

Children's Day

The William P. Faust Public Library is inviting adults to Take Your Child to the Library Day Saturday, Feb. 2.

There will be a Storytime and Craft at 10 a.m., a Make-It-Take-It Craft from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a family movie at 1 p.m., trivia games, raffles, prizes, a "Bunny Hunt" and a "Guessing Jar" for the kids.

Funding for Take Your Child to the Library has been provided by the Friends of the Westland Public Library. Visit westlandlibrary.org for more information. No registration is required and the events are free of charge.

The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Fairy gardens

Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne County will present a program on fairy gardens at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Wayne County Extension Center, 5454 Venoy, south of Van Born, Wayne.

Explore the world of fairy gardens, including their history and popularity and learn how to create your own fairygarden in a program presented by Pat Mann of the Greenfield Village Herb Association.

MGWWC also is

New fire station, park upgrades planned for Westland civic center

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

As plans move forward to relocate Westland City Hall, the current site and the adjoining parks will be getting more focus this year.

The timetable tentatively calls for city offices to relocate to the renovated former Circuit City building in January 2015. The Ford Road site, including the closed Bailey Center and Fire Station 1, would eventually be cleared.

"We are going to use this year (2013) to work on a lot of capital improvements. The biggest one, obviously, is City Hall," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "A big goal is to relocate the fire station once we secure a location. Maybe over the summer we can sit down with council on strategic planning. We will have 14 acres there on Ford Road."

The Ford Road property is located within the Downtown Development Authority District and the DDA is expected to fund the demolition costs, along with other projects. "We're looking for the

DDA to move on the pro-

posed Farmers Market," said Wild. "Originally, there was a concept of the market and a concession stand with restrooms."

With the Bailey Center and its outdoor swimming pool closed, Wild said the proposed pavilion to hold the market would become a building with concessions and restrooms that would serve the soccer fields in Thomas Brown Central City Park and also adjoining Tattan Park, home to Play Planet and the H2O Zone spray park.

The city is also looking at improvements to Tattan Park — the first phase expected to be improvements to parking. Onstreet parking along Carlson on the east side of the park would be relocated.

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Westland Mayor William Wild was among the speakers at the Martin Luther King, Jr. tribute at Christ Temple Apostolic Church in Westland. For more photos, see Page A7.

Inspiring: Westland program honors MLK

offering "Heirloom Tomatoes from Seeds to Sauce," on Tuesday, Feb. 12, Pruning Trees and Ornamental Shrubs on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Outdoor and Garden Photography on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Heirloom tomato aficionado Paul Rodman will expand participants' knowledge of tomato seed selection and growing techniques, as well as share some of his tomato recipes. Roy Prentice, farm manager of Michigan State University Tollgate Farm, will teach the secrets of successful pruning, for health, form and improved vigor. Bob Bransky, photographer and Master Gardener, will provide tips on how to capture the beauty of nature, and learn how to take outstanding pictures, including camera basics

Each of the programs cost \$10. To sign up, visit www.MGWWC.org. For more information, call (313) 719-1181.

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Home Delivery: (866) 887-2737 Return Address: 41304 Concept Dr. Plymouth MI 48170 By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

The pews were filled as Christ Temple Apostolic Church hosted Westland's 15th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

With gospel music provided by the church choir, the program had more energy than some recent celebrations held at the Friendship Center.

"It feels like church here today," said master of ceremonies Kevin Buford, Westland's Department of Public Services director.

Over the 15 years of the MLK observances, Westland Mayor William Wild said the program gets better and better each year.

"What a celebration we have here today. It's great to see a full house. It's kind of an organic event — it grows and changes," said Wild. "The choir is just an inspiration." In a first for Westland, Greenfield Village historical presenter Anthony Lucas returned for a second year as the keynote speaker performing portions of King's writings and speeches.

King was only 26 when he was appointed spokesman for the Montgomery Improvement Association which led the 381day boycott of the racially segregated city bus system.

"Before he was a Civ-

il Rights leader, he was minister of God," said Lucas, noting King's religious faith provided strength in the face of death threats and other pressures.

Lucas recreated portions of King's speech during the 1963 march on Washington, D.C., and also his last public speech April 3, 1968, in support of Memphis sanitation workers. In his reflections on

King, Christ Temple Suf-

fragan Bishop Luke McClendon said he wanted to talk about King as a child and how he came to be the person being honored on MLK Day.

"It all started with his childhood. He grew up in a financially secure family and was better educated than the average members of his race," said McClendon. "His encounters with racism were mild but formative. That

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Wild Wings aim to win in annual hockey game

The long-delayed NHL season has finally started and so the Detroit Red Wings are back on the ice.

That means the Wild's Wings charity exhibition hockey game against the Detroit Red Wings alumni won't be the only game in town. But that doesn't mean the game at Mike Modano Arena won't be a popular event again this year.

Westland Mayor William Wild, along with several city officials, will lace up their skates for the charity game at 7 p.m. Friday, March 1. Last year, the event drew 800 people and raised more than \$20,000 for arena improvements.

"We are honored to have the Detroit Red Wings alumni return to our All American City for the fourth consecutive year, providing an event that greatly benefits the City of Westland," said Wild. "We may have underestimated our opponents last year, losing 8-1, but I feel confident this year Wild's Wings will skate away victorious."

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, kids under 3 are free. Tickets will be on sale beginning Feb. 1 at the Mayor's Office and the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Seating is limited to 800, so be sure to get your tickets early. There also are many fun-filled activities planned for the event including a "scoreo-competition" and every kid's favorite "chuck-apuck." There will also be several raffles giveaways.

There are many sponsorship opportunities available for this event with a range in levels and cost. For sponsorship information, call Deputy Mayor Jade Smith at (734) 467-3200 or e-mail him at mayor@cityofwestland.com.

Faust Library to receive heating, cooling improvements

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

The need to make improvements to heating and cooling systems at Westland's William P. Faust Library has been discussed for years and now plans are moving ahead to get the work done.

First, bids will be accepted for a project manager to oversee the project. A second set of bids will be sought for installation of the new equipment. Third, the library will be bidding out another overdue project — improvements to the parking lot lighting.

"This HVAC had been discussed for at least two years when I got on the board," Westland Library Board President Mark Neal said. "It's way past due. The system is so inefficient. When the air condition"It's way past due. The system is so inefficient. When the air conditioning is on, the system delivers heat to the children's area." MARK NEAL

library board president

ing is on, the system delivers heat to the children's area."

HVAC improvements planned include replacement of the existing control system, installation of a jockey boiler to increase hot water plant efficiency and reduce boiler cycling, installation of new variable-frequency drives on the air handling units and pumps. A new IT cooling unit would be installed so that computer equipment could be kept cool without utilizing the building system.

"We've got two giant boilers. If we need a little heat, we have no choice. Now, we'll have just the small boiler to use," Neal said. "It'll be a nice deal when it's all done."

The HVAC improvements, along with deferred maintenance work, would cost an estimated \$704,000. Depending on the option selected by the library board, the exterior lighting improvements would have an estimated cost of \$52,000 to \$96,000.

The library has already taken steps to make the building more energy-efficient with more insulation and inte-

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Glenn graduate receives scholarship

Nicole Quaine, a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Westland Community Foundation.

A nursing student at Madonna University, Quaine was awarded a scholarship that had been returned to the foundation. She was the next eligible student on the scholarship committee list.

During her high school career, Ouaine was on the honor roll, a member of the National Honor Society, earned a three-year varsity letter in softball, a two-year varsity letter in volleyball, was a member of the National Technical Honor Society, and received a KLAA Scholar Athlete Award.

The foundation, with a membership consisting of community and business leaders, raises money through its annual Spring **Ball and Christ**mas in July events. It donates money and matching grants to local organizations, including the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and the Family Resource Center **Empty Bowls Food** Bank as part of its charitable causes.



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led to his passionate drive for equality. He decided to do something to make the world a better, fairer place to live. Yes, one

person can make a difference."

Encouraging young people to develop strong study habits and to pursue their dreams, McClendon introduced audience member Evelyn Nash, who had been his teacher.

"She encouraged us to pursue academic excellence and to pursue our dreams," he said.

This year's MLK program happened to fall on the same day that President Barack Obama was having his ceremonial inauguration to begin is

entries.

The Westland John **Glenn High School Junior** ROTC performed the flag ceremony for the program.

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rior lighting improvements.

"We insulated areas that were unprotected and sealed around windows and other parts of. the building that had set-tled," Neal said. "The lighting was the biggest portion. We have redesigned lighting fixtures."

The library's fluorescent lights generate white light and the reflective background also

absorbs light. The new light fixtures have mirror-like reflective backgrounds that allow a lower kilowatt light, which generates more light. Occupancy switch-

es which automatically turn off lights have been installed in library rooms that aren't always in use during the library's hours. There has been an estimated 20-percent savings on electricity usage due to the lighting improvements.

"We've seen thousands of dollars of savings with the lighting improvements and higher efficiency of the heating and cooling due to not leaking," Neal said, noting the improvements also make the library a more comfortable place for patrons and staff.

After having a reduced operation since July 1 due to budget cuts, the library will be back to being open for its regular hours effective Friday, March 1. Voters approved a nearly 1mill tax increase for the library.

The restored hours and programs are being phased in as the tax revenue becomes available. That means the library will be open from 9 a.m.

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Students attending

Wayne-Westland Com-

munity Schools submitted MLK Day artwork

which was displayed in

the Fellowship Hall fol-

lowing the program.

what would have happened without the millage," Neal said. "We're going to start full hours. The new personnel are taking their places --- we only have a few vacan-

cies to fill." Looking ahead, the library board had proposed an addition to the building as part of an expanded computer room. That project would likely depend on the availability of funding from the Tax Increment Financing Authority, which funded the original construction of the library.

"The library is going high-tech on us. Unfortu-

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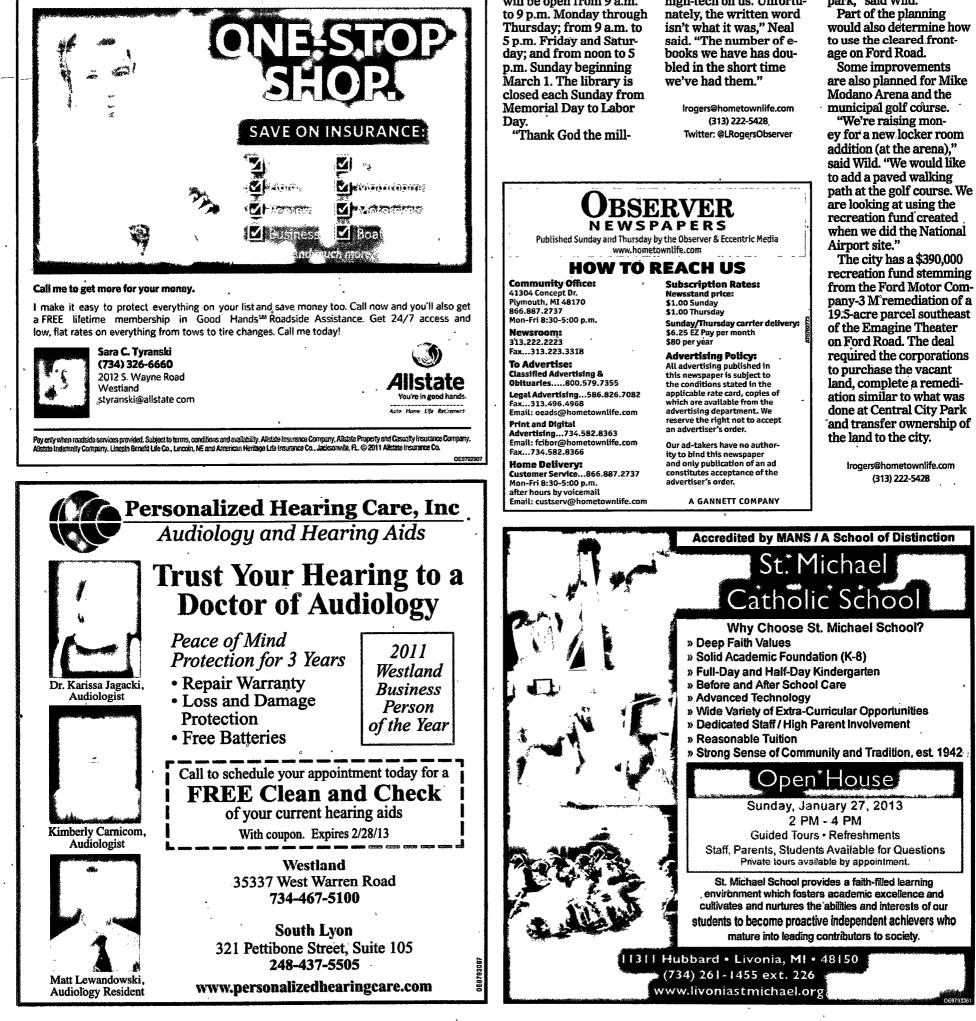
"For the residents on Carlson, parking across the street is an issue," said Wild. "We'd like to move the parking to the west side of Tattan Park. We'd extend the park to Carlson - we'd berm it and landscape it."

The city would also like to make some improvements to the popular H2O Zone, possibly including a fence.

"We'll talk with council about charging a small fee that would generate some money to maintain the park," said Wild.

Part of the planning would also determine how to use the cleared frontage on Ford Road.

Some improvements are also planned for Mike Modano Arena and the municipal golf course.



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Wayne Ripple Effect sets sights on Main Street designation

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

How important is a downtown?

If the response from the more than 80 people who turned out to hear a presentation about Wayne becoming a Michigan Main Street community is any indication, it's very important.

Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer citizens group, collected more than \$4,100 in pledges to support efforts to make Wayne's downtown "vibrant, inviting and visually appealing."

The meeting was held at the Greater Than **Dreams Church and was** half informational and half fundraising as volunteers kicked off a push to raise the \$50,000 needed for Wavne to achieve a select status with the Michigan Main Street Center.

"The Main Street people told us that when they do this presentation, it's usually for about 12 people," said WRE board member Sherrie Brindley. "I think people in Wayne area ready for Main Street. We already have great participation.'

City and school officials, business owners and residents gathered in the church which occupies one of the oldest buildings in downtown Wayne. They heard about what being a Michigan Main Street community means and what needs to be done to make that happen.

"The city has great, sincere volunteers to accomplish what Wayne needs in the future." said Mayor Al Haidous. "Tonight is the beginning of a good relationship between the city and the volunteers.

New challenge

Wayne has been selected for a one-year associ-



Paul Strom, interim director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, decides where to put his three stickers for features he would like to see in downtown Wayne.³

whole needs a downtown to be successful. In most communities, the highest concentration of property values is in the downtown. Everything starts there and extends out."

According to Hoszkiw, the hardest part about starting a Main Street program is convincing the community that they deserve more. The Main Street program isn't about what one person can do, but what a community can do.

"This is not about who brings what to the table, it's how you can do it together," she said.

Getting started WRE was start-

ed by eight residents, like Brindley, a former Downtown Development director in Plymouth, and Realtor Pat Rice, who "didn't know they shared a common interest," revitalizing downtown Wayne.

Rice told the gathering she watched the city of Howell transform its downtown over eight years and didn't know how it happened. Now she knows. Howell is a Michigan Main Street community.

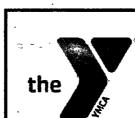
"Until this meeting, I didn't know it was because of the citizens," she said. "Howell is a thriving community. I want to see that happen here. We've been an active group, we want to take Wayne to the next level. It is possible, it can happen."

Brindley stressed the importance of a vibrant community, asking Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg

downtown, you have a vibrant community, you have vibrant schools," he said. "Having that would have a huge impact."

WRE is now focusing on raising \$50,000 in pledges. It's also looking for more volunteers, office space, legal advice, print services, a graphic designer and a meeting place.

"It's easy to support the effort, you've done it by being here tonight," said WRE member Irene Iva-



Destination restaurant tops wants for downtown

As the members of Wayne Ripple Effect see it, Wayne is among a select number of western Wayne County communities - Dearborn, Plymouth and Ypsilanti - that truly have a downtown. Its mission is to improve on Wayne's through preservation, economic development and community involvement.

The effort started more than a year ago and included a spring cleanup - the next one is planned for April 27 . - fundraisers and getting sponsorships for flower planters and scarecrows along Michigan Avenue.

WRE wants to do more and to find out what residents think, gave those who attended the Michigan Main Street presentation three stickers to place on poster boards under 12 things it wants in downtown Wayne.

There was nothing scientific about the voting, but the results showed that a majority of those in attendance favor a destination restaurant, which collected 45 votes. It was followed by family-fun activities,

nac. "One way is so simple: just say good things. There are things happening all the time in Wayne. There are great examples here in your home38 votes, and a canoe launch, 27 votes. Also of importance were: • White lights (decorating the downtown) ----19 votes. • Coffee shop – 13 votes. • Residential development downtown — 11 votes. • Outdoor music concerts --- 10 votes. • Main Street manager - seven votes. • Public art — six votes."

• Benches — five votes.

 Christmas décor two votes.

• Bike racks - one vote.

But making any and all of that happen will require the support of the community. People interested in making pledges to help Wayne become a Michigan Main Street community can send them to Wayne Ripple Effect, 4097 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48196. Payment won't be due until the city is selected as a Main Street community. For more information, call (734) 740-0606 or visit www.WayneRippleEffect.com.

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ate status with the center and now must prove that it is up to the challenges of the select status. That includes paying for a full-time Main Street manager who will oversee the day-to-day operations of the program.

In return, the center will provide training in its four-point approach to support and improve downtowns and traditional commercial neighborhood districts. The city also will be able to tap into \$200,000 in technical assistance.

"This is grassroots, community and volunteer driven," said Brittney Hoszkiw, an organizing specialist with the Michigan Main Street Center. "The strategy is to encourage economic development through historic preservation. You have the community resources, but you need the financial resources for the community to move forward."

Using Main Street communities like Old Town Lansing as examples, Hoszkiw showed what can be accomplished with a focused vision of what a downtown should be. In Old Town Lansing, vacancies were at 90 percent in 1996 when its Main Street program started. They dropped to less than 10 percent and the area became a destination for some of the finest art and restaurants in mid-Michigan by the time it became a Michigan Main Street program area in 2006 under Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Cool Cities Initiative.

"You have the buildings, so you don't have to create everything to have a downtown," said Hoszkiw. "Wayne as

Baracy what it would mean to the school district.

"If you have a vibrant



Brittney Hoszkiw, an organizing specialist with the Michigan Main Street Center, points to communities like Howell, Old Town Lansing and Scotville who have revitalized their downtowns through preservation, economic development and community involvement.



Wayne Ripple Effect member Sherrie Brindley talks about the need for Wayne to demonstrate it has the ability to pay for a manager when it applies for the select level of the Michigan Main Street program.

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Patron walks out on \$300 party bill at GC bar

Unpaid bar bill

Albert's on the Alley, located on Middlebelt north of Ford in Garden City, expects to prosecute an Inkster man after he failed to pay his party bill of more than \$300 on Jan. 20.

The manager of the bar/restaurant called the police when the man and his party left about 2 a.m. Jan. 20 without paying the bill.

Everybody appeared to enjoy the 20 "buffets," but a disagreement ensued when the disc jockey refused to play "Gangster Rap." At the end of the party, the man asked to talk to the manager. He said that in the past when he was at the bar, the DJ played hip hop music.

The manager told him that it is now the policy to not play hip hop music. The man left, angry. When the Garden City police contacted the man to inquire why he hadn't paid the bill, he said that he wanted to talk to the owner of the bar in the morning and ask for a discount.

The police told him that he had until 7 p.m. Jan. 20 to pay his bill. The man never returned to the bar or paid his bill so the police officer wrote a police report indicating that he defrauded the innkeeper.

Break-in

A break-in was reported about 5 a.m. Jan. 15 at Image Wireless, 966 N. Inkster Road.

A video captured two men breaking into the

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business where more than \$1,000 of merchandise was stolen.

The first man who entered the store through the broken front door wore a green and white hoodie, black pants, white and black shoes and gloves. The second man could be seen running directly toward the display case.

Stolen car

A Garden City resident reported that when he got up at 6 a.m. Jan. 21 his 2004 Jeep Liberty was stolen from his driveway.

The owner said that the vehicle also included a \$300 navigational device. He said that he has all the keys to the vehicle.

Property damage

An apartment dweller in the 6500 block of. North Venoy reported Jan. 19 that someone smashed her windshield with a rock that was located nearby.

The rock had been thrown through the windshield.

• A resident in the 300 block of Rose Street reported that someone used an unknown object to shatter his front window pane about 11:30 p.m. Jan. 18.

The police couldn't locate the object which broke the window.

Theft

A driver who parked his car in the east lot of Rogala's Bar and Grill, 31831 Ford, reported about 4 p.m. Jan. 16 that someone broke his passenger side door window, reached in and stole his computer case valued at about \$20.

The police officer wrote that the cameras at Enterprise and Gordon Chevrolet didn't reveal the theft.

Retail fraud

Garden City police arrested a 57-year-old Westland woman about 2 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Kmart store, 29600 Ford, after she left the store without paying for a new pair of blue cowboy boots valued at about \$35.

A loss prevention officer observed the woman put the new pair of boots on her feet and tucked her old shoes into a pair. of slippers on the shelf.

They stopped her after she left the store without paying for the boots.

No license

Garden City police arrested a 28-year-old Detroit woman after she failed to produce a driver's license about 3:30 a.m. Jan. 22.

They stopped her car on northbound Inkster Road at John Hauk when they observed a plastic bag completely covering the driver's side window, obstructing her vision. When they questioned her, they learned that she never acquired a driver's license.

Her passenger was also arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Taylor.



On Jan. 19, a Livonia man told police that someone had broken into a vacant home he owns in the 1100 block of Merriman. He said he assumed ownership of the home nearly two years ago after his mother died and it has been vacant since.

Someone had broken a window at the home and approximately 170 feet of copper piping had been stolen. The man said he had last been at the home on Jan. S.

A neighbor told police that on Jan. 19 he noticed two men parked in an adjoining dentist office parking lot. One man got out and walked toward the vacant house. The neighbor said he lost sight of the man, then a couple of minutes later saw him running back towards the vehicle carrying a black bag.

The neighbor also said the previous night he had noticed a light on in the garage adjoining the vacant home.

 An unknown quantity of copper plumbing was also reported stolen Jan. 21 from a vacant home in the 1000 block of Merriman. A window was broken to gain access to the house. The plumbing had last been seen intact a

• A Canton man told the 1200 block of Portland Drive. The man said he is fixing up the home for resale.

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Thieves make off with copper

• Copper piping was reported stolen from a vacant home in the 2500 block of Steiber Jan. 17. An inspection company employee had been sent to work at the home and discovered the theft. He said a number of contractors have keys to the house. The pipes were last seen Jan. 3.

Larceny

A Garden City man told police Jan. 19 that someone had stolen his bicycle after he left it parked unlocked outside Kroger, 200 S. Merriman.

Vandalism

On Jan. 21, a resident in the 100 block of South Carlson told police that he had been awakened just after midnight when something hit the side of his home. He said he looked out the window but didn't see anyone.

It was dark when he left for work, but the man told police when he got home from work he found six yellow paint ball hits on the home. The siding was damaged by one paint ball. A paint ball also hit a light pole in the front yard.

The home was egged on Jan. 9, but the owner said he didn't file a police report.

Stolen vehicle

On Jan. 17, a resident in the 8100 block of Huntington Drive told police that someone had stolen her 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. She said the vehicle was paid for and fully

insured.

• A resident of the Waterbury Apartments, 113 Waterbury Court, told police Jan. 20 that she was moving items from the apartment to her vehicle and left the engine warming up while she went back inside. When she came back with another load, she said the 2000 Chevrolet Impala was gone.

Vandalism

On Jan. 17, a Detroit man told police that someone had knocked the driver's side mirror of his 2013 Jeep Patriot while it was parked at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road.

Hit and run

Police were called to a home in the 600 block of Easley Jan. 17 after a resident reported her 2011 Ford Focus had been damaged while it was parked on the street. The officer noted that driver's side mirror was damaged and there was a deep scrape/dent on the door as if the car had been sideswiped.

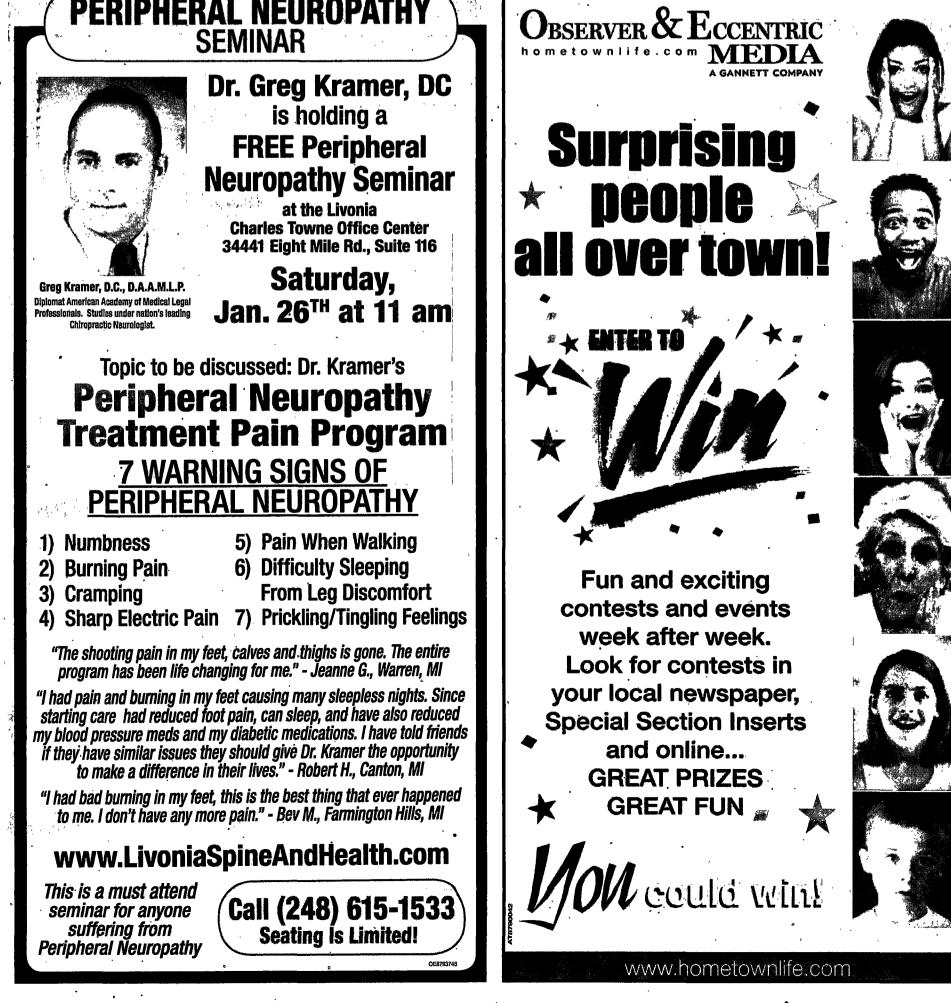
Larceny from a vehicle

On Jan. 17, a Redford resident told police that someone had taken credit cards, identification, a bag containing screwdrivers and a drill, from his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the 30000 block of Hanover.

Larceny

A Westland teen told police that on Jan. 16, she

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PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

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By Sue Buck

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police Jan. 19 that someone had stolen copper piping, two push lawn mowers, a green mail box and assorted tools from a vacant home in

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Adams, who admits that

like some of the golfers he doesn't leave the club-

house during the outing.

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We would have live ani-

Wild Kingdom or Pirates

Adams. "Our aquatic and

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Everyone is wel-

come at Winterfest but

some events do require

advance registration.

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of the Caribbean," said

Winterfest has evolved

Winterfest highlights W-W recreational opportunities

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer**

Whether your tastes run to catching a hockey skills competition, an ice cream social or golf in likely frigid temperatures, Winterfest has something for everyone.

"There are a plethora of activities for families, for couples. There is a tea party and an ice cream social," said Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith, encouraging everyone to visit the Wayne Community Center.

In fact, along with a full schedule of activities Friday and Saturday, Winterfest also provides an opportunity for visitors to check out the community center and talk with youth sports leagues and instructors about upcoming programs.

Winterfest lets us highlight programming

This June's commence-

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tradition of awarding

a Distinguished Alum-

Wayne Memorial High

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What's happening when at Winterfest

Here's the schedule for Winterfest 2013 Friday and Saturday.

All events will be held at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne unless indicated. FRIDAY, JAN. 25

• The Adult Community Theater production of It's All Fun & Games Until Someone Gets Murdered, comedy murder mystery. The

and raise awareness, we get a lot of foot traffic for Winterfest," said Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams, who estimated 500 people would participate in the Friday evening events with that number reaching 1,000 people on Saturday. Many of the activi-

Wayne High seeks

Distinguished Alumni

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

 Northpole Golf Classic at the Westland

ties are free or low cost, such as the junior hockey skills competition, the figure skating competition or the ice cream social, which is sponsored by the Wayne Senior Department.

There will be free chair massages, Hula Hoop demonstrations, gymnastics, baton and dance

Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, Westland. The proceeds will benefit youth programming. There will be a shot gun start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$25 per golfer.

 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. • Lil' Dragons Demo at 1 p.m.

performances.

The most expensive parts of Winterfest are the Friday night Adult **Community Theater per**formance of It's All Fun and Games Until Someone Gets Murdered, a comedy-murder mystery at \$35 per person including dinner and open bar, along with the Northpole

COP CALLS

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and a friend were at Planet Fítness, 34634 Warren Road, when someone stole her iPhone 5, valued at \$600. She said she had left the phone with her water bottle on a counter while she went into a room to change clothes. The phone was gone when she returned.

Larceny

A central air conditioning unit valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen from a home in the 1300 block of Windham Jan. 16. A Canton man told police the home is vacant and he is renovating it.

On Jan. 15, a mainte-

 Dance Mini-Show at 1:30 p.m.

 Wayne Youth Hockey Association Skills Competition at 5 p.m.

 Michigan Ice Dogs vs. Tennyson Chevrolet

7 p.m. • Wayne/Westland Soc-

cer League Table

 Kids Night Out from 6-10 p.m.

• Chair Massage/Hula Hoop demos.

Golf Classic on Saturday costing \$25 per golfer. In a change, the golf

outing has been moved to the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

'We'll draw 125 people for golf. It's pretty popular and the proceeds go to kids programming. I'd say 75 percent of the players are guys," said

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31000 block of Avondale. He said the plastic win-

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Just before 7:30 p.m.

1677 S. Wayne Road. The

manager said a man had

purchased a cheeseburg-

er about three hours ear-

When told he could get

the manager said the man

a new sandwich once he

gave back the incorrect-

ly made cheeseburger.

lier and returned com-

plaining his order had

been messed up.

Jan. 15, police were

called to McDonald's,

became irate and shoved the cookie display off the counter.

The plastic display case cracked and was destroyed.

Hit and run

A Garden City woman told police Jan. 14 that someone had struck her vehicle at Warren Road and Middlebelt. She said she stopped in a nearby parking lot but the other vehicle fled.

Larceny

A resident in the 31000 block of Calhoun Court told police Jan. 16 that someone had stolen the license from his Buick LeSabre. He said it was a South Carolina license plate.

By LeAnne Rogers

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has become a part of the annual commencement ceremony for Wayne Memorial High School. Each winner is awarded a ni medal to a graduate of medal inscribed with the

> "This is an opportunity for our current graduating class, to hear first hand from a former alumnus who has made his/her mark on society." Orr said.

is to locate the many alumni who have distinguished themselves since their graduation. For that reason, Wayne Memorial is asking the community to help in its search

official school seal.

The most difficult task

by nominating a Wayne Memorial graduate, Nominations can be sent to Pamela Rawson, Secretary to the Principal, Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184, or call (734) 419-2206.

Nominations should be submitted by Feb. 25.

A "Distinguished Alumni" committee has been established at Wayne Memorial to decide on the recipient for 2013. An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May. The recipient will then be honored at commencement on June 1.

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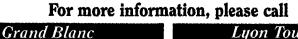
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North American International Auto Show

Hearts opened, champagne flowed

Area residents party at Charity Preview

It's regarded as the largest single night fundraiser in the world, and for the 13,069 people who attended the 2013 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, it was a sign that this region can more than rise to the occasion when it comes to helping children.

NAIAS reported that the 2013 Charity Preview. presented by Charter One / RBS Citizens, raised \$3,920,700 for nine children's charities during an evening of glitz, glamour and gorgeous people. The 2013 tally represents more than a 30 percent increase in funds raised over 2012 — the highest amount since 2008.

"I'm tired and my feet are sore, but I am thrilled that the people of Detroit and Southeast Michigan have once again opened their hearts for our kids," said Jim Seavitt, chairman, NAIAS 2013. "I have seen, from personal experience, the benefits that these funds provide, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of one of the greatest events which provides us the opportunity to do so much for so many.

Charities benefiting from the event include **Boys and Girls Clubs** of Southeastern Michigan, Boys and Girls Hope Detroit, Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, The Detroit Auto **Dealers Association** (DADA) Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. The Detroit Institute of Children, Judson **Center, March of Dimes** Metro Detroit, and Think Detroit PAL.

Funds raised by the Charity Preview go even further with the DADA **Charitable Foundation** Fund. Each year, charitable organizations from throughout the region submit proposals for grants from the DADA Charitable Fund to support worthy programs to improve and enhance the lives of children and youth. Approximately 10 grants typically ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 are awarded from the fund annually.



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Dawn and Scott LaRiche's personalities are always as sparkling as Dawn's dresses. Once again, for the largest onenight fundralser in the world, Dawn designed and made her Charity Preview dress which complemented Scott's dapper tux. Scott's been extremely busy as the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) president, NAIAS Executive Board member and co-owner of Plymouth Townshipbased Lou LaRiche Chevrolet.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Tania and Steve Rein of Canton at the Mini display.



JULIE YOLLES

Attending last week's Charity Preview were (from left) Elise and Jake Payton of Farmington and Mid American Fitness Studio Owner Karen and Keith Blazaitis of Farmington Hills. The couples had a lot to celebrate. Besides helping to raise nearly \$4 million last Friday at Charity Preview, they were celebrating Farmington Hills-based Mid American Fitness' 10th year in business.





JULIE YOLLES

Livonia residents John and Kelly Tracy check out the cherry red Ford 1903 Model A. John Tracy works for corporate sponsor TD Auto Finance in Farmington Hills.

SHOW RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.) through Saturday, Jan. 26. The show ends Jan. 27 and hours that day are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 per person and \$6 for seniors (65 and older) and children (7-12 years old). Children ages 6 and under are free with parent or guardian.



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Plymouth's Fred Hill and the Briefcase Drill Team march in the Charity Parade.



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The stars come out for the Charity Preview.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Sen. Carl Levin, with daughter Kate Levin Markel and Ann and Robert Greenstone, at the Cadillac exhibit.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Autism Friendly

Autism Speaks and **Olympia Entertainment** Inc. have announced that the Fox Theatre will pres-. ent the first ever autismfriendly Sesame Street Live performance at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, with accommodations to make the theater experience more enjoyable for children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other sensory difficulties.

Tickets are on sale and coast \$35, \$22, \$17 and \$9. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of select tickets - \$9 to \$22 range - will be donated to Autism Speaks and can be purchased by calling the Olympia Entertainment, Inc. Group Sales department åt (313) 471-3099. Tickets are available to all members of the public and purchasers should specify they are interested in the Autism-friendly performance.

Working in conjunction with VEE Corporation, the producers of Sesame Street Live, and Autism Speaks, Olympia Entertainment has pledged to create a fun, inviting environment for families with members who have ASD while providing the opportunity to experience a live performance of Sesame Street Live "Elmo Makes Music" in its entirety.

Representatives from Autism Speaks previewed this production to assure that theatrical elements are appropriate for all audiences, especially those living with ASD.

The presentation will not differ from the theater's regular performance. However, the theater is providing production notes to parents ahead of time, to prepare their children for what to expect, should anything be a potential trigger. Quiet areas will be set up inside the venue to allow families to take a break for a few minutes and extra spacing will be incorporated in some seating areas to allow for to move around room Gluten-free concession food options will also be made available.



The Fox Theatre is presenting an autism-friendly Sesame Street Live performance on Friday, Feb. 8.

board in 2010. Her current term expires December 2016.

Eyers joined the Sports Medicine Division of Hen-



of athletic training last November. She is also a licensed and certified athletic trainer.

Eyers holds a doctor of education degree in educational leadership from Central Michigan University, a master's degree in health studies from the University of Alabama and a bachelor's degree in movement science from the University of Michigan. She is also a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, **Great Lakes Trainers'** Association and Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society.

Free pancakes

termilk pancakes from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Guests will be encouraged to make a voluntary contribution to the local Children's Miracle Network Hospital or other local charities. One hundred percent of the donations will help local charities provide vital equipment, life-saving procedures and critical care for sick and injured children. This will mark the

eighth year that IHOP has held National Pancake Day, which to date has raised more than \$10 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other local charities. In 2012 alone, IHOP raised more than \$3 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other charities. Guests will also have the option to purchase "Miracle Balloons" for \$1 and \$5 each, throughout the month of Janu-

ary leading into National incake Day, with all pro-

BIA sponsors Home Improvement Show

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is sponsoring the Novi Home Improvement Show featuring the Michigan Kitchen and Bath Show, Jan. 25-27, at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

Anything and everything you need to improve your home can be found under one roof. Browse exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors, windows and doors, flooring products, cabinetry and much more. Talk to local home improvement specialists and designers.

Featured kitchen and bath exhibitors will showcase the latest trends. The Michigan chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association will be available to answer design questions. The American Society of Interior Designers will offer free consultations. During the show, get special deals on

DETAILS

Event: Home Improvement Show Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi Times/Dates: 2-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday; Jan. 25-27 Tickets: Adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$8; seniors (ages 55 and over) are \$7; and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Purchase advance tickets online at novihomeshow.com and receive a 1-year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens, or buy tickets at Metro **Detroit Home Depot** stores for \$6 (a \$2 discount).

flat screen TVs, mattresses and furniture from ABC Warehouse. Special appearance by "Ameri-

ca's Master Handyman" Glenn Haege of WJR, Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" of WAAM-AM, and the Inside Outside Guys of WXYT-AM.

Stop by to see Dr. Lori, celebrity antique appraiser, featured on Discovery Channel's "Auction Kings." She will be on hand to offer a free appraisal for show attendees. Also visit the Shipshewana On The Road vendors for your home needs. Unbelievable appliance deals from Big George's and Witbeck Home Appliance Mart.

At the show, enter to win valuable giveaways, including:

* \$10,000 worth of windows from Wallside Windows.

* "Treasure Chest" giveaways. Enter to win prizes by filling out a special coupon and dropping in boxes throughout the show.



Browse hundreds of exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors, windows and doors, flooring products, furniture, cabinetry and much more! For more info, visit novihomeshow.com.



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Department of Orthopaedic Surgery .

Re-appointed

Christina Eyers, supervisor of athletic training at Henry Ford Hospital, was reappointed to the Michigan Board of Athletic Trainers.

The 11-member board assists Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs with overseeing the licensure and practice of more than 1,000 athletic trainers statewide. Evers was first appointed to the

IHOP is giving away free pancakes Tuesday, Feb. 5, to celebrate National Pancake Day.

The restaurant chain is aiming to raise \$3 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in celebration of the organization's 30th anniversary.

During National Pancake Day, the company's largest philanthropic event of the year, more than 1,500 IHOP restaurants across the country, including the one at 14200 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, will invite guests to enjoy a complimentaceeds going to the Children's Miracle Network Hospital. Participating restaurants will display the balloons in celebration of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' 30-year anniversary. Those who buy a \$5 Miracle Balloon will receive a \$5 off discount that can be credited toward their next visit. For more information on National Pancake Day, or to learn about" Children's Miracle Net-

work Hospitals and make an online donation, visit www.ihoppancakeday.

com.

Faced with adversity, never give up

By Clarity Patton Newhouse Guest Columnist

oday's topic is on my mind this week because of conversations with friends facing various employment

related challenges. When bombarded by adversity, this question often comes to mind:

When to give up?

The answer is as simple as it may be difficult. Never.

Don't give up your dreams. Don't give up your goals. Don't give up your faith in yourself. You are the only person guaranteed to always be there to cheer you on - or discourage you if you let that happen.

> It's so easy to get discouraged in today's economy. The phrase "I can't" (that should be

A SUNNY NOTE

erased from our vocabulary) starts to take hold. I can't possibly ... close enough sales, start my own business, find a new job, achieve my dreams. Actually - yes you can (eventually), no matter how unlikely or even impossible the goal seems.

The question is: how many times are we willing to hear "no" before we get to "yes." The answer had better be, "as many as it takes" or we probably won't get there.

I've talked to people lately who aren't looking for jobs because they hear there aren't any available. OK, sure, I know the statistics and, yes, they may be against you. But if you don't enter the race you have no chance to win.

So if there's something you want to do - at home or at work - don't give up! And have a sunny day. Clarity

P.S. "Nothing in the

world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent." **Calvin Coolidge**

P.P.S. You can spread the sunshine by forwarding Sunny Notes to others. New readers can visit www.joinsunnynotes.com to add their email address to receive Sunny Notes.

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Clarity Patton Newhouse

North American International Auto Show

Engineers give vehicles a closer look at auto show

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

People lying underneath trucks. Others busy taking measurements of dashboards, truck beds and trunks.

It was all routine during last week's industry preview of the North American International Auto Show, where hundreds of engineers and automotive employees, including those from Wayne and Oakland counties, flocked to take a first-hand look at some of the cars their competitors are making.

Kevin Kennedy, a Detroit resident who works as a studio engineering manager at GM's Tech Center in Warren, said he is on the lookout for interior looks of the vehicles, especially center console areas.

He said one of the most impressive ones he saw during the preview was the brand-new Lincoln MKZ.

"It looks like the Lincoln MKZ, it has a pretty light, flow-through center console," Kennedy said. "They were able to put their electronic transmission, they don't have a shifter on the console."

But he couldn't leave



Heather Taucher of Waterford and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak of Canton walk through the auto show on industry preview day. They work for Chrysler and develop the Uconnect telematics systems for Chrysler and Fiat vehicles.

the auto show without praising his own company for one of the biggest attractions of the show this year: the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray. "It's incredible," he

said. "General Motors has done an outstanding job." Jerry Maroudis, who works for Ford in Dearborn, said he's worked in vehicle seat design for years. While examining the Dodge Ram 3500 pickup truck, he observed many of the same qualities Ford trucks have. "I'm just looking to see if their leather quality is as good as ours," he said.

"It is."

While some vehicles had many similar traits, Maroudis was able to find details that stuck out to him. He pointed to a thin strip of carpet exposed

on the base of the seat that wrapped around and could be seen from the front of the car.

'Like this? I don't like that," he said. "They wrap that around."

Some were coming from non-automotive companies to inspect elements of the vehicles. Mark Ackerman, who works for AGC Glass in Ypsilanti, was taking a hard look at the glass being used in several vehicles, including the new Lincoln Navigator.

Glass technology is one that isn't noticed as much by consumers, which means the advancements are a success, he said. An increase in glass called acoustic glass in many vehicles' front ends is reducing noise and providing a smoother drive.

"There are a lot of changes to the car that. do that," he said. "One of those is acoustic glass in · the front and laminated glass in the front doors." It's an industrial move

that's gained lots of traction over the last decade, he said.

"It's on a lot of models," Ackerman said. "Over the last 10 years, the increase in acoustic glass in the ' auto show is dramatic."







JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Erin Wolak models near a red Dodge Dart at auto show preview day last week.

Women drivers look for safety, style

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The automotive companies acknowledge that women have a great deal of influence on all carbuying decisions.

And while they don't specifically cater vehicles to one gender or the other, many of the companies are making subtle changes to meet their needs.

Cristi Landy, a Novi resident and marketing director in the small car division of Chevrolet, said women and men like a lot of the same things, but for her what is important is value and fuel efficiency.

Landy drives a Sonic RS with a six-speed manual transmission that is not only good on gas but fun to drive.

"I want comfort for my family and also able to take my kids and their gear," she said. "I prefer a small car because I like to zip into parking spots and I like better fuel economy."

Some of the features car companies have put

on their vehicles to better serve women are reconfiguring the door handles to protect against broken nails and making sure the trunks open all the way on activation for women who have their hands full.

A minivan is often thought of as a vehicle for women, but that is not the case for Brighton resident Chris Barman despite what she may hear from her 11-yearold son and 13-year-old daughter.

The vehicle line executive for Chrysler instead drives a V-6, 8-speed, allwheel drive Chrysler 300 complete with the luxury package that meets her needs and wants.

"It's a very comfortable car," she said.

Erin Wolak, a Shelby Township resident product specialist for Dodge, said style and value are what's most important to her

"That is what I like about the Dodge Dart, it's sporty but not too aggressive," she said.

For former Berkley resident Annalisa Bluhm, it's inside the vehicle that

matters. She currently drives a Chevy Malibu, and "needs" a vehicle with connectivity features. Bluetooth, room for a stroller and comfortable seats that are heated. Her ideal vehicle would

be the Equinox. "I'm a sucker for the

small SUV," she said. "The versatility is nice."

Simms Thomas, a product specialist for Toyota, said sometimes a woman's decision could be as simple as "I love that color," but often safety rises to the top of the list. Women want vehicles with numerous air bags, navigation systems, and backup assistance, among other features.

Thomas also said it's important the technology inside the vehicle is easy to manage.

"We want things that make it simple but still keeping comfort in mind," she said. "We want to be able to see out, have things at our fingertips and, of course, be stylish as well."

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Auto show wows reporter

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

The new Corvette Stingray.

I've had friends chastise me in past years for not making it down to the North American International Auto Show.

In my almost 25 years of living in Michigan and mostly in southeast Michigan, I've never made it down to Cobo to see the newest models automakers have to offer. That changed after being assigned to write about the happenings for **Observer & Eccentric** Media last week.

Not being a "car guy" left me feeling over my head as the week began. Sitting in these rooms with writers who have covered autos for decades, and here I was, a reporter who spends his days writing about community news primarily in Redford Township.

Being in the fold of all those vehicles can be overwhelming. Ford, Chrysler, Mercedes. Land Rover, Maserati, there are so many exhibits and products that just ooze creativity. The engineers and auto industry employees that came in toward the latter part of the week provided the most insight on the vehicles. Many of them who work for the domestic automakers pointed out

small details of the interior, glass and design most regular drivers wouldn't

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reporter David Veselenak liked the looks of the Dodge Charger at this year's North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

recognize. As one glass worker told me, "if you don't notice the glass, they've done their job well."

Each of those vehicles are end result of months of progress, building off the previous model or redesigning it altogether. This was evident especially at the Chevrolet display, where the crowds gathered continuously in front of the new Corvette Stingray.

The star of the show. cameras flashed onto the Corvette all last week, something many people wouldn't have believed could exist a few years ago when the phrase "Government Motors" became the moniker for a failing industry here in Michigan. It was great to see the domestic carmakers with so much attention.

Detroit Auto Dealers Association President and Northville Township resident Scott LaRiche said it best last week: "The show last year proclaimed "we're back" after the bailouts, but this year was taken to a whole new level." That feeling was evident in the showroom. If only that same feeling can head out the doors at Cobo and head down the streets in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties as the recovery continues.

David Veselenak is a

reporter covering western Wayne County. He drives a 2004 Ford Focus. His favorite cars at the show were the Dodge Challenger and the Chevy Corvette Stingray.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Greenfield Village historical presenter Anthony Lucas shares words from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Westland continues tradition of honoring MLK

he Westland community came together on Monday to honor the legacy of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The city's annual ceremony was hosted by Christ Temple Apostolic Church and featured which included students from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the church choir. Greenfield Village historical presenter Anthony Lucas performed portions of Dr. King's speeches and writing.

Also addressing the gathering were Westland Mayor William Wild and Christ Temple Suffragan Bishop Luke McClendon who urged young people in the audience to pursue their dreams.

This is the 15th year Westland has held a MLK Day ceremony.



Westland resident and Christ Temple Apostolic Church mother Sharon Gatewood holds church member Mya Barford during the Martin Luther King, Jr program.



The Christ Temple Apostolic Church Choir performed Monday as the church hosted Westland's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. program.



The Westland John Glenn High School Junior ROTC presented the colors at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, program.



Suffragan Bishop Luke A. McClendon of Christ Temple Apostolic Church and Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford listen to Richard Jackson of the Michigan Opera Theater sing the National Anthem during Westland's Martin Luther King, Jr, Day program.

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

Admission is \$2 per per-

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Open House

St.. Damian Catholic -School is hosting an openhouse for prospective students and their families noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. of Victoria's Tea Salon, for "All About Tea." O'Neily will be introduce guests to a variety of teas and explain the difference between "high tea" and "afternoon tea." Participants will enjoy tea sam-

ples.

burgh, 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 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. 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.

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son, 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.

Smoking Cessation

The Cherry Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church is offering the popular Breathe Free Smoking Cessation Program beginning with an introductory meeting at 6:30 p.m. this evening (Jan. 24). The session will continue at 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Jan. 28 through Feb. 1.

Each session will include a video presentation about smoking, group interviews and interaction and a lecture with advice on successfully quitting smoking and remaining smoke free. One session will include information on how to quit smoking without gaining excessive weight. Participants also will be given information on other lifestyle changes that enhance the likelihood of remaining smoke free. Graduation Day will be Monday, Feb. 4.

Cherry Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church is at 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. For more information, call

interested families are invited to tour the school and meet the teachers and staff. Light refreshments provided. St. Damian Catholic School has a rigorous academic program, with opportunities for children to develop their intellectual, artistic and physical abilities through innovative academic studies. art, vocal music, computer, sports programs, drama, K-8 Spanish, student government and more.

After school programs provide further enrichment opportunities. Students participate in community service projects and are instructed in Scripture and Catholic religious education. The average class size of 20 allows children individual attention that is centered in Christian values.

Registrations for 2013-2014 will be accepted at the open house. They will be date and time stamped and considered in the order of receipt.

St. Damian Catholic School is located at 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Call the school at (734) 427-1680 or visit the website at www.stdamian.com for more information.

All About Tea

Join the Friends of the Wayne Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, for an evening of delectable delights when they host Vicky O'Neily, owner For more information, call the library at (734) 721-7832. The library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, south of West Michigan Avenue, in Wayne.

Free workshop

Hope 4 Healing Hearts will hold a free workshop, "My Loved One is in Jail/ Prison – NOW WHAT?," 6:30-8:30 p.m. on four consecutive Mondays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 23, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill , Westland.

Are you embarrassed to talk about it - to anyone? If you answered "YES" to any of these, Hope 4 Healing Hearts can help! The group cannot make what has happened go away, nor can it help get them out of jail. We can, however, provide you with a safe place to talk – where no one else will judge you or your loved one. Or maybe mend a broken heart.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts will be presenting a workshop that will help you better understand your mixed emotions. For questions or to reserve a seat, call Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

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 Newand tomato juices and coffee. There also will be basket and 50-50 raffles.

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

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.

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.

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



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 nonresidents.

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.

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

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

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

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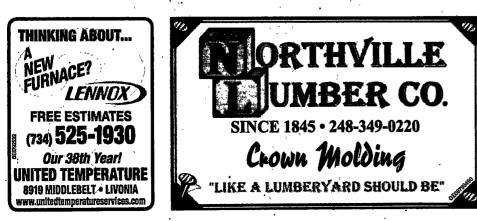
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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Ripple Effect Group needs residents' help to revitalize downtown

What do you say when a fundraising pitch to 80 people brings in more than \$4,000 in less than 24 hours. We say very impressive. That's precisely what happened last week when The Ripple Effect rolled out its plan to become a select level Michigan Main Street community.

The Ripple Effect is a group of citizens who want to better their downtown by making it a destination location. where people go for leisure activities and shopping. But to get the process started the group needs to raise \$50,000 to cover expenses in moving the city from its current one-year associate status to select.

The meeting last week with a representative of the Michigan Main Street Center was like a pep assembly, showing residents what has been in other Main Street communities like Howell and what can be done in the city of Wayne.

It's refreshing to have a group of volunteers take on the job of revitalizing a community. Too often residents will sit back and wait for city officials to do the work. They have great ideas for the downtown that will bring in not only residents, but people from neighboring communities like Westland and Canton which, due to development, lack welldefined downtown areas.

It's apparent there's a strong commitment to Wayne and just as strong of an interest in reviving the downtown. But to make things happen it will take more than a few volunteers wearing blue Ripple Effect shirts. Many more residents need to get involved. Wayne has the opportunity to set aside the effects of 1960s urban renewal and become the place to be in western Wayne County. It has the opportunity to have a downtown as vibrant and healthy as in Plymouth or Dearborn.

We urge Wayne residents to get involved in The Ripple Effect. Let Wayne's economic recovery begin at the grassroots level. Help it become a Main Street community. Now is the time to make a ripple because, in the end, everyone will benefit.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Monopoly is getting rid of one of its game pieces - the car, thimble, Scottie dog, battleship, hat, iron or wheelbarrow. Which one do you think it should be?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"The wheelbarrow because no one ever picks it." Sara Grunkemeyer Livonia



"I'd say the battleship. It's been extinct for years, and in lieu of the many new naval ships. it's obsolete."

Jim McDonald Plymouth



"I'd say the thimble because no one sews anymore." **Nancy McDonald**

Plymouth



"The thimble. I just don't like the piece and I don't understand what it is." Erika Harrell Detroit

LETTERS

Dangerous substance

The daughter of a friend of mine went to preschool and ended up being driven in an ambulance to a hospital emergency room. What was the reason? Hand sanitizer.

Hand sanitizers can contain up to 70 percent ethyl alcohol. Sweetsmelling versions of these products are also sweet-tasting to children. One ounce can intoxicate an adult. Keep a close eye on these products in your home and at school.

Some older children have discovered that these sweet tasting and fine smelling concoctions contain up to 70 percent ethyl alcohol and have whipped up 140 proof Kiwi-Strawberry cocktails.

. The kids don't need to go to a party store to get hard liquor.

It's been said that repeatedly washing hands with this material can actually cause an adult to become impaired ... that is drunk. This material is used heavily in by nurses and doctors in hospitals and especially emergency rooms. These people are supposed to be at 100 percent efficiency in order to make life or death decisions. When the child referenced above was brought to the emergency .room, doctors were guessing brain damage, a tumor and other horrible reasons for the visit. A blood test revealed a dangerous level of ethyl alcohol as being the cause of the child, slipping in and out of consciousness. Ethyl alcohol is a volatile, flammable, colorless liquid and psychoactive drug. Simple packaging allows this dangerous substance to appear in a bar room glass, a gas station pump or a counter in a preschool. What do you think?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Gun issue tough

I have listened with amazement to all the rhetoric and emotion on the various TV and radio talk shows, and have read the many opinions by newspaper columnists. What I have concluded is that no one I have listened to, or read, has the slightest idea of how to solve a problem.

The extent of the problem has not even been correctly identified. They can't even agree on the number of gun-related murders that occur in this country every year. The numbers discussed ranged from 10,000 to 30,000. The knee-jerk solutions have ranged from putting an armed guard in all our schools to banning all assault rifles, banning all handguns, banning all highcapacity magazines, stopping all gun shows, requiring federal registration on all firearms, etc.

The president charged the vice president with resolving the issue and coming up with recommendations by the end of the month. Will any of the recommendations stop a person determined to wreak havoc, or even be a minor deterrent? Maybe, but where is the supporting data? How many . armed guards would be required to protect every school in this country? How many at each school entrance? What would prevent them from being the first to be shot? Relative to banning any firearm or magazines, how would the ban be enforced and what would prevent illegal guns from being smuggled into the country? How and who would confiscate all the current banned guns? How many are there? Who has them? How many are in the hands of street. gangs and drug dealers? How would you convince would-be killers to turn in their guns? How many of the murders were committed with guns purchased at gun shows? Will criminals register their street-bought guns? The point is, until you can determine all the causal factors and determine plausible solutions that will have a high degree of success, the problem will never be solved. To think that there will ever be any agreement between the Democrats and the Republicans and between the pro-gun and anti-gun factions is ludicrous. So, what is the solution to the problem? No one can determine a plausible solution without doing a lot of research and gathering of factual pertinent data. The issue needs be taken out of the hands of the biased politicians and lobbyists. Recommendations for solving the issue of firearm violence require unbiased individuals trained in the skill of problem solvina. Mr. Biden's committee should be run by a facilitator skilled in problem solving, or better yet request help from the automotive industry.

Kordie resignation was correct decision

George Kordie did the honorable thing in resigning last week from the Garden City Council. After an absence of four months, he opted to end his service with a resignation just before the council planned to hold a public hearing for the purposes of removing him from office.

Kordie, who has been working out of state, had not been at a council meeting since late September. His absence put him in violation of the City Charter which states that a council member can be removed from office for several reasons, including failure to attend meetings for two months.

We are glad to see he did the right thing. We only wish it had not taken the council calling him on the carpet for him to decide. It should have been apparent to Kordie after the second month, that working out of state was not compatible with being a local elected official.

His seat will now be offered to the fifth highest vote getter in the November 2011 election, Michael Jones, to fill out his term. That, too, is determined by charter, but many council members aren't happy that Jones will fill out the remainder of a four-year term - almost three years. We agree. In most communities, an appointee serves until the next election when someone is then elected to serve out the remainder of the term.

The council will have to live with what's in the charter, but considering what has gone on, we believe the council should consider reviewing it and making changes.

The charter is a document that can be updated when necessary. We think now might just be the time for that update.



Sue Mason, **Community Editor** Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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Stricter gun rules

Maybe everyone that's complaining about the ban or stricter control over high capacity gun magazines and automatic rifles and handguns should have to watch them lower their mother, sister, brother, friend or how about their child into the ground before they scream gun rights.

Really, fellas, do we need an automatic that shoots tons of rounds a second, to go squirrel hunting? Why does a 21-year-old need one? Is he really gonna go deer hunting! And why use that? I have guns, I'm a gun collector, but I do not need an assault weapon in my home.

If they are going to allow them to be bought, then stricter rules need to be applied to these particular people before we yell Second Amendment! Maybe mental checks or some kind of proof that this young person is going to be OK with an assault rifle.

> T. Orman Westland

Maintain your vehicle

The last thing any driver needs is a vehicle that breaks down in cold. harsh winter weather. It's not too late to have your vehicle checked, saving you from the cost and

ly so it's wise to replace batteries that are more than three years old.

Antifreeze (coolant) should be flushed and refilled at least every two years in most vehicles. As a reminder, do not add 100 percent antifreeze as full-strength antifreeze actually has a lower freeze point than when mixed with water.

Have the brakes checked. The braking system is the vehicle's most important safety item and is key while driving on icy or snowcovered roads.

Check the tire tread depth and tire pressure. If snow and ice are a problem in your area, consider special tires designed to grip slick roads. During winter, tire pressure should be checked weekly as tires will lose pressure when temperatures drop.

Be diligent about changing the oil and filter at recommended intervals. Dirty oil can spell trouble in winter. Consider changing to low-viscosity oil in winter, as it will flow more easily between moving parts when cold.

Cold weather can affect the life of windshield wipers. Wiper blades that are cracked or torn, or that chatter, streak and don't properly clean your windshield, should be changed. Check the windshield washer reservoir in case it needs fluid.

Be sure to keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full as that decreases the chances of moisture forming in the gas lines and possibly freezing. If you're due for a tune-up, consider having it done as winter weather magnifies existing problems such as pings, hard starts, sluggish performance or rough idling. To help you drive smart and save money, visit www. carcare.org and check out the free digital Car Care Guide.

> **Rich White** executive director Car Care Council

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Library joins U-M in offering Just Like Me

oming in February and March, the Garden City Public Library, in partnership with the University of Michigan's Natural History Museum, is presenting the Just Like Me workshop series.

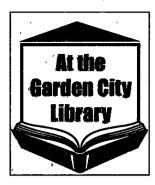
The first workshop will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, and will look at "What makes us different? What makes us the same: Exploring the **Biology Behind Our Dif**ferences and Similarities."

There is no biological marker for race, so why do we look so different on the outside? Families will learn about the biological reasons behind different skin colors and hair textures and explore other inherited genetic traits, like the ability to taste certain compounds. Families will get to perform a DNA extraction.

The second workshop will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The topic will be "Everybody cooks! Exploring How Geology, Geography and **Human Migration Influ**enced Food."

Every country has a cuisine but why do the same ingredients, cooking techniques or types of food pop up all over the world? Families will learn how geology and geography relate to food, what "cultural transmission" is. They will also get to make their very. own bread starter.

The third workshop will be at 2 p.m. Sat-



urday, March 9, and is entitled "Can You Feel the Beat? Exploring What Makes Music the Universal Language."

They say music it the universal language, but why? Families will learn what makes some instruments more common than others and why some noises sound strange or get us excited. We will explore how cultural transmission influences music and families will get to make their own instruments.

The workshops are for students who are between 6 and 11 years old and one adult per participant. Call the library at (734) 793-1830 or stop by the reference desk to register today. Space is limited.

Families that participate in the workshop series will also be able to take advantage of free bus transportation to the University of Michigan's Museum of Natural History on Saturday, March 23. More details on the field trip will be forthcoming.

Other exciting things happening at your library:

 Don't forget to turn in your recycled snow person or pet by 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. Winners will receive a surprise!

 Step Back in Time as we explore the history of Garden City at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 at Garden City Historical Museum inside the Straight Farmhouse on Merriman north of Ford Road.

Let your voice be heard! The Library has put out a survey for our library users to fill out. The feedback we receive is important as it will help guide our year. Surveys will be out through the end of the month.

The library is at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, in Garden City. The best entrance to get into the library is off of Balmoral, one road south of Maplewood. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Be sure to check out our website, www.garden-city.lib.mi.us for more information about upcoming programs, new materials and much more.

At the Library was written by Stephanie Charlefour, youth and teen librarian at the Garden City Public Library. She can be reached at scharlefour@garden-city. lib.mi.us or by calling (734) 793-1837.

Charities can benefit from tax law revision

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

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Other times they actually have something to do with the legislation, but get no publicity.

reasons.

In the recent settlement of the fiscal cliff issue, there was a variety of issues contained in the legislation that did not get much publicity. One of those is something that can be very beneficial to taxpayers.

On and off for the last number of years, taxpayers who are over 701/2 and who are required to take minimum distributions from their retirement account have had the option to donate that money to a charity. This was something that was a win-win for the charity and the individual. The problem is that it hasn't been a permanent part of the law and therefore has been confusing. Although it is still not a permanent part of the law, it has been extended for 2013.

What the law basically states is that if you are over 701/2 and are required to take required minimum distributions from your retirement

account, you can directly transfer your distribution into a charity. By directly transferring the monev into a charity, you do not receive a charitable deduction, but you also do not have to include the distribution in your taxable income.

Particularly for people who do not itemize their deductions and who are charitable in nature, this can be a significant tax savings. For example, if you're a taxpayer who takes the standard deduction and, thus, does not itemize your deductions. this is a way to, in effect, deduct your contributions. For instance, if . your required minimum distribution was \$5,000 and you were going to donate that to charity, in the old method you would have to include the \$5,000 as taxable income because it was a distribution from your IRA. However, if you're taking the standard deduction, you would not be able to deduct the \$5,000. Under the new law, if you had that \$5,000 minimum required distribution directly transferred to a charity, you would not have to include the \$5,000 as taxable income. Avoiding the tax on that \$5,000 is a significant tax savings.

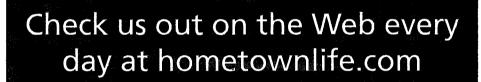
Unfortunately, this part of the law was not made permanent and, thus, we have no idea if it will be around next year. However, it is in the law this year and, therefore, if you are required to take a minimum distribution this year, it is something that you should consider. Of course, this strategy only makes sense if you are charitable in nature and are making charitable contributions.

Technically, you could have used this strategy last year, however, the law that allowed it wasn't passed until Jan. 1. Therefore, most people could not take advantage of it. There is, however, an exception in the law. If you had taken a required minimum distribution in December 2012, there is a way for you to take that distribution and donate it to charity, thus allowing you to avoid including the distribution in your 2012 taxable income. As long as this transaction is completed by the end of the month, you qualify. If you meet this exception, I recommend that you discuss this transaction with a tax professional to make sure you dot all of your I's and cross all of your T's.

For people who are charitable in nature and over 701/2, this is a strategy that you should consider this year. Remember, you do not have to donate your entire minimum required distribution: you can donate a portion of it.

I recognize that people donate to charity not for the tax deductions, but rather because they think it is important to make the world a better place. However, if you can accomplish your charitable purpose and at the same time be more tax efficient, there's nothing wrong with that. Good luck!

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







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Observerland contenders eye the prize

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

Last year's Observerland Wrestling Tournament ended in a dead heat between Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn.

And there's no reason why this 22nd annual edition, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill, shouldn't end up in a photo finish as well.

The odds-on favorite would have been Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, the No. 1 ranked team in **Division 1.**

But for the second

straight year, the Shamrocks, who are 16-3 in dual meets this season, have elected to send their varsity "A" team on another road trip to Ohio, this time at Cincinnati Moeller.

Franklin and John Glenn both scored 182.5 points apiece to share the crown a year ago, while the CC varsity "B" team placed third in the 14school field with 165.

"This year's Observerland should be extremely close," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "There are a dozen teams that have a kid good enough to reach the finals. All of the teams in the KLAA South have studs on their teams along with holes. I don't think this tournament will be won in the finals, I think it will be the team that can rack up points in the consolation matches."

Pats contend

Franklin, which has captured four Observerland titles since 1992, has three wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in Division 1 by MichiganGrappler.com. Among those rated for the Wayne County cham-

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MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

What: 22nd annual **Observerland Wrestling** Tournament. When: Saturday, Jan. 26 (first-round matches start at 9 a.m. followed by the finals at approximately 5

p.m.). Where: Livonia Churchill H.S., 8900 Newburgh (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). Admission (all day): \$5. Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Farmington, Farmington Harrison,

North Farmington, Plymouth, Salem, Garden City, **Redford Union, Lutheran** High Westland, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Belleville, Northville, Novi-Detroit **Catholic Central.** Past champions: Catholic

Central (1993, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '09, '10, '11); Franklin (2005, '06, '07, '12); Stevenson (1994, '95, '97); John Glenn (2004, '12); Canton (2001, '08); Churchill (2004); Salem (1998); Farmington (1992).

S'craft men trip Macomb

Richmond Jackson's double-double enabled the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to earn its first MCCAA **Eastern Conference win** of the season Saturday with a 66-61 triumph over visiting Macomb Community College.

Jackson scored 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as the Ocelots improve to 4-11 overall and 1-5 in the conference.

Mathew King (Redford) Thurston chipped in with 12 points hitting 8-of-10 free throws, while Grantham Bettner (Salem) added 10 points. The Ocelots won despite committing 24 turnovers. John Irons and DeMargus Stingley tallied 17 and 14 points, respectively, for the Monarchs (6-10, 0-6).

Lady Ocelots falter, 54-37

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team couldn't overcome a 20-point halftime deficit Saturday at home falling to unbeaten Macomb Community College in an MCCAA Eastern Conference game, 57-34.

Bilgees Grant led the first-place Monarchs, now 15-0 overall and 6-0 in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference, with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Jaclyn Bieniewicz also scored 10 points and Sara Chehab grabbed 12 points for Macomb, ranked No. 12 in NJCAA Division II.

Courtney Dyer and Ajai Meeks led the Lady Ocelots (5-11, 2-4) in scoring with nine and eight points, respectively.

Schoolcraft shot only 13-01-48 from the floor (27.1 percent) and com-

mitted 24 turnovers.

Stevenson icers rally by Churchill

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

"It's not how you start, it's how you finish."

That was Livonia Stevenson's motto Saturday night as the Spartans érased a two-goal second period deficit to beat rival Livonia Churchill, 7-3, in a Kensington Conference boys hockey crossover at Edgar Arena.

State-ranked Stevenson (No. 4 Division 2), halted a two-game losing streak to improve to 11-4-1 overall and 6-2-1 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Churchill, No. 5 in Division 2, falls to 8-6-1 overall and 4-4-1 in the KLAA's South Division. Churchill led 1-0 after

one period and took a 3-1 lead in the second on a pair of goals by Tommy Carey and one from Dylan Smith.

led 5-3 after two periods before tacking on two more in the final 17 minutes.

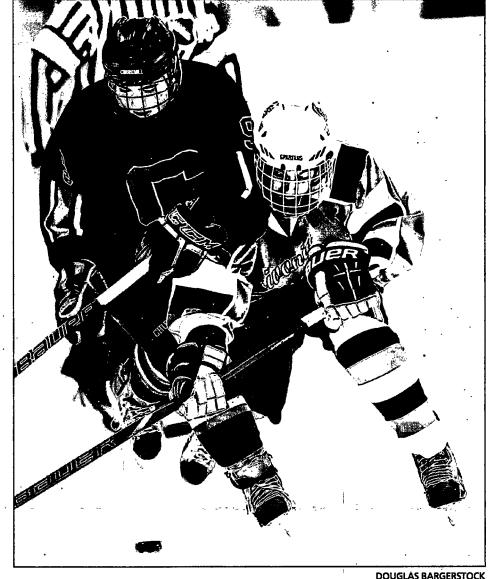
Dominic Lutz, Josh Denomie, Travis Harvey Jake Kierdorf and Blake Battjes each had a goal and assist in the victory.

Dante Seychel and Mick Sinclair also added goals, while Devin Kelly and Alex Hunt each collected two assists.

"We were down 3-1 and they put it to us," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said of the Chargers. "But I like the way we responded. It's the most balance we've had scoring-wise and that's what I like to see."

Churchill, which lost its second in a row after going 7-0-1 in its previous eight, also got two assists from Luke Otto and one assist from Carey.

"We came out the first period great and had a strong start," Churchill



But the Spartans roared back for six unanswered goals and

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Churchill's Nick McGee (left) goes for the loose puck with Stevenson's Ben Kowalske during Saturday's game at Edgar Arena.

'Soup' heats up

Campbell ignites 49-39 Stevenson win

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

Josh Campbell admits he's a slow starter, but the 5-foot-11 senior guard certainly has penchant for being a finisher.

That was never more evident than Tuesday night as Campbell scored 17 of his game-high 21 points in the second half to lead host Livonia Stevenson to a 49-39 victory over rival Livonia Churchill in a game that raised money for the Wes Leonard Heart Team fund.

In Stevenson's 53-52 win Dec. 14 at Churchill, Campbell went scoreless the first 11 minutes before scoring a team-high 14 and making the game-winning shot.

And it was pretty much same scenario in the rematch as Campbell didn't score his first hoop until 2:12 was left in the

> first half. "Josh just has

Campbell

a knack for making plays late in the game," said Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team ·

improved to 6-4

overall. "He did it the first time against them. Even though this wasn't a lastsecond shot, the effort in the second half was tremendous. He's our senior and has been doing it all year. We just have to get him going early sometimes."

Stevenson led by only two at intermission, 19-17, but gained the upper hand as Campbell came alive.

"We weren't playing aggressive enough," said the senior guard. "We started to play more our game and play more aggressive and get steals.

"It always takes me awhile to get into the game. They're a little bigger than us. We need to start out more aggressive in the first and second quarters."

Campbell's eight points help give the Spartans a 34-29 advantage heading into the final period.

"I think we took advantage of their mistakes," said Sinawi,

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Herring lifts **MU** women by Cardinals

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University played lockdown defense Saturday to pull off a 56-50 upset win Saturday over Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leader Concordia University, the NAIA's No. 8-ranked team in Division II.

The Crusaders, now 12-8 overall and 8-5 in the

WHAC, held the Cardinals (16-4, 13-1) scoreless for a span of 8 minutes and 40 seconds during the second and limited Concordia's top score Abbey Hengesbach to 16

points on 5-of-17 shooting. "By far that's the best defensive effort we've had," MU coach Carl Graves said. "We worked a lot on trying to stop Abbey. She still ended up with 16, but I don't think you can actually stop her. She's that good of a player, but they did a really did a good job. I think she got a little frustrated. We were able to help out quite a bit."

MU used a balanced scoring attack with senior center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) scoring 13 points, while Shantelle Herring and Michelle Lindsey each added 10.

Herring, a 5-foot-8 senior from Macomb Dakota, also pulled down a team-high 14 rebounds.

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For the fifth time this season, Madonna University junior pointguard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) has been name Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week (ending Jan. 20).

The 5-foot-10 Naubert averaged 18.5 points, 8.5 assists and seven rebounds per game as the Crusaders went 2-0 with win last Wednesday at Indiana Tech (78-68) and at home Saturday over Concordia (90-63).

He shot 56.5 percent (13-for-23) from the floor and 83.3 percent (10-for-12) from the free throw line as firstplace MU, ranked No. 17 in the latest NAIA Division II rankings, improved to 16-5 overall and 11-2 in the WHAC.

WYAA hoops

Registration is under way for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball for the following age groups: Right Start (6-8), Freshman (9-10), JV (11-12) and Varsity (13-14). Registration will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford); or online at www.wyaa.org.

Spartan girls turn tables

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

When Livonia Stevenson junior guard Rachel Wilkinson scored a layup just 28 seconds into the game, it was going to be a different kind of game for the host Spartans.

Stevenson, smarting from its December 13-1 girls basketball setback to rival Livonia Churchill, evened the series Tuesday night with a 30-18 victory in a game to benefit the Wes Leonard Heart Team fund.

The Spartans, who succumbed to Churchill's stall tactics in the first meeting, outscored the Chargers 10-6 in the first period and never looked back to improve to 5-6 overall.

It was a far cry from first meeting when their only point came with three minutes left in the game on a free throw by Charlesann Roy.

This time the Spartans came out and trapped and forced Churchill (5-6) into 20 turnovers, including 13 in the first half to lead 18-7 thanks to a rebound basket by Krya Johnson with 1:30 left.

Roy, a junior center, finished with seven points in the lowscoring game, while Wilkinson contributed six.

Adding five apiece for the Spartans, who dominated the backboards, were Katelyn Foster and Uzoma Nwankwo.

"I tried to tell them it's not the game to end all games," said Stevenson coach Jen Knoph. "This isn't the biggest game of the year by far. We know that. It was just a game early on that really took a lot of momentum from what we were doing because we knew we should have won that game. After that it took a lot to build back up the confidence again. This means a lot. Even though

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Stevenson's Rachel Wilkinson (left) launches a shot over Churchill's Julia Szuba in Tuesday's game.

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we didn't win huge, it was what was supposed to happen."

Churchill's only offense came from 6-foot sophomore center Hannah Pummill, who had a game-high eight points.

The Chargers struggled offensively all night shooting only 6-of-28 from the field (21.4 percent).

"They (Stevenson) came out and extended up the court defensively and put a lot of pressure on our guards, which is fine, because we have good guards that can handle the ball," Churchill coach Matt McCowan said. "They were a little surprised and got a little too overanxious. And we didn't

play as disciplined as we're used to playing when someone presses us."

Churchill was held to one point in the second quarter.

"We weren't aggressive enough going toward the basket," McCowan said. "We had open lanes and open seals, and we didn't attack them like we have been lately and also in practice. But I'm not worried about that. I think we'll clean that up right away."

Knoph had her team ready for another stall game — just in case.

"I said, 'I don't think they're going to play for the jump ball, they're probably going to play defensively, but still score on our first possession," the Stevenson coach said. "And anything that you're worried about, if there going to try and to the same thing that they did, it's gone.' We prepared for it all day yesterday. That's all we did was work on the press and work on trapping zones so they couldn't run their same offense against us.

"There were two words for the week: 'Be proactive and execute' instead of emotion because I knew they wanted it really bad to get back. I felt like they did a good job with that tonight."

McCowan, meanwhile, didn't try a repeat of his surprise Dec. 14 tactics.

"We knew that was like a one-time thing just try and catch them off-guard," he said. "We knew from the end of that game we weren't going to do that. There was no temptation at all."

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Potent attack MU men avenge Concordia loss, 90-63

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

Coach Noel Emenhiser had little, if nothing to complain about following Madonna University's resounding 90-63 men's basketball win Saturday over visiting Concordia.

The fourth-year coach was able to sit back, relax and clear his bench while watching his team dismantle the Cardinals to improve to 16-5 overall and remain all alone in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference at 11-2. Twelve different play-

ers scored in double figures led by junior pointguard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson), who had 16 points to go along with eight assists and six rebounds.

Eoghann Stephens, a senior forward, added 15 points and tied the MU single game record with seven blocks. Juniors Fred Wil-

liams and Travis Schuba

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chipped in with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

"I thought our guys did a great job of just trying to perform the game plan to the best of their ability," said Emenhiser, whose team jumped out to a 50-27 halftime lead while shooting a torrid 59.4 percent from the field (19-of-32). "They were very selfless. They only really did what they were capable of to the best of their ability. "We got some breaks,

things went our way, but I thought we made a lot of our breaks today."

The Crusaders were also able to avenge a 72-69 setback back on Dec. 1 at Concordia.

They (Concordia) really hurt us in transition the first time – quick passes up, their shooting ... their shooting," said Emenhiser, whose team led by as many as 41 in the second half. "And once they started hitting shots we tried

to defend them individually instead as a team. And so we focused trying to keep them out of transition, and at the same time better team communication, and only doing your job as opposed to trying to take the game into our own hands.'

The 17th-ranked Crusaders (NAIA Division II), who remained one game ahead of Davenport in the WHAC loss column, returns to action 8 p.m. Wednesday at home against Lourdes (Ohio).

"Without a doubt it's the chemistry," said Emenhiser, whose team has won eight straight. "You look at one or two guys on the stat sheet, but it's a team effort. Everyone believes in what their job is and everybody is performing their job at a high level.'

Concordia (10-10, 9-5) got 12 points from Josh Fugate and 10 off the bench Edison Vushaj.

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Lutheran Westland romps to MIAC win

4 players net double-digits

Four players scored in double figures Tuesday leading Lutheran High Westland romped to an easy 70-43 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference boys basketball victory at Warren Macomb Christian.

The Warriors, who improved to 4-4 overall and 3-2 in the MIAC Red, had four players scored in double figures led by junior guard P.J. Gusè, who finished with 16.

Nick Andrzejewski added 12, while Greg Klein and Nick Flanery added 10 apiece for Lutheran Westland, which led 27-20 at halftime before pulling

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away with a 22-9 thirdquarter run.

"I was mixing and matching quite a bit in the first half and we lost a little bit of momentum going into halftime," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft, whose team led 17-3 after one quarter. "However, we stepped on the gas in the 2nd half and didn't look back."

The Warriors played without second leading scorer A.J. Seltz (12.1 ppg), who sat out with a partially torn muscle in his leg.

"We're not sure on a timetable for his return," Hoeft said. "However, some other guys did a good job stepping up in AJ's absence.'

Macomb Christian (0-10, 0-5), which dressed only five players, got a game-high 20 points from Matt Hurst

GREENHILLS 71, HVL 44: Andrew Khouri's game-high 17 points catapulted Ann Arbor Greenhills (8-1, 7-0) to a MIAC Red Division win **Tuesday over visiting Westland** Huron Valley Lutheran (3-6, 1-4).

The Gryphons jumped out to a 26-6 halftime lead before being outscored 33-32 in the second half.

Ryan Schaffer and Milan Monk paced the Hawks with 16 and 10 points, respectively. HVL made 9-of-16 free

throws, while the Greenhills hit 6-of-11. HAZEL PARK 59, CLAR-ENCEVILLE 50: Deonae Bynum scored a game-high 23 points Tuesday to lead the host Vikings (2-9) past Livonia Clarenceville (1-13). Austin Douglass paced the Trojans with 16 points, while Jermell Johnson added nine.

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Franklin's balance sinks C'ville

Livonia Franklin used a balanced attack Tuesday to offset a game-high 22 points by Livonia Clarenceville's 6-foot-1 junior center Ayanna Buckley to beat the host Trojans, 45-31, in a non-conference girls basketball game. The Patriots, who

improved to 6-5 overall, had eight of 13 players score with Katelynn Devers leading the way with 11 points.

Natalie Modes added six for the Patriots, who led 24-13 at halftime and 36-25 after three quarters.

Mikala Kieling contributed six points for the Trojans (5-9), who shot 10-of-17 from the foul line to Franklin's 11-of-18. "Our focus was on her (Buckley) and she still had a really nice game,"

Franklin first-year coach Jim Milican said. "She's a good player and I can't

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Thursday, Jan. 24 Baptist Park at HVL, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25

L. W'sld at Luth. South, 6 p.m.

Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 25 Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.

South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Mercy, 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, Jan. 25

Ladywood vs. Northville

at Novi Ice Árena, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26

at Compuware, 2 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Mercy

at Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.

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say enough good things about her." LUTHERAN WESTLAND

45, PARKWAY 43: Aldreanna Fikes' putback with 18 seconds left proved to be the difference Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (4-8, 3-2) pulled out a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over **Sterling Heights Parkway** Christian (7-5, 4-3). Fikes finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Chandler Davenport also added 10 points for the Warriors, who outscored Parkway 11-7 in the final quarter.

Lutheran Westland also avenged a 38-37 setback last Thursday at home to the Eagles. "We were excited to play

them tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "It was another battle with many lead changes. It wasn't a perfect game, but we did things towards the end to win. With good defense we forced a turnover with seven seconds left in the game." Taylor Swartz led Parkway with a game-high 17 points. Lutheran Westland made

7-of-17 foul shots, while the Eagles hit only 4-of-11. GREENHILLS 59, HVL 43: Senior Jackie Oestreich scored 11 of her game-high 22 points in the third quarter Tuesday to lead host Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-4, 5-1) past Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-5, 2-5) in a MIAC Red Division game.

The Hawks, who couldn't recover from a 35-21 halftime deficit, got 11 points from junior guard Sarah Setian and 10 from sophomore Julie St. John.

"Greenhills shot very well in the first half," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "We were very slow and ineffective in our halfcourt offensive set." LADYWOOD 50, REGINA

44: On Tuesday, host Livonia Ladywood (8-4, 3-2) jumped out to a 33-20 halftime lead en route to a Catholic League Central Division win over Warren Regina (6-6, 0-5). Senior guards Andie Anastos and Shelby Walsh led the. victorious Blazers with 16 and 14 points, respectively. Regina's Emily Nelson led all scorers with 20. Ladywood was 7-of-11 from the foul line, while the Sad-dlelites hit 4-of-6.

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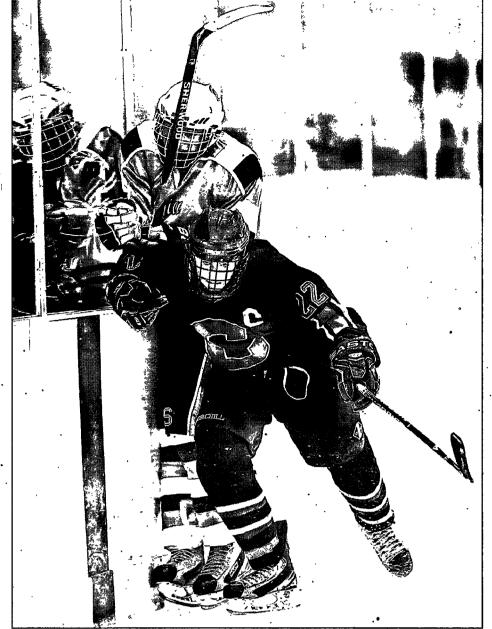
Stevenson vs. Novi at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m. Franklin vs. Avondale at Onyx Arena, 7:45 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 24 Clarenceville, Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 **Observerland Invitational** at Churchill H.S., 9 a.m. Annapolis Tourney, 10 a.m. **BOYS SWIMMING** Thursday, Jan. 24 Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Canton at Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. **PREP BOWLING** Thursday, Jan. 24 C'ville vs. Taylor Kennedy at Woodhaven Lanes, 3:30 p.m. Ladywood at Mercy, 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

Clarenceville Doubles Tourney at Merri-Bowl, 3:30 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Jan. 24 Livonia Blue vs. Salem at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 Troy Athens Inv., 10 a.m. GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, Jan. 26 Northville Invitational, 1 p.m. Lake Orion Invitational; TBA. **MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS** Saturday, Jan. 26 MU at Marygrove, 3 p.m. S'craft at Flint Mott, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Saturday, Jan. 26 MU at Marygrove, 1 p.m. S'craft at Flint Mott, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Jan. 24 Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 Ply. Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 Sarnia vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

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DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Churchill's Tommy Carey (22) squeezes Stephen Olschanski along the boards in Saturday's Kensington Conference crossover at Edgar Arena.

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first-year coach Jason Reynolds said. "And we started the same way in the second, but we had some careless penalties that turned the tide.

"We still have to work on our mental toughness and composure." Stevenson goaltender

Connor Humitz made 25

saves, while Alec Calvaruso had 30 stops for the Chargers, who gave up a pair of power play goals.

FRANKLIN 7, TROY 2: On Saturday, C.J. Cromie scored a pair of goals and Mike Diaz added a goal and three assists Livonia Franklin (6-8-1) won its third straight with a non-conference win Saturday over the host Colts (4-9) at the Troy Sports Center. Andrew Golem also had a oal and two assists for the Patriots, who led 1-0 after

one period and 5-2 after

two. Also contributing to the Franklin victory was Adam Stadler (one goal, one assist), Richie Wieczorek (two assists), Tyler Morri-son (goal), Matt Van Hulle (goal), Daniel Pedersen (as-sist), Corey Ferrier and Ryan Pace (assist). D.J. Myers scored both Troy goals. Franklin sophomore goaltender Matt Monendo

stopped 21-of-23 Troy shots. "I'm proud of the way we competed," Franklin firstyear coach Dennis Gagnon said.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

LIVONIA CITY BOYS 56.69; 2. Ptashnik (S), 58.14; 3. SWIM MEET RESULTS Jan. 22 at Stevenson TEAM SCORES: Stevenson 147, Franklin 30; Stevenson 142, Churchill 43; Churchill 130, Franklin 44. FINAL EVENT

Zack McCarter (S), 1:01.57; 4. Grant McNamara (S), 1:04.24; 5. Melendez (C), 1:09.38. 100 freestyle: 1. Lee (S), 52.82; 2. Shatter (S), 53.07; 3. E. Ferrara (S), 54.25; 4. Jackovich (S), 54.6; 5. Lap

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 7-3 overall; Churchill, 1-6 overall; Franklin, 0-4 overall; DOUBLE-DUAL MEET Jan. 19 at Grosse Pte. South

TEAM SCORES: Livonia Stevenson 121, Grosse Pointe South 65: Ste on 12 ren DeLaSalle 58; South 98, DeLaSalle 88.

Ten Pin Alley Glenn boys bowl gem vs. Zebras

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn kept its KLAA Central **Division boys bowling** title hopes alive Tuesday with a 26.5-3.5 win over rival Wayne Memorial at Novi Bowl.

The Rockets, who improved to 10-1 overall and 6-1 in the Central (tied with Salem), got a 490 series from Steven: White, who rolled games of 257 and 233.

Other top bowlers for Glenn included Mike Russom and Dan Ammons, who rolled 437 and 429, respectively.

"Mike bowled very well and did not miss one spare in his two games," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "Dan was in the pocket all night long and gave us two great scores."

Mark Kassab added a

193 in the first game followed by Billy Wicker, 170; Ryan McCarthy and Steve Brusseau, 167 each.

Wayne (4-5, 2-4) was led by Shane Rambaldo, who posted a 223-216-223, along with Darrick Craig, who shot a 205-195-400.

Glenn swept the two Baker games to take a 10-0 lead and followed with a two-game aggregate teams series total of 1,059-996-2,055 to Wayne's 992-923-1,915 total pin count.

"Obviously getting out to that fast start made us relax and made Wayne have to be perfect going into the two match play games," Staples said. "The cruel thing about bowling is you can roll a great shot and get tapped or even worst a split. Wayne bowled well they just did not get some breaks and they did not

convert a couple of critical spares and we did."

On Friday, Glenn needed every pin to get past Waterford Kettering in a KLAA crossover, 2,044-2,032 triumph as White paved the way with a 268-213-485 two-game set.

Other top individual scorers for the Rockets included Brusseau (235-180-413) and Kassab (191-192-383).

Bruce Liblow's 221-236-457 paced Kettering (4-4).

Glenn jumped out to a 6-4 lead in the two-game Baker set winning by a single pin and then beat the Captains in the first match series, 1,102-1,027.

In the second match game, Kettering took all four games and tied in the fifth with a strong 236.

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10-0 Lady Rockets roll by Wayne

A season-high 243 Baker game carried the unbeaten Westland John Glenn girls bowling team to a 22.5-7.5 KLAA **Central Division victo**ry Tuesday over rival Wayne Memorial at Novi Bowl.

The Lady Rockets, now 10-0 overall and 7-0 in the division, also added a 204 Baker to sweep all 10 points.

Olivia Cabildo paced Glenn with a 446 series on games of 232 and 214. Emily Dietz added an 384 series, including a 212 high game, while Julia Huren added a 361 two-game set.

"Caity Lenard, Yvette Ayers, Emily (Dietz), Olivia (Cabildo) and Julia (Huren) were amazing during our Baker games,"

Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said.

Tiffany Markham led Wayne (4-5, 3-4) with a 381 series, while Christina O'harris and Kira Leach posted high games of 211 and 200, respectively.

On Saturday, Salem edged Glenn by a pin the finals of the eighth annual Wayne County Tournament.

The Lady Rockets shot a 1,018 in the second regular series to earn the No. 1 seed going into match play.

On Friday, Glenn rallied from a 10-0 deficit in the Baker set to earn an 18-12 triumph over visiting

Waterford Kettering at Vision Lanes.

Dietz, a freshman, paced the Lady Rockets with a 202-211-413 twogame series.

Other top series for Glenn were posted by Lenard (370), Huren (352), Cabildo (351) and Ayers (346).

Glenn rallied to win 18 of the final 20 points with a team total of 932 in the first match game fol lowed by a 900 for a total of 1,832.

"The entire team bowled great," Ralph Cabildo said. "It was good to see the girls come back strong after starting off the way they did."

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Nick Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki, Jackson O'Dowd), 139.35; 2. Stevenson (Parker Belmore, Tommy O'Donohue, David Ptashnik, Alex Lee), 1:46.98; 3. Churchill Daniel Saltzmann, Franklin Qiu, Jackson Norwood, José Melendez), 1:57.72.

200 freestyle: 1. Matt Laporte (S), 1:54.9; 2. Brandon Shatter (S), 1:56.67; 3. Reilly Jackovich (S), 2:02.61; 4. Qiu (C), 2:04.7; 5. Patrick Dahlin (C), 2:21.93.

200 individual medley: 1. Tommy O'Donohue (5), 2:14.58; 2. Blake Beck (S), 2:22.38; 3. Melendez (2:31.07; 4. Jacob Forgacs (F), 2:35.3; 5. Devin Dely (S), 2:36.34. **50 freestyle:** 1. Arakelian (S), 22.78; 2. Belmore (S), 23.9; 3. Michael Chen (S), 24.02; 4. Lee (S), 24.31; 5. Eric Ferrara (S), 24.95.

1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Burke (C), 192.22 points; 2. Brian Atiyeh (S), 174.52; 3. Jesse Damesworth (S), 158.32; 4. Chas Eisenhardt (S), 142.50; 5. Kameron Stancer (C), 106.27. **100 butterfiy:** 1. O'Dowd (S), (S), 54.93.

500 freestyle: 1. Jake Goeddeke (S), 5:11.23; 2. Bielicki (S), 5:21.64; 3. Kyle Reppenhagen (C), 5:51.92; 4. Dahlin (C), 6:22.45; 5. Alex Herrick (F), 6:24.3

200 freestyle relay: 1. Ste-venson (Arakelian, McNamara, Ptashnik, O'Dowd), 1:35.56; 2. Franklin (Austin Klotz, Forgacs, Herrick, Ryan Cossin), 1:56.95; 3. Churchill (Ryan Soules, Dahlin, Stantosh Srinivasan, K. Reppenhagen), 1:57.82. 100 backstroke: 1. J. Ferrara (S), 52.71 (pool record); 2. Chen (5), 1:01.72; 3. Saltzmann (C), 1:06.13; 4. Beck (S), 1:07.83; 5. Collin Salata (S), 1:11.55

100 breaststroke: 1. Arakelian (S), 59.98; 2. O'Donohue (S), 1:04.31; 3. Sean Reppenhagen (5), 1:11.0; 4. Timmy O'Donohue (5), 1:11.17; 5. K. Reppenhagen (C), 1:17.97. **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Lee, Bielicki, Jackovich, Belmore), 3;34.85; 2. Stevenson (O'Dowd, McCarter, Ptashnik, McNamara), 3:35.97; 3. Churchill (Saltzmann, Melendez, Norwood, Qiu), 3:56.35.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Grant McNamara, Bradley Bielicki, Jackson O'Dowd), 1:41.27; 200 freestyle: 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:42.44 (pool record); 200 individual medley: 1. Arake-lian (LS), 1:56.34 (pool record); 3. McNamara (LS), 2:08.77; 50 freestyle: 1. O'Dowd (LS), 22.99; 1-meter diving: 1. Bri-an Atihey (LS), 177.90 points; 3. Chas Elsenhardt (LS), 154.00; 100 butterfly: 1. Nick Yoo (GPS), 55.44; 2. David Ptashnik (LS), 58.45; **100 freestyle:** 1. J. Ferrara (LS), 49.89; 2. O'Dowd (LS), 50.34; 500 freestyle: 1. Matt Laporte (LS), 4:57.86; 2. Eric Ferrara (LS), 5:12.02; 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arakelian, Jake Goeddeke, Alex Lee, O'Dowd), 1:31.78; 100 backstroke: 1. J. Ferrara (LS), 53.62 (pool record); 3. Parker Belmore (LS), 57.55; 100 breaststroke: 1. McNamara (LS), 1:03.0; 2. Tommy O'Donohue (LS), 1:04.26; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arakelian, Bielicki, Belmore, J.

Ferrara), 3:21.17.

GYMNASTICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 140.55 LIVONIA RED 139.95 Jan. 22 at Churchill H.S. Vault: 1. (tie) Maggie Mc-Gowan (Red) and Jane McCurry (P), 8.65 each; 3. Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.6; 4. (tie) Shannon Diaz (Red) and Rebeca Simu (P), 8.55 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Simu (P). 9.125; 2. Katie Kretzschmar 9.125; 2. Katle Kretzschmar (Red), 9.025; 3. Diaz (Red), 8.875; 4. Haley Metz (P), 8.825; 5. Ma-rissa McVey (Red), 8.8. **Balance beam:** 1. Sarah Uhl-ian (P), 9.35; 2. Katle Salanga (P), 9.25; 3. McVey (Red), 9.1; 4. Kretzschmar (Red), 8.925; Diaz (Pach & 2725 (Red), 8.775. Floor exercise: 1. McCurry (P),

9.3; 2. McVey (Red), 9.1; 3. (tile) Simu (P) and Metz (P), 9.0; 5. McGowan (Red), 8.85. All-around: 1. McVey (Red), 35.55; 2. Simu (P), 34.975; 3. Uhlian (P), 34.625; 4. McGowan (Red), 34.35; 5. Sam Fontana (P), 34.225.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-1 overali, 3-1 KLAA Kensington Division; Livonia Red, 3-5 overall, 1-2 Kensington Division.



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Plymouth tops Otters in MLK matinee

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

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The Plymouth Whalers flipped the script Monday afternoon, parlaying a strong first period into a 7-1 rout over Erie at Compuware Arena.

In the first period of the Ontario Hockey League game, Plymouth outshot Erie 25-4 and skated off with a 3-1 lead — which could have been much bigger if not for the yeoman's effort in goal by the Otters' Devin Williams.

With that, Plymouth (23-14-5-3) did to the Otters what Sault Ste. Marie did to the Whalers Saturday night.

The Greyhounds built a 4-0 lead midway through the game en route to a 7-3 win.

"I thought we just had a good start and that's what I talked to them about," Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci said following the matinee contest played before 2,268. "We haven't done that very well lately. It was a good job."

Getting things going was forward Zach Lorentz, registering his first goal in six games since being traded to the Whalers.

Lorentz added another goal and an assist for a three-point performance, breaking the scoring ice with Plymouth nearly two weeks after being traded from Windsor for winger Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills).

"He had a real good

game today," Vellucci said. "He had two nice goals."

Vellucci started Lorentz at center (between Matt Mistele and newcomer Sebastian Uvira) instead of his customary left wing, and the move paid fast dividends.

"I don't know if he's played center before," Vellucci said. "He played center (today) and played real well."

Plymouth scored again less than two minutes after the Lorentz goal, when hard-working forward Cody Payne cut in front of Williams to redirect defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto's slap shot.

Early dominance

Just past the midway point of the opening period the Whalers went up 3-0 on a power-play goal by forward Ryan Hartman, his 19th of the season. When Hartman scored.

the Whalers enjoyed a 20-2 edge in shots on goal.

Erie (15-24-3-4) sliced the lead to 3-1 before the end of the first, when Luke Cairns collected a rebound and flicked a backhander past Whalers goalie Matt Mahalak (24 saves).

It only took about three minutes of the second period for Plymouth to restore its three-goal lead.

Center Vince Trocheck skated around the Erie net and centered the puck to Payne in the low slot. Payne ripped a shot inside the left post for his second of the game and



A shot by Plymouth Whalers' forward Cody Payne (No. 8) eludes Erie goaltender Devin Williams during Monday afternoon's Ontario Hockey League contest at Compuware Arena.

13th of the season.

The onslaught continued with defenseman Connor Carrick's power-play goal at 13:07, opening up a 5-1 spread. Carrick drove a shot from the left point that whipped past Williams. Setting up the goal with his third assist of the game was Trocheck who now has 10 points in five games since being traded to the Whalers from Saginaw.

Adding insult to injury for Williams and the Otters, the Whalers stormed the Erie goal in the final minute of the second and scored with less than one second left. Lorentz retrieved the puck behind the Erie net and stuffed it inside the right post with a wraparound move that barely beat the clock.

Rookie goaltender Daniel Dekoning started the third period in relief of Williams, and his teammates perked up. Erie outshot Plymouth 15-8.

But the Otters could not beat Mahalak, particularly during a power-play surge foiled several times by the Plymouth goalie's quick catching hand.

The only goal of the final period came on another Plymouth power play. Curcuruto scored, from Lorentz and Garrett

Meurs.

Filling the void

The production from Lorentz, Trocheck and Uvira helped the Whalers overcome the loss of forwards Rickard Rakell and Tom Wilson.

"We haven't had a full lineup," Vellucci said. "Now Wilson has a suspension coming. We'll know tomorrow or the next day."

Wilson drew a minor, major and game misconduct in the third period of the Sault Ste. Marie game.

As for Rakell, he currently is with the NHL's Anaheim Ducks. He made his big-league debut Saturday against Vancouver.

How long he will stay should be known soon, Vellucci said.

"It's five games before they make a decision," he added. "He could stay the whole year, but that's no problem."

In the loss to the Greyhounds, Trocheck scored his first goal as a Whaler to make it a 4-1 contest in the second. Shorthanded goals in the third by Danny Vanderwiel and Hartman made it 5-3, but the rally fizzled.

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Falcons factor

"We don't have much contact with a lot of those (Observerland) teams like we used to, so it's kinda hard to compare where we fit in," Beyar said. "I'm sure our upperclassmen will be able to hold their own and do

Patriots rule own mat invite

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin prepped for the upcoming Observerland Wrestling Tournament by winning its own nine-school invitational title on Saturday.

The Patriots boasted seven individual champions and scored a teamhigh 288 points, while Northville and Garden City took second and third with 228 and 171, respectively.

Lutheran High Westland (162) and Livonia Clarenceville (105) finished fifth and sixth.

"This was a nice tuneup as we get into the exciting part of the season," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola, whose team shared the Observerland title last year with Westland John Glenn. "It was smaller than usual as we had some teams pull out at the last minute."

Earning individual titles for the host Patriots were Jack Newa (103 pounds), Nick Robertson (119), Danny Martinez (135), Nick Frazier (152), Jordan Atienza (160), Brett Thrushman (171) and Allen Steele (189).

"Overall our varsity kids got some good matches and I was able to get some of our JV kids some experience," Chiola said. "Observerland, KLAA and districts will be out next three Saturdays, so getting to this part of the season staying healthy is key."

Other area individual champions included Zachary Francis, Lutheran Westland (125); Dominick Slagle, Clarenceville (145); and Toreano Nichols, Garden City (215).

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 19 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 288 points; 2. Northville, 228; 3. Garden City, 171; 4. Allen Park, 156; 5. Lutheran High Westland, 162; 6. Livonia Clarenceville, 105; 7. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 97; 8. Franklin (8), 89.5; 9. Rochester Adams, 62; 10. Garden City (B), 45; 11. Clarenceville (B), 15; 13. Lutheran Westland (B), 10; 13. Lutheran Westland (C), 10; 14. Adams (B), 9.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 103 pounds: 1. Jack Newa (LF), 5-0; 2. Antonio Herrara (LF-B), 4-1; 3. Zolfokar Bazzi (DHC), 3-2; 4. Manny Rankin (LW), 2-3. 112: 1. Kevin Charara (N), 3-0; 2. Nathan Brech (RA), 2-1; 3. Jonny Segasser (GC), 1-2. 119: Nick Robertson (LF) pinned Jeremy Nelson (LF-B), 4:37; 3rd place: Ryan Conroy (GC) decisioned Trevor Lerner (N), 9-4.

(N), 9-4. **125:** Zachary Francis (LW) dec. Sean Speer (AP), 1-0; 3rd: Shunhe Wang (N) dec. Mitch Sanford (RA), 9-4. **130:** Spencer Compo.(N) dec. Justin Slowik (DHC), 6-2; **3rd:**

Justin Slowik (DHC), 6-2; **3rd:** Ben Lewis (AP) p. Jacob Bavol, 0:56. **135:** Danny Martinez (LF) p. Caleb Richter (LW), 3:48; **3rd:** Sean Wagner (N) p. Dan Schmidt (AP), 2:16.

140: Max Mudar (N) p. Kenneth Steele (LF), 4:18; **3rd:** Brian Spehar (GC) dec. Joey Walker (C'ville), 11-4. 145: Dominck Slagle (C'ville) p.

145: Dominck Slagle (C'ville) p. Patton Fickett (GC), 5:17; 3rd: Jacob Richter (LV) won by major dec. over Sam Addy (RA), 11-1. 152: Nick Frazier (LF) won by technical fall over Alex Coe (N), 5:40; 3rd: Tony Dunlap (AP) won by major dec. over Cameron Fyffe (C'ville, 16-5. 160: Jordan Atlenza (LF) won

160: Jordan Atienza (LF) won by tech. fall over Matt Wisniewski (GC), 4:54; **3rd:** Aaron Bibik (C'ville) dec. Martin Kemp, 5-2. **171:** Brett Thrushman (LF) p. Robbie Brown (AP), 5:04; **3rd:** Dan Huber (LF-B) p. Joah Jarvis (DHC), 0:40.

189: Allen Steele (LF) dec. Adam Drucz (GC), 10-3; 3rd: David Borthwick (N) dec. Alex Reardon (LW), 6-5. 215: Toreano Nichols (GC) p.

215: Toreano Nichols (GC) p. Alex Justice (N), 0:31; **3rd:** Joe Fortin (LF) dec. Chuck Castillo (LF-B), 7-1.

285: Jon Wines (N) p. Emmanuel Emmou (GC), 3:12; **3rd:** Brad Hura (LW) p. Emilio Ascencio (GC), 4:22.

WRESTLING

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pions are senior Dan Martinez (125), senior; Jordan Atienza, junior (125); and Allen Steele, senior (189). Glenn is coming off a

Wildcats primed Plymouth could also factor heavily in the final

outcome. The Wildcats are led by top-10 wrestlers Mohamed Youssef (103), a junior; Trey Berry (119), a senior; Chase Kalil (130), a senior; and Alec Breckenenjoying its best season in years and the Wolfpack will rely on top-10 ranked individuals Allen Parker (145), a senior, and Aaron Mauldin (285), a junior, along with Harvardbound Sam Ekanem (171), also a senior.

The Wolfpack just competed in a strong tour-

difficult dual meet tourney Saturday at home after taking on stateranked Hartland (No. 3 in Division 1), Oxford (No. 5 in Division 1) and New Lothrop (No. 2 in Division 4).

"Our team tends to be a different group week by week so we will see what team shows up Saturday," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "We are looking for consistency at this point. We have several individuals that are having success this season and a few others are showing improvement as the days go on."

The Rockets boast four wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in their respective weight classes, including senior Kyle Gillies (112), who is undefeated this season.

Junior Jordan Brandon (215) also has had some signature wins, while seniors Travis Mann (145) and Dylan Morantes (285) also look to make a run.

"Several others should be in the hunt to make some noise," Polk said. "Hopefully they can all contribute and upset some higher seeds in the tournament. Quite a few of our guys are perfectly capable of winning the tournament if they have a good day and are ready to battle."

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"Shantelle Herring's

defense really led us and

it just pulled the rest of

the team along with her, and we were stellar,"

said Graves, whose team

led 36-31 at halftime. "She had 14 rebounds

and her steals came in

ridge (140), a senior.

Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said his team has had tournament success this season (fourth at Wayne County; third at last weekend's Jaimes Invitational in Tecumseh) and he likes the chances of that continuing.

For the Wildcats to have a shot at a tourney championship, Guernsey emphasized that wrestlers elsewhere in the lineup will need to score some points.

"Hussein Youssef (152) has looked strong against tough competition all season and could be a dark horse if he improves by the slightest margin," Guernsey said. "Joey Shaver at 160 has put together a great season thus far and a high placing at Observerland would highlight the improvement he has shown."

Others with potential to place include returning champion Jon Conn at 135, freshman Spencer Schiftar (125) and junior Daniel Ahearn (130).

A bonus is the recent return from injury by sophomore 119-pounder Brandon Harris, who "has looked strong lately and should place high."

Wolfpack howl Wayne Memorial is

nament over the weekend that featured Division 1 ranked teams Davison (No. 2), Temperance Bedford (No. 4), Brighton (No. 8) and previously ranked Holt.

"It is always tough to predict how we will do at an individual tournament." Wavne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "For the past few years, we have been a much better dual team than a tournament team. Then again, we finished fifth at Holt last Saturday, which is the toughest individual tournament we've ever been to. So it's hard to say, We could finish in the top three or we could finish middle of the pack. It depends on how my team prepares this week."

Farmington, meanwhile, boasts Oakland County champion Mannie Govantes (130), a topten ranked senior with a 29-1 record, along with Brandon Schulz (135), who is 19-8; Wesley Kuuttila (160), 23-7; and Ryan Southerland (171), 23-6.

Farmington coach Al Beyar said he would be happy with a top-five finish at Observerland. The Falcons (18-5) had an opportunity to set a school record for dualmeet wins going into Wednesday competition. well.

"It's always a tough tournament and, there are a lot of state placers that come out of that tournament, usually. So it's a good gauge for the upcoming state competition."

Other top-10 ranked wrestlers in Division 1 scheduled to compete Saturday include Salem senior Tyler Gross (171), Churchill junior Manny Haddad (285) and Farmington Harrison's Andrew Fialka (135).

Lutheran Westland's duo of junior Zachary Francis (130) and sophomore Caleb Richter (135) are also ranked in the top 10 in Division 4 by MichiganGrappler.com.

"John Glenn, Wayne and Plymouth appear to be the teams to beat," Chiola said. "I haven't seen much of the Farmington schools, but I know they have some good wrestlers.

"You never know who Catholic Central is going to bring, but I know they have solid kids on their 'B' team. Hopefully my team will rise to the occasion. It should be an exciting day and the finals are always worth watching." The individual finals

are expected to start around 5 p.m. All-day admission is \$5.

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whose team forced Churchill into four costly third-period turnovers. They (Churchill) play hard, but we were able to pressure a little bit. They were making some errant passes and we were able to capitalize, get a couple of baskets and get to the free throw line and maybe steal the momentum a little bit. Any fight that they had we hopefully took it away at that point. Our guys were able to finish as opposed to the first half.'

A basket by Joe Mims and a drive by Campbell during the first 1:11 of the final quarter pushed Stevenson's lead to 38-29 and the Chargers would get no closer than eight the rest of the way.

Campbell scored nine of Stevenson's 15 fourthquarter points. He made 9-of-14 shots from the floor and 3-of-3 free throws.

"One of these days were going to figure it out about Campbell off the dribble, but he's a good player and he was a big part of them extending the lead and putting it out of our reach in the third quarter," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team slipped to 4-7 overall.

Kaemen Holman-Rayos, a senior guard, chipped in with eight points for the Spartans, who made 21of-53 shots from the floor (39.6 percent).

Churchill, meanwhile, struggled shooting all night offensively going 15-of-52 from the floor (28.8 percent).

Senior guard Dwayne Scott was Churchill's top scorer with 10 points, while junior Steven Van Wormer and sophomore Brian Alsobrooks added eight apiece.

"Offensively we let them dictate the tempo," Solak said. "They were getting on us and we weren't being strong with the ball. We were getting pushed out and that forced us into some bad shots. I think it was more of the Stevenson defense than our offense. We just got to do those little things on both ends of the floor."

Solak is still searching for the right combination for his team halfway through the season.

"It's 11 games in and we're still trying to find five guys that are willing to play full-court defense and do the little things, and it's hurting our offense," he said. "Until we find those five guys ... we're still going to give guys opportunities. We'll find it, hopefully by Friday, but we can't have little lulls a minute or two when it's a 6-0 and 7-0 run, and it's cost us games this year. We're going to find five guys, but I don't know who it is. We're changing from game-to-game, but we'll get it done."

Churchill returns to KLAA South Division play Friday at Plymouth.

"We'll learn from this," Solak said. "We're still very young and inexperienced. We'll get ready for Friday and we're still playing for a (KLAA) tournament spot."

Meanwhile, Sinawi said the game meant more than a victory. ٠

"We appreciate everyone who came out," he said. "We actually raised a lot of money to help a good cause."

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critical spots in the basketball game. She just did some really nice stuff."

Concordia got 15 points and a game-high 21 rebounds from 5-11 senior forward Hannah Sabol.

But the Cardinals shot only 31.7 percent from the floor (19-of-60), including a paltry 19.4 percent in the second half. And to make matters worse, Concordia made only 47.4 percent from the foul line (9-of-19).

"I think the kids had a reason to go out and win this game," Graves said. "This is a rivalry game for us. Whenever Concordia comes here or we go there you know it's going to be a good basketball game. They were so fired up for this game.

I just tried to allow them the emotional part and try and use that, while I was staying technical about basketball. They just kept their heads about them and played really hard. If we can do that consistently, this is a team nobody wants to

face in the playoffs."

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Life coach shares her conversion story

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues the fourth season of its popular series, "Why Be Catholic," with

guest speaker, Robin Beck, at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7.

Beck, a former charismatic Baptist and author of I Only Came for Ashes, will share the story of her unexpected journey from 30 years in an alternative lifestyle to full communion with the Catholic Church following an unplanned stop at a Catholic Church for ashes one Lenten Wednesday.

Beck has a counseling psychology degree from **Rochester College and** is a life recovery coach, working in health care and rehabilitation centers throughout Michigan.

St. Michael's is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington Road and Merriman. No admission fee or reservations are required. The program is open to all.

For more information, including the availability of child care, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or see www.livoniastmichael. org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

January

ANNULMENTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton Details: The Rev. Ron Richards, a canon lawyer with experience working on the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will present information about annulments in a question and answer format. He'll answer such questions as: What is an annulment? How does one get an annulment? How long does it take to get an annulment. Call the parish office to register Contact: (734) 455-5910

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Free movie night features the film "Sarah's Choice," about a career woman who has an unexpected pregnancy. She envisions three options and then makes a choice. There will be a special meal of braised country ribs (free will offering) along with the film. Call the church for dinner reservations

Contact: (248) 553-3380

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30

Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: Runs through March 6, is nonsectarian and designed for those who have lost a spouse. Call the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section for information and registration. There is no charge but donations are accepted Contact: (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house Location: All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Parents who are interested in learning more about All Saints, may tour the school and meet teachers, staff and students. This year's open house will highlight All Saints' rigorous new curriculum, which since 2012 encompasses not only the State of Michigan and Common Core standards, but also the Core Knowledge curriculum developed more than 25 years ago by education reformer E.D. Hirsch. Core Knowledge is a sequenced set of ageappropriate content in history, geography, science, literature, and the arts that is taught cumulatively from one grade to the next

Contact: www.allsaintscs.com or (734) 459-2490

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 Location: 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: St. Michael's School, Livonia's oldest and largest K-8 parochial school, invites all interested families to take studentled'tours of their facilities, to meet staff members who will be available to answer questions and concerns, and to share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's, SE Michigan's only two-time MANS accredited School of Distinction, offers a traditional faith-filled environment, with a commitment to high academic standards, service to others, a strong science and technology curriculum, coupled with many opportunities for significant parent involvement and extracurricular activities such as sports and scouts. St. Michael's offers half or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum which includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish. Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 226, OF www.livoniastmichael.org

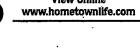
February

CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 Location: Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Christian concert for children starring Rob Evans, "The Donut Man" and his sidekick, Duncan. The musician is nationally known for Bible story-songs. Admission is \$5 per person; kids, 3 and under are

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BUGEJA ROBERT MICHAEL Age 58, December 19, 1954. Dear father of Angelique (Ri-chard) Cable and Eric Bugeja. Grandfather of Devin, Lucas, Christopher, Nicholas, Kaitlyn and Wyatt. Fiancée of Arleen Sommerville. Son of Josephine (Toby) Lampi and the late John Bugeja. Brother of Charles, Sa-

Beloved uncle of many. Services were held by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. santeiufuneralhome.com

muel, Geralyn, John and Joseph.



JONES, BARBARA ANN Age 73, January 18, 2013. Be-loved wife of Earl for 55 years. Loving mother of Judy (Ric) Kargel, Gary, Shirley (Charlie) Walker, Cathy (Dave) Glenn, Becky Morgan and Randy (Laurie). Dear grandmother of Julie (Joe), Tony, Stephen, Ricky and the late Chris. Loving greatgrandmother of Shane and Joey. Dear sister of Mike (Debbie) Bush and Jon (Jayne) Bush. She will be dearly missed by her nie-

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ces and nephews, family, friends

and all of Garden City. Funeral

& Son Funeral Home



ALBENA Age 95. Devoted wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Charles (Shirley). Loving Grandmother of Christopher and Gregory. Sister of the late John Stamiones and Aunt to Carol Daniels. Visitation Thursday, 5 pm to 8 pm and Friday 1 pm to 8 the funeral



home. She is survived by her

loving husband Edward of 55

years of marriage, her daughter Laurie (Tony), son Daniel (Suzy)

and four grandchildren, Jacque-

line, Troy, Rebecca and Jacob.

Memorial visitation Friday 10am until time of service 12pm at

McCabe Funeral Home Canton

Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center

Rd., Canton. Memorial contribu-

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County Animal Shelter, 605 N. Birch Street,

Kalkaska, MI 49646

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TAYLOR,

DEBRA ANNE

Age 57 of Howell for the past

year and formerly of Redford,

passed away Saturday, January

19, 2013. She was born Novem-

ber 11, 1955 in Detroit, the

daughter of James A. and Rose-

mary Anne (Machurski) Taylor.

Dear sister of Mark (Maria) Tay-

lor of Williamsburg, MI and

Alan (Linda) Taylor of Harrison

Twp., MI. Also survived by nie-

ces and nephews, Christina (Ja-

son) Stewart of Traverse City,

Theresa Taylor of Plymouth,

Adam Taylor and Marina Taylor

of Harrison Twp., MI and great-

Jameson and Alena Stewart. De-

bra was a 1973 graduate of

Fordson High School in Dear-

born and earned a bachelors de-

gree from Madonna College.

Funeral Mass was Tuesday, Jan-

uary 22 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph

Catholic Church, Howell. Burial

in Sanford Cemetery. Visitation

was Monday at MacDonald's Fu-

Please visit the family's

online guestbook at

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Paying

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WHITE, HELEN E. 71 years, died peacefully in her

Age 87, of Prudenville passed away on Sun. Jan. 20, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hosile oniversity of Michigan Hos-pital in Ann Arbor with her fam-ily by her side. Helen was born on Nov. 15, 1925 in Detroit, MI.; to Constantine & Mary (Telescou) Johns. Helen married her loving husband of 60 years Harry S. White on Oct. 6, 1946 in Detroit. The couple moved to Prudenville in 1979 from Livonia. Helen enjoyed spending time at the Houghton Lake Senior Center with "The Ladies". Helen is survived by her daughter; Kimberley (Jim) Barefield of Colorado, daughter; Michele (Keith) Helfrich of Novi, four grandchildren Jessica, Charlotte, Natalie, Brittany, four great grandchildren, and daughter-inlaw Lisa White. She was preceded in death by her loving hus-band Harry S. White in 2006, son; Michael in 1995, son; Phillip in 1999, sister; Elsie, sister; Florence and a brother; George. at is scheduled Visitation Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 11 am until the time of the service. The funeral will take place on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 1 PM. Father Joe Muszkiewicz will conduct the service. Burial will take place in Denton Township Cemetery in the spring. You may express your condolences to the family at

www.christler-holdship.com Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel is

handling the arrangements.

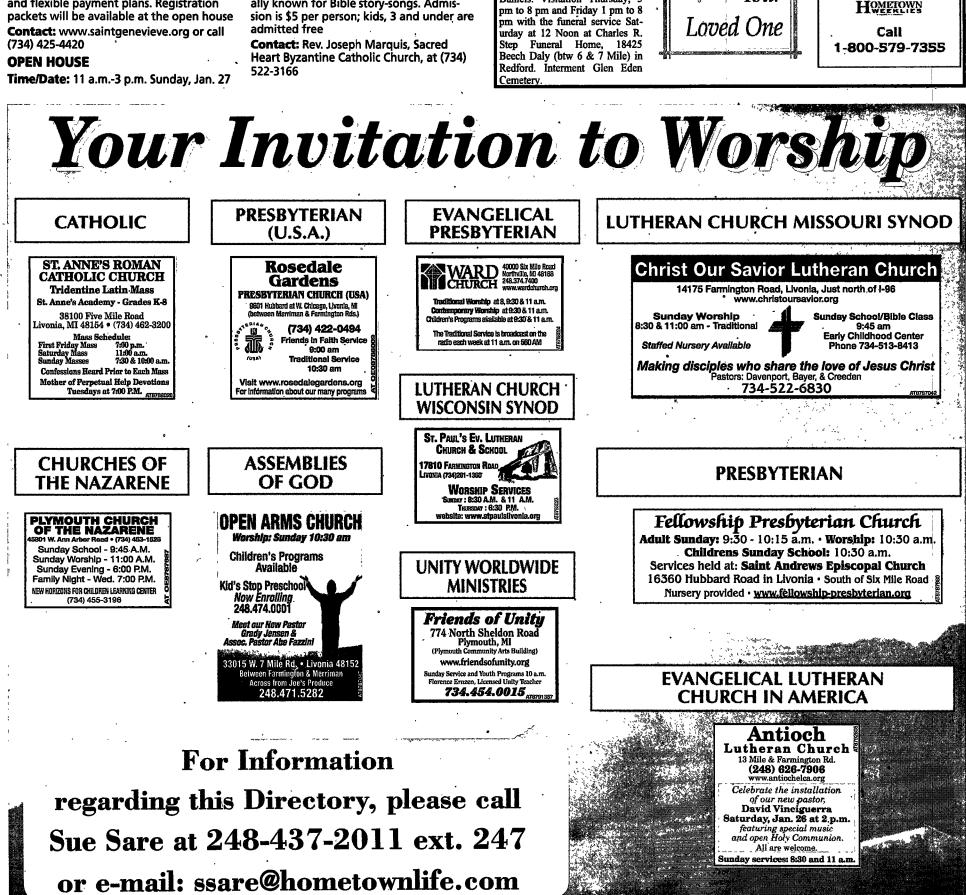
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Science meets art

Health professionals, students express themselves through music

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

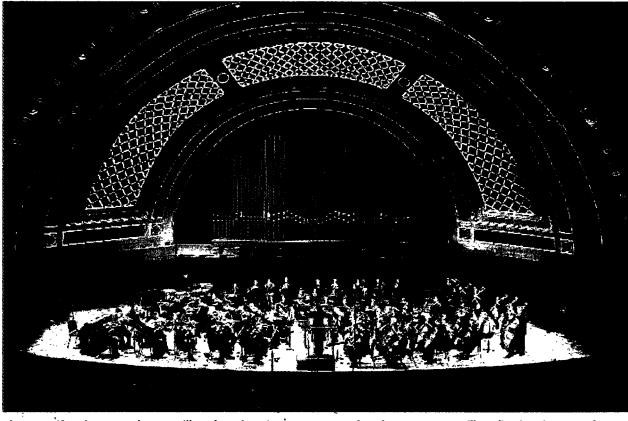
Kara Gavin shares the French horn section of a local orchestra with a dentist, health economist, cardiac surgeon, freshman bioengineering student and a lab scientist.

"Right there you can see what the orchestra is all about," said Gavin, a Plymouth resident and lead public relations representative for the University of Michigan Health System.

Gavin writes about U-M medical research by day and plays classical music by night as a member of the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra. (LSO). The group is made up of medical and science professionals, and U-M science alumni and medical students who also play musical instruments.

"It's a neat group. In medicine, people specialize, they work in their area. But this group really brings people together who wouldn't otherwise meet. You'll have a senior surgeon sitting next to a diabetes specialist sitting next to a third year medical student and the third year medical student is the one who has the lead part, because she is the best player. All the hierarchy and rank disappears for a while.

"I guess I'm on the creative end of the health sciences. I think for me, getting to meet all these different people and seeing what they are like



The U-M Life Sciences Orchestra will perform its winter concert Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

outside of being scientists and doctors is really enjoyable.'

The Life Sciences Orchestra, which will present its winter concert, Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, is an activity of Gifts of Art, a program that brings art and music to the University of Michigan Health System.

Gavin has been with the Orchestra since its inception when David J. staff in 2000. The idea was to give staff and science students a performance outlet.

"It was pretty much a 'hey kids, let's put on a show' type of thing. We started meeting in the summer of 2000, We found a conductor by reaching out to the (U-M) Music School," Gavin said. "There was lots of excitement from the start. From there it has grown and we're now in

Now an associate pro-

fessor and pediatric otolaryngologist, Brown plays flute and takes instruction from Amy Porter, a professor at U-M's School of Music, Theatre & Dance. Porter, who performs internationally, will play Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 1 in G major at the upcoming Life Sciences Orchestra concert.

The program also includes an upbeat, festive piece by Shostakovich and a symphony by Mahler that combines everything from bird calls to German drinking songs.

"It has great spirit," Gavin described the Mahler work. "And the final movement is big and brassy. Even if someone isn't a big classical music fan, this is the concert to come to because it is very accessible and very enjoyable music.

"The level of playing we're able to get with the people we have playing with us is on a level with some of the best amateur orchestras. We're proud to be able to do that.'

The group auditions new players annually and members meet every

MOZART, **MAHLER &** MORE

What: The U-M Life Sciences Orchestra winter concert

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor

Details: Amy Porter, a U-M professor and world-renowned flutist, will perform "Flute Concerto No. 1" by Mozart during this free concert. The orchestra, made up of musicians who work day jobs in medicine, dentistry, bioengineering, research and other science careers, will play "Symphony No. 1 in D Major" by Gustav Mahler and "Festive Overture" . by Dmitri Shostakovich. Music director is Oriol Sans

Coming up: Mark your calendar for the group's spring concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at Hill Auditorium. The program will include a tuba solo by the winner of the group's concierto competition

Contact: orchestra@ umich.edu: www.umich. edu/~lsorch/

Sunday from September through August to rehearse. It plays a free winter and spring concert at Hill Auditorium.

Playing with others

Ian Tran of Canton recently graduated from U-M Dearborn with an environmental science degree and has played violin with the LSO since 2008. He views his membership as "more than just a leisurely endeavor."

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Brown, M.D., then a medour 13th season." ical resident, co-found-Flute soloist ed the group with other medical students and DOO WOP LEGENDS TOUR

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Shen Yun dancers wear sumptuous costumes as they perform classical Chinese dance.

Chinese cultural show combines dance, music, legends

Shen Yun Performing Arts leaps, flips and spins its way into the Detroit Opera House Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 24-27 with a program that combines athletic dance moves, uplifting music, ancient legends and heroic contemporary epic stories.

It's the fifth year the performing arts company has included Detroit on its world tour, which this year will include visits to 100 cities in North America, South America, Asia, Australia and Europe. "Since Detroit is a mul-

ticultural city, we have found that audiences here really appreciate the values of traditional Chinese culture. If you enjoy beautiful costumes, exciting music and high-flying dance techniques, then you will certainly enjoy our performance! Not only that, but the universal themes of compassion, courage, spirituality and hope are hallmarks of Shen Yun," said Hsiao Tenlu, event promoter, in an e-mail to the Observer. Shen Yun, based in

New York, consists of three dance companies

SHEN YUN

What: Classical Chinese dance and music brings 5,000 years of Chinese civilization to life. The show includes ethnic and folk dances, athleticism, vocalists, and music by an orchestra featuring classical Western and Chinese instruments. Nearly 100 artists perform

When: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 24-25 and Saturday, Jan. 26; 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26; and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit Tickets: \$80-\$180; www.

shenyun.com; (877) 328-SHOW

and three orchestras - featuring both classical Western and Chinese instruments --- totalling some 300 artists. The performing arts organization has drawn artists from around the world. They share a mission to revive ancient legends

and virtues of "divinely inspired" culture through the performance of short, energetic dances, set to music.

The music and dance expressively tell the stories and two narrators fill in any cultural gaps with brief introductions.

At the core of Shen Yun choreography is classical Chinese dance. The expressive art form was passed down and refined in imperial courts throughout many dynasties, evolving into one of the most comprehensive dance systems in the world.

Along with unique movements and poses, classical Chinese dance includes an array of dynamic techniques – difficult jumps, spins, flips, and aerials that enhance a dancer's powers of expression, while heightening the performance's athleticism and energy.

The troupe's training regimen includes calisthenics, moves at the barre and Chinese classical dancing instruction

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Contact: (313) 833-7900. www.dia.org

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Jan. 27

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

Details: Works by Joseph Van Kerhove, a traditional printmaker, and Kristin Kowalski, who creates ceramic sculpture

Contact: (734) 394-5308 LIBERTY STREET **BREW PUB**

Time/Date: Artist reception, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25; exhibit through Jan. 31; pub hours are 3 p.m.midnight, Monday-ThursMore online at hometownlife.com

day; 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday; and noon-midnight, Sunday

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Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Jan.26;

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Hiding in Plain Sight," presents the personal and creative evolution of an artist from 1978 through the present. Candor is a long-time adjunct professor at the College for **Creative Studies in Detroit** and Lawrence Technological College

PLYMOUTH COMMU-

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through Jan. 31

Location: Plymouth Com-Sheldon, Plymouth **Details:** Realee Edgar's realistic paintings feature classic and vintage autos. Contact: (734) 416-4278





Amy Porter will perform with the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra on Jan. 30.

Gallery **Details:** Paintings by Kate Paul Contact: (734) 207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Location: 215 W. Cady,

Details: "Patricia Candor:

Contact: (248) 344-0497.

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"I find that keeping up with music, especially playing in a symphony where you are playing music with other people, there are some benefits in just how I'm able to keep my mind clear or even just the actual act of playing music ... you hear a lot of times people say it's cathartic. So in that sense I definitely made it a priority," he said.

Tran enjoys the diverse group of health and science professionals that make up the LSO.

"In many ways they use other aspects of life to inform how they play or what they appreciate about the music. I remember one rehearsal when one of the bassists was talking about one of the composers we were playing and their connection to some research in diabetes," Tran said. "It's a very rich environment."

Gavin said LSO members have formed quartets and quintets that perform in the hospital and sometimes hire out for receptions and other events.

Students involved in the U-M orchestral conducting program have taken turns leading the LSO, giving them a chance to work with "people from a whole different world."

"I can't say enough about them. I think sometimes they try to get us type-A personalities to loosen up a bit. Medical types can be tense and in music you have to let go and be emotional and express," she said. "The folks in the orchestra have high-pressure. jobs, doing surgery or running a lab. It's very intense work. But Sunday night we come together and rehearse. Sometimes a few people run out and answer a page on a pager. But for a couple hours a week they get to do something completely different and just play music."

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and rehearsal.

"We spend seven to nine hours training and rehearsing daily," says Angelia Wang, principal dancer, in a video clip on the group's website. "In classical Chinese dance... there are many different types (of turns) but

- they are all difficult in that your body is slanted.
- From my perspective it was difficult in the beginning to really get the feeling. Your focus is actually down instead of forward

like a normal turn." Choreographer Yungchia Chen describes classical Chinese dance techniques as "rich and varied." They're divided into jumps, turns and flipping techniques.

Dazzling costumes and animated backdrops intertwine with the dances, the orchestral compositions and mini-dramas. All work together to bring the culture of ancient China to life.

For more information about Shen Yun, visit www.ShenYun.com or call (877) 328-7469.

By Sharon Dargay

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an Francisco 49ers or Baltimore **Ravens?** No matter which team you plan to cheer on in Super Bowl XLVII, on Sunday, Feb. 3, you'll score points with party guests if vou serve winning game day fare. Add a little heat to vour menu with these easyto-make recipes for snacks, fingerfoods and stick-tothe-ribs comfort food.

For more spicy recipes visit www.tabasco.com.

Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip Makes 2 cups

2 tablespoons butter °1/2 pound mushrooms, chopped fine 6 pieces pita bread 2 tablespoons olive oil ¾ teaspoon salt 2 teaspoons garlic powder 2 tablespoons finely chopped red bell pepper 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion 2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce 3 cup ricotta cheese 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese 8 ounces cream cheese

Preheat oven to 425°F. Melt butter in a skillet over medium high heat. Add the mushrooms and sauté until they are soft and all liquid is evaporated. Transfer to a bowl to cool and set aside.

Slice pitas into 8 wedges each and transfer to a baking sheet. Brush with olive oil and toast in the oven until crisp, about 15 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients to the cooled mushrooms and mix well. Serve with toasted pita wedges.

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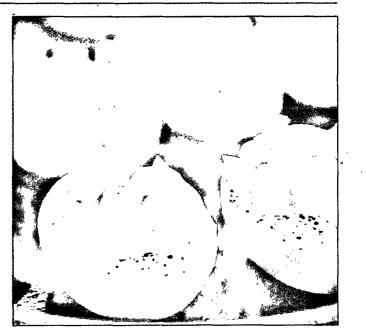
Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip

Buffalo Deviled Eggs Makes 24 halves

- 12 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and cut in half lengthwise 14 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Tabasco Buffalo Style Hot Sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon celery sait
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped celery

Remove egg yolks from whites and place yolks in a medium bowl. Mash with a fork and add mayonnaise, pickle relish, mustard, Tabasco Buffalo Style Sauce and celery salt. Stir until smooth.

Arrange egg white halves on a serving tray and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Transfer yolk mixture to a gallon-size plastic bag and work it into one cor-ner of the bag. Hold bag tightly above mixture; twist until mixture is firmly positioned. Using scissors, snip off tip of bag. Twist bag to press yolk mixture into egg white halves until they are filled. Sprinkle with chopped celery and refrigerate eggs until ready to serve.



Buffalo Deviled Eggs

Buffalo Chicken Chili

Makes 6 servings 3 tablespoons vegetable



Makes about 3 dozen 1 (12-ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate chips

Fireballs

1/4 cup butter or margarine

1/2 cup walnuts, toasted and finely chopped 2 tablespoons dark rum

1 ½ teaspoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce 1/3 cup sugar

Melt chocolate and butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir in walnuts, rum and Tabasco Sauce and mix well. Refrigerate mixture about 15 minutes. Shape into 1-inch balls, then roll in sugar to coat. Store in refrigerator.

Hot & Sticky Orange Chicken Wings

Makes 8 servings

16 chicken wings (about 4 pounds)

- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 (6-ounce) can frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1/3 cup water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce

Remove wing tips from chicken wings and discard; cut remaining wings apart at the joints. Season with salt and pepper to taste and place on a broiler pan with a rack. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat until crisp and golden brown, about 5 to 7 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels.

Meanwhile, combine orange juice concentrate, water, honey, and Tabasco Sauce in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened and reduced by half.

Place chicken in a large bowl or pan and pour orange sauce over them; toss until well coated. Serve hot or at room temperature.



Hot & Sticky Orange Chicken Wings

2 celery stalks, diced 1 medium onion, diced 1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced 2 large garlic cloves, minced

1 pound ground chicken or turkey 2 tablespoons chili

powder 2 tablespoons ground

cumin

1 ½ teaspoons salt 1 (28-ounce) can fireroasted diced tomatoes ½ cup water 1/4 cup Tabasco Buffalo Style Hot Sauce

1 (15.5-ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed and drained

3 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese

Heat oil in 4quart saucepan over medium heat. Add celery, onion, green pepper and garlic; cook about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp. Remove vegetables to bowl with slotted spoon. Add remaining tablespoon of oil

to same saucepan. Cook ground chicken over medium high heat until well browned on all sides, stirring constantly. Stir in chili powder, cumin and salt; cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes

with their liquid, water and Tabasco **Buffalo Style** Sauce. Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; stir in vegetables, cover and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add beans; cook 5 minutes longer.

To serve, top each serving with some crumbled blue cheese.

Buffalo Chicken Chili

Dressed Seafood Po' boys Makes 4 servings

1 cup mayonnaise

- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 2 1/2 teaspoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce, divided 1 loaf French bread, cut into 4 (6-inch) pieces, or 4 (6-inch)
- hero rolls
 - Oil for deep-frying
 - 1 egg, lightly beaten
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - ¾ cup cornmeal

Salt

- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled, or 3 dozen shucked oysters 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 ripe tomato, thinly sliced

Combine mayonnaise, garlic, and 1 ¹/₂ teaspoons of the Tabasco Sauce in a small bowl. Split French bread or rolls in half; scoop out some of the soft insides and discard. Spread inside of bread halves with mayonnaise mixture.

Heat 3 inches of oil in a deep-fryer to 375°F. Meanwhile, combine egg and milk in a small bowl. Combine cornmeal, flour, and ¹/₂ teaspoon salt in a shallow pan. Sprinkle shrimp with salt to taste and the remaining 1 teaspoon Tabasco Sauce; toss well.

Dip shrimp in egg mixture, then coat with cornmeal mixture. Shake off excess coating and fry in hot oil until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Drain on paper towels.

Fill bottom halves of bread with hot shrimp and top with lettuce, tomato, and top of bread. Serve immediately.



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Fannie Mae survey:

Consumers more upbeat on housing

Some dark clouds remain on the horizon

Consumer confidence in the housing sector grew last month, marked by continued positive attitudes toward home price, rental price, and mortgage rate expectations, according to Fannie Mae's December National Housing Survey results.

The growing belief held by Americans that these housing indicators will climb in 2013 may inspire a boost in home purchase activity during the coming months. However, while consumers seem confident that housing activity is on the rise, their outlook toward the economy and personal finances appears to have resumed a more unsettled trend following a show of optimism in November.

"The highest share of consumers in the survey's two and a halfyear history expect home prices to increase in the next 12 months. This view is consistent with Fannie Mae's expectation that home prices will rise going forward on a national basis. Combined with consumers' growing mortgage rate and rental price increase expectations, the positive home price outlook could incentivize those waiting on the sidelines of the housing market to buy a home sooner rather than later and thus support continued housing acceleration," said Doug Duncan, senior vice president and chief economist of Fannie Mae. "Despite continued strengthening in the housing market, consumers' concerns over the fiscal cliff and debt ceiling have caused considerable volatility in their perceptions of the larger economy. This uncertainty seems to be prompting a growing share of consumers to expect their personal finances to worsen and may contribute to weaker near-term economic growth."

Below are a few of the top survey highlights:

Homeownership and renting

• The average 12-month home price change expectation jumped to 2.6 percent, the highest level since the survey's inception in 2010.

• At 43 percent, the share who believe home prices will go up in the next 12 months reached the highest level recorded, up 6 percentage points over November.

• The percentage who think mortgage rates will go up continued to rise, increasing by 2 percentage points to 43 percent, the highest level since August 2011.

 Twenty-one percent of respondents say it is a good time to sell, a 2 percentage point decrease from last month's record high, but a 10 percentage point increase year over year.

• At 4.4 percent, the average 12month rental price expectation hit the highest level since the sur-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This house on Starkweather in Plymouth had long been a two-family dwelling until Scott and Alison Jones planned to make it a single family home again. A recent Fannie Mae survey revealed some encouraging signs in the housing market.

vey's inception, up 0.4 percent over last month.

• Forty-nine percent of those surveyed say home rental prices will go up in the next 12 months, a slight increase from last month.

 The share of respondents who said they would buy if they were going to move decreased slightly to 66 percent.

The economy, household finances

• At 39 percent, the share of respondents who say the economy is on the right track fell by 5 percentage points from last month's survey high.

• The percentage who expect their personal financial situation to get worse over the next 12 months continued to rise, reaching 20 percent and the highest level since August 2011.

• Twenty-two percent of respondents say their household income is significantly higher than it was 12 months ago, a slight increase over last month and a 5 percentage point increase over September.

• Thirty-seven percent reported significantly higher household expenses compared to 12 months ago, a 3 percentage point increase over the past month and the highest level since December 2011. For more information, visit

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 22-26, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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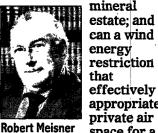
Windmill evolving legal area

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> By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist.

Q: We are thinking about buying a farm and placing windmills on it and I am just curious about what constitutes "wind rights" and are they legally recognizable rights incident to the ownership of real property.

A: These are all interesting questions, including whether landowners can be held liable if wind turbines on their parcels disrupt the energy productivity of wind flowing on downwind property; can landowners legally sever a wind estate from their land and transfer it separately from the surface rights like a mineral



restriction that effectively appropriates private air space for a government

entities use trigger a compensable regulatory taking? Simply said, the relative lack of case law upholding wind leases and easements and the unique characteristics of wind as a natural resource creates uncertainty over the nature of wind rights. As wind energy development continues to spread throughout the country, the need for clear answers to the novel questions described in your question and other property law questions surrounding wind energy will only grow. Enacting thoughtful legislation to address these issues is one affordable way for states to encourage energy development in their jurisdictions, but in any event, you should consult with a knowledgeable property lawyer for further

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 8-12, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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assistance which may involve the creation of law in this area.

Q: Knowing that Columbus is the capital and also the home of Ohio State University, we are wondering what the hotel opportunities are in the North part of the Columbus as we are thinking about condominiumizing it, either with respect to new construction or a conversion. What do you think?

A: There is a hotel megaplex just north of I-270 off of U.S. 23 in Columbus which contains most of the major threestar hotels with a number of five-star restaurants. These hotels are obviously very desirable because of their location, but there is an area near the Polaris Shopping Center which has a great deal of raw land which would be suitable for new construction. A hotel condo may not be a bad idea given the nature of the influx of visitors to Columbus regarding both professional sports and the University as well as the fact that it is the State Capitol. Buying a used hotel for conversion is more problematic because of the limited spaces in the units which may not provide for adequate amenities, but each location is fact intensive and you are best advised to consult with a marketing and real estate expert in the Columbus area.

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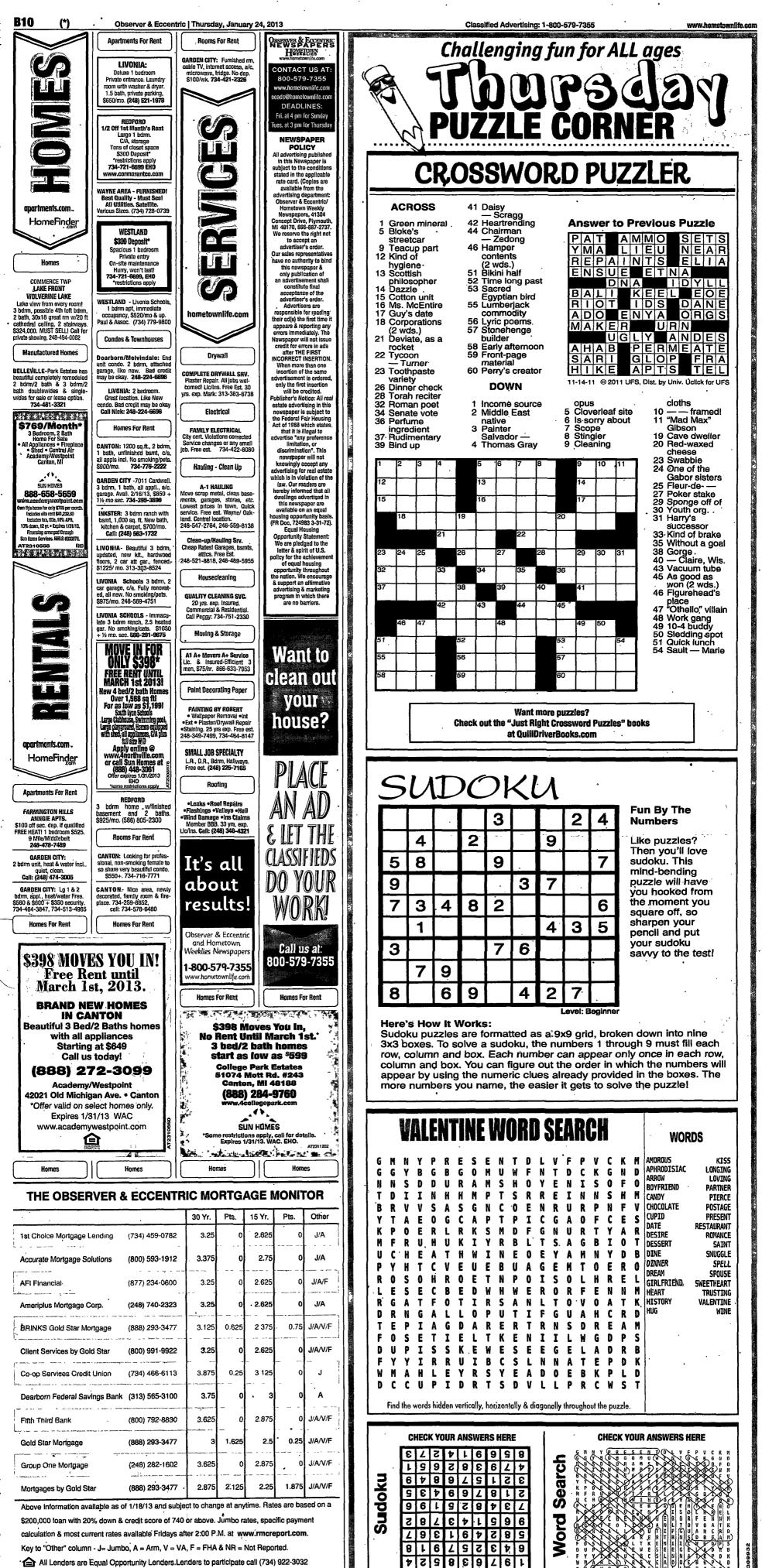
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