.

Plymouth goaltender Matt Mahalak stopped 33-of-37 shots.

The Whalers hit the road all of next week, playing in Sudbury on

Friday (7:20 p.m., 88.1 FM WSDP) and next Saturday in Barrie (7:15 p.m., 88.1 FM WSDP) before breaking for the Christmas holidays.

Plymouth's next home game is 2 p.m. Thursday Dec 27 at Compuware Arena against Saginaw.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA RED 135.625

NORTHVILLE 131.575

Dec. 11 at Churchill H.S.

Vault: 1. Lauren Rodriguez (N), 9.05; 2. Mallory Dorton (Red), 9.0; 3. Maggie McGowan (Red), 8.85; 4. (tie) Jackie Dziurgot (Red) and Taylor Dempsey (N), 8.7.

Uneven bars: 1. Rodriguez (N), 9.1; 2. Shannon Diaz (Red), 9.0; 3. Dempsey (N), 8.65; 4. McGowan (Red), 8.3; 5. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.2.

Balance beam: 1. McVey (Red), 8.8; 2. Lauren (N), 8.75; 3. Dempsey (N), 8.4; 4. McGowan (Red), 8.35; 5. Gerianna Dauber (N), 8.25.

Floor exercise: 1. McGowan

(Red), 8.85; 2. McVey (Red), 8.75; 3. Rodriguez (N), 8.575; 4. Dorton (Red), 8.4; 5. Dempsey (N), 8.35.

All-around: 1. Rodriguez (N), 35.475; 2. McGowan (Red), 34.35; 3. Dempsey (N), 34.10; 4. Sydney Grenier (Red), 32.30; 5. Dorton (Red), 31.95.

Dual meet records: Livonia Red, 1-1 overall, 1-0 Kensington Division; Northville, 0-2 overall, 0-2 Kensington Division.

PLYMOUTH 137.125

LIVONIA BLUE 133.1

Dec. 11 at Plymouth

Vault: 1. Megan McKeel (P), 8.85; 2. Katie Salanga (P) and Emily Welch (P), 8.8 each; 4. Allison White (Blue), 8.6; 5. (tie) Sarah Uhlian (P), Jane McCurry

(P) and Bria Rhoad (Blue), 8.5 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Rebeca Simu (P), 8.95; Haley Metz (P), 8.5; 3. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 8.475; 4. Sam Fontana (P), 8.425; 5. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.1.

Balance beam: 1. Alex Zukowski (Blue), 8.75; 2. White (Blue), 8.65; 3. Chatterjee (Blue), 8.55; 4. Brenna Connelly (P), 8.5; 5. Zafarana (Blue), 8.45.

Floor exercise: 1. McCurry (P), 9.275; 2. Kennedy Lewis (P), 8.85; 3. Metz (P), 8.55; 4. Salanga (P) and Uhlian (P), 8.45 each.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 Kensington Division, Livonia Blue, 2-2 overall, 0-1 Kensington Division.

Remember your loved ones that you've lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute for the holidays. The Observer and Eccentric/Hometown Weekly Newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for the holidays. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of loved ones who hold a special place in your heart.

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Seving from the heart



Kim Haney (left) and Cheryl Caldwell show off one of the warm quilts made by women at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton for Wayne County Family Center, a Westland-based organization that assists homeless individuals with transitional housing and related services. The quilts were displayed in the sanctuary and dedicated at worship services last month. The church women, which include Charlee Jones, Bevis Richardson, Marilyn Horen, Robin Wlski, Linda Prince, and Denise Fedorko, plan to continue their project in the new year.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

December

ADVENT SERMONS

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. Sundays through Dec. 23

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: Rev. Paul Stunkel will focus on "Why? The Prophecy, The Stable, a Virgin," Dec. 9; "Why? Shepherds and Wise Men," Dec. 16; and "Why? Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Family and featuring a live nativity, Dec. 23

Contact: (734) 422-1470

ADVENT SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The meditation theme is the beginnings of the Gospel of St. Matthew, St. Luke and Revelation.

Contact: (734) 968-3523

ADVENT SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 Nev Market in Farmington Hills

Details: A pre-service meal will be served at 6 p.m.

Contact: (248) 553-3380

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: This service is designed for individuals who struggle with the holidays. It is for those who may be grieving, for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, or just struggling with the holidays in general. A coffee reception with care ministers will follow the service

Contact: (734) 422-1470

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Rd. in Garden City

Details: The service, held near the shortest day of the year, the winter solstice, is geared toward those grieving for the loss of a loved one, a failed relationship, job loss, or loneliness and depression. The service offers an opportunity to recognize challenging situations and yet receive words of hope for the coming year. This service of hope will include prayer, readings, and special music along with lighting of candles

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CONRAD, NORMA E.

1926-2012. Age 86, died Saturday, December 8, 2012 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Norma was born August 20, 1926 to Tina (Kempf) and Dutch Parisian in Muskegon. The family moved to Lansing in 1936. She graduated from high school after which she worked for a year in the Oldsmobile Defense Plant to earn money for college. She attended MSU where she graduated with a degree in sociology. She moved to New York City where she worked for Bankers Trust on Wall Street in the brokers loan department for several years. She returned to Michigan and was employed by IBM where she met her future husband, Voris. She worked in several positions including Executive Secretary from which she retired after 15 years. She married Voris in 1963 and they moved to Livonia. They moved to Spring Lake in 1989. She is survived by her daughter, Kris Conrad of Livonia (Richard Genik II); her stepdaughters, Karen Conrad (Kathy Przybylski) and Linda Young (Joe Young), both of VA; her brother-in-law, Keith Conrad (Barb Muller) of New York; and several special cousins. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, her brother Stan who was killed in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII, and both her father-in-law as well as her mother-in-law. Norma enjoyed spending time with her family, collecting Swarovski crystals, miniature boxes and reading. Her family will miss her but is thankful that her passing was as peaceful as possible. Interment will take place 1:00 PM Thursday, December 13, 2012 at Spring Lake Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 PM Thursday at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven. Memorial contributions in memory of Norma may be given to USO (www.uso.org), Fisher House Foundation (fisherhouse.org), or Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund www.fallenheroesfund.org. Please sign the family's online guestbook: vbkfuneralhome.com. The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven.



CYROL, MICHAEL

December 9, 2012 at the age of 76. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy; and the dear father of Deanna (Scott) Mayo, Michelle (Peter) Meinhart. Grandfather of Eric, Braden, Kole, Wolfie. He was preceded in death by his sister, Irene. Cyrol. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) Friday, December 14th from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.; Services, Saturday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Oakland Community College or Alzheimer's Association.

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POLLACK, PETER D.

December 8, 2012, age 66. Following his military service in the United States Marine Corps which included a thirteen month tour of duty in Vietnam, Peter returned to Michigan and started college completing degrees from Wayne State University, the University of Detroit and the University of Michigan. Peter had a rewarding forty year career as a clinical social worker that culminated in a successful private practice in Plymouth where he was able to work close to home, set his own hours and share an office with his son Tyler. His work had a lasting and positive impact on countless individuals and families in the community. Peter was an avid walker, a music lover and enjoyed caring for many special dogs over the years. He was a long time Plymouth resident and felt strongly about supporting local businesses. He could be seen every day of the week walking his dog downtown. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially in hot weather and took pride in maintaining his home and yard. He also loved sports cars, watching football and chocolate. Above all, Peter loved spending time with his wife Shirley of 43 years, their children and their children's families. The family enjoyed many vacations, including a memorable cruise in 2008. Most of the time they enjoyed spending time together doing everyday things like barbecues, taking walks, watching the grand kids play and party of ten dinners at Buddy's. Peter was famous with his grandkids for walks to "the bumpy road playground" and trips for ice cream. Peter is survived by his wife Shirley, children Amy (Patrick) Ross and Tyler (Trisha) Pollack. Also surviving are grandchildren Zachary and Rachel Ross and Miles and Maddox Pollack. Beloved son of the late Ernst and Charlotte Pollack. A Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012 from 2pm until the time of the Memorial Service at 4pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Contributions are suggested to the Michigan Humane Society or the American Heart Association. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



ROSE, JAMES URBAN

Age 90, December 9, 2012. Beloved husband of Janet for 67 years. Loving father of James C. (Sharon), Cynthia (Robert) Sherman, Stuart (Jean), Timothy (Joy), Nancy, Robert (Joan), Mary (Patrick) Bonk and Peter (Teresa). Dear grandfather of 16. Great grandfather of 4. Brother of The Most Reverend Robert J. Rose, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Rapids and the late June Wittenbach. Beloved brother-in-law of Marjorie Julian and dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation was Wednesday 5-8pm with a vigil service at 7pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Funeral Thursday, in state 9:30am until time of Mass at 10am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

SKIVERS, JOYCE (VANCE)

Feb. 9, 1959 - Dec. 5, 2012. Survived by son Edward Vance Victor, sister Bobbie (Vance) Dwine & partner James Sparkman. Preceded in death by parents Norma & Robert Vance, and brother Rick Vance. Service 12/14/12, 9:30am. St. Aidsans Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia.

THOMAS, NANCY GREINER

Age 79, of McCormick, South Carolina. Formerly of Farmington and Cheboygan, Michigan. Died December 8, 2012. Nancy is the beloved wife of the late Stanley Ward Thomas, married for 53 years. Dear mother of Gayle (Dano) Love, Patricia Thomas and Suzanne (Keith) Shiven. Loving grandmother of Christopher and Suzanne Harris, Kristin Tonkovich, Jennifer and Steven Shiven. Best friend and loving sister-in-law of Emily Thomas Bayer. She was preceded in death by her parents Edwin and Betty Greiner and her brother Ned Greiner. Nancy was a charter member of the Lutheran Church, by the Lake in McCormick. A Memorial Service to be held at Lutheran Church by the Lake, 100 Twelve Oaks Drive, McCormick, SC 29835 on Friday, December 21st at 11 AM. Officiated by Rev. James F. Kinsler, Pastor. Memorials may be directed to the Lutheran Church by the Lake Church Choir, attn: Jim Klausman, 100 Twelve Oaks Dr., McCormick, SC 29835.

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Take a finger-snapping walk through winter wonderland

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Expect to hear favorite holiday tunes at Schoolcraft College's Winter Wonders concert, Monday, Dec. 17.

But don't plan to hum along — unless it's in scat.

With Riccardo Selva's hands on the reins, *Jingle Bells'* one-horse open sleigh will dance to a Count Basie beat. "Isn't that cool? Count Basie. We're doing that exact arrangement," said Selva, playing an audio clip of the song on his computer last week. Selva, head of Schoolcraft's jazz program, will direct the College Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo through a program of seasonal and standard jazz arrangements at the concert, which is set for the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center.

He promises an "extravaganza" of big band instrumentation and improvised music that will turn up the heat on a few traditional carols.

"This was written by Gordon Goodwin. *Yo Tannenbaum*. It starts out with this familiar, traditional song," he said, playing a snippet of what sounds like *Oh Tannenbaum* on his laptop. The song's rich brass melody quickly gives way to wailing saxophone riffs and finger-snapping drum beats. "It's that traditional thing and then it goes into this kind of snarky



Schoolcraft college jazz musicians perform at Allen Park Presbyterian Church.

sound. This is really hard music. This is a hard piece to play."

But Selva's musical groups, which include students in the for-credit program at the college and professionals signed up through continuing education, are up to the task. Since Selva took over the jazz program in 2009, the groups have toured Chicago, Ill., played in Ohio, staged concerts on a regular basis throughout southeastern Michigan, shared sets with guest artists, such as Wayne Bergeron and Paul Keller, and even recorded in a studio.

Practice, perform

"The way you get good at it is first by preparing, but then you have to perform. You can't just live in a practice room. You have to get out there and do it," said Selva, who



The Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble performs in Chicago, Ill.



Riccardo Selva, director of his jazz groups at Schoolcraft College.

holds a PhD in saxophone from Northwestern University. "The more you perform, the better you get."

"When I asked the members, what do you want to do, do you want to come here once a week and toot on our horns or do you want to give it our best shot at a quality, exciting, active and unusually cool, awesome program, they said unusually cool, awesome

program. I said, look, my passion is to build quality, but I want to respect your vision for this program and they were all on board. They said let's do it. We're behind you. We're committed to doing this busy performance schedule."

There is no audition process for the two performing groups, which include a mix of ages and skill levels. Approximately 25 musicians play in Jazz Ensemble and another 20-25 are in the improvisation group. Some musicians per-

form in both bands. The groups include professional drummers, a high school student, a visually impaired man — "he's a talented guy" — a lead trumpet player with a degree in engineering and an autistic student, among others.

Using all talents

"I have jazz addicts here. They love it. I want to utilize people as much as possible and make them a part of the group, and at the same time make the group sound good," Selva said. "Most people understand that and are fine with that if they are learning and growing and it's enriching them."

Selva, who interviewed jazz pianist and composer Dave Brubeck for his dissertation on saxophone and sacred music, is toying with the idea of staging a Brubeck tribute for

WINTER WONDERS CONCERT

What: Schoolcraft College's Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo perform traditional, contemporary and holiday jazz arrangements, directed by Riccardo Selva, Ph.D.

When: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17

Location: DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty, between Seven Mile and Six Mile, in Livonia

Admission: Free; donations will be accepted at the door for student scholarships in the college Jazz Program

Contact: Riccardo Selva at (847) 721-799, rselva@schoolcraft.edu; or the Schoolcraft College Music Department at (734) 462-4403, www.schoolcraft.edu/music

the jazz program's annual Spring concert next year. Brubeck died Dec. 6.

"I received another grant, an \$8,000 grant for a guest artist. I would bring in some people who would facilitate Dave Brubeck's music."

Selva said he also may complete his Archangel Suite for jazz ensemble and chorus this Spring. The piece highlights the three iconic angels of the Bible, St. Michael, St. Raphael and St. Gabriel. The Jazz Ensemble has performed two of the angel works.

"My sketch of the movement (for St. Gabriel) is done. I just have to write it. St. Gabriel is on the way," Selva said. "Maybe I'll do it at the Dave Brubeck tribute concert. That would be awesome."

For more about the jazz program visit www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

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The HarmonyTown Barbershop Chorus performs at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sunday, Dec. 9. The group's annual Christmas show is 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Livonia Public Library.

Barbershop singers get into holiday spirit

Look for a few special numbers — including the Beach Boys' classic, *Little Saint Nick* — at the HarmonyTown Chorus Christmas show, "Holiday Harmonies," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

Mark Prichard, Chorus vice president, promises "a rollicking good time."

"Our goal is to bring a smile and warm your hearts and we do it with song and some poignant readings to fit the season," he wrote, in an e-mail

to the Observer. "We will also have an audience sing along and will encourage all to lift their voices in joyous melody."

The Novi High School A Capella Chorus and the quartet, Impulse, also will perform.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and teens and \$3 for children, 12 and under. They're available by calling (734) 743-1764 or by visiting www.wesing-barbershop.com. Tickets also will be available at the door. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

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NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit, and "Celebrate!," a Northville Camera Club exhibit are featured through Dec. 15. Northville Art House's Holiday Gift Shop also underway

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through Jan. 2, 2013

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: An exhibit of paintings and drawing by Jean-Paul Abou-Dib, a graduate

of the College for Creative Studies, with a master's degree in painting from Wayne State University

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Taken 2," \$3
Coming up: "The Polar Express," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 22-23; "Argo," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 2013; 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29; and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30

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Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 15

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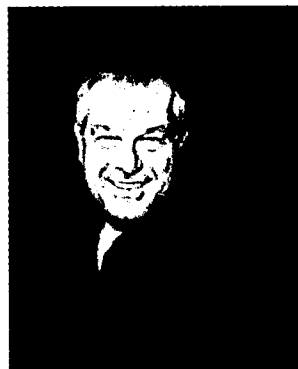
Time/Date: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Featured performers are open mic singers. Each performer will do two-three songs; cover or originals are welcome. Maggie and Alex Zakem are the co-hosts. Admission is \$5. Individual and family annual memberships also are available

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFPresident@aol.com or call (734) 453-0869

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT



Christoph Pregardien, tenor, performs Schubert's "Die Winterreise" 8 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, in Beverly Hills. The Chamber Music Society of Detroit, based in Farmington Hills, presents the concert.

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: Tenor Christoph Pregardien and pianist Menahem Pressler perform Franz Schubert's song cycle "Die Winterreise" in its entirety. Tickets range from \$30-\$60; student tickets are available at half price in selected sections of the

hall, and \$10 student rush tickets are available at the box office one hour prior to performance

Contact: (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ChamberMusic-Detroit.org

CHERRY HILL SINGERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Holiday concert with a basket gift auction held at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12

Contact: www.beck-ridgechorale.org

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15

Location: Mercy High School, located on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: The Chorus sings holiday favorites. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door

Contact: Call Shelly Addison at (248) 250-1447, e-mail to shellyadd2@yahoo.com or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth



Ashlyn McCann of Canton is the Ice Princess in Spotlight on Youth's production of "Santa's Sho," Dec. 13-16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Sparkle...Twinkle...Joy! The group's winter concert, Tickets in advance are for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors

Contact: (734) 542-9071

NITY HOUSE

EATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Cat's and the Fiddler, Dec. 14; Stephen Bennett, Dec. 15. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.

Contact: (248) 541-5717

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Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, through Feb. 10, 2013

Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Conserving Antiquity" focuses on the essential but often hidden work of preserving art and artifacts. Visitors will step behind the scenes and experience the work of conservators, which blends scientific research and hands-on treatment with the study of art, archaeology and history.

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Give the gift of Coffee

By Danan
Staff columnist

Last year the big boys of coffee brewers with their marketing dollars that probably cost more than the city of Detroit a couple times over. But by now I am guessing many have realized there is not much cool factor in French-style plastic pods.



Coffee Preacher

Dan Dean

This year gift that coffee lover on your list that will truly highlight great coffee and impress dinner guests with hand-crafted coffee from sleek manual brewing joes.

From the caffeinated geek, to the foodie who enjoys quality in all things edible, to the casual admirer of coffee, my top-10 coffee gifts of 2012 has something for many levels of coffee interest.

Leading the list is a home brewing kit that you can customize in any fashion and assemble yourself.

1. Home brewing kit

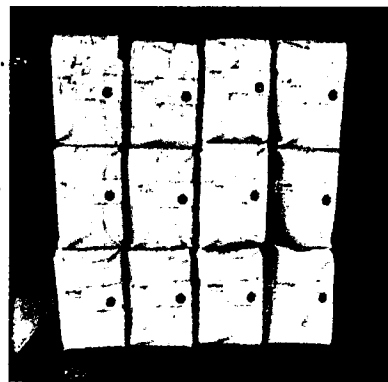
This is a fun way to customize a great gift depending on the intended receiver and the amount you want to spend. For around \$280, you can fully outfit that special person with their own customized home brewing kit and wrap it in a jute coffee bag purchased for \$5 from Espresso Elevado in downtown Detroit. Or you can also take any one item mentioned for use as a single gift to complement what the person on your list may already have. Customized home brewing kit:

A. Bodum Bistro blade grinder. (Amazon — \$34.95) If budget allows, Baratza Encore burr grinder — \$145. Available online at Amazon or Espresso Elevado in Plymouth.

B. Bonavita Electric Gooseneck 1.0L Kettle. (Amazon — \$50)

C. Chemex brewer. Available in 3-, 6-, or 8-cup versions. (Amazon — \$35-\$40) **Chemex paper filters — \$7.50.**

E. Jennings CJ4000 digital scale. (Amazon — \$41) For many this will seem over the top, which of course is why it makes a great gift. For those on your list that already do a lot of manual brewing and do not have a large enough scale to handle the weight of a 6-cup Chemex, this is a great gift by itself. It can be considered optional for a beginning kit, but it will probably be on the Christmas list next year.



The 12 Months of Christmas coffee subscription from Anthology Coffee.

2. Locally roasted whole bean coffee

In order to truly appreciate coffee, it is imperative to brew fresh roasted coffee. Anthology Coffee offers a number of coffee subscriptions starting at \$40 per month for two 350-gram bags of coffee delivered the first and third Monday of each month. It also offers The 12 months of Coffee

holiday subscription for \$475, which includes 26 shipments of coffee over a 12-month period, with the first shipment wrapped in a specially-made jute coffee gift bag and a personal message. Holiday subscription orders must be made by Dec. 20. Anthology Coffee roasts locally from Commonwealth Cafe in Birmingham and operates a cafe in the Ponyride business incubator on Vermont in Detroit. (www.anthologycoffee.com) Plymouth's Espresso Elevado also offers a number of coffee-related gift boxes. Call the shop for details (734) 904-8323.

3. Hario Slim Mini Mill coffee grinder

This is a great must-have tool in any coffee lover's lineup of gadgets, especially if they do a lot of traveling or camping. It also will be well-appreciated the next time the power goes out. The small hand crank grinder uses quality burrs to make consistent coffee grounds wherever you are. (Amazon — \$38.75)

4. Clever Coffee Dripper.

Combines the benefits of a French press with those of a pour-over brewing device. (Amazon — \$24.95) Use No. 4 Filtrona White Coffee Filters, \$4.

5. Go Coffee Go gift certificate

GoCoffeeGo.com is a one-stop online shopping site that offers coffee from some big name coffee roasters, including Grand Rapids's Mad-Cap Coffee, Ritual Coffee Roasters, PT's Coffee Roasting and Barefoot Coffee, as well as others. A gift card can be used to try any different coffees from some of the best roasters in the country and even can be used to set up an auto-ship program that acts like a subscription. All coffee is roasted to order and shipped from the roaster selected. (www.gocoffee.go)

6. Behmor 1600 Coffee Roaster

Roasting coffee at home is the ultimate at-home experience for the coffee lover. You cannot buy coffee any fresher than the coffee roasted at home. The Behmor 1600 is a drum-style home roaster with a one-pound capacity. It is an easy-to-use machine with a number of options to roast depending on the type of coffee: Sweet Maria's, www.sweetmarias.com, \$300)

Coffee Stout

There are truly marriages made in heaven and my wife and I nothing beats beer and coffee. Right now Bellaire's Short's Brewery



Short's Brewery seasonal coffee stout uses Fair Trade and Organic coffee roasted by Northern Michigan Higher Grounds Trading Company.



Founder's Breakfast Stout has an interesting fresh-roasted java nose-popped with a frothy, cinnamon-colored head that goes over.

(Cup A Joe Stout, \$12.99/6-pack) and Grand Rapids's Founders Brewing (Breakfast Stout, \$10.49/4-pack) are brewing this wonderful seasonal pairing. Short's uses Higher Grounds Trading Co. Fair Trade and Organic espresso fused with milk sugar, while Founders uses bitter and imported chocolates with Sumatra and Kona coffee. Available at fine beer retailers in your neighborhood, but call first for availability as stock of these seasonal beers can run out quickly.

8. The Wonders of Geisha gift box

The Wonders of Geisha gift box includes one 8-ounce bag of Esmeralda Mario San Jose, one 8-ounce bag of Don Pachi Geisha Natural and one 8-ounce bag of La Esperanza Cerro Azul Geisha. For the coffee aficionado who has all the gadgets and is an accomplished home coffee brewer, this is the gift to give.



The Wonders of Geisha gift box from PT's Coffee Roasting Company includes three 8-ounce bags of coffee from Panama and sells for \$155.

The three bags come in an elegant wood-burned gift box. Orders need to be placed

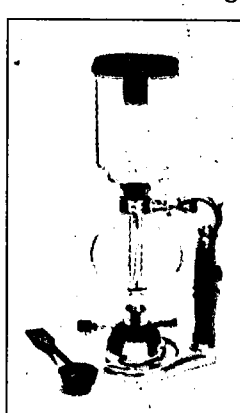
before Monday, Dec. 17, when the last roast of this coffee is scheduled before Christmas. Kenneth Davids from *Coffee Review* adds this note to his review of the Don Pachi Geisha natural, which received a 96 score: "If you splurge on it for the holidays do your splurging close to when you are planning to drink the coffee, brew it carefully, and leave the sweetener on the counter and the dairy in the fridge." PT's Coffee Roasting Co. (ptscoffee.com — \$155)

9. Filtron Cold Water Coffee Concentrate Brewer

Makes 1.5 liters of cold concentrate coffee that is great for iced coffee. Another great addition to any coffee lover's list of gadgets. (Amazon — \$43)

10. Yama 5-cup tabletop vacpot with butane burner

Vacuum or siphon brewing had its heyday in the 1930s to '60s and pretty much died out with the onset of automatic drip brewers. But with its way cool retro/chemistry lab look and the fact that it is reported to make an amazing cup of coffee (I have one on my list) has brought the brewer back into favor with many coffee lovers. Like many of the manual brewing methods, this is not for



the person who wants a quick cup while running out the door. Instead, it should be given only to folks who love just the opposite — the entire process of hands-on coffee brewing, taking it slow and enjoying the aromas and process as much as the final cup. Many are available from different online retailers, but Espresso Parts is the only one I found

that paired it with the butane burner rather than an alcohol lamp. Espresso Parts (www.espressoparts.com, \$110). Be sure to order the bamboo stir stick and extra cloth filters. A stove top version is also available for \$38.36. Or yet another option if your coffee lover already has a butane camp stove is to order the tabletop version without the burner for \$62.21.

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Get homemade treats at cookie walks

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Volunteers at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia made 35 different kinds of goodies in baking sessions at church this month.

Their handmade treats — peanut butter balls, Russian tea cookies, kiefle, and sweet bread, to name a few — can be yours for \$10 per pound at the church's 19th annual cookie walk, 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, at the church, 36075 7 Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, Livonia.

"People are given a box and glove when they come into the hall and then walk around picking out the cookies they want," said Marlene Graban, chairperson, explaining the event. "We have two holding tables so when one box is full they have a place to leave it while they get more."

"More" also includes hearty fare, such as pierogies and stuffed cabbage, nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and apricot rolls.

"We did not do pierogies or stuffed cabbage last year and



Fancy, mitten-shaped cookies made with a chocolate dough, sell individually in ribbon-tied bags.

many customers were disappointed that we did not have them as we have had them in past years. We have made close to 400 dozen pierogi this year but have sold some to church members."

Pierogies will cost \$7 a dozen. Braided bread will be \$5 a loaf. Nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and apricot rolls will sell for \$10 each.

"Cookies sell out pretty early,"

Gran noted.

Customers arrive early, some by 7 a.m. or 7:30 a.m., and wait in their cars. Doors open at 8 a.m., an hour before the cookie walk starts. Graban said the church serves free coffee and samples to those waiting for their turn to enter the church hall, where cookies are sold.

Proceeds from the sale benefit the church's general fund, as well as mission and charity projects. Call (483) 476-3432 for more information.

More cookie walks:

Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Myne Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia: Doors open at 8 a.m., with early bird sale starting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

15th annual cookie walk will offer cookies at \$7.50 per pound, along with other baked goods. Early admission is \$2; (734) 427-2212.

Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Newburgh, Westland: Sales from 9 a.m.-noon and will include holiday cookies, spinach pies, Greek bread and Greek pastries. (734) 525-6789.



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Angie Gillum of Northville spreads butter on poppyseed rolls before they bake.

Yule party brings Realtors, their friends together in spirit of season

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors held its holiday and anniversary party Wednesday, Dec. 5.

GMAR celebrated its first full year as a merged Realtor association, formed from the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. The party was held at Farina's banquet facility in Berkley.

The new association has grown to over 6,000 members.

One of the highlights of the event was the collection of new toys that will be given to the Toys For Tots program of the U.S. Marine Corps. Over 200 toys were collected at the event.

GMAR has raised several thousand dollars for charities during 2012, with an emphasis on area children.



Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Brenda Lee Szlachta and Maureen Francis (two chairs of the event and Francis as newly elected president-elect) have a good time.



Realtors and their friends gathered Toys for Tots at the party. Over 200 toys were collected.

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Tony Schippa (2012 president), Dale Smith (CEO) and Bart Patterson (2013 president) being entertained.

Dog bite case: Ask lawyer

By Robert Meisner
 Guest Columnist

Q: I have been bitten by my neighbor's tenant's dog. I live in a municipal housing development. The housing authority had knowledge that the dog was dangerous, yet failed to enforce a lease restriction pertaining to pets that should have ensured the removal of the animal from the premises. They claim that they are immune from liability. What do you think?

A: Each case must be reviewed on its own facts and the law of the particular state, but in a recent Connecticut Supreme Court case, the court held that a landlord's common law duty to alleviate



Robert Meisner

known dangers on the premises includes dangers posed by vicious dogs. Apparently, the housing authority's argument that it had no liability under state law because it was not the owner or keeper of the dog did not relieve it of liability, nor do I think there would be necessarily governmental immunity for this type of situation, but you should consult with an attorney.

Q: We are thinking about building some residential property around Comerica-Ford Field. I am curious how the residential area around Target Field in Minneapolis has prospered, if at all.

A: Target Field in Minneapolis was a boom to not only the residential area, but obviously the commercial area, as it is conveniently located to the major shopping areas in downtown Minneapolis. Moreover, rapid transit is being developed there not only with respect to Target Field, but the University of Minnesota's new football stadium which will have light rail going to the stadium from downtown and from the airport.

There are number of apartments being constructed in the downtown vicinity and much of the city still has prosperous residential housing, particularly around the three major lakes which are located within the city limits of Minneapolis. There are also major shopping chains in the downtown area, including major department stores and, of course, Minneapolis is the home of Target. Again, if Minneapolis is any example, with the advent of rapid transit or light rail in the Detroit area, I would suggest that additional residential housing is sorely needed in the Detroit area and should do reasonably well.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 4-7, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
42249 Barchester Rd	\$158,000
6739 Burnham Dr	\$150,000
1884 Centennial Dr	\$362,000
47198 Eastbourne Rd	\$276,000
3311 Empire State Dr	\$245,000
1922 Hawks Nest Ct	\$118,000
41156 Northwind Dr	\$52,000
2076 Premier Ln	\$77,000
4058 Radcliff Dr	\$80,000

6689 Sturbridge Ln	\$65,000
6960 Sylvania Ln	\$78,000
GARDEN CITY	
31471 Bridge St	\$114,000
6905 Gilman St	\$69,000
32624 James St	\$72,000
28211 Maplewood St	\$39,000
32952 Pardo St	\$37,000
LIVONIA	
38208 Ann Arbor Trl	\$33,000
9953 Arcola St	\$65,000
14043 Bainbridge St	\$74,000
11406 Blackburn St	\$150,000
14386 Doris St	\$135,000
17251 Fairfield St	\$245,000
36336 Fairway Dr	\$30,000
18270 Gillman St	\$38,000
8950 Louisiana St	\$149,000
9928 Melrose St	\$165,000
19986 Milburn St	\$138,000

34969 Pembroke Ave	\$270,000
15822 Penn Dr	\$188,000
29630 Richland St	\$104,000
NORTHVILLE	
42520 Bradner Rd	\$275,000
18551 Fox Hollow Ct	\$885,000
18605 Ridge Rd	\$258,000
39802 Rockcrest Cir	\$120,000
325 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$293,000
16636 Victoria Ct	\$442,000
222 West St	\$245,000
PLYMOUTH	
741 Beech Ct	\$367,000
11656 Brownell Ave	\$55,000
9405 Corinne St	\$49,000
41460 Ivywood Ln	\$210,000
1163 Junction St	\$290,000
42241 Mill Race Cir	\$95,000
40137 Newport Dr	\$80,000
1251 Sheridan St	\$232,000

REDFORD	
9059 Beech Daly Rd	\$47,000
12109 Centralia	\$13,000
26350 Clarita	\$35,000
9336 Columbia	\$63,000
8890 Farley	\$40,000
20524 Indian	\$18,000
11368 Seminole	\$36,000
WESTLAND	
35947 Avondale St	\$39,000
36301 Avondale St	\$40,000
37552 Barkridge Cir	\$62,000
32642 Birchwood St	\$92,000
32851 Chapman Pl	\$90,000
27530 Eton St	\$38,000
32758 Parkwood St	\$75,000
1100 Surrey Hts	\$127,000
37047 Vincent St	\$88,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 20-24, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32267 Auburn Dr	\$252,000
18910 Hillcrest St	\$287,000
22751 N Nottingham Dr	\$250,000
32924 Norchester St	\$145,000
BIRMINGHAM	
768 Bird Ave	\$122,000
795 Fairfax St	\$1,275,000
909 Fairfax St	\$365,000
390 Golf View Blvd	\$335,000
1675 Hanley Ct	\$190,000
587 Lakeview Ave	\$595,000
1525 Yosemite Blvd	\$870,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
25074 Glynholm Ct	\$203,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2477 Heronwood Dr	\$785,000
3732 Lincoln Rd	\$500,000
1346 N Carillon Ct	\$1,400,000
2443 Parcels Cir	\$181,000
4770 Quarton Rd	\$195,000
881 Tartan Trl	\$320,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2265 Brigantine	\$40,000
8315 Dickert St	\$300,000
8662 Golfside Dr	\$115,000
5441 Mill Race Way	\$250,000
3575 Ravinewood Ct	\$570,000
4713 Surfwood Dr	\$425,000
FARMINGTON	
33337 Cloverdale Ave	\$105,000
34166 State St	\$265,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29560 Ashford Pkwy	\$180,000
28820 Bella Vista Dr	\$121,000
37224 Berkleigh Ct	\$270,000
21341 Colgate St	\$16,000
27651 Fairway Hills	\$450,000
29842 Indian Trl	\$101,000

22023 Inkster Rd	\$92,000
26030 Meadowview Dr	\$200,000
33811 Ramble Hills Dr	\$390,000
21423 Riverwalk Ct	\$209,000
28386 Seven Oaks Dr	\$192,000
30475 Springland St	\$148,000
34758 Valley Forge Dr	\$240,000
30080 Woodbrook St	\$212,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
28452 Lathrup Blvd	\$120,000
MILFORD	
1446 Hunters Lake Dr	\$650,000
479 Ravineside Dr	\$270,000
3100 Trilogy Rd	\$335,000
650 Village Ln	\$76,000
NOVI	
41420 Belden Cir	\$115,000
47510 Cheltenham Dr	\$580,000
50596 Glades Ct E	\$50,000
50623 Glades Ct E	\$50,000
28770 Hearthstone Dr	\$275,000
40612 Lenox Park Dr	\$282,000
22673 Mondavi Dr	\$50,000
1404 Paramount St	\$180,000

1155 South Lake Dr Unit 70	\$42,000
24341 Willow Ln	\$149,000
22519 Windermere Ct	\$735,000
SOUTH LYON	
52108 Copperwood Dr S	\$297,000
450 N Ridge St	\$93,000
443 Orchard Rdg	\$80,000
61100 Palamino Ct	\$279,000
772 Stoney Dr	\$128,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30816 Brentwood St	\$60,000
520 Concord Dr	\$210,000
18163 Cornell Rd	\$85,000
17309 Roxbury Ave	\$109,000
22564 W 11 Mile Rd	\$116,000
WHITE LAKE	
9417 Cedar Island Rd	\$200,000
520 Concord Dr	\$210,000
8700 Cooley Beach Dr	\$155,000
1869 Crystal Ln	\$209,000
233 Granada Dr	\$165,000
675 W Oxhill Dr	\$120,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar

Learn about a \$50,000 income guarantee. Thursday, Dec. 20, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

For more information, contact Jim Raines at (734) 459-4700 or jim-raines@kw.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale pro-

cedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call

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Free foreclosure tours

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- Coddle
- Service charges
- XXI times C
- Ersatz butter
- Blissful spot
- Boathouse gear
- Variety
- Dated (2 wds.)
- Say in fun
- Auspices
- There!
- Revenuers
- Lama's chant
- Wild West revolver
- Real thrill
- Impend
- Max — Sydow
- Any minute
- Comfy seat
- Modern Persia
- You and I
- Nothing, in Nogales
- Call, as an elk
- Monk's society

DOWN

- Choy
- "The Greatest"
- Film canine
- Alpine refrain
- Exploit
- Sullivan and Murrow
- Reaction to a mouse
- Links champ Sam —
- Synthesizer inventor

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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2	8	7	9	6	3	5	1	4
1	9	6	4	7	8	2	5	3
3	2	9	7	1	4	6	8	5
4	8	5	9	6	7	2	3	1
7	3	8	1	4	5	9	2	6
5	1	9	2	3	9	8	7	4
6	8	2	4	6	7	9	3	1

Word Search

R	E	B	Q	Z	P	T	Y	U	D	L	Q	C	N	Y
T	I	E	C	D	W	A	Y	I	Q	S	V	A	T	B
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D	G	Q	R	A	V	B	L	I	Z	Z	A	R	D	E
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