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# It's official!

The Westland Observer will continue to serve the city of Westland as its official newspaper.

The Westland City Council voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of Mayor William Wild to accept the Observer's bid to publish the city's listings, legal notices and other posts for 2013.

Council also approved the purchase of six power stretchers for a Type 3 Ambulance from Stryker Medical for \$69,990 and selfcontained breathing apparatus equipment along with training for firefighters from **Douglas Safety Systems** for \$407,000. The cost will be reimbursed 100 percent through the Competitive Grant Assistance Program.

# Coffee hour

Westland residents will have a chance to meet their two new state representatives and new Wayne County commissioner at a coffee hour at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

In attendance will be state Reps. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District.

"This will be my first coffee hour, and I'm excited to hear from members of the community about what their priorities are for me in Lansing, Kosowski said. "I encourage residents to join me for an informal discussion on these issues so they can share their thoughts with me directly, and my colleagues and I can answer any questions they may have."

People can contact Kosowski at his office at (517) 373-2576 or email him at Robert-Kosowski@house. mi.gov. Knezek can be reached at (517) 373-0849. Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson can write to him at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, call him at (866) 262-7306, or send an email to SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan. gov.

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# WAYNE-WESTLAND

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# Wayne begins work on water meter replacement project

**By LeAnne Rogers** Staff Writer

The process that will result in citywide replacement of Wayne's water meters with remote reading devices is under way.

Wayne recently entered a professional services contract with Ann Arborbased Stantec to provide engineering services for the nearly \$2 million proj-

"It's a long-term program that will take 18 months to two years," Wayne City Engineer/ Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib said.

The first step will be

deciding on what type of metering system will be the best fit for Wayne. The choice is between a fixed-network system, which would have a couple of remote towers used to transmit meter readings to a central location, or a drive-by metering system, where data is sent to a radio band and

then downloaded.

"We want whatever is the best fit for the city's needs and cheapest," El-Gharib said. "We don't know which system that is yet."

The existing water meters are more than 20 years old. Meter readers collect data going doorto-door with a handheld

plug-in device.

"This system is so old and obsolete, we can't find parts for the handheld meter readers," El-Gharib said. "The new system will be more accurate, require less maintenance and less staff."

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Please see METERS, A2



Westland John Glenn High School senior Violet Gjocaj shows offer her winning entry in the 2012 North American International Auto show poster contest. Gjocaj placed second in the 12th-grade category.

# Westland teenager's poster picked in auto show contest

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

For almost two decades, students in Steve Paulsen's graphic design class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center have been racking up wins in the North American International Auto Show poster contest.

And thanks to Violet Gjocaj, the winning streak continues.

A student in Paulsen's graphic

design class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, Gjocaj won second place and a \$250 cash prize in the 12th grade category of

the 25th annual poster contest. "I was kind of surprised," said Giocai. a second-year graphics design student. "I didn't enter this year, so this was my first time. I entered two posters, but I didn't think I'd win."

A senior at John Glenn High School, Gjocaj's winning poster downplayed topography and went for a colorful graphic display.

"I think they liked the concept of the skyline with tire tracks,' said Paulsen. "The skyline was the subject of quite a few posters this

year." Paulsen added that Gjocaj's poster was "pretty good."

"We're always shooting for the best use of color award, that's

Piease see POSTER, A2

# Wayne Council to consider McDonald's site plan

**By LeAnne Rogers** Staff Writer

A longtime restaurant in downtown Wayne could soon be replaced with golden arches.

Located on the southwest corner of South Wayne Road and West Michigan Avenue, Rex's House of Pancakes closed around Jan. 1. On Tuesday, the Wayne City Council is scheduled to consider site plan approval for a new McDonald's restaurant at that loca-

About 20 residents attended last week's Planning Commission meeting, most expressing concerns about a fast food restaurant at that location or were unhappy with the appearance of the building. The Planning Commission approved the site plan and forwarded it to the council.

Since the property is already zoned for a restaurant, with a drivethrough window being an allowed accessory use, only site plan approval is required to allow the development to proceed. said City Clerk/Planning Director Matthew Miller.

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# Greenfield Village's Lucas to speak at MLK event

Back by popular demand, Greenfield Village historian Anthony Lucas will again be the featured speaker at Westland's 15th annual Martin Luther King Jr. cere-

The ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at the Christ **Temple Apostolic Faith** Church, 29124 Eton St.,



dlebelt Road just south of Annapolis. For several years, the program has been held at the Westland

Friendship Center. "Dr. King was an incredible individual who left an enduring

legacy that is still very much alive today," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "The celebration has become an annual tradition in our All American City."

This year's program will include musical selections by the Christ Temple Church Choir, as well as a historical perspective by Lucas, a presenter from The Henry Ford's Greenfield Village. Lucas will be delivering excerpts from King's most famous speeches, along with Suffragan Bishop Luke McClendon, pastor of **Christ Temple Apostolic** Church.

Students from Wayne-**Westland Community** Schools have been invited to enter various creative projects honoring King, which will be on display. Westland Director of Public Service Kevin Buford will serve as master of ceremonies for the tribute. The invocation will be delivered by McClendon.

Light refreshments will be served after the program.

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# Council OKs reappointments to disability panel

Westland City Council has approved Mayor William Wild's reappointment of Judy McKinney and Ray Schuholz to the Disability Concerns Committee.

Both terms run for three years and are set to expire Jan. 3, 2016.

The committee's mission is to research, educate, encourage and promote community involvement in the acknowledgement of the needs and

concerns of disabled citizens. To further these principles, the committee creates community awareness and accessibility for everyone.

The committee is assigned:

• To cooperate with other agencies in informational programs for residents of the community that are designed to increase awareness about disabilities and to prevent discrimination

against the disabled.

• To promote and to initiate community education programs and provide educational materials in establishing disability discrimination awarèness, to assure fair and equal treatment under the law to all citi-

• To institute and conduct educational and other programs to promote equal rights and opportunities for all disabled

persons, and to promote understanding among persons and groups with different disabilities.

 To promote mutual understanding and foster equality and respect among disabled persons and non-disabled persons so as to prevent discriminatory practices in every respect.

 To issue publications, studies or reports based on research in the field of disability discrimination,

which in the judgment of the committee will effectuate its purpose and prevent discrimination against disabled persons.

 To investigate, analyze and study complaints and specific situations arising between disabled groups or individuals which result in tensions, discrimination or prejudice within the city and to offer its assistance in an attempt at conciliation or mediation of any

problems that may arise in the community which violate the purpose and aim of this Committee.

 To make any recommendations for solutions and policies as the Committee deems necessary in its effort to prevent discrimination against the disabled within the community.

For more information, visit: www.cityofwestland.com/disabilityconcerns.html.

# **POSTER**

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what went through our mind as she was working on it," he said.

The 2013 contest had 69 high schools involved and 645 posters, encompassing an automotive-related theme. The entries were judged by the NAIAS 2013 chairmen, a General Motors automotive designer, a College for **Creative Studies Instruc**tor, and State Farm Insurance representatives.

The prizes ranged from \$1.000 for the Chairmen's Award which went to Morgan Barrow, a 12thgrade student at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester Hills, to \$100 honorable mentions at the 10th-, 11th- and 12thgrade levels. There also were awards for Designer's Best of Show-Digital, Designer's Best of Show-Traditional, Most Creative, Best Use of Color and Best Theme awards.

The talent seen in the

poster entries from students and schools in Michigan is truly amazing," said James T. Seavitt, president of the **Detroit Auto Dealers** Association and a 2013 NAIAS chairman. "The NAIAS is pleased to present the Poster Contest each year, which encourages high school students' creativity and interest in the NAIAS and global

auto industry." The prize money came in handy for Gjocaj who used some of it to buy a purse that her mother wanted and presents for a few friends. She still has \$70 left and plans to spend it on herself.

"We do several poster contests for composting, ACT and I-SAVE (Wayne-Westland's energy conservation program), but I best," she said. "You can get some money in the other contest, but with the auto show, a lot more prizes are given out."

Gjocaj enjoys graphic design. She would like to design and make things

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Bill Johnson Jr., Wayne Bowl, Dillon's Jeweler's, Independent Carpet One,

once she leaves high school, and would like to attend the College for Creative Studies or possibly go to Schoolcraft College or Wayne State University.

"I want to go further with graphic art," she "But if it doesn't work out, I might like to go into psychology."

With Auto Show Poster contest done, students are now submitting their work for the Scholastic Awards. Paulsen hopes his students will get a few gold keys in that competition. Last year, a gold key helped one of his students win a scholarship to CCS worth well over \$100,000.

All winning Auto Show poster entries will be posted on the official NAIAS website, naias. Show at Cobo Hall Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-2.

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# **SITE PLAN**

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"The issue to the Planning Commission was that the site plan met all the city ordinance requirements," said Miller. "We can't deny them under Michigan zoning

Rex's House of Pancakes had been operating since the late 1990s. The restaurant was originally a Chuck Muer establishment constructed in the 1980s. In between, it housed a number of other short-term eateries.

McDonald's would demolish the current building and construct a 4,200-square-foot brick restaurant with two drive-through windows.

Some residents attending the Planning Commission had called for the McDonald's building to be built with a zero setback — that is, right along the sidewalk rather than centered on the parcel.

"That wouldn't allow them to have drivethrough and they rely on that as a good part of their business," said Mill-

There was some comment about the building being ugly but Miller said it will be all brick, have extensive landscaping, outdoor seating, a decorative fence along Michigan Avenue and screening of roof top equipment.

Some residents also made comments about the city having some involvement in the property being sold to McDon-

"The city was not party to the sale. It was a private sale," Miller said.

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# **AROUND** WAYNE AND WESTLAND

# Helpina seniors

Seniors Helping Seniors will host a grand-opening open house, featuring food and drink and drawings for free gifts 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

Learn about services, providing in-home care and support for seniors by seniors. Learn about flexible job opportunities for caring, active seniors over 50 years young.

For more information, call (734) 996-9570 or email seniorshelpingseniors14@gmail.com.

### Grange workshop

Quilters, sewing enthusiasts and other craft people are invited to a Grange workshop 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland.

Bring your items or just come and talk. Call Sharon at (734) 748-0569

# Friends program

The Friends of the Nankin Mills will host a free presentation, "History of Hines Drive," 7-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

Nancy Darga, former Wayne County Parks Manager of Design, Parks Historian and Managing **Director of Motor Cities** National Heritage Area, will share her vast knowledge about the development and history of Hines Parkway.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The parking lot on Hines can be reached even if barricades are up at Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

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# **METERS**

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manpower needs will come from no longer having a couple of meter readers walking the city to collect water readings.

The project is being funded through a bond issued about five years ago, which has already generated \$1.7 million.

"Most of the money is already there, so we won't need to raise the rates for this project," El-Gharib said.

There are approximate-

will be replaced under the project. El-Gharib estimated it would take two or three months before bid specifications for the project will go out.

ly 6,000 water meters that

Along with working with city staff on evaluating and selecting the type of meter system, Stantec will develop bid specifications, make a recommendation to city council on a bid award and provide construction management services during the installation phase.

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# W-W school officials warn about dangers of hand sanitizers

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Letters have been sent home to the parents of students at Wayne-Westland's P.D. Graham Elementary School and information has been posted on the district's website about the dangers of hand sanitizer in the wake of an incident Tuesday that sent a kindergarten student to the hospital with alcohol poisoning.

"I am asking all parents to proceed with caution when considering matters related to hand sanitizer," School Superintendent Greg Baracy said in a parent letter sent out Thursday. "Please speak to your children about the importance of not eating or drinking items that are

not fit for consumption." The district has also posted links on its website at www.wwcsd.net to more information about

hand sanitizers.

In his letter to parents, Baracy acknowledged that "some families encourage and provide with hand sanitizers in order to minimizes germs and illness. However, ingesting the liquid can have lethal effects upon a person's body."

On Tuesday, a 5-yearold student at Graham was complaining of dizziness. Her mother, LeAnne Arndt, was contacted. She was on the way to the school, when she was told the child was lapsing in and out of consciousness and that 9-1-1 call had

been made. "Never in a million years would have I imagined it would be this," said Arndt. "I've seen her smell it and say it smelled good, but I've never seen her taste it. It's like flavored alcohol. It would be

140 proof, if it was liquor." It's believed Arndt's

daughter ingested two or three squirts of a chocolate-strawberry scented hand sanitizer while at school. According to Arndt, the youngster had tasted a friend's, she didn't like it "and moved

on to another one. 'She told me she really liked the chocolate-strawberry scent," Arndt said. "It's 62 percent ethyl alcohol, the same as moonshine. The doctors compared it to drinking wood grain alcohol. One ounce can intoxicate an adult. Luckily she didn't ingest that amount."

EMS transported the child to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Thinking the youngster was suffering from head trauma because of a bump on her head, paramedics had begun administering intravenous fluids while en route. Doctors told Arndt that had they not gotten those fluids in her,

"I might be burying my daughter instead of taking her home."

"They did CT scans and EKG, urine tests, they thought she had a head trauma, but when the blood test came back, they knew what they were dealing with," said Arndt.

"They were so astounded by the results that they thought they had to be wrong and did the test again. The results were what you would see in an adult."

"The hospital workers had never come across something like this, they'd never seen it in their ER."

Arndt said that for several hours the family knew nothing. It wasn't until after doctors had verified the tests were they told it was alcohol poisoning. After about an hour of two, the youngster began to come around, and five-six hours, she

could talk and was able to keep food in her stomach.

"Now it makes sense, she was sobering up," said

Arndt. Ironically, while sitting with her daughter, Arndt's mother had mentioned the hand sanitizer might be

the culprit. Arndt said her daughter has been fascinated with hand sanitizers and likes all the different scents. At one point, the youngster was taking all of the 15 bottles she had to school and using them all day long. Arndt took them away from her.

Arndt's daughter was full of energy and back to her normal self when she went back to school on Wednesday. While her daughter shows no signs of problems, Arndt is concerned about possible long-term effects. Her contact with hand sanitizer also has been limited. Her teacher is dispensing it and watching to make sure she rubs it until it's gone.

And she also is having conversations with her daughter about what happened. The girl has told her mother she'll never do it again.

'We do pinkie promises every day," said Arndt. 'She says she'll never do that again. It made her dizzy and she didn't like how it made her feel."

Arndt added that school officials were very concerned and very helpful during the crisis and are now taking measures to inform parents about the dangers of hand sanitizer.

"My goal now is to let other parents know how dangerous it is," said Arndt. "It was such a little amount to ingest to put her in such dire straits.'

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# **Health Department** holds flu shot clinic

Flu season has come early and as of Friday was considered "widespread" in 47 states, according to the latest report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

With more and more reports of the flu occurring, people who haven't gotten flu shots can do so through the Wayne County Department of Public Health which is holding a walk-in clinic 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, at its offices at 33030 Van Born, Wayne.

The department has lowered the price of its flu shots to \$5, cash only, for infants age 6 months and older through adults. who might need them during the duration of the 2012-13 flu season. By making them more affordable,

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health officials are hoping that more individuals will take advantage of the vaccination protection that flu shots offer.

Medicaid, Medicare, Part B is accepted, and eligible youngsters are also covered under the Vaccine for Children program. People should wear short

sleeves to get the shoot. The clinic will be held in the HEMS Conference Room. People coming to the clinic should enter the building using the front entrance that faces Van Born Road.

Flu shots are also available by appointment. Callthe Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7000 or (734) 727-7100 for more information or to make an appointment.

# Meeting focuses on developing downtown Wayne

The Ripple Effect, a nonprofit Wayne downtown revitalization group, will host a visit from the Michigan Main Street Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17.

**Organization Special**ist Brittney Hoszkiw of the Michigan Main Street Center will be on hand to help volunteer residents and businesses owners develop the next steps for achieving a vibrant, beautiful and thriving downtown using Main Street methods.

The meeting will be held at the Greater Than Dreams Church, 35118 Michigan Ave., in downtown Wayne. The program is open to the public.

In 2012, Ripple Effect volunteers applied to the state of Michigan to be included in the Main Street Program. **Downtown Wayne was** the only community in southeast Michigan selected to participate at the Associate Level for 2012.

Ripple Effect has held successful fundraising events, including a Raise Your Glass: A Celebration of Community event in April 2012, to announce to the community that the group had been selected for the Main Street Program.

"We have visions of building a stronger, more vibrant downtown," said Sherrie

Brindley, the group's founder, "We want to see more foot traffic, more events and more retail and restaurants in the downtown for starters. The Main Street Program has been successful in places like Howell and Ferndale. There is no reason why Wayne shouldn't have a thriving downtown.

Wayne has an opportunity to serve residents from Westland, Garden City and south Canton. It also can be the walkable, pedestrian-friendly downtown experience that these communities cannot provide due to development patterns that were established long ago, according to Brindley.

"There is plenty of evidence to show that communities with thriving downtowns maintain stronger property values and attract more businesses," said Pat Rice, a local real estate agent and member of the Ripple Effect. "This is exactly what Wayne needs and why this effort is crucial to the long-term survival of the community."

The Ripple Effect has elected to continue at the Associate Level in 2013:

To reserve a seat for the meeting, send an email to waynerippleeffect@gmail.com or call Brindley at (734) 740-0606. Refreshments will be served.





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# Where in the world

Farmington sixth-grader wins district geography bee

By Sue Buck **Observer Staff Writer** 

Sixth-grader Michael Garlow is on his way to a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship in a national competition.

Garlow was the overall winner in the Garden City Public Schools National Geographic Bee held Jan. 8.

Second was Marcus Robinson, a fifth-grader, and third place went to Tapanga Clarey, a sixthgrader.

They were joined in an elimination round by sixth-grader Ethan Thompson and fifth-graders Nathaniel Cody and Sarah Lopez.

Students studied for about a month prior to the competition.

'They had a month to prepare," said teacher Christine Messner, who submitted the application in September.

"I have a good sense of geography.

Garlow will take a written test to go on to the state level. If selected after that, Garlow will go to national competition in Washington D.C.

Messner has found that students who are good in geography are "visual learners."

Bee questions covered the United States and the rest of the world. They were questions like naming the large chain of islands in the Alaskan peninsula to naming a nomadic tribe near Argentina.

Garlow said that his preparation included



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Geography Bee winner Michael Garlow displays his trophy at the Farmington 5-6 campus in Garden City.



Nathaniel Cody tries to visualize the geographic area in the question.

taking a couple tests on nationalgeographic.com the night prior.

Robinson said that he found that the question about the chain of islands in Alaska as his hardest question. The answer was the Aleutian Islands.

He said that he looked through atlases to prepare.

"I went online," Robinson said.



Sarah Lopez concentrates while answering the geography



Tapanga Clarey came in third at the Geography Bee competition.

Clarey said that she found the question about horse racing the most difficult. The answer was Kentucky.

She studied with a friend.

"Every weekend, she came over to my house to study," she said. Social studies is impor-

tant for students because it enlightens them about the world. It is also on the MEAP exams.

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# O&E Media auto show team wants to hear from you

The North American **International Auto Show** team from O&E Media is gearing up - pun intended - to bring readers local coverage of the 25th annual international event at Cobo Center.

Our team of two photographers and two reporters will canvass the showroom floor all week to bring you information about your neighbor's thoughts on the hottest vehicles, enhancements in technology, news from and about local dealers and auto companies located in Oakland and western Wayne counties in photos (in print and online), video and more.

The team will take a look at local business involvement and share success stories, while also giving you a sneak peek at what you should check out when the public show opens Jan. 21.

Look for our photographers and, if you are not there, don't hesitate to contact them and let them know what you want to see and read about.

#### **Photographers**

Bill Bresler is an auto show veteran. He considers himself a car guy, beginning when he was 10 years old building model cars. Bresler grew up in Lansing, where Oldsmobile was king. Several dads in the neighborhood were Olds engineers and they often drove home vehicles you could not buy at a dealer.

Bresler has a 1972 MGB coupe in his garage that requires about three hours of maintenance for each hour he drives it. He has a "for sale" sign, but can't bear to place it in the window, even though he knows he should.

Bresler's current ride is a 2012 Ford Focus, built less than 10 miles away from his home in Livonia.

Contact Bresler during the auto show preview. week or during the Charity Preview by leaving a Facebook message or text (734) 788-8099.

John Heider is also behind the camera this week, and while he all himseır a "car buff," he enjoys seeing all the new technology and searching for a sleek vehicle that matches his active lifestyle. Heider has driven more than 700,000 miles in the last 20 years. and really gets excited about automotive efficiency and dependability.

Call or text Heider at (517) 375-1688, email him at jheider@hometownlife. com or leave a Facebook message at John Heider Photography.

Joining Bresler and Heider is John Stormzand, O&E Media photojournalist based in Oakland Coun-

Contact Stormzand by

WE'RE PULLING OUT



The O&E Media team (from left), photographer Bill Bresler, reporter David Veselenak, photographer John Heider and reporter Nathan Mueller, wants to hear from readers about coverage of the 25th international auto show

emailing him at istormzand@hometownlife.com.

#### Reporters

The newcomer to the team this year is David Veselenak. And when we say newcomer, we don't just mean it's his first time reporting on the North **American International** Auto Show, we mean it's his first time ever going — despite living in the

Detroit area for most of his life.

Veselenak is hoping his fresh outlook will translate into coverage of the show that non-car enthusiasts will be able to digest and enjoy.

He can be reached at dveselenak@hometownlife.com and on Twitter @ DavidVeselenak, where he'll be posting updates from the show.

Staff writer Nathan Mueller is covering the NAIAS for the third consecutive year for O&E Media and for his mother, Betty Jo, who will spend countless hours asking him to show her photos of vehicles she will either classify as "ugly" or "sharp." He enjoys the event because it allows him to sit inside cars he will never own in his life-

time, and he loves seeing the city of Detroit in the spotlight for something good.

Mueller can be reached at nmueller@hometownlife.com or tweet himrequests of vehicles you want to see via Twitter @ Hometownlife or @SOKEccentric.

**Social Scene** Julie Yolles of Birming-

ham writes the Social Scene column, which appears weekly in the Birmingham Eccentric. Yolles will cover the Auto Show Charity Preview on Friday, Jan. 18, for all O&E Media web and print editions, along with Bresler. And since O&E Media coverage is always local, Yolles wants to hear from Birmingham-Bloomfield and other O&E

Media readers who will attend the charity gala one of the hottest parties of the year in metro Detroit.



"I would love to hear from local residents in advance so I can meet them at Cobo Center the night of the preview or at one of the local insider auto parties," said Yolles, who will be at the autoglow party at Ford Field after the charity preview Friday.

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# Judge finds man guilty in death of Wayne man

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer** 

A Jan. 24 sentencing date has been scheduled for a Wayne man convicted of murder in the death of man whose body was found behind Wayne Bowl in 2009.

Richard Scott Douglass,

57, was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of Joseph Kasprowicz, 25, following a bench trial before Wayne County Circuit Judge Vera Massey Jones. Douglass could be sentenced to up to life in prison.

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"It was a pretty lengthy investigation. We talk-

ed to a lot of witnesses," said Wayne Police Sgt. Alan Maciag, the officer in charge of the cold case investigation. "Douglass was revealed as a suspect, arrested and charged."

An autopsy determined Kasprowicz, whose body was found Sept. 21, 2009,

in a wooded area behind Wayne Bowl on Michigan Avenue, had died of blunt trauma. Police have not been able to determine where Kasprowicz was killed.

Douglass had called 9-1-1 to report finding the body of Kasprowicz who, according to Maciag, had been dating Douglass's wife Tiffany.

Kasprowicz had a legal address in Ypsilanti, but was effectively homeless and had been staying in Wayne at the time of his death.

Douglass had been staving in a Wayne apartment at the time of the

murder, but was likewise described as a transient. Following the lengthy investigation, in 2012 U.S. marshals arrested Douglass in Tennessee and returned him to Michigan to stand trial.

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# Catalytic convertor, sensors stolen

#### Break-in

Police were called to the Hines Park Apartments, 31610 Cowan just after 4 a.m. Jan. 3 when someone noticed three people climb into a second-story window and then exit through the apartment door.

Officers found the apartment door partly open. The unit was vacant and it didn't appear anything was damaged or missing.

The suspects were gone when police arrived.

#### Larceny

A resident in the 6600 block of N. Hix told police Jan. 2 that someone had stolen a Sony PlayStation Vita belonging to her son. The game, valued at \$250, was last seen a week earlier.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

On Jan. 4, a resident of the Hines Park Apartments, 31690 Cowan, told police someone stole the catalytic converter and two sensors, valued at over \$1,000, from her 2005 Honda Element.

### Vandalism

A Livonia man told police Jan. 5 that someone damaged the ignition of his 2010 Dodge

#### **WESTLAND COP CALLS**

Avenger in an attempt to steal it while the car was parked at the Landings Apartments, 6915 Lakev-

• On Jan. 6, a resident in the 2000 block of Freeman Court told police someone rummaged through his 2004 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck and damaged the ignition and steering column in an attempt to steal it. Nothing was reported missing.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

On Jan. 6, a member of the Peoples Community Baptist Church, 29745 Annapolis, arrived to prepare for services and found someone had broken into two church vans. A window had been broken on each van and the batteries had been stolen.

The vans were parked inside a fenced lot which had a hole cut into it.

### Vandalism

A resident at the Riverbend Apartments, 30356 Warren Road, told police Jan. 5 that one of her neighbors alerted her that a window on her 2011 Ford Taurus had been broken.

The owner said a case containing CDs, valued at \$400, had been stolen and the interior compartments had been ransacked. A month earlier, someone had stolen the wheels from the car after searching the car for wheel lock key, the owner said.

#### Hit and run

A Columbia, S.C., man told police Dec. 26 that someone hit his rented 2013 Dodge Caravan while it was parked on North Linville near Cherry Hill. The passenger side front end was reported damaged.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

On Dec. 31, a resident of the Westwood Village Apartments, 8520 N. Hix, told police someone popped open a door on his 2000 Ford Taurus. He said a set of golf clubs and a radio head were stolen.

### Larceny

A resident in the 30000 block of Nelson Circle told police Jan. 2 that someone stole his air conditioning unit. He said he'd last seen the unit about a month ear-

By LeAnne Rogers

Westland Police Officer Derek Trosper and police dog Narco visited the Westland **City Council** meeting to thank Rick Rokita, president of the **Bova VFW** Post Mens Auxiliary, for a \$2,000 to benefit the police canine program. Also shown are Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Mayor Wil-

# Police canine program benefits from donation

The Westland Police Department canine program got a boost, thanks to the fund-raising efforts of a local veterans groups.

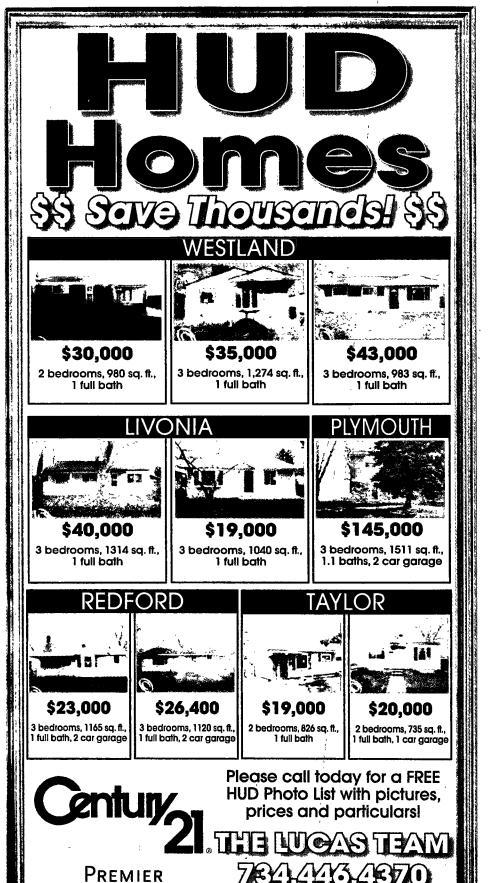
The Bova VFW Post Men's Auxiliary donated \$2,000 to the canine program which lost a dog after one of the handlers retired.

Now, the department has a second dog with the addition of Narco, whose handler is Officer Derek Trosper. Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik thanked auxiliary president Rick Rokita for the donation at a

recent council meeting. "This is unbelievably generous," said Jedrusik, adding Narco would complete his training and be certified in a couple weeks.

With the addition of Narco, Jedrusik said the department has a police dog, used for narcotic searches and tracking, each day. Office Joe Bobby is the handler for the department's other dog named Friday.





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Staff Sgt. Casey J. Ferris of Garden City has been named the 2012 NCO of the Year at U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

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A Garden City resident has been named the 2012 NCO of the Year at U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. Staff Sgt. Casey J. Ferris was selected after competing against other noncommissioned officers before a review board.

"Staff Sgt. Ferris is a top-notch NCO who lives and leads by the Warrior Ethos," said 1st Sgt. Michael Cornish of the 3rd Air Defense Artillery.

Ferris joined the Army nearly six years ago and has been stationed at **Dugway Proving Ground** for a year. He is the son of Linda Ann Ferris of Garden City, and the late John Lee Ferris. His grandparents are Harold Ferris of Northville, Mich., and the late Mary

Ferris is at Dugway **Proving Ground with** Alpha Battery, 3rd Air **Defense Artillery Reg**iment, testing JLENS (Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System) in the remote Utah desert west of Salt Lake City.

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# Ex-GC resident retires after 33 years in Air Force

cial day for U.S. Air Force Reserve Chief M. Sgt. Louis A. Cox. It was the day the former Garden City resident retired after a 33-year military

Cox was the installation emergency manager for the 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio, where he provided technical advice and develops planning guidance

and training on emergency response concepts and procedures for situations involving enemy attacks. natural disasters, accident response, and other emergencies or contin-

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He also acted as the commander's liaison with other agencies like the Department of Defense and other federal, state and local emergency management agencies following a natural disas-

Cox entered the Air Force in March 1980 and his background included various duties in the Security Forces and Civ-

il Engineer Emergency Management career fields. After more than 12 years of active duty, he accepted both a federal civilian and military reserve position with the Air Force Reserve as a Readiness Specialist. His assignments include basta, Michigan, Indiana, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Ohio.

Cox also served overseas in Iceland and Portugal and has deployed to Qatar serving as expeditionary mission support group superintendent and Iraq as installation emergency manager in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

### GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Founder's Day

The Garden City PTA Council will celebrate all things PTA with its Founders Day Dinner 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Roma Banquets on Cherry Hill, east of Venoy.

The party will feature dinner and entertainment as well as celebrate the history of PTA, honor outstanding local volunteers, announce the Educator of the Year and raise funds for college scholarships. There also will be a "serious" competition between the high school and middle school PTSAs and Garden City **Elementary PTA buildings** and Garden City's own PTA Idol. Members of the GCPS staff will be singing and competing for the title.

Tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased in advance. They will be available at the school buildings.

#### Coffee hour

State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, is joining a number of elected officials at a coffee hour Monday, Jan. 14, at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N.

Wayne Road, Westland. Citizens are welcome to visit with Knezek, State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District, to discuss their issues and/or concerns.

The coffee hour will be 9-10:30 a.m. People who have comments or concerns can also contact Knezek at (517) 373-0849.

#### **Tutoring**

Members of the Key Club are once again offering tutoring 3:30-4:40 p.m. Wednesdays.

Any middle school and elementary students can get some much-needed help with their studies at tutoring, offered 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 118 at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt.

For more information, contact Myrna Hathaway at the high school at (734) 762-8350 or at hathawm@ gardencityschools.com.

### **Project Graduation**

**Project Graduation 2013** will hold an all-day scrapbooking fundraiser 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, in the cafeteria of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road.

The cost is \$35 and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. There also will be 50/50 raffles and item raffles. Vendors also will be selling scrapbooking items

Contact Carol Chambo at (734) 427-0146 or Karen Crunk at Klcrunk@ quixnet.net to sign up.

The group also is holding a euchre tournament, Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Venoy between Ford and Warren Road in Westland.

The cost is \$20 per per-

son. There will be pays to the top five highest score, food, drinks, raffles and fun. Check-in time 6:15 p.m.

**Project Graduation is** a senior all-night party, organized and hosted by the parents. Volunteers are needed. Parents interested in helping out in any way can contact Carolyn Burek (734) 891-5243 or Carolyn\_burek@hotmail. com or Dawn Gabriel son at (734) 308-9555 or by email at dawngabby@comcast.net.

#### Pet-a-Pet

Pet-A-Pet, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month at the Garden City Hospital Rehab. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required. Visits are at 3:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Call Mickie Hickey at (734) 522-0036 for more information or to sign up.



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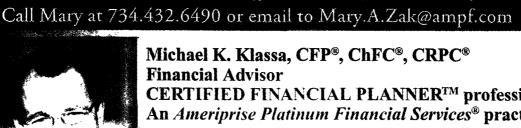
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# **AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND**

#### **Valentine Brunch**

The Women's Auxiliary American Legion Post 32 will hold a Valentine Brunch fund-raiser for nurse's scholarship 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the post at 9318 Newburgh, north of Joy, in Livonia.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu includes waffles, sausage, scrambled eggs,

made-to-order omelets, biscuits and gravy, coffee cake, fresh fruit, orange and tomato juices and coffee. There also will be basket and 50-50 raffles.

For more information, call (734) 427-5630.

#### **Surplus food**

The City of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food to residents north of Michigan Avenue at the Dorsey Community Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17.

Westland residents living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

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

For the month of January, frozen chicken quarters, egg noodles, tomato sauce, orange juice, pinto beans, bonus fruit or vegetable and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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

# **Bowling benefit**

Bowl for the Westland Historic Village Park noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Vision Lanes at 38250 Ford Road,

west of Newburgh Road.

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Tickets are \$25 each and include three games, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, mystery prize, door prizes and more. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the Westland Historic Village at 857 N. Wayne Road. They also will be available at the door the day of the event.

For tickets or more information, call Ryan at (734) 756-0769.

#### Railroadiana

Ss. Simon and Jude Usher's Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, in Westland.

Admission is \$2 per person, or \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available and parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327. Dealer setup is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

### **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 offering 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 31.

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

# Ice skating

Looking for something to do on a Friday evening? Stop by the Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland for Glow Skate 8-9:20 p.m. Fridays. Get a Glow Skate punch card. Skate five times and the sixth is free.

The arena also offers open skate 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for resident youth, \$5 for resident adults. Non-resident charges are \$4.50 for youth and \$5.50 for adults. Skate rental is \$3 for residents and \$3.50 for non-residents.

The arena is at 6210 Wildwood, Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Open skate at the Wayne
Ice Arena is 10-11:20 a.m. and
2-2:50 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10-11:120 a.m. Tuesday
and Thursday (for parent and
children age 6 and under),
5:30-6:50 p.m. Saturday and
3:30-4:50 Sunday.

Fees are \$3 for resident children and seniors and \$3.25 for resident adults. Non-resident charges are 5 for children and \$6 for adults. Children age 3 and under are free.

The community center is at 4635 Howe, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

# Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR
Real Estate 411 and Linda
Miller, an MSHDA-certified
foreclosure counselor with
National Faith Homebuyers,
will be on hand to meet with
residents one-on-one to do an
overview of the foreclosure
process and present them
with various options for their
situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

# Winterfest, basketball clinic among things to do in January

Here are upcoming programs sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

All events will be held at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe.

### **Skating competition**

The ISI Skating Competition will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 19-20. This is a nationally recognized event that showcases youth figure skaters from Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Livingston County and several other communities.

#### Friday, Jan. 25, Winterfest

• The Adult Community Theater production of It's All Fun & Games Until Someone Gets Murdered, comedy murder mystery. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. The cost is \$35 person including the show, dinner and open bar.

• Open Swim will be offered 6-8 p.m.

• Figure Skating Open Skate Fund-Raiser 7-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5, including skate rental.

#### Saturday, Jan. 26, Winterfest

Northpole Golf Classic at
 Woodlands of Van Buren to benefit youth programming. There will be a shot gun start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$25 per golfer.
 Ice Cream Social provided by

 Ice Cream Social provided by Senior Department 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Tea with Dr. Seuss 11 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$4 per person.

noon. Tickets are \$4 per person.

• Lil' Dragons Demo at 1 p.m.

Dance Mini-Show at 1:30 p.m.
Wayne Youth Hockey Associa-

tion Skills Competition at 5 p.m.
• Michigan Ice Dogs vs. Tennyson Chevrolet 7 p.m.

Wayne/Westland Soccer Association Table

Kids Night Out from 6-10 p.m.
Chair Massage/Hula Hoop demos.

#### H.Y.P.E. Athletics Basketball Clinic

This five-week training clinic

serves as an introduction to the entire sport of basketball. The program includes three weeks of total offense and defense instruction and two weeks of games at the recreational level of competition.

Participants will be divided by age group. Coaches at HYPE have experience at the high school and/or collegiate level.

Classes will be held at Franklin Middle School in Wayne (north gym) 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 16-Feb. 13. It's a coed program open to youngsters 6-14 years old.

The cost is \$40 per person plus a \$3 processing fee.

# Daddy-Daughter Date Night

Tickets are on sale for the Daddy-Daughter Date Night to be held Wednesday, Feb. 6. There will be pictures 6-7 p.m. with a square dance from 7-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per couple for Wayne and Westland resident; \$14 for one dad and two daughters, \$5 for any additional daughters.

For non-residents, the cost \$11 per couple; \$15 for one dad and two daughters, \$5 for any additional daughters.

The cost includes square dancing, corsage, goody bag, cookies and beverages. Photographs are available at an additional charge.

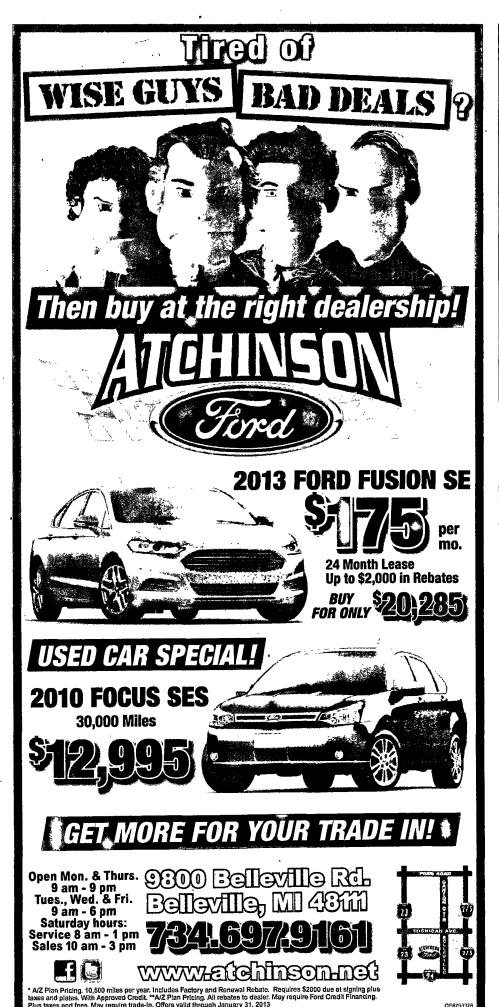
#### **Family Hoedown**

The Family Hoedown will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. The resident cost is \$6 per person or \$20 for a group or family of four or more. For non-residents the cost is \$7 per person or \$25 for a group or family of four or more.

The cost includes square dancing, goody bag, cookies and beverages. Photos are an additional charge.

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ment on Facebook and at www. ci.wayne.mi.us for the latest programs for youth, adults, and seniors or stop in at the Wayne Community Center for a guided tour. For more information, call (734) 721-7400.





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# What's so (UN) LUCKY about the number 13?

re vou a triskaidekaphobe, someone who fears the number 13? If so, you could be in for a rough year.

Why does the number 13 have such a reputation for being such an unlucky digit? The most likely answer is superstition and myth.

Many people, who were born on the 13th, especially a Friday the 13th, consider the number to be the (good) luckiest of them all.

Because of the superstitious feelings regarding number 13, the following has happened: more than 80 percent of skyscrapers skip the 13th floor. When flying, check to see if there is a 13th gate in the airport terminal or if the plane has a row 13. In most cases, you won't find any. Hospitals and hotels regularly skip the room num-

ber 13. Many cultures consider it unlucky to have 13 people at a dinner party. Most of this stems from the Last Supper when Jesus and his 12 disciples sat down to eat. Dinner party deaths also were prevalent in Norse mythology when unexpected guests came to make the party consist of 13 gods.

In France, there were special people, known as quatorziens (fourteeners), who made their livings making sure there were 14 people present at dinner parties. Many believed if there were 13 people present at the party, one member would die within the year.

Some people believe that if you have 13 letters in your name (first and last combined) you will have the "devil's luck." Some prominent examples include Charles Manson, Jeffrey Dahmer, Theodore Bundy and Jack the Ripper.

The good side of 13 include: 13 stripes on the American flag representing the 13 colonies, the age which a boy or girl is considered mature in Judaism and the number of principles in the Jewish faith.

Numerology is any study of the purported divine, mystical, or other special relationship between a number and some coinciding observed (or perceived) events. If you are interested in numerology please take a look at these titles: John King's Modern Numerology, Lauren Peden's Numerology and Anne Christie's Simply Numerology.

Books about superstition include Harry Collis' 101 American Superstitions, Stuart Vyse's Believing in Magic: The Psychology of Superstitions and Michael Shermer's Why People Believe Weird Things.

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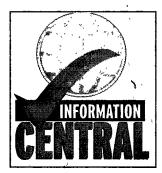
# **HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVI-**

**Adult Book Discussion** 

**Group:** 7 p.m. Jan. 16 David Sedaris is back with another collection of essays about the inanity of everyday life in When You Are Engulfed in Flames. In this volume, he presents 22 unique takes on everyday life, commenting on everything from a lover's foibles to an uncomfortable conversation he had while riding with a tow truck driver. Sedaris doesn't claim that all the stories are completely accurate: rather, each contains enough truth to make it "realish." Just as Sedar-

is seems to be going to

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bling, he pulls the stories back on track to deliver a revealing insight into the human condition. Copies are available at the Reference Desk. Everyone welcome.

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

# Schoolcraft offers Jump Start ESL workshops

The Learning Assistance Center at Schoolcraft College is offering four preparation/ refresher workshops in January for students planning to take one or more English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. The workshops are free and open to anyone planning on taking a college-level ESL course at Schoolcraft College or any college or univer-

Two Jump Start ESL preparation sessions - Level 4-ESL 102 and Level 3-ESL 101 will be held 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16. The Level 4-ESL102 session is recommended for all ESL students preparing to enter ESL102. This session will provide a brief refresher in English essay writing, grammar, literary terminology and figurative language. Advanced writing strategies will also be discussed and a practice assessment will be provided.

Level 3-ESL 101 session is recommended for all ESL students preparing to enter ESL101 and as a refresher for those entering ESL 102. This session will provide a brief review of competencies of ESL100 and overview of ESL 101,

including discussion of sentence parts, prewriting strategies and paragraph composition. Paragraph development, grammar, spelling, and dictionary use also will be discussed and a practice assessment will be provided. Level 2-ESL 100 and

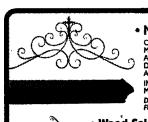
Level 1 ESL 51 & ESL 52 Jump Start ESL preparation sessions will be held. 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17. The Level 2-ESL100 session is recommended for all ESL students preparing to enter ESL100. The session will provide a brief review of competencies of ESL51 and ESL52 and overview of ESL100. Parts of speech, sentence and paragraph structure, and word parts to assist in new vocabulary will be discussed. A practice assessment will be provided.

The Level 1-ESL 51 and ESL 52 session is recommended for ESL students preparing to enter ESL 51 and ESL 52 and as a review for students preparing to enter ESL 100. The session will provide an overview of competencies for ESL 51 and ESL 52. Discussion will focus on English pronunciation and communication skills using speak-

ing and listening activities. Basic sentence-writing skills using simple grammar, word tense, and dictionary use will also be discussed. Listening comprehension practice assessment will be provided.

"We want to give our international students all of the tools they need to be successful in their college courses," said Niran Kheder, coordinator of the Jump Start ESL sessions at Schoolcraft College. "For some students these workshops can serve as a timely refresher for the skills and knowledge they need just before the start of the semester. For other students, the Jump Start sessions will provide an extra boost of confidence walking into their next class."

The Jump Start sessions are free and open " to anyone, however registration is necessary. For more information or to register, call (734) 462-4436 or email nkheder@ schoolcraft.edu. Space is limited. The workshops will be held on the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile. Jump Start is made possible through a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation.



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# After Sandy Hook: More guns not the solution to school safety issues

**By Brad Kadrich** Staff Writer

don't like guns. Franklv. thev scare me. When I was in the Air Force, the guys at the gun range had to count the shots in my target and

the target next to me just so I could qualify with the M-16.

I don't understand the fascina-

tion gunowners have with them. On the other hand, gun owners don't understand my fascination with Barry Manilow either. They don't seem to begrudge me mine, so I don't

**Brad Kadrich** 

begrudge them theirs. That doesn't mean I think guns should be allowed to be carried anywhere the owner wishes to take them. That's why it frustrates me to hear reasonable people leaping to the conclusion, in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, that the best way to keep our children safe is to put armed guards in every school building.

At first, I understood the knee-jerk reaction. Twenty of our most precious resources died in that massacre, which was far more than an attack on an elementary school. It was an attack on our consciousness, on our souls. And we need to protect those most innocent among us.

But take the suggestion on its face value and say we do that. Now there's an armed guard, probably a volunteer of some sort, in each of our school buildings. Now apply that logic to Sandy Hook. What are the chances that single volunteer is going to be in the right place, at the right time, when Adam Lanza makes his assault on the school?

If the armed guard is at one end of the building when Lanza enters the other end, what good has he 'done? Lanza peppered the school with more than 100 bullets while killing 26 people, including 20 children. If the armed guard had gotten to him, and managed to stop him, say halfway through the rampage, it's true 13 lives would have been spared. And maybe that's a good argument in favor of putting the guard in the

building in the first place. But what happens when the volunteer misses Lanza and hits a teacher?

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What happens when the guard, whose qualifications we don't know yet, misses Lanza and hits a student? What happens when the guard shoots at Lanza and misses, enraging the shooter even further and prompting an even larger massacre?

Then there's the pragmatic side. Where do we get the volunteers? Administrators and teachers? Former military members? Off-duty police officers? The guy down the street who happens to own a handgun? And who decides what level of training these people need? And who verifies they have it?

Do we put police officers in every building? And who pays for all of this extra security? I defy anyone to find a local school district who can afford it now, much less when Gov. Rick Snyder gets done gutting - excuse me, restructuring — public education funding. On Meet the Press. NRA vice president Wayne LaPierre ducked when asked if the NRA will help pay for it. It probably would at first, but I suspect that particular funding source would dry up pretty quickly.

Besides, I just don't believe it's a good idea. Putting more weapons more bullets — in the school environment just seems wrong. If it's such a good idea, where's all the support? I personally haven't heard many educators or law-enforcement officials support it. If those folks don't like it,

why should we? But you can't suggest anything else without being labeled antigun. You can't suggest the gun-show loophole for gun purchases be closed without hearing "You're trying to take away my guns." And you certainly can't suggest that your next-door-neighbor has no real use for an AK-47 without being labeled a liberal who wants to take away that neighbor's Second Amendment rights.

For the record, if you don't care how many Manilow CDs I have, I don't care how many AK-

47s you have. I just don't think bringing them into the schools does anything but exacerbate the problem.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.



Paul, of Canton, fires a .22 caliber Sig Sauer on the 50 yard gun range.

# Defining the target

# At local range, a defense of guns and room for compromise

By Matt Jachman **Observer Staff Writer** 

As calls for more gun regulation grow following the murder of 20 children and six adults at a Connecticut elementary school last month, gun owners at a Plymouth Township shooting club are staunchly defending gun rights while seeing some room for compromise. The national gun-con-

trol debate has grown louder since the Dec. 14 shootings in Newtown, Conn., by a man with several guns, including a semiautomatic rifle, who also killed himself. That incident followed other mass shootings last year, including at an Aurora Colo., movie theater and at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wis.

Vice President Joe Biden is leading a task force studying the issue, and President Barack Obama has promised action this year. Banning military-style semiautomatic rifles and high-capacity magazines are two of the most-discussed possibilities.

But target shooters at the Western Wayne **County Conservation** Association, which straddles Plymouth and Salem townships on Napier Road, say the emphasis should be on enforcing existing laws and providing more help for mentally ill people rather than further gun restrictions.

**More enforcement** 

"From my standpoint, they don't enforce the laws that are our there." Ray Hanka, the association president, said Thursday. "How do you control bad people? I don't know.'

"I think we're overregulated already," said

Tony Savage, a member for nearly 45 years. "My personal opinion is we don't enforce what we've got."

Savage, Hanka and others at WWCCA Thursday were firmly against more limits on the types of weapons citizens can buy, such as a ban on so-called assault rifles. (Hanka argues the term "assault rifle" is too general and misleading, because any rifle can be used in an assault.)

Most were also against outlawing high-capacity magazines, though safety rules at their club prohibit loading more than five rounds in a rifle magazine at once — or eight rounds maximum for rapid-fire semiautomatic rifle shooting, for which members must specially qualify.

Some pointed out that many of the guns used in routine, less high-profile shootings were not legally obtained to begin with. Criminals "don't need a gun show," said Paul, who preferred not to give his last name out of safety concerns, as he took a break at a WWC-CA pistol range.

Some give

Some WWCCA members were willing to agree to some new regulations, however.

"I don't personally feel we should have people running around with 100round clips," said Savage, who added the use of high-capacity magazines should be limited to controlled scenarios, such as sport shooting on

ranges. Hanka disagreed somewhat. "I think it infringes on your personal rights," he said of ban-ning high-capacity magazines, "but from a club standpoint, it wouldn't

affect us at all.' Others said they'd give on the so-called "gunshow loophole" - the sale of a rifle or shotgun between two private individuals, neither of whom is a licensed dealer. In Michigan, rifle and shotgun sales by dealers, and all pistol sales, legally require background checks, but a private citizen is able to sell a rifle or shotgun to another citizen without a background check or paperwork, according to police and Hanka.

"I'm all for a waiting period and a thorough

Wayne County Conservation Association President Ray Hanka said there aiready gun laws that aren't enforced.



Tony Savage, a member Western Wayne County Conservation Association. thinks gun owners are overregulated already."

background check," Paul said.

"From a personal standpoint, I don't think it would hurt if they had to go through a police station" for private rifle and shotgun sales, Hanka said.

Safety stressed

The WWCCA includes about 90 acres, most of them in Plymouth Township; on the Salem side, where discharging guns is prohibited by the township, there is an archery range and a campground. The club has more than 900 members, all of whom are also National Rifle Association members, according to Hanka. New members must take a four-hour safety and

introductory course and adhere to strict safety rules, Hanka said. The club hasn't had a single shooting accident in its nearly 80-year history, he said. All ranges are outdoors.

Hanka said the membership is about evenly divided between hunters and those who only shoot at targets. WWC-CA offers instruction in using different types of guns, classes in gun safety and self-defense, concealed pistol permit classes and hosts shooting competitions and camping events. The club is part of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

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# Buyer of most of Ford's plant site envisions mixed-use development

By JC Reindl **Gannett News Service** 

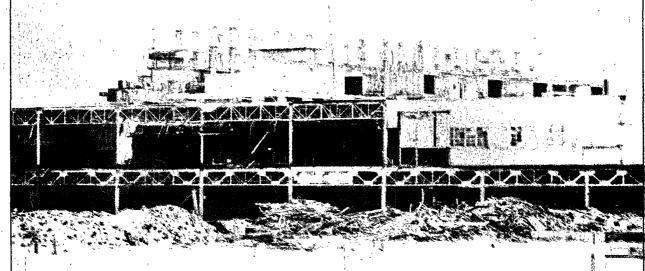
Ford has sold threequarters of its giant former Wixom Assembly plant property to an industrial site redeveloper and may sell most of the rest to home improvement retailer Menards.

The automaker's real estate arm announced Jan. 4 that it closed the land deal in late December for 239 acres of the 317-acre factory site near I-96 off Wixom Road.

Brian Wilson, the lead partner of the new property owner, Trinity Barrow Development, said he will start demolishing what remains of the 4.3 million-square-foot complex in late March. He envisions replacing the plant with a mixed-use development of commercial, industrial and retail, and perhaps even a park or recreation area.

Ford shuttered the factory in May 2007, dealing a major blow to the City of Wixom's tax base.

Highly publicized plans by Ford and then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm to transform the idled property into a \$725-million renewable energy park unraveled in 2011 when an out-of-state battery maker and a solar energy



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The Wixom Ford plant has begun to be torn down beginning with its north-facing buildings. The last car rolled off the 4.7-million-square-foot plant in 2007.

company couldn't obtain enough financing from the U.S. Energy Department.

Trident Barrow Management is a subsidiary of New York-based Barrow Development, whose specialty is "repurposing obsolete real estate."

The selling price was not disclosed, although Wilson said he paid Ford in cash.

Wilson, co-founder of Barrow Development, said there is interest in the development from several commercial and industrial businesses. But

his firm has yet to draw up site plans or agree to prospective tenants. The next step after demolition, he said, is to choose the right anchor for the project while remaining

flexible about what goes

there.

Too many unsuccessful redevelopment projects made the mistake of getting locked in to a certain concept, he said.

"We just don't know what's going to go there," said Wilson, a Massachusetts native who bought a residence in Royal Oak so he can monitor the site. We have 50 different

ing." Wilson said his project may not need the tax credits that come with the property, although

scenarios that are float-

they could come in handy for his future end users. The Michigan Economic Growth Authority board has approved a \$6.3-million tax credit and two, \$10-million Brownfield tax credits.

For Barrow Development, the Wixom site's redevelopment will be its largest undertaking in its 12-year history. Barrow Development's past projects include the redevelopment of an industrial center in Fairfield, Ohio, and the ongoing redevelopment of a former Bell Laboratories building in Columbus, Ohio

Ford Land, which handled the sale, remains in talks with Menards to buy a separate 45acre section of the property that is nearest to I-96. Under one scenario. the retailer could place its store on 15 acres and market the rest. Demolition began late last year on that smaller segment of the factory.



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# **New lawmakers focus** on public safety, education, service

Western Wayne County's newest lawmakers raised their right hands to be sworn in as state representatives.

David Knezek of Dearborn Heights and Robert Kosowski were among the 110 members of the Michigan House who were sworn in by House Assistant Clerk Rich in the constitutionally mandated event that kicked off the 2013-2014 legislative session.

Knezek and Kosowski are serving their first two-vear term in the State House. Knezek represents the 11th District which includes the cities of Inkster and Garden City, as well as portions of Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Westland. Kosowski represents the 16th District which includes the city of Wayne and a portion of Westland.

Knezek's parents, Dave and Lili Knezek; his grandparents, Dominic Cosenza and Charles and Kathy Knezek; his brother, Matt Knezek; his aunt, Tina Cosenza, and his uncle, Jeffrey Klassa, joined the representative for the swearing-in ceremony.

Knezek stressed that education and public safety are among items he will focus on as a law-

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education, especial early childhood education, at the forefront of our policy conversations," Knezek said. "Having worked in a classroom before coming to Lansing, I can tell you firsthand that our state needs to do more to improve educational opportunities for all of Michigan's students."

'We as a state need to do everything we can to protect those who protect us," he added. "Having seen the sacrifices my father made as a police officer, I am very concerned about public safety issues because vibrant, thriving communities are, first and foremost, safe communities. First responders have faced huge budget cuts during the past few years. Now that I'm in Lansing, I will work to reverse that trend."

Kosowski's wife, Elizabeth Kosowski, and Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy watched his swearing-in.

"Having worked for the city of Westland for 20 years, I understand the needs of municipalities and the many services they provide Michigan residents," Kosowski said. "I will work hard to make sure they have the resources they need to help our community."

**House Assistant Clerk** 



State Rep. David Knezek (right), D-Dearborn Heights,) takes the oath of office Wednesday as the representative of 11th District 11. He is joined by his parents, Dave and Lili Knezek; his grandparents, Dominic Cosenza, and Charles and Kathy Knezek; his brother, Matt Knezek; his aunt, Tina Cosenza; and his uncle, Jeffrey Klassa.



Elizabeth Kosowski, is joined by Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy in watching her husband, Robert Kosowski sworn in to office by House Assistant Clerk Rich.

Rich Brown swore in the 110 members of the Michigan House in their oath of office in the constitutionally mandated event that kicked off the

2013-2014 legislative session.

Residents with issues or concerns related to state government can contact Kosowski at (517)

373-2576 or by email at robertkosowski@house. mi.gov. Knezek can be reached at (517) 373-0849 or by email at davidknezek@house.mi.gov.

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The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will host its 17th annual Walk for Warmth 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland, to raise funds to assist families in desperate need of utility assistance.

The Walk for Warmth is a fun event for the entire family and will include entertainment, team awards and door prizes. People are encouraged to form teams with at least 5 members. Awards will be presented in both youth and adult categories for Best Team Name, Most Team Spirit, Highest Total Pledges and Largest Team of Walkers. The first 300 Walkers that raise a minimum of \$15 will receive an official Walk for Warmth T-shirt.

For more information on the Walk for Warmth, visit www.waynemetro. org or call (734) 246-2280 ext. 123.

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For more information contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts at (734) 646-2237.

#### Garden City **Kiwanis**

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of the community — especially children - who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year, including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children and the Third Grade Dictionary Proj-

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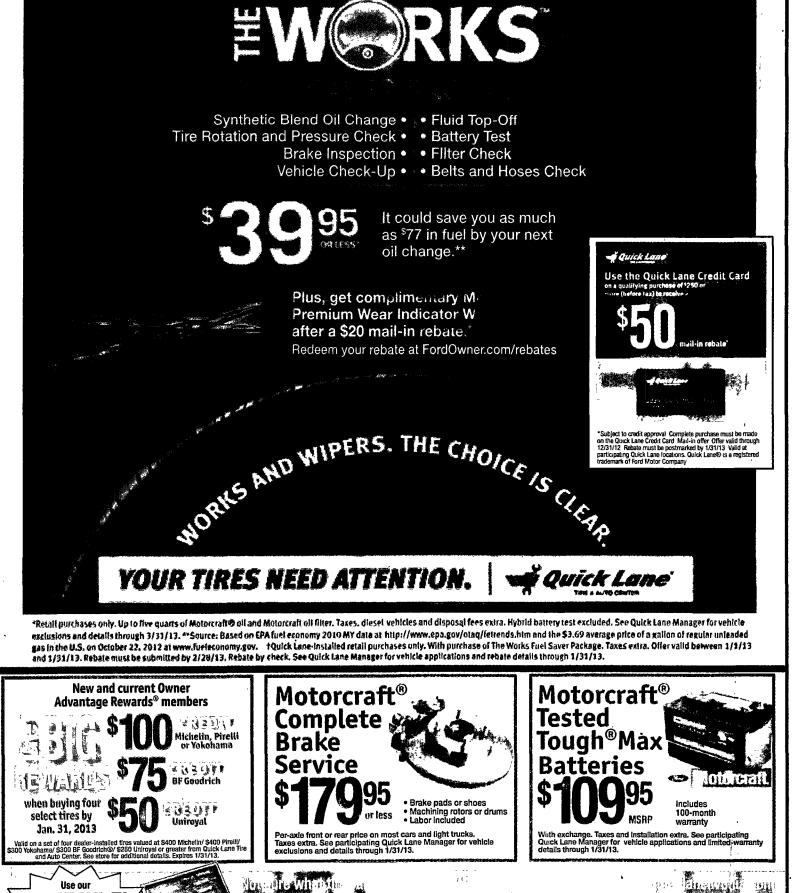
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# Spartans showing tons of promise

# Arakelian fuels win over CC

**By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer** 

It's only four meets into the season, but the Livonia Stevenson boys swim team is already showing glimpses of some special things to come.

The Spartans broke a pool record in the 200yard medley relay Thursday night in a 112-74 dualmeet victory over Novi **Detroit Catholic Cen**tral in a battle of top-five state-ranked teams in Division 1.

Stevenson junior Nick Arakelian, one of the top junior age-group swimmers in the country, is also enjoying his first go-around in high school swimming, having already shattered a pair of school records in the 500 freestyle and the 200 individual medley.

Arakelian swims morn-Please see SPARTANS, B2



Stevenson's Nick Arakelian figured in four firsts Thursday night including a win in the 200 IM as the Spartans defeated Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 112-74.

# Glenn fastbreak stymies Zebras

**Bv Brad Emons** Observer Staff Writer

The first-half was a sprint almost Usain Bolt-like Friday night between boys basketball rivals Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

The host Rockets, who led 45-34 at intermission, continued to put on the afterburners during the second half while holding Wayne to 19 second-half points en route to an 81-53 victory.

With the win, 8-1 Glenn stands alone in first place in the KLAA's South Division at 3-0, while Wayne falls to 2-6 and 0-3.

"They can move up and down the court," Wayne coach Mike Schuette said of the Rockets. "What's nice about their team is that they can attack the basket, or pull up and hit the open man for a three-pointer. We knew they liked to push the ball and we knew they were good shooters,

and they didn't disappoint us at all that first quarter."
Glenn outscored Wayne 24-15

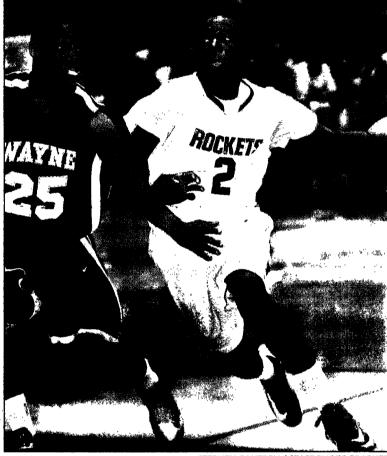
in the first period as senior guard Nick Daniels scored 11 of his game-high 28 points, including a pair of three-pointers during the final 34 seconds to help build the nine-point advantage.

For Daniels, who has signed with Oakland University, it broke a personal scoring Juli.

"You knew you weren't going to hold him down forever," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "He's been struggling a little bit with so much attention put on him, but I keep telling him, 'It's about the team, you're a good assist man, you're a good defender and you can score. We're trying to win a championship and you don't have to carry us.'

"He's been struggling a bit, but tonight he had it going. He had

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STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER John Glenn's Nick Daniels (2), who scored a game-high 28 points, turns the corner on Wayne defender Brian Williams (25).

# Rockets hit on all cylinders, 63-20

**Bv Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer** 

Joyce Massey can now say

she's experienced both ends of the spectrum.

Last year she spent the season as an assistant for the KLAA champion Westland John Glenn

This year she's the head coach

girls basketball team.

which found itself on wrong end of a 63-20 setback Friday night to the host Rockets.

State-ranked Glenn, now 8-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA's South Division, had four of its five starters score in double figures led by twins Raven and Raine Bankston with 14 and 13. respectively.

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# Jones to host pitcher clinic

**Detroit Tigers pitch**ing coach Jeff Jones, along with the Livonia Stevenson High baseball program, will stage two sessions of pitching clinics Sunday, Jan. 20, at the high school fieldhouse.

Session 1 (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by Session 2 (ages 13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per

person. For more information, call Stevenson varsity baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623 or email

Berry3724@aol.com.

# **Future Stars** clinic Feb. 23

The seventh annual Livonia Franklin Future Stars spring baseball clinic (grades 2-6) will be 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session) Saturday, Feb. 23, at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road.

The first session consists of hitting, base running and infield skills, while the second includes pitching, defense and outfield approach.

The cost for both sessions is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt) or \$30 per session. Bring a sack lunch between sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For more information, email Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

# K-of-C foul shot contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship 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. All age-group contestants will be 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 dlengel2@yahoo.



John Glenn's Kayla Horn (white jersey) dives on the floor contesting for the loose ball with Janae Strickland (14) during Friday's **KLAA South** encounter.



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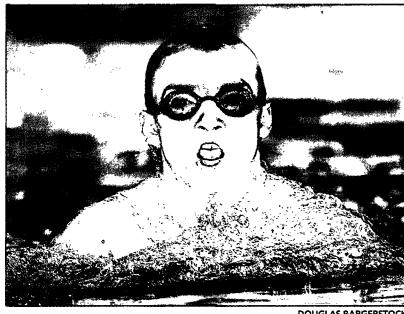
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Stevenson's Tommy O'Donohue took fifth in the 200-yard individual medley in Thursday's 112-74 dual meet victory at home over Novi Detroit **Catholic** Central.



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# **SPARTANS**

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ings before school with his Stevenson teammates and makes the daily trek to Waterford after school with his two younger sisters while continuing to train with the Kingfish Aquatic Club.

"We were pretty good without Nick, but obviously he puts the cherry on top of the sundae, there's no doubt about it," said Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker, whose team avenged a 96-90 loss to CC last month at the Saline Quad.

The foursome of senior John Ferrara, Arakelian, junior Bradley Bielicki and freshman Jackson O'Dowd clocked 1:39.05 in the 200 medley to eclipse the Spartan pool record of 1:39.57 set in 2009 by Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff and Brandon Bielicki.

Meanwhile, in his high school debut Dec. 11 in a dual against Detroit Country Day, Arakelian broke the longeststanding time on the Stevenson record board, when he went 4:35.47 in the 500 freestyle to beat Tom Smith's mark of 4:36.2, along with the pool record of 4:38.5 set by University of Detroit-Jesuit's Tony Wahl.

Arakelian, a U.S. Olympic Trials qualifier last summer, was coming off three top-10 finishes in the Speedo Junior Winter Nationals held in ear-December in Knox ville, Tenn.

"I was real happy with Winter Nationals," he said. "They went really well. I felt great, the taper was dead on. Olympic Trials was pretty intimidating. Actually only 15 percent at the Olympic Trials dropped time. It was pretty nerveracking. Winter Nationals, I could relax. It was 18-and-under and I knew most of the guys I was racing against, so I just relaxed, had fun and swam.'

On Dec. 22, Arakelian broke Joey Bublitz's 2001 school record of 1:52.07 in the 200 IM when he clocked 1:50.63 in a quad meet with host Saline, the state's No. 1-ranked team, No. 2 Birmingham Brother Rice and No. 3 CC.

In Tuesday's win against CC, Arakelian captured the 200 IM (1:55.21) and 500 freestyle (4:52.83), while teaming up with Parker Belmore, Alex Lee and Ferrara to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:22.79).

'It's a ton of fun, I love the guys, love my teammates," Arakelian said. "It's more of a spirit atmosphere than I'm used to ... just a ton of fun.

"I like the camaraderie, the guys are great. It's less individuality. With club swimming, it's all on you. It's more of a team atmosphere — the relays. I've never really swam on relays. I did at 'states' when I was 14."

O'Dowd, just a ninthgrader, has given Stevenson a boost in the sprint freestyle events as he captured the 50 (22.3) and touched out CC's Tim (49.28).

"Jackson is really going to be good in the future," Shoemaker said.

"He's good now, but he's going to be really good. But I see now him having a few records on the scoreboard before he's done here. I don't think he really knows his ability, but he says he's working harder than he's ever worked before in his life, so it will pay off.

"I knew he was pretty decent coming in. And we'll just beat the heck out of him until he gets faster."

Stevenson's 38-point win over the Shamrocks was augmented by a 1-2-3 sweep in the 200 IM (won by Arakelian) and diving (won by Brian Atiyeh).

The Spartans' other individual firsts were garnered by Ferrara in the 100 backstroke (53.49) and Grant McNamara in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.52)

Ferrara, a senior, holds the school record in the backstroke (51.32) and was a third-place finisher in last year's Division 1 state finals.

"Like always, stable, great captain, good leader," Shoemaker said of his senior. "He's got his eyes on the prize at the end of the year. He's working toward his goals. He's already going to Oakland (University), got a scholarship and he's a very goal-oriented kid. That's what he's working on.'

The Division 1 state finals will be March 8-9 in Holland.

"Everybody is working hard and everything is coming together," said is ranked fifth in Division 1. "We'll see."

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# Trojans pin down 2 foes at home

It was only appropriate that the Livonia Clarenceville wrestling team sang the school fight song Wednesday before the home crowd after earning a pair of victories.

In its only scheduled home match of the season, the Trojans improved to 6-3 overall with a 42-39 win over Lutheran High Westland along with a 53-30 dual meet victory over Hamtramck.

Down three points, Domanick Slagle earned a pivotal victory for the Trojans at 145 pounds when he pinned Lutheran Westland's Jacob Richter in 1:47.

"The other was Bryce Cozart (130) fighting and not giving up a pin (against Conner Even)," Clarenceville first-year coach Nick Elam said. "He was defeated by points (13-1), but it helped us come through with the vic-

tory. Going undefeated on the night for the Trojans were Elijah Bean (119), Mikey Weiss (130), Slagle (145), Devin Howell (152), Aaron Bibik (16), Aaron Dalton (215) and Ryan Groves (215).

Lutheran Westland stands 10-6 on the

# PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS** CLARENCEVILLE 42 LUTHERAN WESTLAND 39 Jan. 9 at Clarenceville

103 pounds: Manny Rankin (LW) won by void; 112: Ethan Becker (LW) won by void; 119: Elijah Bean (C'ville) won by void; 125: Shane Martin (C'ville) pinned Garrett Harper, 1:40; 130: Conner Even (LW) won by major dec. over Bryce Cozart), 13-1; 135: Zachary Francis (LW) p. Alan Baumbardner, 3:52; 140: Caleb Richter (LW) p. Nick Ballard, 1:10; 145: Domanick Slagle (C'ville) p. Jacob Richter, 1:47; 152: Devin Howell (C'ville) p. Newman Harper, 5:12; 160: Aaron Bibik (C'ville) p. Jonah Lambart, 0:23; 171: Martin Kemp (LW) won by technical fall over Alec Jones, 17-1; 189: Gjergi Nikollaj (C'ville) won by void; 215: Ryan Groves (C'ville) p. Alex Reardon, 1:23; 285: Brad Hura (LW) p. Rodrigo Ferrer, 2:11.

Dual meet records: Clarenceville, 6-3 overall;

Lutheran Westland, 10-6 overall.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 54 **HAMTRAMCK 30** Jan. 9 at Clarenceville

103 pounds: Kassam (H) won by void; 112: Muhammadiew (H) won by void; 119: Elijah Bean (C'ville) pinned Shahran, 2:53; **125**: Abduhagg (H) p. Shane Martin, 1:57; **130**: Mikey Weiss (C'ville) p. Blon, 2:56; 135: Alan Baumgardner (C'ville) p. Early, 1:13; **140:** Lane (H) p. Nick Ballard, 2:57; **145:** Domanick Slagle (C'ville) p. Osmnovic, 1:08; **152:** Devin Howell (C'ville) p. Pelak, 3:34; 160: Aaron Bibik (C'ville) won by void; 171: Alec Jones (C'ville) p. Kaeed, 2:14; 189: Bogdanic (H) p. Gjergi Nikollaj, 3:37; **215:** Aaron Dalton (C'ville) p. Wilcane, 1:00; **285:** Ferrer (C'ville) p. Brown, 1:28. **WAYNE MEMORIAL 54** 

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9** Jan. 9 at Wayne

103 pounds: Jack DeJack (WM) pinned Spencer Blanchard, 1:25; 112: Dominick Sanders (WM) p. Zachary Smith, 1:24; 119: Josh Perez (LC) decisioned Tyler Mulligan, 8-6; 125: Jon Locklear (LC) dec. Tim Way, 6-5; **130**: Michael Nicholson (WM) dec. Jake Hale, 5-3; **135**: Zach Leck (LC) dec. Tim Flores, 5-3; **140**: Marcus Jordan (WM) won by major dec. over Justin Baker, 14-2; 145: Allen Parker (WM) won by technical fall over Chase Gardner, 17-2; 152: Kevin Marz (WM) won by major dec. over Tom Rudd, 10-1; 160: James Hieltness (WM) p. Ryan Delp, 2:44; **171**: Samuel Ekanem (WM) p. Nathan Dietrich, 2:27; **189**: Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Baker Hauwan, 4:37; **215**: Tyler Casteels (WM) p. Jacob Sarna, 1:15; **285**: Aaron Mauldin (WM) dec.

Emmanuel Haddad, 6-4.

Wayne's dual match record: 7-1 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 42 PLYMOUTH 30** Jan. 9 at Wayne

103 pounds: Jack DeJack (WM) decisioned Collin Reed, 11-4; 112: Mohamad Youssef (P) pinned Dominick Sanders, 3:49; 119: Treyvon Berry (P) won by major dec. over Tyler Mulligan, 16-7; **125:** Tim Way (WM) dec. Spencer Schiftar, 13-6; **130:** Michael Nicholson (WM) p. Daniel Ahearn, 1:32; 135: Jonathan Conn (P) p. Tim Flores, 1:09; 140: Alec Breckenridge (P) p. Marcus Jordan, 3:56; 145: Sofus Neilson (P) p. Kevin Marz, 5:15; 152: Allen Parker (WM) p. Hussein Youssef, 2:11; 160: Joseph Shaver (P) dec. James Hieltness, 11-10; 171: Samuel Ekanem (WM) p. John Rubio, 1:10; 189: Lucas Hofbauer (WM0 p. Michael Jordan, 0:24; 215: Tyler Casteels (WM) p. Ronnie Dancer, 2:38; 285: Aaron Mauldin (WM) p. Adam Dulong, 2:33. LIVONIA STEVENSON 39

SALEM 28 Jan. 9 at Stevenson

103 pounds: Russel Gavbatz (Salem) pinned Jacob Osterwind, 1:00; 112: Marco Lytwyn (LS) decisioned A. Arble, 8-6; 119: Greg Shaver (Salem) won by major dec. over Taylor Droste, 8-0; 125: Trevor Demers (LS) won by major dec. over H. Scandrett, 13-4; **130**: Caleb McCabe (Salem) dec. Scandro Lytwin, 6-5; 135: Riley Doxtader (Salem) dec. p. Tyler Statham, 6-5; 145: Majdi Hatem (LS) dec. Jacob Kubinski, 14-7; 152: Kody Roy (LS) p. Danny Abed, 3:01; 160: Connor Vaughan (LS) p. James Voshaw, 1:03; 171: Tyler Gross (Salem) p. Justic Betke, 1:53; 189: Mitch Gross (Salem) dec. Jacob Kelley, 10-7; 215: Matthew Spohr (LS) p. Bekim Myca, 2:21; 285: Ryan Eddings (LS) p. Derick Young, 0:56.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 54 SOUTH LYON EAST 27** Jan. 9 at Stevenson

103 pounds: A. Hoorn (SLE) pinned Jacob Osterwind, 0:59; 112: Marco Lytwyn (LS) p. Tim Clark, 1:58; 119: Taylor Droste (LS) won by void; 125: Caleb Hill (SLE) p. Trevor Demers, 3:43; 130: Sandro Lytwyn (LS) p. Alex Hessler, 3:00; 135: Tyler Statham (LS) p. Noah Schlachter, 3:45; 140: Eddie Clark (SLE) dec. Majdi Hatem, 6-4; 152: Kody Roy (LS) won by void; **160**: Connor Vaughan (LS) won by void; **171**: Jacob Kelley (LS) won by void; **189**: Chase Woolen (LS) won by void; 215: Luke Patterson (SLE) p. Matthew Spohr, 0:58; 285: K. Fortino (SLE) p. Ryan Eddings, 2:19.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-6 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division.

# **BOYS SWIM RESULTS**

**DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 112 NOVI-DETROIT CC 74** Jan. 10 at Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Nick Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki, Jackson O'Dowd), 1:39.05 (pool record); 2. Catholic Central (Colin Brinkman, Andrew Connor, Jack Walsh, Tim Szuba), 1:43.14; 3. Stevenson (Parker Belmore, Grant McNamara, Zack McCarter, Brandon Shatter), 1:46.02

200 freestyle: 1. Brinkman (CC), 1:51.23: 2. Neil Robinson (CC), 1:54.88; 3. Matt Laporte (LS),

200 individual medley: 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:55.21; 2. Ferrara (LS), 2:01.05; 3. Bielicki (LS), 2:10.37. 50 freestyle: 1. O'Dowd (LS), 22.30; 2. Szuba

(CC), 22.67; 3. Charles Roelant (CC), 23.86.

1-meter diving: 1. Brian Atiyeh (LS), 187.05 points; 2. Jesse Damesworth (LS), 161.10; 3. Chas Eisenhardt (LS), 157.27.

100 butterfly: 1. Walsh (CC), 53.99; 2. David

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Ptashnik (LS), 58.15; 3. Christopher Vela (CC), 58.56. 100 freestyle: 1. O'Dowd (LS), 49.28; 2. Szuba (CC), 49.44; 3. Belmore (LS), 51.10.

500 freestyle: 1. Arakelian (LS), 4:52.83; 2. Brink-man (CC), 4:55.07; 3. McNamara (LS), 5:00.3. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Catholic Central (Szuba, Grayson, Arnold, Robinson, Brinkman), 1:34.72; 2. Stevenson (O'Dowd, Jake Goeddeke, Bielicki, Alex Lee), 1:34.84; 3. Catholic Central (Roelant, Matt Loniewski, Vela, Gavin Spisak), 1:39.21.

100 backstroke: 1. Ferrara (LS), 53.49; 2. Belmore (LS); 58.19; 3. Simon Shanks (CC), 59.57. 100 breaststroke: 1. McNamara (LS), 1:03.53; 2. Tommy O'Donohue (LS), 1:05.04; 3. Andrew Connor (CC), 1:07.32.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arakelian, Belmore, Lee, Ferrara), 3:22.79; 2. Catholic Central (Shanks, Vela, Arnold, Robinson), 3:35.97; 3. Stevenson Ptashnik, Goeddeke, Shatter, Reilly Jackovich), 3:38.44.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-3 overall; Catholic Central, 1-3 overall.

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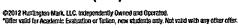
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# Warriors win

Lutheran Westland girls upend Hawks

Lutheran High Westland opened its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference girls basketball schedule Friday night with a 31-23 triumph at home over neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Aldreanna Fikes led the victorious Warriors (2-6, 1-0) with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Chandler Davenport and Angela Morrison chipped in with seven points apiece.

The Warriors overcame a 12-4 first-quarter deficit by outscoring the Hawks 27-11 over the final three quarters.

"I'm very proud of my girls tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "We had a rough first quarter but game back the second quarter and played a great game. We came back from a 10point deficient to take the lead and never look back.

"We played hard and did things right at the end of the game to get the win."

Senior forward Megan Prieskorn led the Hawks (5-2, 2-2) with eight

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a great practice yesterday and he was really focused and it let into

Wayne hung around by shoot-

ing 14-of-28 from the field in the first half, but the Zebras cooled off during the final two quarters

"We made sure our guys were sitting down (defensively) and get a hand in their face the whole time," Young said. "It was a little

Isaac Everette, a 6-foot-5 junior,

contributed 16 points, while 6-

6 James Pruitt contributed 10.

including a pair of rim-rattling

"James (Pruitt) is a junior and has come a long way," Young said. "He's getting a lot better.

we ask him to do. He's very ath-

is in his first year playing. He's

He's listening and he's doing what

letic and long. And Orlando (Bell)

very athletic and he's a sponge as

Juawn Snipes was Wayne's top

scorer with 14 points, while Rafe-

al Parks and Josh Lowry chipped

"Their defense gave us a win-

dow of opportunities to take shots

had to work for it," Schuette said

"I just think our kids played

hard until that last foul with six

seconds to go. We can walk out of

here feeling that we gave it all we

had tonight, but we just came up

short. They (Glenn) are very ath-

Glenn's speedy transition game

of Glenn. "We tried to take it

when it was there.

letic and it showed."

in with 12 and 11, respectively.

better the second half."

that today."

going 8-of-34.

dunks.

Both teams struggled at the foul line with HVL going 5-for-10 and the Warriors 2-of-6.

"We were out of sync tonight," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "Our feet were slow, and we were very ineffective in our offensive sets."
CRANBROOK 49, CVILLE 39: Jaimee Beckett's 14 points paced three players in double figures friday as host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (8-2) downed Livonia Clarenceville (4-7). Tierra Binder and La'Shay Edwards

chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the victorious Cranes, who led 28-22 at halftime.

Ayanna Buckley paced the Trojans and all scorers with 28 points to go along with 17 rebounds.

Ashley Murphy also contributed 12 rebounds a four points. Clarenceville made 11-of-19 free throws, while Cranbrook hit 9-of-12. HVL 51, PARKWAY 49 (OT): Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-1, 2-1) rallied Thursday to beat host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (4-3, 2-1) in overtime in a MIAC Red Division encoun-

Sophomore forward Julie St. John posted a double-double with 12 points and 17 rebounds, while junior guard Sarah Setian also scored 12 and added

Brooke Kuehn contributed all 11 of her points in the opening half as the Hawks led 28-20 before being outscored 14-6 in the third period.

"We came out flat in the third quarter and start of the fourth," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team was tied 43-all at the end of regulation before outscoring the Eagles 8-6 in OT. "We stopped moving our feet on defense, and made too many mental mistakes on offense. I like how we finished strong in the fourth quarter. We found ourselves down and battled back to tie it up."

Senior guard Taylor Swarts led Parkway and all scorers with 22 points. HVL made 15-of-28 free throws, while

the Eagles hit 5-of-11.
CLARENCEVILLE 55, THURSTON 42: Junior center Ayanna Buckley had a monster game scoring a career-high 31 points to go along with 14 rebounds and seven blocks leading Livonia Clarencev-ille (4-6) to a victory Wednesday at Redford Thurston (2-7).

The 6-foot-1 Buckley made 11-of-16 free throws, while Mikala Kieling contributed 14 points. Ashley Murphy chipped in with 12 rebounds and five blocks. Clarenceville trailed 21-19 at the half, but rallied with a 14-4 third-quarter run followed by a 22-17 fourth-quarter

Ariele Paris scored 15 and Daniell May added 10 for the Eagles (2-7).

# Lady Ocelots' Dyer nets 27 in triumph

UM-Dearborn stymies MU

Courtney Dyer poured in a game-high 27 points Wednesday night to propel host Schoolcraft College to a 77-62 MCCAA **Eastern Conference** women's basketball victory over Oakland Community College.

Dyer, a 5-foot-4 guard from Warren Fitzgerald, made 5-of-9 three-point attempts and hit all six free throws as the Lady Ocelots improved to 4-9 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

Ajai Meeks contributed 17 points, while Toi Brown and Brianna Berberet (Salem) added 12 and 10, respectively.

Brittani Hamlin came off the bench to grab 10 rebounds, while Berberet added nine. Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) also added seven points and six boards in a reserve

OCC (6-7, 1-1), unable to recover from a 42-26 halftime deficit, got 10 points

from Courtney Murphy along with 12 points and 10 rebounds from Abigail Fabo.

Schoolcraft overcame 26 turnovers by shooting 46 percent from the field (29-of-63), including 8-of-15 from three-point

range. UM-DEARBORN 62, MU **56:** Bench scoring proved to be the difference Wednesday as host University of Michigan-Dearborn (5-11, 4-6) pulled out a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victor over Madonna University (10-

6, 6-4). Danielle Cowart and Alicia Cook, both of whom did not start, each tallied 16 points for the victorious Wolves. while Senneca Scott (Livonia Franklin) added 10 points and nine rebounds.

UM-Dearborn's bench outscored Madonna, 42-10. The Crusaders were also out-rebounded 53-43.

The Crusaders, who shot only 32 percent from the field (24-of-75), got 16 points from Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson).

Shantelle Herring added 11 points, while Michelle Lindsey and Rachel Melcher (off the bench) each added 10.

# Williams scores 29 as MU leads WHAC

Fred Williams scored 23 of his career-high 29 points in the second half as the Madonna University men's basketball team took over sole possession of first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 77-67 win at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Williams, a 6-foot-5 junior forward from Berkley, helped rally the Crusaders from an 11point second half deficit to improve MU's overall record to 13-5.

And with both Indiana Tech and Davenport losing Wednesday night, MU stands 8-2 in the WHAC.

Junior point-guard Bobvenson) chipped in with 20 points and six assists for the Crusaders, while junior forward Derek Lennen came off the bench to add nine points.

That offset the gamehigh 31-point performance by UM-Dearborn guard Julius Porter, who made 6-of-12 three-point

The Wolves (4-14, 2-8)

also got seven points and 11 rebounds from Jeff Fick.

MU hit 24-of-51 shots from the floor (47.1 percent) and 23-of-33 free throws (69.7 percent).

The Wolves, who led 38-30 at halftime, hit only 21of-62 from the floor (33.9 percent) and were 16-of-22 from the foul line (72.7

percent).
OAKLAND CC 101,
SCHOOLRAFT 67: It was no contest Wednesday as Oakland Community (10-3, 2-0) used a balanced scoring attack to beat host Schoolcraft Col-lege (4-7, 0-2) in an MCCAA Eastern Conference encounter. Kallante Miller led the victorious Raiders with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while James Chappell also posted a double-double with 17 points

and 11 boards. Aaron Hayes and Darius Stevens each chipped in with 10 points.

Freshman center Terrance Coles (Redford Thurston) paced the Ocelots with 18 points and 15 rebounds, while Mathew King contributed 15

Coles and King each added four assists. Schoolcraft, outscored 55-35

in the second half, shot only 33 percent from the floor (28-of-84) and committed 24 turnovers.

# Churchill gets past Franklin

Friday's KLAA South Division encounter.

"We keep saying to our guys, 'If we rebound we can run,' " Young

said. "And that's what we keep

preaching because rebounding

is tough and no fun, but you get

rewarded and that's the sell. It's a

led to the 36-19 second-half

surge.

Wayne's Josh Lowry (12) is hounded by John Glenn defender Dre Black during

reason."

Senior guard Dwayne Scott scored nine points and grabbed eight rebounds Friday to propel host Livonia Churchill to a 51-48 KLAA South Division boys basketball victory over Livonia Franklin.

Scott split 1-of-2 free throws with eight seconds left to provide the final margin of victory as the Chargers improved to 3-5 overall and 1-2 in the division.

Junior Donte Jackson also chipped in with eight points and six rebounds the Chargers, who put together a big second period outscoring the Patriots 20-12 after trailing 12-9.

Olushakin Cole and Tyrone Rayford tallied 15 and 13 points, respectively, for the Patriots (4-5, 2-1). Cole also pulled down a teambest 10 rebounds.

Franklin shot 43 percent from the floor (18-of-41) and only 8-of-21 14 and 11, respectively, for the Spartans, who couldn't overcome a 31-20 halftime

ably two-to-one," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "It was a hard-fought game. We battled defensive against them. They're bigger than we were. But

MIAC Red Division game Friday, host Lutheran High Westland (2-3, 1-1) overcame a 23-point effort from Ryan Schaffer to beat neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-4, 0-2).

quarters, but rallied with a 22-8 fourth-quarter run as Nick Flanery and Nick Andrzejewski led the scoring attack with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

continual sell because we're not a

great rebounding team and we're

not overly physical, but when

everybody rebounds, especial-

ly our guards, we don't have out-

let, we just go. The tempo was a

little faster tonight for whatever

"In the fourth quarter we got our act together and played like the team of which I know we are capable," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "In the end, our defensive pressure nailed this game down. Scoring 22 points in the fourth quarter was a direct result of this." Brandon Wyman also chipped in with eight points and 10 rebounds for the victorious Warriors, who led 25-20 at halftime before being outscored 17-3 in the third.

Kenneth Rundstadler also added 11 for **GROVES 57, C'VILLE 49:** Andrew

Forbes scored 12 points and Eddie Reese added 10 leading Birmingham Groves to a non-league win Friday at Livonia Clarenceville (0-11).

tallied 12 points for the Trojans, who scored 21 fourth-quarter points, but couldn't get over the hump Jermell Johnson also scored 11 in the setback.

# **GIRLS**

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Senior forward Kierra Jordan added 12, while junior guard Kaira Barnes finished with 10.

Massey, whose sister Joyce (now at Purdue) was on the Glenn varsity last season, could only watch helplessly from the bench as the Rockets rolled to a 35-6 halftime lead.

"They look good," Massey said of Glenn. "This year they're way more guard-oriented. I'm interested in seeing how they'll be the rest of the year. I don't know if they'll play as well against a team that's experienced as them, but they have so many offensive threats. I'd like to see that game. But I hope they do well because I have many friends over there."

Ashley Bland and Quay Nichols each scored six for the Zebras, who slipped to 1-7 overall and 0-3 in KLAA South.

"It's a frame of mind, it's not even the skill," Massey said. "You have to believe in yourself, especially from the tip. I looked at a couple of girls and they looked defeated before the tip even went up. If you're playing like

that, you can give a team a 15-point lead before the tip even goes up. It's our mental more than our physical."

Meanwhile, for Glenn coach Eric Kovatch, it's trying to maintain a mental sharpness when a majority of the Rockets' wins are blowouts.

"That's been the focus the last couple of weeks," Kovatch said. "We need to keep getting better every minute we're on the court. We want our girls to play hard and continue to get better regardless of the competition. And the last two games I thought our girls kept getting better. I thought we got better on Tuesday and I thought we got better tonight."

Specifically, Glenn is trying to get better in a couple of phases.

"We want to play good defense, being aggressive, also having some fun and communicating with each other," Kovatch said. "The coaching staff has decided to put more pressure (defensively) with this group after we got done with the non-KLAA schedules. We're doing some full-court man and some zone trapping when we get the opportunities."

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# from the foul line (38 percent). Churchill, meanwhile, hit 17-of-46 shots from the field (36.9 percent)

and only 9-of-18 free throws.

SALEM 47, STEVENSON 41: Senior forward Chris Dierker tallied 13 of his game-high 15 points in the first half to carry the Rocks (7-2, 3-0) to a KLAA Central Division win Friday over visiting Livonia Stevenson (3-5, 0-3). Josh Campbell and Jailen Webber scored

They (Salem) outrebounded us probwe did not make good on our chances and they did."

Salem went 8-of-14 from the foul line, while Stevenson hit 10-of-14. **LUTH. WESTLAND 50, HVL 45:** In a

Austin Douglass and Jawan Nelson each

**KLAA GIRLS HOOPS** 

# Magdowski lifts Pats by Churchill

Junior center Julie Magdowski stands only 5 feet, 8 inches, but she loomed large Friday night in Livonia Franklin's 43-36 girls basketball win Friday over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Magdowski went inside for a game-high 17 points as the Patriots improved to 5-3 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA's South Division.

Seven other Franklin players scored including Katelynn Devers,

who finished with 10. "The key to the win was Mag-

dowski," Franklin first-year coach Jim Milican said. "It was her offense and our rebounding against a bigger team. And our defense was just phenomenal."

Only four players scored for the Chargers (4-4, 0-3) led by Sydney Anderson (11), Michelle Azar (10), Hannah Pummill (8) and Julia Szu-

Churchill struggled at the foul line going 12-for-23, while Franklin made 10-of-15.

**SALEM 36, STEVENSON 32:** A

late bid fell short Friday as host Livonia Stevenson (3-5, 0-3) suffered a KLAA Central Division setback to the Rocks (2-6, Breanne Beaver paced Salem with 14

points, while junior center Charlesann Roy paced the Spartans with 14. Rachel Wilkinson also added 10 for Stevenson, which had a chance in the final eight seconds missing a three-point attempt.

"I'm proud of the girls," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We're not jelling yet, but you can see the heart. They're working so hard and want to win. It was a good game overall."

Salem made 15-of-27 free throws, while Stevenson went 4-of-7.

# **Toast of Motown**

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On Dec. 31, the Livonia Squirt Predators defeated the Livonia Bruins, 7-0, to capture Motown Cup held the University of Michigan's Yost Arena. Members of the Predators, who finished 3-1 in tourney play, include (front); goalie Justin Swamba; (front row, from left) Ray Wejroch, Riley Heath, Dylan Statham, Connor Hatfield, Owen Medico, Aydan Olszowy; (second row, from left) Connor Read, Donovan Young, Michael Reddy, Brendan Matey, Charlie Remenapp; (third row, from left) Reno Parker, Nicholas Olsen, Henry Shymanski, Matthew Sheridan; (top row, from left) assistant coaches Kris Medico and Eric Wejroch, head coach Eric Olsen and assistant coach Roger Labby.

# Softball camp

Madonna University will hold a winter softball fundamentals camp (ages 7-18) from noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

The cost is \$125. For more information, visit www. MadonnaCrusaders.com.

#### **Learn to Skate**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its Learn to Skate (winter session III) beginning the week of Jan. 14 through the week of March 4 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington

The eight-week program (25 minutes per session) is \$62 (residents) and \$76 (non-residents).

Classes offered include: ages 4and-up - 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:20 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills (no sticks, equipment or pucks used) 6:25 p.m. Mondays; and 3-year-olds only - 5 p.m. Mondays.

There is limited skate rental available at no charge.

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### Girls slow-pitch

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer open registration for its 2013 girls 10-and-under slow-pitch softball program, which runs from May through July, by mail will be through Feb. 15.

Walk-in and fax-in registration will be through Feb. 22, or until enrollment reaches 160. The fee is \$40 per child (resident) or \$50 (nonresident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late registration for residents will be from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is

Non-resident late registration follows beginning at 9 a.m. Monday March 25 at the LCRC's recreation office and openings will be filled until April 29 on a first-come, firstserved basis. The fee is \$60.

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Livonia or Clarenceville public schools residents can register by mail through Feb. 8. Walk-in and fax-in registration will be through Feb. 8 (or until enrollment reaches 640). The cost is \$40 per child (resident) and \$50 (non-resident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late resident registration will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is

\$50 per child. Non-resident registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 25 at the LCRC's recreation office. Openings will be filled on a first-come, firstserved basis until April 29. The fee

is \$60 per child. T-ball scrimmages are played Monday evenings, while coach-pitch is Thursday evenings.

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# Chargers freeze Pats, 7-2; Lutz paces Stevenson

Livonia Churchill converted four power play goals Wednesday to beat Livonia Franklin, 7-2, in a KLAA South Division boys hockey game at Edgar Arena.

Brad Milks had a pair of goals and one assist as the Chargers, unbeaten in their last seven games, improved to 7-4-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the KLAA South.

Churchill led 2-1 after one period and added five unanswered goals in the second to take command over the Patriots (3-7-1, 1-7), who racked up 50 minutes in penalties, including three 10-minute misconducts.

"You could tell as the game progressed it got more emotional and we've been on the same side of things," said Churchill first-year coach Jason Reynolds, whose team collected just six minutes in penalties. "I'm proud of the way we stayed composed and kept our heads on straight and were able to see the victory through."

Riley Brown chipped in with four assists, while Tommy Carey, Nick Misiak and Evan Gibboney contributed one goal and one assist each.

Luke Otto and Drew Puishes each added a goal as the Chargers ran their unbeaten streak to seven. Adam Stadler scored for Franklin in the first period from Mike Diaz

and Ryan Pace, while Richie Wieczorek added a short-handed goal in the third period from Justin Makowski.

Churchill outshot the Patriots, 36-9, with Alec Calvaruso and Chris Adams splitting time in goal for the Chargers.

Matt Monendo went all the way in goal for Frank-

STEVENSON 3, T.C. WEST

0: Dominic Lutz ran his season

goal total to 20 with a hat trick Friday leading state-ranked Livonia Stevenson (10-2-1) to a non-league win over host Traverse City West (3-9-1) at Howe Arena. Lutz got a goal in each period with the first coming from Devin Kelly followed by a second-period short-handed goal set up by the hard work down low by Tyler Irvine. Lutz put the game away with his third in the final period

with assists going to irvine and Kelly for the Spartans, ranked No. 2 in Division 2. Stevenson goalie Connor Humitz made 18 saves to post the shutout, while the Titans'

Carter Edmonson made 38 stops.
SOUTH LYON 5, FRANK-LIN 2: Cory Haas had a goal and two assists Friday South Lyon Unified (6-8-1, 3-4-1) earned the KLAA Kensington Conference crossover victory over host Livonia Franklin (3-

8-1, 1-8) at Edgar Arena. Blake Robertson, Mitch Paquette, Corey Robertson and Matt Wisniewski also tallied goals for South Lyon, which led 3-2 after two periods.

The Patriots scored twice in the second period - C.J. Cromie from Mike Diaz on a power play and Josh Dudek from Diaz and Cromie. Matt Monendo was in goal for the Patriots, while Aaron Callan tended net for South

# THE WEEK AHEAD

# **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Tuesday, Jan. 15 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m. Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m. Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m. C'ville at Garden City, 7 p.m. Baptist Pk. at L. W'sld, 7 p.m. HVL at Luth. South, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18 HVL at Macomb, 6 p.m. at Churc Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m. C'ville at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m. L. W'sld at Greenhills, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 15 HVL at Luth. South, 5:30 p.m. L. W'sld at Baptist Pk., 7 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Garden City at C'ville, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Marian, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18

Churchil at Wayne, 7 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Glenn, 7 p.m. Edsel Ford at C'ville, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Cabrini, 7:30 p.m. L W'sld at Greenhills, 7:30 p.m. HVL at Parkway, 7:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 16 Franklin vs. Fraser, Churchill vs. Brighton at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m. Stevenson vs. Plymouth at Compuware, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18 Franklin vs. A.A. Skyline at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 Ladywood vs. G.P. North at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m. Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Jan. 16

C'ville at Edsel Ford, 5:30 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson at N'ville, 5:30 p.m. Wayne Memorial, Franklin at Glenn Quad, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19

Franklin Invitational, 8:30 a.m. John Glenn Invitational, 9 a.m. Chippewa Valley Inv., 9 a.m. Orange & Blue Classic, 9 a.m. W.L. Northern Inv., 9:30 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING** 

Thursday, Jan. 17 Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. S.L. East at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

PREP BOWLING Monday, Jan. 14 C'ville vs. John Glenn at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m. Wayne vs. Northville Tuesday, Jan. 15 C'ville vs. Romulus

at Merri-Bowl, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 Lady. at N.D. Prep, 3:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18 John Glenn vs. Kettering at Town 'N Country, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19

**Oakland County Girls** at Cherry Hills Lanes, TBA. Oakland County Boys at Thunderbird Lanes, TBA. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Monday, Jan. 14

Livonia Blue, Red vs. Groves at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16 Liv. Red at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 Huron Valley Invitational, TBA.
PREP SKIING

Thursday, Jan. 17 Ladywood vs. Marian at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m. GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Tuesday, Jan. 15 L. W'sld at Parkway, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16 Churchill at Plymouth, 6 p.m. Glenn at KLAA Quad, 6 p.m. Wayne, Franklin at Canton, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 Bedford Invitational, TBA. Rochester Adams Inv., TBA.

**MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS** Wednesday, Jan. 16 MU at Ind. Tech, 7:30 p.m. S'craft at Alpena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 Concordia at MU, 3 p.m. Macomb at S'craft, 3 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS** Wednesday, Jan. 16 MU at Ind. Tech, 5:30 p.m. S'craft at Alpena, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 Concordia at MU, 1 p.m. Macomb at 5'craft, 1 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

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# **GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

**DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA BLUE 134.05 NORTHVILLE 131.00** Jan. 7 at Churchill H.S.

Vault: 1. Lauren Rodriguez (N), 8.95; 2. Alyssa Breen (N), 8.8; 3. (tie) Jamie Jasinski (Blue) and Taylor Dempsey (N), 8.55 each: 5. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.45. Uneven bars: 1. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 8.85; 2. Dempsey (N), 8.5; 3. Rodriguez (N), 8.45; 4. Emily

Chatterjee (Blue), 7.85, 5. Alex Zukowski (Blue), 7.75. Balance beam: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 9.25; 2. (tie) Zafarana (Blue) and Dempsey (N), 8.8

each; 4. Erin Warwood (N), 8.45; 5. Rodriguez (N), 8.4. Floor exercise: 1. Zukowski (Blue), 8.8; 2. Rhoad (Blue), 8.7; Geriana Dauber (N), 8.55; 4. Zafarana (Blue), 8.5; 5. Dempsey (N), 8.4.

All-around: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 35.20; 2. Dempsey (N), 34.25; 3. Rodriguez (N), 33.80; 4. Zafarana (Blue), 33.40; 5. Zukowski (Blue), 32,75, **Dual meet records:** Livonia

Blue, 1-4 overal, 1-2 KLAA Kensington Division; Northville, 0-4 overall, 0-3 KLAA Kensington

# **COMMUNITY LIFE**



**BWUAK! BWUAK! BWUAK!** 



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Vince Kogo holds a Buff Orpington.

Garden Club member Ann Ruel pets a Buff Orpington. She also won a door prize of a 5-gallon pail of composted chicken

# Livonia Garden Club learns about backyard chicken farming

**By Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Vince Kogo is passionate about chickens and it all started with a plate of eggs over easy.

"I love runny eggs. I was in Tennessee visiting my brother and sister-in law and they had some eggs their neighbor had given them from the backyard. So they served me these eggs and the yolks were gigantic. They were runny, bright orange and when you ate them they were the most creamy sensation you'd have out of eggs over easy. At that point I was hooked.

"My brother-in-law who lives in Michigan started raising chickens. I was like, alright, I've got to do this. I started looking into it and I'm not going

The Redford man did more than research the topic. He started raising chickens in his backyard three years ago, guaranteeing himself, his wife and their six children, a continuous supply of fresh eggs and occasionally meat.

Kogo, whose day job is as a manufacturing supervisor in Farmington Hills, brought his suburban chicken farming expertise, equipment and

some hens to the Livonia Garden Club meeting last week.

Kathy Wilson, vice president, had heard Kogo speak at a Master Gardener meeting and invited him to address the 80-member Livonia group.

"I've heard some complaints like, what does a chicken guy have to do with (gardening) anything?" Wilson said. "But it's all about knowing where your food comes from. Everybody should be aware of that."

That's partly why Kogo raises hens. Store-bought eggs are less expensive than those harvested

from his backyard chicken coop, but he knows exactly what his fowl ate while producing them.

Why raise chickens?

"You get good, nutritious eggs. Another benefit is you're going to get sustainable living," he told the group. "A lot of people like raising their own vegetables because they like being self-sufficient. Raising eggs can help you do that same thing.

"The other thing is compost. Chicken manure is one of the best manures you can have for your

garden." Kogo's door prizes for

the evening included a 5pound bucket of chicken manure, won by Livonia Garden Club member Ann Ruel. She said she planned to wait until

spring and then apply the fertilizer to her flower beds. Other members won baskets of fresh eggs.

Friendly fowl

Kogo took each of his birds out of their shared cage and allowed audience members to stroke their feathers and get close-up views.

"There's a lot of fun you can have with chickens. If you're raising them from eggs, they will follow you around and eat out of your hand."

Kogo once had a chicken follow him around the block as he attempted to break the bird's habit of sitting on the flock's eggs, a behavior called "going broody."

"The technique is to handle them for 20 minutes a day. You have to pull them off the nest," he said. "I decided to take a walk. I had her under my arm and halfway through I set her down and this chicken followed me. I had people coming out with cameras. One woman looked and came by

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# **SOCIAL SECURITY**

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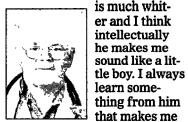
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# Times change: The enemy is now a close friend

By Joe Gagnon **Guest Columnist** 

is name is Joe Henderson and he is a regular guest on my radio show. He is older than I am and his hair



**Appliance** Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I met Joe Henderson back in the mid 1970s when I

and sales manager with the Amana Corporation and he was a sales representative with the Litton Corporation. Amana had introduced the first microwave ovens for use in the American kitchen. Our jobs meant get-

a better person.

was a service

ting appliance retailers to stock up on inventory and we made hefty commissions on each truckload order.

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My boss at the time was a great guy named Jack Plating who managed the factory branch in Livonia and told me that as nice as Joe Henderson was, he was still the enemy. He informed me that the Litton microwave was being made in Japan and would be in direct competition with the Amana product, made in America. He was going to have some stickon tags made which he wanted me to stick on the Litton microwave ovens every time I saw them on retailer's sales floors. The tag was going to simply say a few words, "Don't Forget Pearl Harbor." Now you have to understand the feelings of my boss, Jack, at the time. He spent a few years fighting the Japanese in the Philippines during World War Il and it took some convincing on my

part that this would not fit into the image of the Amana Corporation.

The Japanese did build a good microwave oven but it was always second to the Amana product which always made Joe Henderson's job a little tougher than mine. I remember that first Amana Radar Range to hit the market sold for \$850 which was a lot of money based on average income in those

#### **Cooking classes**

The microwave was a revolutionary product in those first few years of the 70s. Both Amana and Litton would hire a dozen of the many home economists who came out of our colleges so that when you purchased an oven you were given a certificate to attend a cooking class to learn how to use it. My boss Jack put me in charge of all these ladies and it was a real experience travelling across

the state with all these beautiful women and learning how to cook with a microwave oven. I used to tell Joe Henderson that my girls were much smarter than his and he used to give me these dirty looks which were part of the competitive game.

#### **Technicians needed**

Joe and I went on to leave the corporate game but we were never far apart. Today, he is a consultant with a large appliance retailer and co-owner along with his sons of a very successful appliance repair. company in Ann Arbor. We talk a lot these days about the biggest problem going on in the service industry — the great need for good, qualified appliance service technicians who just simply are not out there. Service training schools are no longer available and no respectable service company wants to send a rookie into your home for fear of creat-

ing an unsatisfactory situation. Service companies are stealing employees from their competition and it's a mean resolution to a problem that will continue to exist for a long time.

The biggest problem shared today by consumers who need a technician to fix an appliance is that they have to wait an inappropriate amount of time for someone to show up. My good friend Joe Henderson and I both agree there are too many quality problems with some appliances and just not enough service technicians and it's a tough proposition to ask the homeowner to wait a little bit longer. Let us hope that time heals just as it has done for Joe Henderson and Joe Gagnon. Stay tuned

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

# Try agility at Novi show, get trained in Westland

The Michigan Winter Dog Classic, presented by the Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland Kennel Club, will offer an interactive twist this year: the AKC's "My Dog Can Do That!" program.

Professional trainers will show participants how to get their dogs started in the canine sport of agility, which is a timed event on an obstacle course. Dogs will get a chance to try out some agility equipment and trainers will offer behavior tips, as well as resources The American Kennel Club also will offer all participants a discounted registration in its AKC Canine PartnersSM program. This program is for all dogs, including mixedbreeds, and allows them to enroll with AKC and compete in events, including agility. Anyone who registers their dog will receive a T-shirt, bandana, oneyear subscription to AKC Family Dog magazine and other gifts.

No pre-registration is required for the My Dog Can Do That! program, which will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20 at the Suburban Collection, 41600 Grand River Ave., in Novi; (248) 348-

The agility program is free but participating dogs must be at least 6 months old and have proof of rabies vaccination. Dogs also must wear a buckle collar and be on a 4- to 6foot leash to participate. No retractable leashes, prong collars, chain choke collars or head halters will be allowed.

The My Dog Can Do That! program is just one of many activities planned for the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, which will

run Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 17-20 at the Suburban Collection.

Visitors may watch breed, obedience, agility, group and "Best in Show" judging, each day. Duck herding demonstrations will be held Friday-Sunday and animal rescue groups and pet supply vendors will be on hand throughout the show.

Admission is \$35 for families (two adults and three children), \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children, 7-12. Kids, 6 and under, are admitted free.

Show hours are noon-6

p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

### Training classes

Better Life Canine Center in Westland offers a free training class for all dogs adopted or fostered through the organization. It runs 3-7 p.m. Saturday, at Healthy Paws Veterinary Medical Center, 37697 Ford Road in Westland. The session is \$50 for non-Better Life Canine Center dogs.

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A Rhode Island Red

Suburban chicken farmer Vince Kogo talks about eggs.

# CHICKENS

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again and then a third time. Finally, she stopped her car and said 'I'm sorry, but is that your chicken or is it chasing you?""

Although Kogo † described chickens as "quirky" and "fun" with

"a lot of personality," he also considers them as food, not pets. He doesn't allow his children to name them or pick out "favorites."

When his hens are past their prime egg-laying period - which generally runs from six months to a year and a half he butchers them, boiling them in soups or grinding their meat for spaghetti sauce.

Roosters that have hatched from eggs have ended up on the barbecue. Redford Township prohibits residents from keeping roosters, which are much noisier than

"I've hatched eggs. It's a neat experience and the kids loving watching them, but you don't know what you've got," Kogo explained. "We've learned very quickly

how to process birds. If you're going to raise them from eggs, you have to know what you're going to do with the roosters. You can send them to a farm. If vou don't have the stomach to butcher them, there are people who will do it for you."

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Chicken farmers raise their birds from incubated eggs, which hatch in 21 days, or they

buy them from farms, either as chicks or 3to 6-month-olds. Hens lay three to five eggs a week during their peak production period, depending on their breed.

Kogo keeps his fowl in a coop and protected run in his backyard. He suggests that residents talk with their neighbors about their plans before launching a backyard

chicken farm. They also need to consult local ordinances.

"It's cool after a fresh snow to see chicken footprints through the yard," he said. "I wake up in the morning and hear my chickens cooing bwuaaak, bwuaaaak --and it's such a soothing noise from the hens. There is something nostalgic about it. My neighbors like it, too."

# Concert benefits shelter for seekers of asylum

Detroit blues and gospel legend, the Rev. Robert B. Jones, will perform in concert 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The concert is a benefit for Freedom House. a shelter for individuals and families seeking political asylum in the United States. The program, entitled "The Bridge to Freedom," is in celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. nongay, and will feature Jones as well as residents of Freedom House.

For more than 30 years Jones has championed American roots music and stories. He has performed throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, spreading his message that traditional American songs and stories teach as well as entertain.

Jones is a native Detroiter and he has played for a wide variety of groups and causes. including YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, Focus HOPE, the NAACP, the Grey Panthers, Habitat For Humanity in Michigan and Mississippi, the ACLU, Empty Bowls, Freedom House of Detroit, and others.

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ing manuals.

Free training is required and runs 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb 9, at Michigan Community VNA head-

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Reserve tickets by calling Sharon Culbertson at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. You can drop off payment. name and phone number in an envelope marked Destination Graduation at the Franklin High School main office or mail it to Sharon Culbertson at 27815 Oakley, Livonia, MI 48154. Checks should be made out to Franklin SANP.

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# **Milestones**

### **DeWitt-Normansell**

Jane Elisabeth DeWitt and David Michael Normansell announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Scott and Elisabeth DeWitt of Hendersonville, Tenn., formerly of Plymouth, is a Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She received a

bachelor's degree in business/marketing from Murray State University in Kentucky. She also graduated from Marshall University with a master's degree in sports administration. Jane is a marketing account executive with IMG College at Vanderbilt University.

Her fiancé, son of Dan and Jean Normansell of Belleville, Ill.,

received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Murray State University and graduated in 2011 with a master's degree in industrial organizational psychology from Western Kentucky University. He is an HR management associate with Gerdau.

A July 2013 wedding in Nashville, Tenn., is planned.

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AYLWARD, ROBERT GEORGE

Age 77, of Livonia and formally of Detroit passed away peacefully on December 20, 2012. Son of the late Alexander and Gertrude Aylward, brother of Joan Brantigan, uncle to Gail Gordon and Dale Brantigan. Robert (Bob) valued friendships and he enjoyed mentoring. His passions were cars, horses, and travel. A memorial luncheon will be held in celebration of his life on Janu-13, 2013 in Farmington Hills. Details will be provided by calling 248.880.7339



BAWULSKI, LUKE AUSTIN

24, of Farmington, died suddenly January 7, 2013. Luke will be remembered as a kind and compassionate soul who had a smile for everyone and was loved in return. He enjoyed working out, disc golf and coin collecting. He deeply loved his nephews, Cort and Reed. Luke is lovingly survived by his father, Ronald; mother, Cynthia; sister, Brooklyn (Scott) Gehringer; brother, Eric; grandparents, Elaine (the late Fred) Bawulski, and Joan and John Weld; and nephews, Cort and Reed Gehringer. Funeral Ceremony Saturday, January 12th, 10:00 am at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Friday 1-9 pm. Interment Farmington Oakwood Cemetery. Interment Luke is truly loved and will be sorely missed

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TELFER "BROKIÉ", JR.

Age 86 passed away on December 27, 2012. Cherished husband of Vivian U. Brokenshire of 61 years. Beloved father of David and Denise Brokenshire, Patricia (Steven) Matthews, and the late Marguerite. Grandfather of Christina Petriches, Justin (Amy) Matthews, Jared Matthews, Marcus Brokenshire and Brooke Timlin. Great-grandfather of Harrison Chase Matthews. Sis-ters Vera (Art) McDonald Shir-ley (late Robert) Carter, and late (Patricia) Brokenshire. Loving son of the late Telfor and Leona Brokenshire. Mass was offered by Father Theo at St. Priscilla Catholic Church on December 29, 2012. A Military Service was prefomed by the Navy. Brokie retired from Chrysler Corp. after working there for over 40 years as Manager of the Blue Print Dept. on Dec. 31, 1987. He was laid to rest on Dec. 31, 2012 at St. Hedwig Cemetery. He also leaves many nieces and nephews, family, and frinds. Arrangements by Charles R. Steps Funeral Home.

> **FLOWERS** MARILYN ANNE (nee: Sullivan)

Age 75, December 21, 2012. Survived by her husband William, her aunt Dorothy Coon and several nieces and nephews. Marilyn was extremely active in both Redford and Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Churches where she served in many different capacities in mission and service. She will be remembered for her hard work. dedication, can do spirit and loy-alty to friends and family. She will be dearly missed. A memorial service has been planned for Friday, January 11, 2013 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist. Family will receive visitors at 11:00 with a service at 12

noon with a luncheon to follow.



BROWN, RODNEY G. Notable inventor, retired DuPont Company executive and former Birmingham resident, died peacefully at age 97 on January 3rd, 2013 in Newtown Square, PA. Born May 1, 1915 in Elkhart Indiana to Lester Ames and Margaret Grube Brown, he graduated from Oberlin College and began work in 1937 as a chemist In Du-Pont's legendary Parlin, NJ Laboratory. In 1946 Rodney Brown patented the industry-changing 'hot-melt' adhesives that still bind the world's paperbacks and magazines. Having worked on modern can coatings and automotive finishes, and being both rarely knowledgable and outgoing, Rodney was tapped to call on customers and ultimately became DuPont's Automotive Sales Manager in Detroit and consultant to car makers in Brazil and Venezuela. Rodney was active in Boy Scouting and a School Board member in Havertown, PA and was a deacon in Kirk-inthe-Hills in Bloomfield Hills, MI. After retirement he worked with International Service Corp to improve auto finishing operations in Korea and Mexico and became a stockbroker, joining Smith Barney. Survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Fannie Wood (Suze) Brown; Rodney was the muchcherished patriarch of our extensive family: father of Garrett, Margaret and Sheldon and father-in-law to Carl, Ellen and Jude; adored Grandad of Jonathan, Janet, Sarah, Jamison, Rachel, Garrett and Jessica; Great-Grandad to Jasmine, Savanna, Marley, Cole, Dylan, Hudson, Griffin, Ruby and Charlotte. Rod and Suze (Grandad and Nana) traveled extensively and delighted in taking children and grandkids on trips to destinations around the world. In 2000 they moved to Whitehorse Village in Newtown Square, PA, where he and Suze enjoyed the society of their many friends and last spring, once again, at ages 97 and 99, were Croquet Champions! An avid reader and lifelong sailor, Rodney G. Brown loved a fresh breeze on the Chesapeake, a fine joke, a great story and a slice of world-class lemon



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sweet man and a true inspiration

who will be joyfully remem-

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ERB, FREDERICK A.

"FRED" January 10, 2013. Age 89 of Birmingham, MI and Naples, FL. An accomplished businessman, Fred, translated love of family, arts and the environment into a family foundation to per-petuate Fred and Barbara's philanthropy. Beloved husband of Barbara (nee Morley) for 66 years. Dear father of Rick Erb, Wendy Elaine Erb, Leslie Erb Liedtke and John Erb (Debbie). Loving grandfather of Mimi, Lark and J. Hugh Liedtke and Elizabeth Erb. Brother of George Erb (Barbara) and the late Marjorie Mouw and Jane VanDusen. Memorial service Saturday, January 19th 11a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, (Lone Pine, west of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary

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#### GORDON, JEAN F.

Age 90, of Northville, passed away January 6, 2013. She was born January 6, 1923 in Oil City, Pennsylvania; daughter of Rob-ert and Frances (Williamson) Gordon. Jean completed her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and her master's degree from Western Michigan University. She taught biology and horticulture for 19 years in the Livonia Public School district; retiring in 1988. Jean was very active with the Detroit Story League and the Northville Weaving Guild. Jean was a wonderful sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her brother Wesley (the late Sophia) Gordon and nine nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Norma Stachlewitz and Lois Ann Adams. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



HOOT, DONALD A.

79, passed away on Sunday, December 30, 2012. He is survived by his wife Barbara and his children. Rhonda Dearman (Michael), Donald P. Hoot, Kellie Puro (Glenn), Darlene Jablonowski (Frank), two brothers Billy and Robert Hoot and one sister Linda Linton. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A celebration of his life will be held Friday, January 18, 2013 at 10:30 am at St. Raphaels, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City, MI 48135. Burial will be at St. Hedwigs Cemetery with luncheon directly following at Garden City Moose Lodge 538 29137 Ford Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

HULL, ROBERT JAMES

Was born December 15, 1930 in Rochester, NY. He was a graduate of

Notre Dame in Business. He proudly served in the United States Army. He went on to work for Corning Glass, Bendix, and retired as Vice President of Denso. He loved working, sailing, reading and family. Survived by his wife, Lois Hull of Farmington Hills, and four daughters, Kathleen McCormick of Strongsville, OH, Suzanne Hull of New Canaan, CT, Barbara Choate of Pomfret, MD, and Colleen Hull of Grass Lake, MI, five grandchildren and 3 son-in-laws. After an illustrious career Robert gave back to society through his countless hours of volunteer work with AARP, Local Area on Aging, Elder Law of Michigan and MPRO. He received AARP's "Shining Star Award", a highlight of his volunteer career. He closed his life with peace. "It has been a great life", he said. He passed away January 9, 2013 at Legacy Assisted Living in Jackson, MI. He died from lung failure. Please join us for a service of family and friends to honor his life on Monday, January 14, 2013 at St. John's Catholic Church in Jackson, MI with visitation from 12 P.M. until the time of Mass. He will be laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery in Grass Lake, MI in a private family ceremony at a future date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Sherwood Funeral Home, Grass Lake. Please sign Robert's guest book at:

sherwoodfh.com. MORGAN, JAYNE E. Age 57, of Billerica, MA passed away on January 7, 2013 from complications related to longstanding illness. Jayne was born May 24, 1955 in Garden City, MI, to Earl James Breech, Jr. and Mary Jane Collett. Jayne subsequently relocated to Massachusetts and most recently resided in Billerica. Jayne was an active member of New Colony Baptist Church and enjoyed the benfits of her community. She is survived by her daughter and sonin-law, Gina & Greg Denton, daughter Adrian Morgan, brother and sister-in-law Joseph & Kyle Breech and several friends in faith from New Colony Baptist Church. Preceeding her death was that of her mother, Mary

Jane Collett in 2009.



VINCEŃT

(KESHISHIAN) Age 104. Vincent passed away on January 10, 2013. Beloved husband of the late Rose. Loving father of Anne (Dr. Khalil) Dirani. Loving grandfather of Gena Rose Dirani. Dear brother of Susan (Albert) Leyva of California, the late Joseph (Anne) Keshishian and the late Harry (Ina) Keshishian and their families. Dear brother in law of Mar-ion Artinian. Visitation Sunday 5pm-8pm at the Armenian Congregational Church 26210 W. 12 Mile Rd. (East of Northwestern Hwy), Southfield. Prayer Service 7pm and Knights of Vartan Service 7:30pm. In state Monday 10am until 11am Funeral Service at church. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Vincent can be made to the Armenian Congregational Church or the Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Kaye Endowment Fund - Armenia Relief (Please make check payable to AMAA). To send a loving message, please go to Vincent's

obituary at www.ekfh.net. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home (248) 541-8325



DERRILL W. "DUTCH"

Age 84; of Farmington: January 7, 2013. Dutch was an Army Master Sergeant and Korean War Veteran; a graduate of Central Michigan University; lifetime member of the Elks, longtime member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. He was an avid U of M fan and community volunteer; active in his fraternity, Phi Sigma Epsilon; and the Boy and Girl Scouts: he received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts. Dutch was married to Barbara, his wife of 57 years; father of Jill (Phillip) Craig, Lindsey (Kristoffer) Granning and Todd (Patricia) Schneeberger; grandfather of Anders, Evan and Stefan Granning; Ja-cob, Nicholaus and Cole Schneeberger; and Maxwell Craig; great grandfather of Brianna and Rowen Granning. Uncle of Rowen Granning. Uncle of Laura Hallan and Rick Heslet. Dutch was preceded in death by his sisters, Janet and Barbara. Visitation, Sunday, January 13, 1:00-6:00 pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474 5200). Funeral Mass Monday. January 14, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts suggested to Forgotten Harvest. heeney-sundquist.com

STREBEL. LOUIS H.

92, of Livonia, MI died January 6, 2013 at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia, MI. He was a division controller for the R.L. Polk Co. in Cincinnati, OH and Detroit, MI; he was a WW II Army veteran and a proud member of the Livonia Kiwanis Early Risers. He is survived by his wife Evelyn (nee: Humbert) Strebel, 4 Sons and 5 Daughters and his 20 Grandchildren, 18 Great Grandchildren & 4 Great Great Grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at Divine Mercy Parish (Sacred Heart Church) in Bellevue, KY and burial at St. Stephen Cemetery, Fort Thomas, KY. Memorials are suggested to the Sisters of Divine Providence, St. Anne Convent, 5300 St. Anne Drive,

Melbourne, Kentucky 41059. The Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, Fort Thomas, Ky. served the Family. Online condolences can be given

at www.dmefuneral.com





### **Daniels-Ahrens**

Christie Daniels and Kevin Ahrens announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Tom and Sally Daniels of Canton, graduated in 2009 from Michigan State University and received a doctorate of physical therapy in 2012 from Oakland University.

Her fiancé, son of Ken and Kay Ahrens of Houston, Texas, graduated in 2007 from Memorial High School in Houston and currently plays baseball for the Toronto Blue Jays Minor League organization.

An October 2013 wedding is planned in Novi.

# **GARDEN & NATURE**

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

# **Butterflies**

Watch a film about the beauty and design of butterflies at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175, Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The film includes a visit to the Monarch butterfly overwintering grounds in Mexico. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

**English Gardens** 

• A free presentation on fresh flower arranging is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19.

• Make a Spring floral arrangement, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Cost is \$29.99. Sign up at www. englishgardens.com.

 Get tips on attracting birds to the garden in a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.

 Youngsters, 3-12, can make a pine cone bird feeder for \$5 at a workshop, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Register at www.englishgardens.com.

• Learn about growing orchids at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. Then at 2:30 p.m. find out how to re-pot orchids.

• "More About Orchids" runs 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, with a free re-potting session following at 2:30 p.m. that same day.

• Find out the basics of landscape design, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at a free presentation.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

# 60-minute classes

Master Gardeners Western Wayne County (MGWWC) will offer a series of hour-long seminars in February at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, in Wayne. Classes start at 7:30 p.m. and cost \$10 each or \$30 for all four classes if registered in advance. All proceeds fund gardening grants and scholarships. To register, e-mail to mgwwcorg@

 Pat Mann of Greenfield Village Herb Associates will talk about fairy gardens, including history and popularity, Tuesday, Feb. 5. Learn how to create your own fairy garden.

 Heirloom Tomatoes - From Seed to Sauce, will include tips on seed selection, growing techniques, use in the kitchen and recipes. Paul Rodman, community garden expert and an Advanced Master Gardener, will lead the class, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

# Early signup ends Feb. 1 for cancer walk

Save money and register now for the 22nd annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, presented May 18 by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Early bird registration offers a \$10-\$25 savings for adults and ends Feb. 1.

2013 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure will have something for everyone. Ten thousand pink ribbons will decorate the Woodward Race route where 22 bands and entertainment groups will perform; sponsors will have giveaways and offer interactive activi-

The event, held at Comerica Park in Detroit, will include an opening ceremony honoring survivors and the memory of lost loved ones, at 8 a.m.; 5k walk/run and 1-mile walk at 9 a.m.; followed by the closing ceremony with runner and team awards at 10:30 a.m.

All registrations include a race packet with T-shirt and numbered bib. Survivors receive an additional

pink shirt. Manual (paper form) registration costs slightly more and is available at a variety of one-stop locations, listed on the Komen Detroit website.

Children, 5 and under are free but must be officially registered by a parent or guardian to partic-

Here are the online registration prices:



Breast cancer survivors, friends and family enjoy the annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. Registration is available now for the event on May 18 at Comerica Park in Detroit.

• Team registration for youths, 6-17, and seniors, 65 and older, is \$15 through April 30. Adults,

18-64, pay \$25 through Feb. 1 and \$30 Feb. 2-April 30. Online team registration closes April 30.

 Individual registration online is \$15 through Feb. 1, \$17 from Feb. 2-May 16 and \$25 on race day for youth, 6-17, and seniors, 65 and older. Adults, 18-64 pay \$25 through Feb. 1; \$35 Feb. 2– May 16; and \$50 on race day.

For those who can't attend the race, or just prefer to sleep in on May 18, Sleep In For The Cure includes a "Do Not Disturb" hang tag and a special "sn00ze" race bib with race Tshirt.

Each year, Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awards 75 percent of the net proceeds to breast cancer screening, treatment support and education programs for medically underserved people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research grants awarded through Komen for the Cure. The 2012 Komen

Detroit Race for the Cure awarded more than \$1.55 million to local community programs and contributed \$317,300 to Komen's Award and Research Grant Program, benefitting scientists committed to ending breast cancer.

To register for the May 18 event or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.karmanoscancer. org/KomenDetroit/race.

# **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

# January

#### JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars with orthopedic surgeons and expert staff who will answer your questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Upcoming sessions are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 with Stephen Mendelson, MD; Thursday, Feb. 29 with David Mendelson, MD; and Wednesday, March 27 with Jeffrey Mendelson, MD. All . meetings are held in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Register by calling (734) 655-2345.

#### **LUPUS SUPPORT**

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a lupus support group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, in Livonia. The meeting is designed to assist individuals with lupus and their family and friends to connect with each another, get a better understanding of the disease and learn how to fight it. Admission is free. For more information visit www. milupus.org, or call (800) 705-6677.

#### **NUTRITION FOOD LAB CLASS** A dietician will lead the class, which

is designed to help participants achieve their goals of losing weight and eating right. It's presented by Botsford Hospital and runs 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Cost is \$10. Call (248) 477-6100 to register. Space is limited.

#### **SINUS RELIEF**

Warren L. Brandes, D.O. will present a free community lecture about advanced technology that helps people suffering from chronic sinus symptoms, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Botsford Hospital's Community Room in the Administration & Education Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Balloon Sinuplasty gives long-term relief by effectively opening blocked sinus passageways and is minimally invasive and FDA-approved. Call (877) 442-7900, option #1 to register.

**YOGA CLASSES** St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer beginning and intermediate Hatha Yoga classes 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Jan. 29 in Classrooms 1 and 2, at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Classes run through March 5. The hospital also will offer Therapeutic Yoga 5:15-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30, in Classrooms 1 and 2. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Meditation and breathing techniques included. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a firm blanket or sticky mat and bottled water. They should refrain from eating at least two hours before class. Therapeutic Yoga blends restorative yoga (supported postures), and gentle yoga, with chair and floor poses. This class is for those who may need something gentle yet effective for bringing the body into balance and reducing stress. Meditation and breathing techniques are included. Registration is required. Each class

is \$45 for the six-week session. Space is limited. To register, call (734) 655-1162 or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

# February

# **MICHIGAN BARIATRIC**

INSTITUTE The Institute offers free monthly educational seminars, from 6-7:30 p.m. about Bariatric weight loss surgery. Tallal Zeni, MD, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Jacob Roberts, DO, bariatric surgeon, will lead the sessions on Thursday Feb. 7, and March 14 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, North Auditorium, located on the hospital campus at Levan and Five Mile, Livonia. The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers three options for Bariatric weight loss surgery, including laparoscopic gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and adjustable gastric banding. Bariatric surgery is a minimal surgical approach to treating obesity and is performed laparoscopically, resulting in minimal pain, less scar-

ring, shorter hospitalization and recovery time. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) 949-9344, located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 311, Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

#### **SLEEP HEALTH**

John Colasanti, DDS, will discuss options for snoring, obstructive sleep apnea and oral dental sleep appliance treatment from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Participants will discover the latest in medical equipment; masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as CPAP technology. Those who currently have a CPAP machine, may bring it to the session for a free pressure accuracy check. This "Stay Awake" series presentation is offered by the Sleep Disorders Center. Refreshments and a drawing for movie tickets will be offered. The presentation is free, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-4640 for more information, or to register. Register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes & events."

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# **Going Viral** Flu Season 2013

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Infection Prevention Coordinator

Every Sunday a different member from Garden City Hospital's award winning staff joins us to answer your health care questions.

With the 2013 flu season being one of the earliest and worst outbreaks in decades, emergency rooms across the nation are filled with patients suffering from moderate to severe flu symptoms. As Michigan flu activity continues to rise, Laura Kehler, Infection Prevention Coordinator at GCH, is giving us important insight for the battle at home.

- Q: At what age is it okay to get a flu shot, and is it too late to get vaccinated for this year?
- A: Flu can be serious for everyone, but it tends to be hardest on the young, the old, and individuals with underlying health issues. Everyone six months and older should get the annual flu vaccine. It is never too late to get the vaccine.

Garden City Hospital and other area health care providers are prepared to vaccinate anyone who needs to be, and I encourage everyone to get a flu shot as soon as possible.

- Q: At what point is a person with the flu contagious and how long can their germs live outside of their body?
- A: Most adults are contagious one day before symptoms develop and up to seven days after becoming sick. Children may pass the virus for longer than seven days. Symptoms generally begin one to four days after the virus enters the body. That means you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you even know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

How long germs live depends on where they fall. Specific cold and flu germs have survival times ranging from a few minutes to 48 hours or more. How long such germs remain capable of infecting you in day-to-day life is harder to say.

Germs generally remain active longer on stainless steel, plastic and similar hard surfaces than on fabric and other soft surfaces. It's easy to catch the flu or a cold from rubbing your nose after handling an infected object an infected person sneezed on. But personal contact with an infected person — a handshake, for example — is the most common way these germs spread.

The best way to avoid becoming infected with a cold or flu virus is to wash your hands frequently with soap and water or with an alcohol-based sanitizer. Again, and most importantly, get a flu vaccine every year.

Q: Does Tamiflu really work?

A: Prescription Tamiflu is not a cure all, but it can decrease the duration of illness by 30% to 40%, and decrease flu severity by about 40% if taken in the first 36 to 48 hours of illness. It can also help prevent flu illness in people who have come into close contact

It's important to note, because of the severity of this year's flu outbreak, pharmacies are struggling to meet the demand for Tamiflu. If it's too late for a flu shot and you're experiencing early flu symptoms, stay home and call your doctor. If you need a physician you can call the GCH Physician Referral Service at 877.717.WELL.

If you have a health or medical question for one of the GCH Health Experts, or need a physician, visit GCH.org or call 877.717.WELL.

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