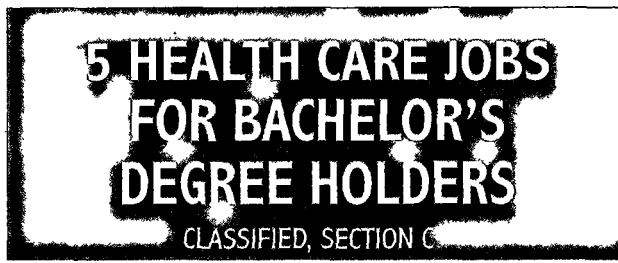




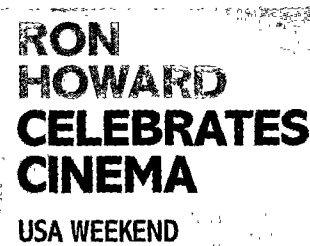
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Suicide awareness

Youths and adults who are struggling with stress, depression or emotional overload can find help at "Know/Resolve," a youth suicide awareness and prevention program that will be presented at the St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland, at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

Know/Resolve is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting mental health and preventing youth suicides.

The organization was founded by Dennis Liegghio, who lost his father to suicide when he was 14 years old. Their last words were in anger, and he blamed himself for his father's death.

He struggled with depression and thoughts of suicide until he wrote a song that was his turning point in overcoming his traumatic loss.

Liegghio will share his personal story, his music and tips for coping with stress and emotional overload.

The program is for all ages — junior high, high school, college, young adults, parents, grandparents. It is being sponsored by the St. Damian and St. Theodore High School Youth Ministry.

Hockey Night

Westland will be Hockeytown West at 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, when the puck drops for the annual Wild Wings vs. the Red Wings Alumni exhibition hockey game at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood at Hunter.

There will be plenty of fun-filled activities planned for the event, including a "score-o-competition" and "chuck-a-puck," as well as several raffles giveaways.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children; those under age 3 are free. Seating is limited to 800. Tickets are currently on sale at the mayor's office at Westland City Hall and the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

See the Wings

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Wayne council calls special meeting to discuss consultant contract

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A proposed \$60,000 to hire a firm for lobbying and grant writing will be discussed as part of a special Wayne City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The meeting was called

to give council members a chance to discuss their 2013-14 goals — time ran out during two recent lengthy goals/budget sessions with department heads.

The proposed professional services contract with the Winchester Consulting Group followed

discussion a week earlier at the goals meeting. City Manager Robert English recommended approval of the agreement which also includes assistance with revamping the city website, event planning and media outreach.

After hearing from Lisa Nocerini and Steph-

anie Moran, Winchester's vice president and director of communications and grant services, respectively, the council appeared to be moving toward approval of the agreement. Part of a Michigan Municipal Risk Management refund would be used to fund

the services.

A motion to table voting on the agreement was offered by Councilman James Hawley, who said he had a lot of issues with the proposal and was surprised to see it before council so

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Buy the book



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Sheila Maiorana of Westland looks through the selection of fiction books on sale at the Friends of the Westland Library's used book sale last Thursday.



Ariel Costello and her daughter Melody were among shoppers at the used book sale. She came with her sister, Emily Bauer.

Bibliophiles discover bargains at Friends' sale

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Melody Costello couldn't have cared less about the books her mother was buying. The 8-week-old infant was sound asleep, her head resting on her mother Ariel's chest.

"I'm here for the children's books, I'm buying them for her," said the Westland residents as she picked through the selection of children's books at the Friends of the Westland Library's used book sale. "I think we'll be reading a little bit."

This was Costello's first time at the book sale, held quarterly in the meeting rooms of the William P. Faust Public Library. She came with her sister, Emily Bauer.

A steady flow of shoppers came and went, carting off sacks filled with books.

The ebb and flow of shoppers is good news for the volunteer group which raises money for library programs through its quarterly used book sales and a Friends book store that's open during library hours. The group also works with the Mission Based Books which scans books and sells them for the Friends.

"This is the third year we've committed \$20,000 to pay for programming," said Marie DiDomizio, a Friends trustee. "Adult, children and teen programs, authors, yoga, movies, we pay for it. The library had been able to maintain its programs within that amount."

Literacy

"Our primary goal should be literacy with fund-raising second,"

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Victim 'feared for her life' during robbery

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Using a ruse about looking for a left behind coat, a Westland woman recounted how two men barged into the trailer where she was living and assaulted her before stealing a number of items, including several guns.

"They grabbed my hair and threw me to the floor. My hands were tied behind my back," testified Linda Lyon Thursday during a Westland 18th District Court preliminary examination for three people charged in the Jan. 25 incident. "I was kicked and beaten with fists."

Dearborn Heights residents Jason Gregory Zielinski, 25, his twin brother Justin Jerome Zielinski and Candice Marie Stajda, 24, have been charged with armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and larceny of firearms in the incident. The Zielinski brothers also are charged with felony firearm.

All three were ordered to stand trial on the multiple felony charges following the preliminary examination.

One of the men had come to the door seeking a coat he said had been left behind by his sister. Lyon said she looked around the trailer and located a coat but the man told her he wasn't sure if it was the right coat and needed to get his brother. When both men appeared at the door, Lyon said she was attacked.

'Feared for life'

"I can't say if it was one or both (of the men hitting and kicking her) because I was facing down. They asked me where the money was," said Lyon. "They'd ask me a question, then tell me to shut up. They threatened to kill me two or three times. I feared for my life."

While she didn't have any broken bones, Lyon said she had cuts on her face, her nose was bleeding profusely and had

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Wayne looks at longer term for mayor

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne voters can expect a charter question seeking to change the length of the mayor's term on the November ballot.

During the goal setting sessions earlier this month, the mayor's term of office came up. Currently, the charter provides for a two-year term for mayor while

the council members all serve four-year terms.

"We felt that the mayor is not able to accomplish their goals in two years. We would like it on a future ballot to make it a four-year term," said Councilwoman Pam Dobrolowski.

"I fully agree. It take four years to make changes and improvements," said Councilman Albert Damitio. "When council serves four

years, it doesn't make sense."

Also supporting the change, Councilman Skip Monit said some mayors may not be familiar with the duties and the resulting learning curve would leave little time for the mayor to be effective with a two-year term.

Before the charter was amended, the lowest vote-getter among council members would earn a two-year term. "They

changed the charter, so the mayor got a two-year term when all the council members got four-year terms," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, who abstained from voting on putting the question on the ballot.

The city attorney will write the language for the ballot question.

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bruised ribs. A waitress, she said she missed about three weeks of work because her face was too bruised to wait on customers:

The men took a number of guns, including a 9mm handgun which had been in Lyon's pocket, she said, along with extra magazines, other ammunition and cell phones.

"I could hear them rummaging through the closet. There were several guns in the open and some were under the bed. They were all gone," said Lyon.

On the afternoon of the incident, Lyon said that she was alone inside the fifth-wheel trailer parked behind a home on North Hix where she had been staying with Bernard Kudla.

Earlier in the day, Lyon said she had been in Garden City's 21st Dis-

trict Court when Kudla was being sent to jail after his arrest on unrelated felony weapons charges. Kudla gave her his personal belongings, she said, including a cell phone.

Kudla's former wife Virgie lives in the home on North Hix. After court, the women were there when text messages started coming in on Bernard Kudla's phone. The messages, coming from a phone number listed as Candi, asked where Bernard Kudla was and other questions.

'Lose the number'

"I told her early on that he was in jail, I told her to lose the number," said Lyon, who conceded she assumed the person texting was a woman but didn't actually see or speak with the sender. "I asked if she was a hooker. She said hookers are on street corners, she was a call girl."

The prosecution case is that Stajda, who had visited the trailer previous-

ly, was confirming Bernard Kudla wasn't present before the Zielinski brothers came over. According to police, Stajda had received a gun in payment for sexual services to Kudla.

Police identified the men as suspects through their association with Stajda, in particular a police report from Dearborn Heights in which she was a complainant.

All three are jailed currently. Jason Zielinski is being held on no bond due to other pending unrelated criminal charges. Justin Zielinski is jailed in lieu of \$500,000 cash/surety bond. Stajda is being held in lieu of \$250,000 cash/surety bond.

Bernard and Virgie Kudla's son Jacob, 18, and his friend Jourdan Bobbish, 17, were missing for several days in July before being found murdered in Detroit.

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BOOK SALE

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added Friends secretary Lynn Hagmann.

Eash book sale raises an average of \$2,200. The daily sales at the book shop "equals the book sales," according to Friends Vice President Nan Borders.

"The book store generates about the same in a quarter as the books sale," said Borders. "But you have to remember the sales has dropped in volume. It isn't what it was three years ago, but we've been able to support it on the same level as we have in the past."

According to Hagmann, the number of people who come to the sale also has declined, due in part to Mission Based Books.

"We have less dealers," she said. "We're making money from them and selling less at the sales. We're better off with Mission Based Books even though we have less people coming in."

"We do this for the library and the community," added Borders.

Back for more

Chris Kuzara of Belleville, a member of the Friends, had already purchased four bags of books during the Friends Preview sale on Wednesday, and was back buying more on Thursday.

"I joined the Friends so I could get the early selections," she said. "I buy everything — fiction, nonfiction, biographies, magazines, DVDs. I started three-four years ago."

Kuzara goes to used book sales at all libraries around the area. She said she has seen people skip sales at libraries that work with Mission Based Books because "they believe Mission Based gets the better books."



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Friends Trustee Marie DiDomizio and Friends Secretary Lynne Hagmann help used book sale shopper Kay Bean of Westland with her purchases.



Emily Bauer of Garden City looks through the romance novels. "This my kind of sale," she said.



It wasn't hard to locate the 10-cent romance novels at the Friends of the Westland Library's used book sale.

at Schoolcraft College. "This is my kind of a sale," said Bauer. "I heard from a friend who was talking about it."

The sale ended Saturday with a Big Bag sale in which patrons brought their own bag and filled it with books for \$4. Gary Kaufman of Southfield teased Borders that he would be back.

"I have a bag as tall as me," he told her. "You look like you're at least three bags tall," Borders said.

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quickly.

"The scope is far beyond what I'd be comfortable with," said Hawley. "I don't see that much need to rush it through. A week or two isn't going to matter. I would like to postpone it for a later meeting."

The contract includes a lot of things, Hawley said, adding he wasn't sure it was a direction the city needed to take.

"My experience is that

grant writing can be a boon to the city. I'd like to hear your concerns," said Councilman Skip Monit.

While he supports the idea of a grant writer, Hawley said the council needed to have a philosophical discussion about getting involved with hiring a lobbyist.

"It's just not an emergency issue. We've not had a chance to discuss it among ourselves," he said. "I have issues with the scope, the selection process and a lot of different concerns. Hawley also mentioned

he was concerned that City Attorney Paul Bohn is a director of the Winchester Consulting Group. Noceri and Moran came to Winchester from Strategic Communication Solutions, which serves as lobbyists for the City of Westland.

Other council members said they were comfortable with the agreement but didn't have a problem with further discussion.

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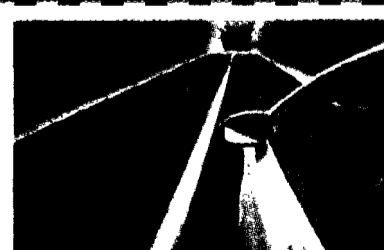
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New principal looks to grow St. Damian School

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

With just a month on the job as principal at St. Damian Catholic School in Westland, Jacqueline Mojeske already knows what she wants to do to attract more students. And part of it is in the works, thanks to the school's parents group.

Thirty-three iPads and a recharging cart will be delivered to the Westland school by the fourth quarter of the school year for use in the classrooms.

"It's exciting to add this piece to the program," said the South Rockwood resident. "Every teacher, every class will have access to the iPads on a daily basis and they'll interact with the SmartBoards. It opens the door to online classes for future purposes."

Mojeske met with the school community and parents to explain her goals. The parents heard about the iPads and said "yes and it can happen this year."

The iPads are just one of many changes Mojeske is making to help grow the school and she's tapping into her 15 years of experience in Catholic education to make it happen.

She worked for the Windsor-Essex Catho-



St. Damian Principal Jacqueline Mojeske watches kindergarten student Natalie Palmer use an iPad, one of the newest additions to the educational program at the Westland school.

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ABOUT ST. DAMIAN

Location: 891 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland
Details: St. Damian offers preschool classes for 3- and 4-year-olds and an elementary/middle school program for kindergarten through eighth grade. Extracurricular activities

include National Junior Honor Society for grades six-eight, Student Council and altar servers for grades four-eight, school newsletter and safety patrol for grades seven-eight, school choir for grades one-eight, spelling bee and science

fair for grades K-eight and chess club for grades K-three and four-eight.

Contact: For more information on school registration, contact the school office at (734) 427-1680 or schooloffice@stdamian.com.

lic District School board before joining the Archdiocese of Detroit in 2005. She has been at St. Albert the Great School in Dear-

born Heights and St. Alfred School in Taylor and comes to St. Damian from St. John the Baptist School in Monroe where

she served as principal last year.

Expanding the cur-

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Civilian aides help cities put more police officers on patrol

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

One of the ways the Westland Police Department is getting more officers on the street despite decreased funding and manpower is through the use of part-time civilian employees.

Through a program implemented in July 2012, the department has 15 police service aides who handle duties that don't require a certified police officer, such as processing prisoners and answering non-emergency telephone calls.

"We just did a six-month evaluation and so far the program has been a huge success," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "It allows us to put trained and certified officers on the road rather than inside the station handling duties a civilian can do."

The Wayne Police Department, which is in the process of replacing a large number of retirees, reduced manpower and facing its own budget issues, is also looking at starting a PSA program.

Along with answering non-emergency telephone calls and being a presence for people walking into the police station, Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright noted PSAs could also handle some clerical duties currently performed by dispatchers.

Currently, Wayne police and Garden City police and fire/EMS calls are dispatched jointly from the Wayne Police Department. Talks are under way to merge that dispatching service into a single operation at the

Westland Police Department, which already handles Wayne-Westland Fire Department runs and police calls for Westland and Inkster, along with Inkster fire/EMS.

"We've been very pleased with the PSAs. They're doing a great job and it allows us to put more police officers on the street," Jedrusik said.

The PSAs are paid significantly less than officers, get no benefits and, in Westland, work 20-28 hours weekly.

"The majority of the PSAs are younger adults with ambitions to be police officers," Jedrusik said. "They learn about aspects of the job and get familiar with the criminal justice system."

The PSA positions aren't designed to be long-time jobs. So far, only one Westland PSA has left after being hired for a full-time police officer position in another city, Jedrusik said.

"We have had a steady group of PSAs here. I anticipate more will move on. The Westland Police Department is accepting applications," Jedrusik said.

Each six months the PSAs are assessed, and if positive comments are received, the PSA can earn half a Civil Service point, which can help their chances of being hired.

Applicants for Westland police officer positions must have completed police academy training and be Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards-certified or eligible for certification.

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Golden Corral faces federal discrimination lawsuit

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland restaurant is being accused of discriminating against a Garden City family whose children suffer from a genetic skin disease.

In a lawsuit filed last Wednesday by the federal government, Golden Corral in Westland is charged with violating the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Danielle Duford of Garden City took her four daughters to the buffet restaurant on Warren Road west of Central City Parkway in May 2011. According to the complaint, they paid for their meals, but soon were asked to leave when other customers noticed

the skin of Duford's 14-month-old daughter.

Three of the children, including the 14-month-old, have epidermolysis bullosa, which causes blisters to form on the skin in response to minor injuries and temperature changes.

Despite being told the skin condition was not contagious, Duford reported that the manager, David Robinson, insisted the family leave because other customers were uncomfortable.

After the money for their meals had been refunded and Duford left with her children, her husband Matthew Cripps arrived to join his family for dinner.

According to the com-

plaint, Cripps went into the restaurant and complained to the manager about what had happened. Cripps reported the manager said that he had a right to expel anyone from the restaurant that he wished, and demanded that Cripps leave the restaurant.

When Cripps refused, the manager called the police, who arrived but made no arrests.

Kirit and Shakuntla Patel are the owners and operators of the Westland Golden Corral, a franchise buffet restaurant. The complaint seeks monetary damages for each of the family members injured by the discrimination, a \$55,000 civil fine and to prohib-

it further discriminatory actions by the restaurant and its employees.

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O&E Media sponsors Children's Film Festival

Observer & Eccentric Media is once again sponsoring the Free Children's Spring Film Festival at the MJR Westland Grand Digital 16 beginning this weekend.

For four consecutive weekends, the theater will be showing children's films free for kids with a nominal charge for adults.

The festival kicked off this weekend with "Frankenweenie" which will be shown at 10 a.m., 12:10 and 2:20 p.m. today, Feb. 24. Also on tap is "Wreck-It Ralph" March 2-3, "Hotel Transylvania" on March 9-10 and "Rise of the Guardians" on March 16-17.

Kids age 12 and under are free, adult tickets are

\$1. Tickets are available on the day of the show only, no advance sales are available. Show times can be found on the MJR website at www.mjrateatres.com/loc_westland.asp.

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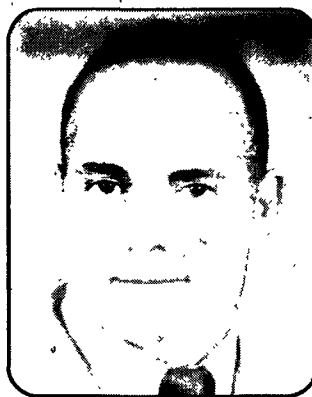
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ACHIEVERS

Brooke Zywick of Garden City has been named to the Marist College Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester. A member of the Class of 2015, she is majoring in political science. In order to qualify for the dean's list, she had to earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.600 and completed a minimum of 12 academic credits.

Amanda Quartz, a 2009 graduate of Garden City High School will be inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma on April 12 as part of the College of Business Celebration of Excellence at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the national honor society of collegiate business and management programs at AACSB accredited institutions.

Quartz recently earned the Dean's List and University Honors for the fall 2012 term. She was one of 12 students from the University of Michigan-Dearborn to be chosen to participate in the Study Abroad Program in Valencia, Spain, last summer. While there she also traveled to Ireland, England, Italy and France.

Quartz is aiming for a dual degree in human resource management and Hispanic studies.

Nicholas Yancy of Garden City received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University dur-

ing mid-year commencement ceremonies on Dec. 15.

Grand Valley State University has announced the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Named to the list were Sydney L. Borlace and Nathan D. Kalinowski of Garden City and Anna L. Bowles, Grace L. Carpenter, Rose M. Carpenter, Kailey E. Coleman, Sara A. Kempton, Ashley A. Nowick, Rachel L. Rochowiak, Chelsea P. Romanczuk, Bryan E. Smigielski, Gabrielle E. Smith and Sabrina L. Sweeney of Westland.

Evan Biers of Garden City was named to the Dean's List for the 2012 fall semester at Michigan Technological University. To be included, he had to achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Biers is studying mechanical engineering.

Robyn Bushway of Westland qualified for the Northern Michigan University Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester with a 4.0 grade point average.

Qualifying for the Dean's List with a grade point average of 3.25-3.99 were Rachel Rodriguez of Garden City and

Stephan Akins, Kyle Maier and Amber Moreneau, all of Westland.

Franklin Players present 'Seussical the Musical'

Take a break from the winter deep freeze and warm up to the fantastic adventures of Dr. Seuss' Horton the Elephant in the Franklin Players production of *Seussical the Musical*, coming to the Franklin High School stage Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1-2.

This fast-paced, family friendly musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss follows the adventures of Horton the Elephant in his mission to protect the tiny people he hears inside of a clover. Along Horton's journey, he meets the Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, the Who's and many more beloved Dr. Seuss characters.

Seussical the Musical is a mix of 15 of Dr. Seuss' books, rolled into one enchanting musical performance.

Shows are at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$10. Tickets are sold after school on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 2:30-3 p.m. in the Franklin theater. Tickets are also available at the door and by calling (734) 744-2655, Ext. 73088.



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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **March 12th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

30 DESKTOP COMPUTERS WITH SUPPORT FOR THE WESTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
 City Controller

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at **6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2013** at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

1. **Special Land Use for a Regulated Use.** The applicant is proposing to establish a pawn shop at 30759 Ford Road. A pawn shop is a regulated use and regulated uses are special land uses in the C-3, General Business District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and should be addressed to the Building Department at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the application may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Special Meeting Date**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2013** at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. At the hearing all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard on the following agenda item.

1. Regulated Use Waiver, the applicant is proposing to establish a pawn shop at 30759 Ford Road and this site is within 300 feet of residentially zoned property. Per Section 154.163 of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, regulated uses shall not be located within 300 feet of a residentially zoned property unless such restriction is waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
2. Regulated Use Waiver, the applicant is proposing to establish a pawn shop at 30759 Ford Road and this site is within 1,000 feet of more than two existing regulated uses. Per Section 154.163 of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, regulated uses shall not be located within 1,000 feet of a two or more existing regulated uses unless such restriction is waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and should be addressed to the Building Department at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

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SCHOOL

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riculum will make St. Damian an attractive option for parents looking for a Catholic education. Mojeske has done her homework and researched the community, finding out what the school can offer that is unique and can move it forward. At least a third of schools she checked out are looking at using iPads. By having them now, puts St. Damian at the forefront, she said. "I'm also looking at offering parent classes so they can know how to use them and access information," she said. "We have to be competitive, we have to up our game."

Growing the school

St. Damian currently has 112 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade and that number is on the rise, according to Mojeske. "We're getting a lot of inquiry calls," she said. "A lot of families that were here a couple of years ago left and now want to come back home." The school is holding an open house noon to 2 p.m. today (Feb. 24) for potential students and their



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The new principal at St. Damian School in Westland, Jacqueline Mojeske has spent her entire teaching career at Catholic schools in Windsor, Ontario, Dearborn Heights and Taylor.

families. Guests will find that the school has the lowest tuition in the area — an in-parish rate of \$3,195 per child per year and \$4,495 for out of parish — as well as discounts for multiple children, and is now offering a healthy food option for lunch. "Thinking as an administrator and a parent, I want to offer students what I would want my

children to eat," said Mojeske, who has two children. "I want to give them the very best. Our meals are balanced and homemade and fresh made that morning. It's healthy food." She also is working on partnering with another school that offers milk, so that can be returned to the lunch menu. Her plans also included part-

nering with other Catholic schools to do professional development for the staff. "The best professional development is having a fourth-grade teacher sit down with another fourth-grade teacher and share their successes," she said. **Communication** For Mojeske, success

at the school is all about "communication, collaboration and working together as one." When the success is shared among all stakeholders, she said.

She also has dedicated a lot of time reaching out to current family members, new families and old families to inform them about the "exciting news" at St. Damian. Her message to them is: "Come and check us out. Come on in, the door is always open."

"That personal invitation, that reaching out to say I want to hear from you can make all the difference in the world," she said. "I can only improve on where I know changes need to be made. That's why feedback is so important."

Mojeske describes her staff as "phenomenal and highly motivated." They also are dedicated and committed.

"I asked each teacher to describe St. Damian in four words and the all said, 'We are family here,'" she said. "When I had the parent meeting, every one of them were there to support me. I can't say enough about them."

Mojeske doesn't plan on resting after achieving her goals. She will meet with the school community and set new ones. As she sees it, the opportunities are endless.

"I'd like to see us have 150 students, I really think it's doable," she said. "And the parents are in agreement. It's going to take everyone to pitch in, roll up their sleeves and reach out to other families. It's not necessarily my goal, it's the goal of the school community."

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Seedlings announces 26th Annual Bowling for Braille Books

Seedlings Braille Books for Children will hold its 26th Annual Bowling for Braille Books on Saturday, March 23, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. Check-in starts at noon with bowling beginning at 1 p.m. The fund-raiser's goal is to place 25,000 braille books into the hands of blind children locally and around the world. Every \$10 earned at this year's Bowling for Braille Books event will create one

more book. Registration is \$60 and bowlers will receive three games, shoes, lunch, a goody bag, and a free raffle ticket. Besides raffle prizes, there will be a silent auction and prize packages for the top three bowlers who raise the most pledges. Raise \$100 or more and receive a bowling T-shirt and have a braille book inscribed in your name. Or be one of the first 25 partici-

pants to raise \$250 or more and have your name entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Magnavox 22-inch LCD HDTV with a built-in DVD player. New this year, Seedlings is asking all participants to bring a non-perishable food item to the event to be donated to the Livonia Goodfellows. With your food donation, you will receive a free ticket to the raffle drawing. "Today's 105.1's" Chris

Edmonds will emcee the event, presented by Livonia Builders, the Plymouth Lions and Valassis. For more information on the Bowling for Braille Books Event or on Seedlings, visit www.seedlings.org or call (734) 427-8552. Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low-cost braille books for blind children.

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MDOT narrows options for Ford Road solution

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A long-touted proposal to reshape the I-275/Ford Road interchange to ease Canton traffic congestion has been ruled out as a viable option by Michigan Department of Transportation officials.

MDOT officials and consultants confirmed the decision last week, saying U.S. transportation authorities rejected the idea as too disruptive to the interchange and failing to qualify for federal funding.

The revelation was made public as officials from MDOT and a consulting firm, Wilbur Smith Associates, came to Canton for talks with Downtown Development Authority officials.

The news could explain why Canton lost out four times in trying to secure a federal economic-recovery grant to reshape the interchange, partly by adding new ramps from the southbound I-275 exit to Haggerty Road and allowing drivers to avoid Ford.

That proposal was identified years ago after MDOT and the township commissioned a study by a consulting firm, Parsons-Brinckerhoff, which then-Supervisor Tom Yack said cost \$500,000. He is upset the plan appears dead.

"I am so ticked about this I can't tell you," Yack said Wednesday morning, reached by telephone after the DDA meeting. "Talk about a waste of money."

Yack, now a township trustee, said MDOT should try to persuade federal officials to reconsider.

MDOT also has ruled out another option of adding two new interchanges to I-275 at Cherry Hill and Warren roads — proposals deemed the most costly and intrusive on the environment.

Three options

Gorette Yung, MDOT project manager, and Matt Wendling, senior engineer for Wilbur Smith Associates, said efforts to address Ford traffic woes have been narrowed to three options:

- Do nothing, which many officials and motorists view as unacceptable.
- Efforts such as adding a westbound through lane on Ford Road, partly by connecting what are now right-turn lanes.
- Convert Ford Road into a boulevard with eastbound and westbound lanes separated by green space.

MDOT and consultants say the boulevard concept could be accomplished as Ford undergoes a massive reconstruction expected within a few years as the road deteriorates.

No specific time line has been announced. Yung projected the boulevard would take one to two construction seasons and likely cost \$20 million to \$40 million.

Yung and Wendling indicated the proposal could provide a suitable fix to Ford Road traffic woes through 2035, easing traffic congestion and reducing crashes along one of Michigan's most accident-prone thoroughfares.

DDA board member Dave Wisniewski indicated tentative support.

"If it can improve traffic flow up to 60 percent, I think it would have a great impact on the community, reduce accidents and allow for the better flow of traffic," he said.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, who chairs the DDA, said the boulevard plan could improve safety, though she said it could undo streetscape work already completed along Ford Road.

"It's like shoot me now, we just did that," she said.

Yung said MDOT hasn't

adopted the boulevard proposal as the final plan among the three remaining options.

Study continuing

MDOT still is conducting an environmental study. Meanwhile, MDOT is expected to have its next community meeting on Ford Road in March or April at Summit on the Park, though no date has been confirmed.

Among highlights of the boulevard plan:

- It would stretch from the Ford/I-275 area to west of Sheldon Road.
- Landscaped areas, or green space, would separate eastbound and westbound traffic.
- Ford would be widened to three lanes from I-275 to Haggerty Road.
- Haggerty would be converted into a boulevard for 1,000 feet in both directions from Ford Road.
- Left turns from Ford Road onto north-south roads such as Haggerty and Lilley would be eliminated.
- Turnaround lanes, similar to those on Michigan Avenue, would be installed for automobiles and larger trucks.
- Some widening of Ford Road would occur, encroaching on what is now the right-of-way.

DDA officials are hopeful any fix will be as least disruptive as possible to businesses.

Of the three remaining proposals, Yack said doing nothing may be a better alternative than a boulevard.

"I think doing nothing is the best course of action unless MDOT can show us someplace in Michigan that emulates what they're proposing for Ford Road," he said. "I wouldn't want Canton to be the experiment."

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Bartender Andy Hool of Canton competes in T.G.I. Friday's annual World Bartender Championship March 6 in Dalls. Canton supporters can voting for him at www.worldbtc.com/finalists through Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Bartender tries for world title

The T.G.I. Friday's annual World Bartender Championship is going to have a Canton flavor.

Canton resident Andy Hool, who has tended bar at the Canton restaurant nearly five years, will be among the 10 finalists vying for the title of "World's Best Bartender" in March 6 in Dallas.

Hool took home top regional and divisional titles for the Canton region in the fall and will

now showcase his bottle-wielding and recipe crafting skills for a panel of judges who will crown the champion based on knowledge of the bar, flavor of the drinks and "flairtending" skills.

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Retailer fees for using charge cards are now legal

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: Our daughter goes to school out of state. She generally charges her living expenses on my charge card. When I was matching the bills with the charge card statement, I noticed there was a discrepancy in one of the bills. I contacted the charge card company and they told me the difference was a surcharge put on by the retailer. I thought that was illegal, but the charge card company told me that it was allowed. It wasn't a lot of money, but it was the principle. Is it legal and, if it is not, as I suspect, what should I do?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the charge card company was correct in telling you that the retailer is allowed to charge a processing fee. Prior to this year, it was not allowed. However, there was a lawsuit between retailers, banks and the charge card companies that resulted in a settlement. The settlement between the parties provides that retailers can pass on the cost of processing charge card transactions directly to their customers.

What most people do not know is that when you use your charge card, the retailer pays a fee to the charge card company. This fee generally ranges between 1 and 4 percent. In order to accomplish this, retailers do have to follow a number of different rules, including guidelines regarding proper disclosure. The bottom line, it appears in your daughter's situation the charge is legal.

New fees have become very common. As consumers, there are some fees that we cannot avoid, but others that we can.

For example, in the case of retailers charging to process a charge card, you can choose to use a different retailer. Not all retailers are going to charge the fee. Therefore, if you use a retailer that charges a fee, you should let them know that you're going to take your business elsewhere. The one way that consumers can fight back is to do their shopping elsewhere.

The same applies with banks. Banks have been very creative in charging all sorts of new fees. However, there are financial institutions — such as credit unions — that are more consumer friendly. I know that no one likes to make changes because they are usually a hassle, however, it is sometimes worth the hassle to protect your bottom line.

One reason why fees have become so popular is because businesses believe that most people ignore the fees. When a bank charges five dollars here or there, most peo-

ple just ignore it. If you and I paid closer attention to fees and were not afraid to make changes, companies would be leery about introducing new fees. The bottom line — the more proactive we are, the more money that will end up in our pockets and that is exactly where it belongs.
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.

NEWS BRIEFS

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short

Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy.

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

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

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

Parkside CU to award three scholarships

Parkside Credit Union is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to local high school seniors.

These scholarships are meant to assist Parkside members in financing their education following high school graduation.

Applications are available at Parkside Credit Union branches on Newburgh at Palmer in Westland and on Plym-

outh Road east of Newburgh in Livonia as well as online at Parksidecu.org on the home page. The deadline to turn in all documents is May 3.

Candidates should be Parkside members that have been accepted to an accredited institution. Candidates have the opportunity to open an account while dropping the application off. Applications will be

reviewed by Parkside Credit Union's Scholarship Committee and scholarships will be disbursed on or before June 30.

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Compuware Arena hosts U.S. skate championship

High level competition isn't just for kids anymore. Two Allegro! synchronized skating teams made up of adults ages 21-60 will compete at the 2013 United States Synchronized Skating Championships at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth. From Feb. 27 through March 2, Compuware Arena will be abuzz with teams of all ages from all over the United States competing for the top spots in their divisions. Looking to regain the

national title, the 2012 National silver medalists Allegro! Masters Team skates to "Dance of the Vampires." The program is technically demanding, yet artistically intricate and moving. The masters team is fresh off a win at the 2013 Midwestern Sectional Championships held in Kalamazoo in January. They also brought home the silver medal from the Dr. Richard Porter Synchronized Skating Competition in Ann Arbor

in December. The team traveled to Lowell, Mass., in early January for the Colonial Classic where they earned another silver medal. "Our team has been progressing throughout the season, making technical and artistic improvements to bring our best skate to nationals," said Erin MacDonald-Behrend of Trenton, skater on the masters team. "We will be fierce, precise, and enthralling when we take the ice!"

The Allegro! Adult Team skates to a Motor City theme this season, with songs from Eminem, KISS, and Journey. Bringing a high level of technical difficulty and an intense sense of artistry, the adult team looks to earn their highest scores of the season when they compete on March 2. "Our team is thrilled to skate to hometown music for a hometown crowd," said Erica Grunwald of Chesterfield, skater on the adult team. "We

are proud to represent Detroit and are excited to perform our best skate of the season at home." The Allegro! synchronized skating teams were formed in 2008 under the direction of Carrie Brown. The adult team is comprised of skaters ranging from 21-48 years of age and the masters skaters range from 27-60 years of age. Almost all of the skaters participated in the sport as children. The teams train out of the Eddie Edgar Arena

in Livonia and the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. The Allegro! teams will host a nationals "Send Off" exhibition 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 Compuware Arena. All seven of the Allegro! teams will perform their competitive programs. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a new or gently used book donation. The books will be donated to a local elementary school in need.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Democratic Club
The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m. Regular meetings will be held on March 26, May 28, June 25, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. The club will receive a

post convention report on Feb. 26 and hold its chili cook-off on April 30. For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

Evening with Elvis

The St. Damian School PTG is presenting "A Night Out With Elvis," featuring Fred Wolfe, Saturday, March 9. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner, catered by Halina's, will be at 6:30 p.m. There also will be a cash bar. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., and Wolfe will do two 45-minute sets. Tickets are \$20 and are available by advanced sales only. To order, call (734) 427-1680. Proceeds

will benefit St. Damian School which is located at 29891 Joy, Westland.

Flea Market

Tables are still available for St. Damian's Indoor Flea Market 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2. There will be antiques, toys, vintage Detroit items, fishing tackle, Pickers finds, treasures and junk. For more information, send an email to dallie@outhousecreative.com or call (734) 658-6947.

Tax assistance

The AARP Tax Assistance is available now through April 3 by appointment only at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis, in Wayne. There is no age or residency restrictions. Clients must file basic/sim-

ple forms only to have preparations done at this site. All taxes will be electronically filed. For appointments, call (734) 721-7460.

The Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, is now taking appointments for 2012 Income Tax Preparation for all Westland residents. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 722-7628.

Garden programs

Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne County is offering a program on Outdoor and Garden Photography on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Wayne County Extension Center, 5454 Venoy, south of Van Born, Wayne. Bob Bransky, photographer and Master Gardener, will provide tips on

how to capture the beauty of nature, learn how to take outstanding pictures, including camera basics.

The program costs \$10. To sign up, go online to the Master Gardener website at www.MGW-WC.org. For more information, call (313) 719-1181.

Community Center

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

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

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

Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome. For more information visit www.downtownwayne.org or email Sherrie at waynerippleeffect@gmail.com.

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Some grandparents enjoyed taking photos and watching the youngsters at the Grandparents Dance.



Grandmother Pat Szelag and Haven Gonzales, both of Garden City, play checkers during the dance.

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Granddaughter Emma Endreszl, grandfather Don May and granddaughter Skylar Laney, all of Garden City, dance the night away, at the Grandparents Dance at Garden City High School.

GC Elementary PTA invites grandparents to dance

Young and older hearts were a flutter as the Garden City Elementary PTA brought together enthusiastic grandparents and their children for a Grandparents Dance. Held at Garden City High School, this is the

third year that the GCE PTA organized the special event which featured fun activities and games. "We usually get more than 400 people," said Jenna McMechan, PTA president. "It isn't just for grandparents but for

any 'special person.' Many children dressed up for the event which also included refreshments. "If you don't like to dance, you don't have to," McMechan said. "There's other things to do."
By Sue Buck



Sisters Alayna and Emma Vargas of Garden City have their Valentine photos taken.



Chase Morton and grandmother Debbie Weiser, both of Garden City, get down and dance at Garden City High School.

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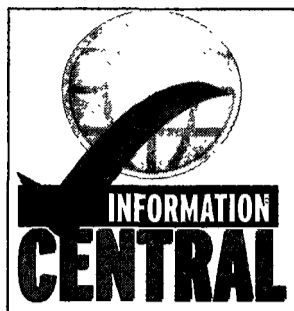
When the presenter says "And the Oscar goes to..." an 85-year-old tradition of celebrating the best in the motion picture industry will continue.

When *Wings* took home the 1927/28 Best Picture trophy, most movies were silent films with small-time budgets. Now movies are loud, Technicolor, computer-generated big-budget productions. Even with all the changes, both good and bad, there is still a strong love affair with the movies and the Academy Awards.

As in years past, this year's nominees have ties to the written world. Best picture nominees *Argo* (book by Antonio Mendez), *Les Misérables* (Victor Hugo), *Life of Pi* (Yann Martel) and *Lincoln* (Doris Goodwin) were all inspired by novels or non-fiction books. *Argo*, *Life of Pi* and *Lincoln* are also nominated for best writing (adapted screenplay).

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland's Friday Night Movie series will be featuring many of the movies that are up for awards in February and March. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with movies beginning at 7 p.m. All movies shown in the Friday night series are part of the library's collection and can be checked out for one week. Some of the movies the library owns include animated feature film nominees *Brave*, *Frankenweenie*, *ParaNorman*, *Pirates! Band of Misfits* and documentary feature nominee, *Searching for Sugar Man*. The library also owns many of the best picture winners from years past.

The library has a section devoted to movies. Some titles that you might find of interest regarding the Academy



Awards include Bronwyn Cosgrave's *Made for Each Other*, Emanuel Levy's *Oscar Fever*, Robert Osborne's *80 Years of the Oscar*, Patricia Netzel's *Encyclopedia of Movie Special Effects*, Roger Leslie's *Film Stars and Their Awards and Life in Hollywood*.

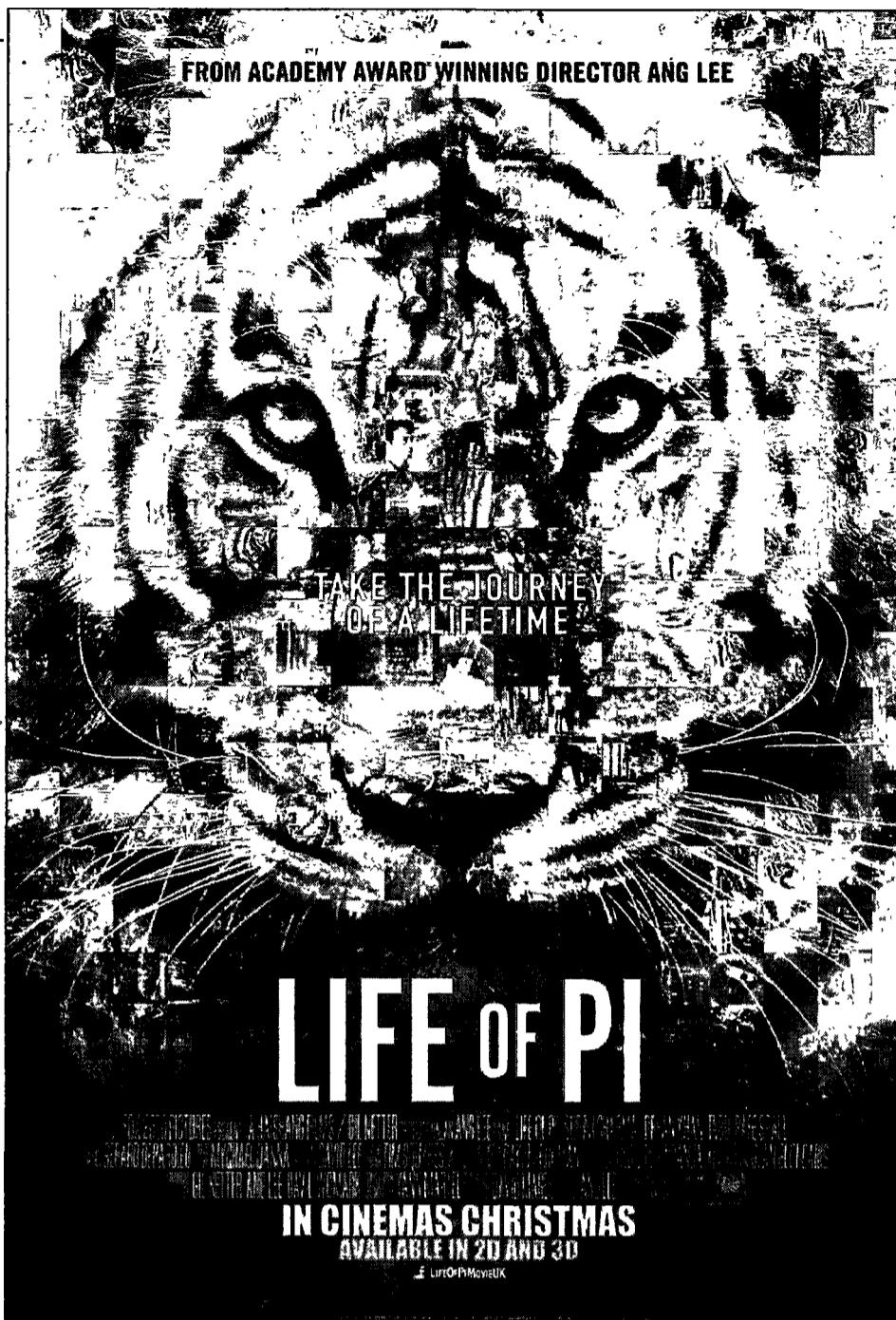
The Oscars, hosted by Seth McFarlane, will be broadcast on ABC Sunday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. But don't forget all the red carpet specials beforehand.

Starting March 1, the hours for the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Noon Time Book Club: noon Feb. 26,

This month's book is Jamie Ford's *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. Henry Lee's wife has just died of cancer when he hears about the collection of Japanese belongings found in the basement of a crumbling hotel that was once the sight of an internment camp during World War II. This has Henry reeling back in his memories to the 1940s. Henry reflects on the country's anti-Japanese hysteria at the time, which his father also supported, because of his desire for his son to be thought of as a United States' citizen. Limited



"Life of Pi," which has been nominated for Best Picture, is based on the book by Yann Martel.

number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

Living with Cardiovascular Disease: 6 p.m. Feb. 26

Dr. James Wilks, a cardiologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will talk about the risks for heart disease, signs and symp-

toms of a heart attack, the latest in treatment options and heart healthy lifestyle strategies. This program is presented in conjunction with the City of Westland's Passport to Health program.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. Feb. 27

Join us for a discussion on Robert A. Heinlein's *The Door into Summer*. Electronics engineer Dan Davis has finally made the invention of a lifetime: a household robot with extraordinary abilities, destined to dramatically change the landscape of everyday routine. With wild success just within reach, Dan's greedy partner and greedier fiancée trick him into taking the long sleep - suspended animation for 30 years. They never imagine that the future time in which Dan will awaken has mastered time travel, giving him a way to get back to them - and at them. Copies will be available at the Reference desk a month before the meeting.

Yoga for Beginners: 10 a.m. Feb. 28

The library welcomes back Lois Gannon of evolve yoga studio in Ypsilanti as she leads a

beginning Hatha yoga class. *Yoga mats will be provided if you don't have one. *Wear loose clothing. No reservation required. Just drop in. Evening Yoga classes will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5.

Writers Club: 7 p.m. Feb. 28

Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's Club.

Stories of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28, all ages program

Visit us for a special storytelling event with "Ms. G," Gwendolyn Lewis. She will share stories of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in an interactive presentation. No registration.

English as a Second Language (ESL): Registration 10-11:30 a.m., March 1

Register to sign-up for an eight week ESL (English as a Second Language) Class conducted by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run on 10-11:30 a.m. Fridays, March 8 through May 10. Stu-

dents with children are welcome.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. March 1

Friday Night Movies continue through the winter with a selection of recently-run favorites and Oscar nominees. Tonight's movie, *Anna Karenina* focuses on how "the aristocrat Anna Karenina enters into a life-changing affair with the affluent Count Vronsky." Snacks and refreshments served. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m. No signup required. Rated R.

Adult Literacy Tutor Training: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 2

This is the first of three training sessions for those who are interested in helping an adult in need learn to read for the Westland Library Adult Literacy Program. The training is a total of 15 hours (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 2, 9 and 16) and will be conducted by Alison Austin of Washtenaw Literacy. A fee of \$25 is required for a tutor training textbook that you will keep. Each day will have an hour break in the middle for everyone to have lunch (bring your own or go out to eat with other tutors). There will be snacks provided in the morning. If you cannot attend all 15 hours there will be make-up options available. You must be able to attend at least 10 hours of total training though. Please call the library and ask for Liz or Tara if you are interested in this great volunteer opportunity.

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

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

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

The Library staff is very happy to announce that we will return to our seven-day schedule beginning Friday, March 1.

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

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Tuesday	March 5, 2013	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Tuesday & Wednesday

Monday	March 11, 2013	9:00am -5:00pm
Tuesday	March 12, 2013	1:00pm- 9:00pm
Wednesday	March 13, 2013	1:00pm- 9:00pm
Thursday	March 14, 2013	9:00am -5:00pm
Friday	March 15, 2013	9:00am -5:00pm

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 11, 2013.

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE VALUE**, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is 2.4% for 2013.

The 2013 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 6, 2013 and March 7, 2013 in the assessment office from 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Local company involved in 'Need for Speed' film project

The Michigan Film Office has announced that the feature film *Need for Speed* has been approved for a film incentive from the state. The Dream-Works Studios' film chronicles a cross-country journey at impossible speeds and will film in part in Detroit this summer.

In addition to filming in the state, two Michigan businesses - Technosports Creative of Livonia and Race Car Replicas in Clinton Township - are being used to build and enhance cars being featured in the film.

Cast for *Need for Speed* includes Aaron Paul (*Breaking Bad*, *Mission Impossible III*), Dominic Cooper (*Captain America*, *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*) and Imogen Poots (*Fright Night*, *28 Weeks Later*) with Scott

Waugh directing (*Act of Valor*).

"*Need for Speed* was initially just looking at Michigan to do car builds for the film, but we were able to make the case that this was a terrific place to film the movie as well," said Margaret O'Reilly, director of the Michigan Film Office. "This project fits so well into both our reputation as a great state for filmmaking and the automotive heritage Michigan is known for; it's a strong investment all around."

Need for Speed was awarded an incentive of \$1.37 million on \$4.99 million of projected in-state expenditures. The project is expected to hire 111 Michigan workers with a full-time equivalent of 11 jobs.

The project has tapped Race Car Replicas to build chassis for sever-

al of the "super cars" that will be raced in the film. Technosports Creative is working on a vehicle that will also be showcased throughout the film. The work being done at Race Car Replicas and Technosports Creative is not included in, but is in addition to the work being incentivized.

The film adaptation will be a fast-paced, high-octane film rooted in the tradition of the great car culture films of the '70s while being extremely faithful to the spirit of the video game franchise. In 2013, nine projects have been awarded a total of \$10.7 million on \$37.3 million of approved production expenditures for the year. These projects are expected to create 679 Michigan hires with a full-time equivalent of 215 jobs.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

St. Patrick's Day

Seniors are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Maplewood Center 11:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 12. Lunch will include corned beef or chicken, cabbage and carrots, red potatoes, salad, bread and butter and three desserts. There also will be music by the Denis Malec Band, fun and games and a door prize.

Tickets are \$8 per person or two for \$15. They're on sale at the Balmoral Desk at the Maplewood Center. This event is sponsored by the Maplewood Senior Volunteer Committee, Heartland Manor Care-Deerborn Heights, and All Travel.

Cyber Safety

The Garden City Middle School PTSA is hosting a Michigan CSI (Cyber Safety Initiative) seminar at

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12. The program will be presented by the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

Michigan CSI was piloted in the spring of 2007 to promote responsible online behavior. The program offers four age-appropriate presentations teaching students responsible online behavior. It features videos from the Internet Keep Safe Coalition (iKeepSafe), i-Safe Inc., and NetSmartz. Since its inception launch has been presented to more than 865,000 students, parents and guardians.

The Garden City presentation will highlight internet predators, social media and cyberbullying in which someone uses a cell phone, computer, online gaming device, or other digital technology to be mean to others.

The seminar will be held

at the Garden City Middle School, 1851 Radcliff, south of Ford Road.

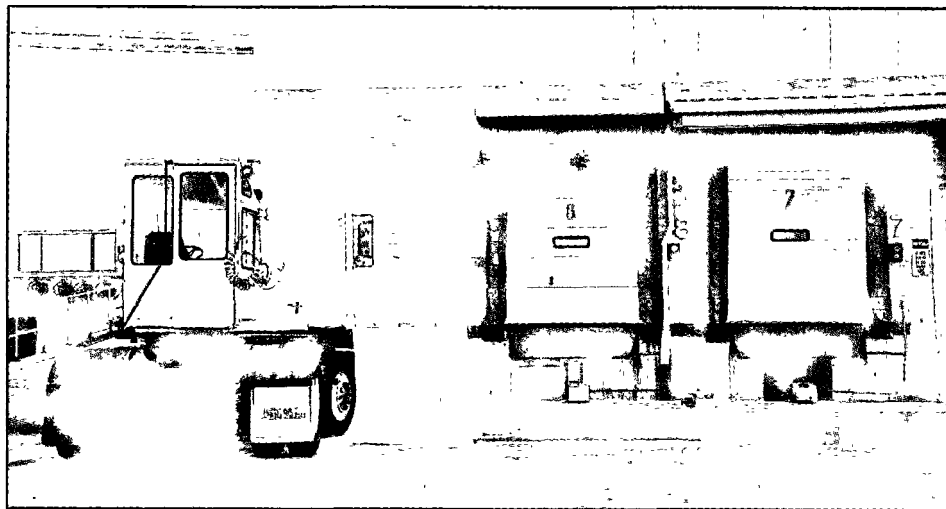
Project Graduation

Garden City High School Project Graduation 2013 is holding a trip to Greektown Saturday, March 16.

Group 1 will depart from the Garden City High School parking lot at 2 p.m. and leave Greektown at 7:30 p.m. Group 2 will leave for Detroit at 3 p.m. and leave Greektown at 8:30 p.m.

The fund-raiser is for anyone age 21 and older with valid ID. It costs \$25 per person and includes \$20 of Casino play and round trip transportation.

For more information about Project Graduation, contact Carolyn Burek at (734) 891-5243 or at Carolyn_burek@hotmail.com or Dawn Gabrielson at dawngabby@comcast.net.



The loading docks are quiet for now.

Business partners remember Awrey favorites from childhood

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Ron Beebe loved the windmill cookies. Jim McColgan always enjoyed the chocolate cake.

Both men were familiar with the baked goods from their youth that Awrey Bakeries produced and used to fill grocery store shelves throughout Michigan.

Neither wanted to see the 103-year-old family business die. "It just broke our hearts with all of these families being affected," McColgan said.

Beebe and McColgan are business partners in a new company, Minnie Marie Bakers, which purchased Awrey. The deal was finalized shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, McColgan said. The purchase price was not disclosed by company officials.

McColgan said that while Minnie Marie owns the company, the Awrey name will remain on the baked goods known by Awrey customers. The company's name was derived from Beebe and McColgan's grandmothers, named Minnie and Marie. Their grand-

mothers were not professional bakers, McColgan said, but they maintained a tradition that warms family memories. "For most people, grandmothers always did a lot of baking on Sundays," McColgan said.

Beebe has a business background and resides in the Saginaw area, McColgan said. McColgan, CEO of Minnie Marie Bakers, said he has owned and operated three bakeries, which he has also sold. He would not comment or identify those bakeries.

McColgan said he has been involved in the baking business for 20 years. "I love the creation of a baked product," McColgan said. "I love to see how it starts and finishes. I love to see the expressions on people's faces when they taste the product. I call it the birthing of a baby."

Even after McColgan's family moved from Livonia in 1969, his mother, Jane McColgan, would drive back to Livonia from Grand Blanc on Saturdays to return to the Awrey store for baked goods. Up until her death in 2002, she made the same drive at

least two or three times a month, her son said. "She loved the Danishes, the long john coffee cake and chocolate cake," McColgan said.

McColgan is up to the challenge for him and Beebe to turn things around at the bakeries. "We are very strong business people," McColgan said. "God is No. 1, family is No. 2, people are No. 3 and associates are No. 4."

McColgan said Beebe and McColgan expected to meet with senior management yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon to discuss a three-phase game plan. When asked for details, McColgan said "we just got the company last night."

McColgan calls employees "associates" and customers "guests." "We call our customers guests because they are guests," McColgan said. "Our goal and desire is to build it back better than it's ever been and call back as many people as we can. We will build our business as our new business is being regenerated."

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SPORTS

Glenn girls crush Brighton

Repeat as KLAA champs

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Brighton girls basketball coach Jason Piepho may have summed it up best after his team was thrashed 71-44 Thursday night by host Westland John Glenn for the KLAA Association championship.

"It was the perfect storm against us," Piepho said.

It was more like a Hurricane Sandy as the Bulldogs were leveled by the Kensington Conference champs.

"I thought it was going to be way harder than what it was," said Glenn senior guard ShaKeya Graves, who led all scorers with 20 points. "The key to winning was defense. We knew that we could score, so we focused on defense more than anything. They're kind of a fast-paced team and they kind of played slow today because our defense plays hard."

Glenn led 20-9 after one quarter by hitting 9-of-22 shots from the floor compared with just 3-of-5 for Brighton.

It was 36-23 at the half and Glenn came out and scorched the nets in the third period making 8-of-13 field goals to build a comfortable 52-31 advantage.

And when the fourth period started, the Rockets came out and make their first seven shots and led by as many as 33.

Game over.

"They came on and hit shots," Piepho said of the 18-1 Rockets. "They shot the ball well today. And they're a good team. Once you've got to extend on them things open up and they use their athleticism. They not only hit shots, but they defended hard today. And they forced us into some turnovers - some uncharacteristic turnovers. And coupled with that we just missed a lot of open looks."

Senior twins Raven and Raine Bankston chipped in with 17 and 13 points, respectively, while junior guard Kaira Barnes added 11, for the Rockets.

"Brighton's been ranked consistently in the top 20 and we were a little surprised by the outcome," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "The coaches will tell you that was the best we've played all year. So when we play that way we're a very good team."

Brighton (17-3), the Lakes Conference champs, committed 17 turnovers through three quarters and shot just 8-of-25 from the floor during that stretch.

"I watched game film on them against Novi and Canton," Piepho said of Glenn. "I didn't see them play hard in any of those games. But they played hard tonight and deserved what they got

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John Glenn's Kaira Barnes (11) fires up a shot over Brighton's Jessica Savage (44) in Thursday's KLAA Association championship.

Crusader duo
1st-teamers

Madonna University junior guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) and Travis Schuba (Kalkaska) were both named recently to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first-team in men's basketball.

The 5-foot-10 Naubert, who was also selected WHAC Player of the Year by the coaches, averages 16.7 points per game and leads the NAIA Division II in total assists with 213.

Schubert, who averages 16.4 points per game, has knocked down 113 three-pointers this season and joined Naubert this season in the 1,000-point club.

Junior forward Fred Williams (Berkley), who averages 13.7 points per game, earned All-WHAC honorable mention honors along with senior forward Eoghann Stephens (Liss, England), who also made the All-Defensive team after setting a single-season block record with 91.

Plymouth's Matt Jenkins (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard), Derek Lennen (Schoolcraft), Naubert and Stephens also earned All-Academic honors (carrying a 3.25 grade point average or better).

And for the second straight year, Stephens was named to the WHAC Champions of Character team.

WHAC honors
MU's McGrath

Madonna University senior center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson), who averaged 16 points and seven rebounds per game, earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors in women's basketball.

MU senior Shantelle Herring (Macomb Dakota) and sophomore guard Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian) were both named honorable mention.

Herring, also named to the All-Defensive team, averages 10.3 points, 4.9 rebounds and 3.2 steals per game, while Melcher averaged 12.1 ppg and 5.4 rpg for the 20-10 Crusaders.

McGrath was also selected to the All-Academic team along with teammates Michelle Lindsey (Marian), Melcher, Kristie Porada (Gibraltar Carlson) and Heather Pratt (Flushing).

Yazmeen Hamid (Dearborn Fordson) earned a spot on the Champions of Character team.

Triple OT
Canton takes out Rockets
for championship, 77-76By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

They were singing "Hail to the Chiefs" following one of the most spellbinding boys basketball games ever played in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

There were so many twists and turns in this Kensington Conference championship game that it couldn't be recounted.

But when the final buzzer sounded after three exhausting overtimes, the scoreboard read: Canton 77, Westland John Glenn 76.

The Chiefs, who moved into the KLAA Association championship game Tuesday at Grand Blanc, won despite three of its top players fouling out and letting a late 17-point third-quarter lead slip away.

"We didn't give up and basically we kept playing," said Canton senior guard Ryan Planey, who shared team-high scoring honors with 6-foot-8 Jor-

dan Nobles with 19 points apiece. "He (Davon Taylor) hit a big time shot to win the game. We got a little flustered with free throws, but overall we got it done."

Yes, back-up forward Davon Taylor, a 6-6 junior, hit what proved to be the game-winning shot with 6.6 seconds left in the third OT to put Canton up by one after Glenn missed a pair of free throws with 17.2 remaining.

"Ryan passed me the ball and I just got open and got the layup in and got the basket for our team," Taylor said simply.

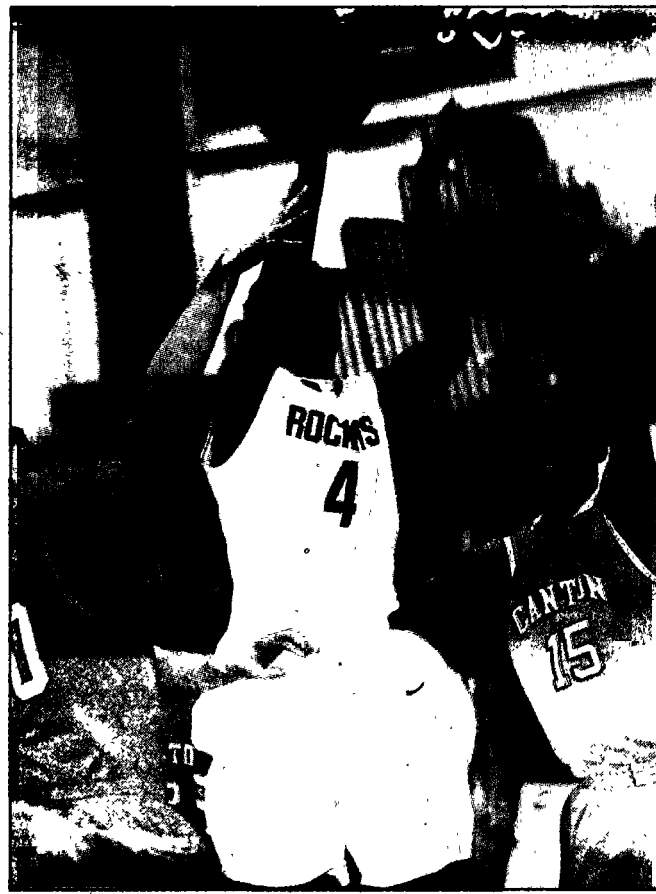
There was nothing simple to this game, however.

Glenn senior guard Nick Daniels was heroic in defeat, scoring a game-high 29 points.

Junior forward Isaac Everette added 23.

The two combined for 11 points as Canton was outscored 18-7 in the final

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John Glenn's Isaac Everette (4) splits Canton defenders Scott Gring (left) and Jordan Nobles (right) during Friday's Kensington Conference final.

On to Muskegon
Glenn girls win region; Wayne takes 3rdBy Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial are moving on in the MHSAA Division 1 team girls tournament.

Glenn, the KLAA Central Division champs and Kensington Lakes Activities Association runner-up, scored a team-high 3,624 pins to win the regional Friday at Woodhaven Lanes.

Belleville was runner-up with 3,533, while Wayne also earned a trip next Friday to the MHSAA Division 1 finals at Northway Lanes in Muskegon with a 3,449, edging Monroe by six pins for the final qualifying spot.

Senior Caitly Lenard, Glenn's top bowler, rolled a 602 three-game set including games of 219 and 208.

Other top regional performers for Glenn included sophomore Oliv-

ia Cabildo (516/198); freshman Julia Huren (510/191); and senior Yvette Ayers (508-185).

Freshman Emily Dietz and Ashley Kolb also contributed to the win.

"We're starting to bowl good at the right time," Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said. "Quite honestly, all year long you're waiting for things to happen. We went undefeated, but the (KLAA) conference we took second and a lot of tournaments we took second. To be able to take the region that was really awesome for the young team that we have."

Wayne was led by senior Lorissa Willet, who rolled a 561 se including a high of 199.

Senior Kira Leach added a 533 with a high of 204, while the team's top bowler, senior Tiffany Markham rolled a

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PREP BOWLING

C'ville boys bowlers
win D3 regional titleBy Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Clarenceville boys bowling team appears to be peaking just at the time.

The Trojans came away with their first Division 3 team regional title under fifth-year coach Phil Horowitz when then rolled an impressive 4,132 pin total following six Baker games (alternate shots) and three regular games Friday at Flat Rock Lanes.

Runner-up Jackson Lumen Christi (3,895) and third-place finisher

Brooklyn Columbia Central (3,846) will also be joining the Trojans at the MHSAA finals next Friday at Airport Lanes in Jackson.

"It's obviously the best we've bowled all year," Clarenceville fifth-year coach Phil Horowitz said. "Even the Bakers, the low of the six games was 189. Actually we led from the start to finish."

Clarenceville rolled regular games of 904, 965 and 1,016 to win over Lumen Christi by 237

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Softball camp

The Livonia Churchill Chargers Fundamental Camp for girls in grades three-eight will be 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 2, at the high school fieldhouse.

The cost is \$35 (pre-registration required).

For more information, call or e-mail Churchill head coach Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716; or churchillsoftball@gmail.com.



On a Crusade

McGrath, Williams fuel MU women's win

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Two local players figured prominently Wednesday night in Madonna University's 69-43 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference quarterfinal women's basketball win over visiting Cornerstone.

First-team All-WHAC selection Kaylee McGrath, a 6-foot senior from Livonia Stevenson, finished with a game-high 19 points and nine rebounds as the Crusaders improved to 20-10 overall.



McGrath

And 5-9 sophomore Chelsea Williams, a Livonia Franklin High grad via transfer from Wayne State, came off the bench to add 13 points including 11-of-12 from the foul line in 14 minutes.

It all added up to a convincing victory as the Crusaders earned a spot in Saturday's WHAC semifinals against Davenport, which improved to 28-2 Wednesday with an 84-58 victory over North-western Ohio.

MU, meanwhile, put the brakes on Cornerstone's top scoring threat Robyn Veltkamp, who finished with 14 on 6-of-15 shooting.

"I thought it was great basketball and a really good team effort," MU coach Carl Graves said. "Veltkamp, I think, is the most dangerous play-

er in the conference. She still scored 14 points, but I feel like we held her to 14 because she's capable of scoring beyond 30. We were helping off on her and doing some nice things and trying to force some of their 'biggs' to do things that they weren't comfortable doing with the ball away from the basket. We had some success with that so they played hard all the way around."

Senior guard Heather Pratt contributed 12 points, including four 3-pointers for MU, while fellow seniors Kristie Porada and Shantelle Herring each added 10.

"There was a lot of balance," Graves said. "Five people in double digits. Obviously we've shortened the bench a little bit for this game because we were worried about Cornerstone. We were over there to their place and they kind of had their way with us offensively. Those high screens that they set ... we weren't very good at guarding, so we worked on that in practice. I thought we weren't great at it, but we were a little bit better."

"It's a team effort all the way around and we're going to need team effort when we go over there on Saturday (to Grand Rapids)."

Williams, twice fouled on three-point shooting attempts during the first half, hit 8-of-8 foul shots as the Crusaders rolled to a 40-24 halftime lead against the Golden Eagles, who finished the season 19-12 in former WNBA player Katie Mattern's first season as

coach.

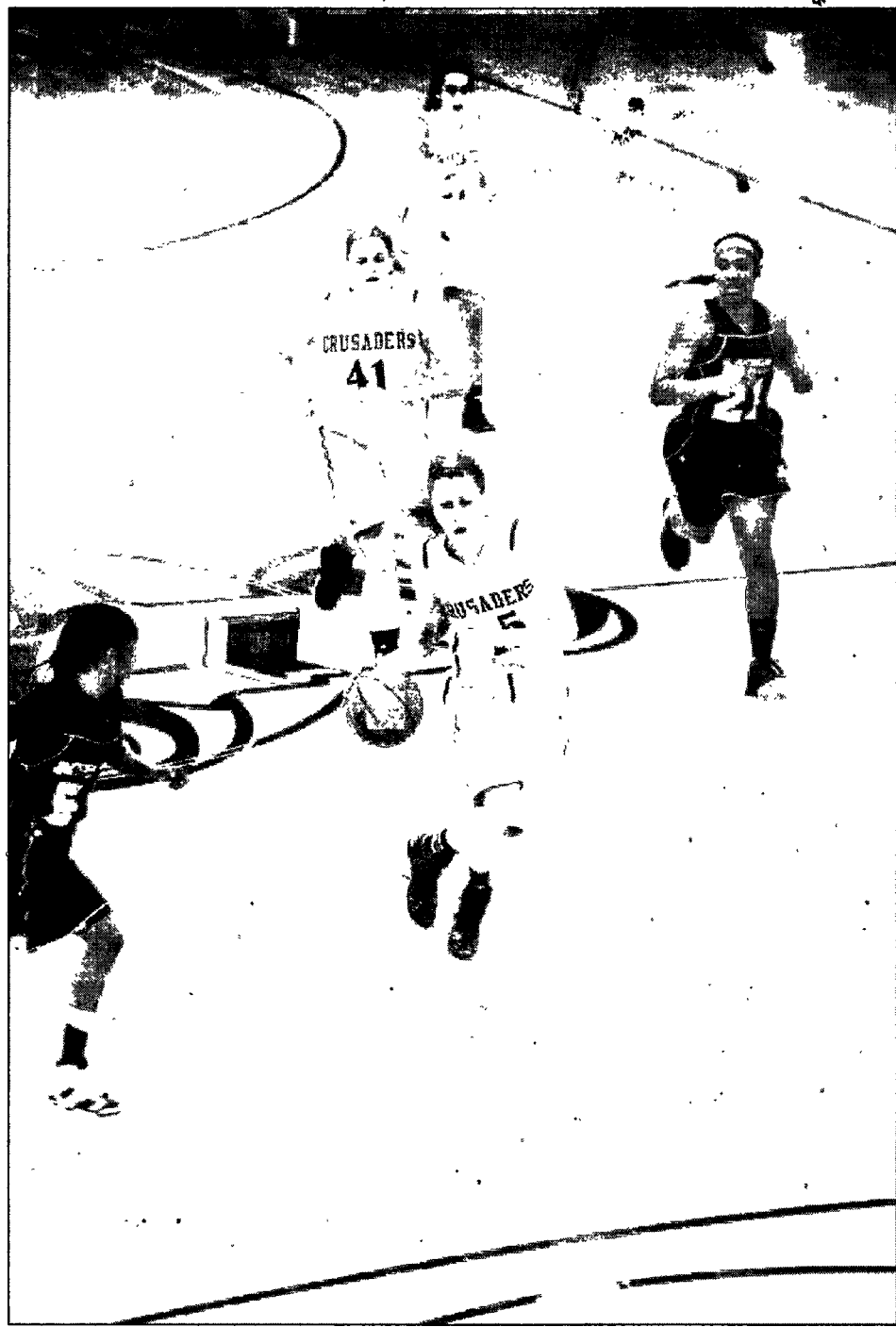
For Williams, who helped Franklin to the 2008 state Class A championship game along with the Taylor Twins, it was her second straight game scoring in double figures.

"Chelsea is a dynamic player," Graves said. "She just happened to come in here when we have five really good seniors, so she's finding her role. I think we're going to see some really good stuff from her in the future, especially after these kids are gone. But right now she's kind of an X-factor for us. Her length presents problems for defense. She can get her hands on balls, a couple of times they threw the ball right into her hands. She helped us defensively that way. And she's really smart. Chelsea is a smart kid and I love to have local kids like her and like Kaylee coming here who are big-time producers at this level. It's a really good deal for us and the community, and Madonna."

The Crusaders had the task Saturday of trying to upset host Davenport, the WHAC regular season champs. The Panthers are ranked No. 6 in NAIA Division II.

Ironically, MU beat Davenport in its last meeting, Feb. 2 at home, 78-75.

"We've done it before," Graves said. "We beat them here and we beat them in their building last year. The thing with Davenport is when they're on, you've almost got to be perfect to be able compete with them. If we do things well defensively,



GREG STEMPIEN

Madonna's Chelsea Williams (with ball), a Livonia Franklin grad, came off the bench to score 13 points, including 11-of-12 free throws in a 69-43 WHAC quarterfinal win Wednesday over Cornerstone.

and early, and have some confidence in the first five minutes or so, we'll be in a good spot.

"Last time we played there we got down 19-0 to start the game and the rest of the game was

a wash. When they came here we were motivated and played hard. I think my seniors really want to go to Iowa (for the NAIA Nationals). If we go over there and play hard like we did tonight, I think

we'll be in the game and give ourselves a win, I'll bet on my seniors at this time ... if it's down the stretch and a close game."

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STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Raven Bankston (3) pulls up for a jumper in the Rockets' 71-44 KLAAs Association championship win Thursday over Brighton.

GLENN

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today.

"I expected the man defense, the diamond (press) and the trapping. They executed it well and we didn't execute our stuff against it, and had some turnovers that created easy buckets for them. They played well tonight."

Laura Taylor scored 11 to lead the Bulldogs, while Karly Bender added nine.

"They (Brighton) tried to run on us, but our girls were just committed," said Kovatch, who earned his second straight KLAAs Association title. "They just committed to playing hard and smart. They took their time on offense. On defense they got after it, they got back and didn't let them (Brighton) dictate the tempo. The big thing is that they just played smart. Because we're so talented, if our girls play smart and have a high basketball I.Q. for 32 minutes, we're a tough team."

Tough teams now await the Rockets in the Class A district at Belleville.

Glenn's first-round opponent Monday night is 14-6 Romulus, then a possible rematch against undefeated Inkster on Wednesday.

Last year Glenn fell to Inkster in the district final in overtime. The Vikings then went on to the Final Four and

Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

"We're thinking about Romulus first and just taking it one game at a time and not getting too far ahead because of our upset last year playing Inkster," said Graves, who has signed with DePaul University. "Now we're taking it one game at a time."

And Kovatch knows the Rockets can't peek ahead.

"Romulus is the real deal," Kovatch said. "And if we get through the first round we have Inkster. I've been coaching here five years and the last four years we've been in three district finals. We lost to Romulus once and Inkster the last two years."

"Many people said that our district, if not the toughest, is one of the toughest in the state for Class A. Whoever loses our district I really, truly believe could win 24 or 25 of the other district tournaments. We're probably one, two or three in terms of toughness to get our district title. It really means something. We have our hands full, but we're excited and ready to go for it."

Graves likes what she sees so far, which includes the four transfers.

"We're all playing together," she said. "The (Bankston) twins, India (Perdue-Gliespie), Kayla (Horne) all came in and fit in good. Everything is great."

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Senior Night

Pats, Churchill, Stevenson earn wins

Livonia Franklin first-year girls basketball coach Jim Milican attributed Thursday night's 48-34 win over White Lake Lakeland due a demanding South Division and KLAAs tournament schedule.

The Patriots ended the regular season at 9-11 as Katelynn Devers led a balanced scoring attack with 13 points, while Julie Magdowski added 10 and Sarah Cramton six.

Morgan Larkins and Natalie Modes had six apiece, while Caitlin Milican added five.

"Playing John Glenn, Canton and Novi really helped us out," Milican said. "We played real good defense, ran our plays and it worked out well."

Dominique Zigo and Amanda Lock paced the Eagles (9-11) with 11 and 10, respectively.

STEVENSÓN 52, PINCKNEY 22: Senior Joanna Kandalajt tallied a team-high 12 points Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson (10-10) rolled to a KLAAs consolation bracket triumph over the Pirates (2-17).

Junior Charlesann Roy added 10 points for the Spartans, who led 27-12 at halftime and 43-17 after three quarters.

Junior Rachel Wilkinson and senior Mara Murray also contributed nine and eight, respectively. It also marked the final home game for senior Uzoma Nwankwo.

Shannon Dingman tallied six for Pinckney. **CHURCHILL 44, W.L. NORTHERN 37:** Senior forward Sydney Anderson scored 14 points Thursday night in her final home game to lead Livonia Churchill (8-11) past Walled Lake Northern (5-15) in a KLAAs consolation bracket encounter.

Sophomores Natalie Spala and Hannah Pummil chipped in with nine points apiece for the

Chargers.

Caitlyn Crowley tallied 16 points for the Knights, who went 5-of-8 from the foul line. "It's very nice to get a win for the seniors on the last night they will play on Churchill court," said Churchill Matt McCowan, whose team hit 8-of-10 free throws. "They are a great group of girls who put their heart-and-soul into this team."

W.L. CENTRAL 60, WAYNE 50: In a KLAAs consolation bracket game Thursday, visiting Walled Lake Central (2-18) came away with the victory over Wayne Memorial (1-18).

LUTH. WESTLAND 47, LUTHERAN SOUTH 31: Chandler Davenport led a balanced scoring attack with eight points Friday leading Lutheran High Westland (9-10, 7-4) to a MIAC Red Division victory over visiting Newport Lutheran south (1-11 MIAC Red).

Shannon Abbott and Angela Morrison each added eight points for the victorious Warriors, who led 32-17 at halftime.

Aldreanna Fikes also grabbed six rebounds. "Tonight was Senior Night and it was great to get a win for the seniors on their special night," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said.

"I'm proud of my team tonight, but especially proud of the seniors on this team for what they have put into this program the last four years."

Molly Roebke and Kristin Smrcka scored 23 and 13 points, respectively, for the Saints, who made only 4-of-11 free throws.

Lutheran Westland made 18-of-48 shots from the floor (37.5 percent) and 6-of-13 free throws (46.2 percent).

CLARENCEVILLE 55, BRANDON 46: Junior center Ayanna Buckley scored 19 points Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (9-11) got past Ortonville Brandon (7-12).

Seniors Jodi Ankiel and Ashley Murphy, playing in their final home game, also chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively.

Katelyn Hendershott and Amanda Harvard tallied 21 and 13, respectively, for the Blackhawks, who led 21-14 after one quarter, but were outscored 27-18 in the second half.

Clarenceville made 17-of-25 foul shots, while Brandon hit 6-of-13.

Dyer keys Lady Ocelots' victory

Courtney Dyer pumped in 21 points Friday to lead the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team to a 61-40 victory at home over Kirtland Community College.

Brianna Berberet (Salem) chipped in with 12 points for the Lady Ocelots, who improved to 7-19 overall and 4-12 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference.

Center Ajai Meeeks added 10 points and 15 rebounds, while Toi Brown also pulled down 10 boards in the win as Schoolcraft jumped out to a 28-16 halftime lead.

Tasha Crouse led the Firebirds (5-17, 14) with 20 points, while Tara Throop added 10.

The Firebirds, who dressed only five players, shot 13-of-63 from the floor (20.6 percent), while Schoolcraft hit 25-of-68 (36.8 percent).

ST. CLAIR 97, SCHOOLCRAFT 60: On Wednesday, Schoolcraft College (6-19, 3-12)

was mathematically eliminated from post-season tournament consideration by MCCAAs Eastern Conference co-leader St. Clair County Community College (25-1, 15-1) in Port Huron.

Six players scored in double figures for the Skippers, led by Sheyna Deans, who finished with 22 points and 13 rebounds, while Heidi Highstreet also added a double-double with 21 points and 11 boards.

Also scoring in double digits for the sixth-ranked Skippers (NJCAA Division II) was Destiny Spinner and Lariah Stevens with 13 apiece, while Andranay Beyerly and Rachel Kehoe each contributed 12.

The Lady Ocelots, outscored 54-27 in the second half, fell to 6-19 overall and 3-12 in the conference.

Toi Brown and Brianna Berberet (Salem) finished with 17 and 16 points, respectively, while Brittani Hamlin added 11 for eighth-place Schoolcraft.

Schoolcraft made just 20-of-62 shots from the floor (32.3 percent) and committed 22 turnovers.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 26
Churchill at W.L. North, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Hartland, 7 p.m.
Glenn at Wat. Mott, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W. Kettering, 7 p.m.
Luth. N'west at L. W'sld, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28
Stevenson at Fordson, 7 p.m.
L. W'sld at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Cville at N.D. Prep, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

DISTRICT PAIRINGS
CLASS A
at BELLEVILLE
Monday, Feb. 25: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Romulus, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Wayne Memorial vs. (D) Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27: Inkster vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Belleville vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at Saline vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford district champion.)

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Monday, Feb. 25: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Garden City, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27: Redford Thurston vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at Southfield vs. Hamtramck district champion.)

at SOUTH LYON EAST (HOST)
Monday, Feb. 25: (A) Detroit Communication & Media Arts at (B) Detroit Community, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Ladywood at (D) South Lyon East, 6 p.m.; (E) Livonia Clarenceville at (F) Detroit Cesar Chavez, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27: Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at Livonia Ladywood vs. Dearborn Divine Child district champion.)

at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST
Monday, Feb. 25: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27: Newport Lutheran South vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Taylor Baptist Park vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 1: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at Bellevue vs. Saline Washtenaw Christian Academy district champion.)

BOYS HOCKEY
PRE-REGIONAL PAIRINGS
DIVISION 2

at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA
Tuesday, Feb. 26: (A) Livonia Franklin vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7:10 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28: Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, 7:10 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at Trenton's Kennedy Arena vs. Brownstown Woodhaven pre-regional champion.)

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS
Thurs-Sat., Feb. 28-March 2 at Palace of Auburn Hills, TBA.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, March 2 Regional at Plymouth, 10 a.m.

MHSAA BOWLING TEAM-SINGLES FINALS
Friday-Saturday, March 1-2 Division 1 at Muskegon (Northway Lanes), 8:25 a.m.

Division 2 at Waterford (Century Bowl), 8:25 a.m.
Division 3 at Jackson (Airport Lanes), 8:25 a.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEER
Friday, March 1 MHSAA Division 1 finals at G.R. DeltaPlex, 6 p.m.

PREP SKIING
Monday, Feb. 25 MHSAA Division 1 finals at Boyne Mountain, TBA.

COLLEGE BASEBALL (RussWatt Invitational at Lake Myrtle, Fla.)
Friday, March 1 MU vs. Evangel, 4:30 p.m.

MU vs. Trinity, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 2 MU vs. Trinity, 12:45 p.m.

MU vs. Hannibal, 3:30 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Tucson, Ariz. Inv. Games)
Friday, March 1 MU vs. Biola, 2:30 p.m.

MU vs. Concordia, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 2 MU vs. Concordia, 11 a.m.

MU vs. Trinity, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 3 MU vs. Wm. Penn, 1 p.m.

MU vs. Viterbo, 3:30 p.m.



GREG STEMPIEN

Madonna's Fred Williams (32) helped the Crusaders to a 70-59 WHAC quarterfinal win Thursday over Northwestern Ohio.

Madonna passes test in 1st round Ocelots topple Kirtland

The Madonna University men's basketball team cast one of its demons in Thursday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff opener.

The Crusaders got a game-high 20 points from WHAC Player of the Year Bobby Naubert and 17 from junior running mate Travis Schuba to beat the University of Northwestern Ohio, 70-59.

Fred Williams chipped in with 10 points, while Eoghann Stephens contributed eight points and eight rebounds as MU, now 23-8 overall, avenged two previous WHAC setbacks to the Racers, who finished the year at 17-14.

Johnny Elliott had 18 points and 14 rebounds, while Aaron Cross added 12 points for Northwestern Ohio, which trailed by only two at halftime, 33-31.

The Racers pulled to within four, 59-55, with 2:36 left on a layup by Josh Scott.

But Naubert answered with a pair of free throws with 2:18 to go to put MU up by six and the Crusaders held on for the victory.

MU committed just seven turnovers and made 22-of-30 free throws (73.3 percent).

The Crusaders took on

22-8 Lourdes (Ohio) in the WHAC semifinals Saturday at the MU Activities Center. The two teams split during the regular season.

SCHOOLCRAFT 67, KIRTLAND 47: Jonathan Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) and Grantham Bettner (Salem) paced a balanced scoring attack Friday as host Schoolcraft College (6-19, 3-13) downed Kirtland Community College (7-16, 2-13) in an MCCA Eastern Conference game.

Delandon Lave added eight points, while Terrel Sewell grabbed six rebounds as Schoolcraft kept its faint playoff hopes alive.

Artem Moskin and Alastair Cole tallied 17 and 15 points, respectively, for Kirtland, which shot only 15-of-43 from the field (34.9 percent) and committed 21 turnovers.

ST. CLAIR 90, SCHOOLCRAFT 74: Ken Bradshaw scored a game-high 22 points to lead five players in double figures as host St. Clair County Community College (15-12, 8-8) downed Schoolcraft College (5-19, 2-13) in an MCCA Eastern Conference encounter.

The Skippers, who led 39-26 at intermission, also got 14 points from Austin Shell, while Deion Stegall added 13.

Brendalle Smith and Corey McKinney each contributed 12 off the bench.

Terrance Coles led Schoolcraft with 18 points, while Jonathan Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) and Richmond Jackson added 12 and 11, respectively.

Mathew King (Redford Thurston) also scored 10, while Jackson grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds.

TRIPLE OT

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quarter to send the game into OT.

In the first OT, Daniels had a chance to win it with 3.98 seconds remaining, but split a pair of foul shots to make it 59-59.

In the second OT, Daniels' short banker with only 7.3 seconds left put the Rockets up by two, 70-68, but the Chiefs scored at the buzzer off an inbounds play underneath their own bucket as Planey went in uncontested for a layup off a pass from Scott Gring.

"I feel like they (Glenn) were supposed to switch because I heard 'switch,' and luckily I guess they didn't switch," Planey said. "I was shocked. I was like, 'Wow, what happened there?' It was a big-time play. I just had to get it up, no thinking, just reaction to it."

Canton coach Jim Reddy explained the game-tying play to send it to a third OT.

"We set up a back screen on the opposite side for Planey," he said. "Josh Mayberry set the screen and we knew they'd probably be guarding Josh. I think he was our best guy left in there. So we were going to back screen with Josh and then Davon come off a double. We told the inbounder Scott Gring to look for Planey first on the back side and he was open and he scored. I think it happened because Josh set the screen, so a lot of



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John Glenn's Aaron McClendon (middle) gets trapped by Canton defenders Scott Gring (left) and Adnan Bays (right) during Friday's triple overtime thriller.

attention is on Josh and they think it's for him. 'Secondary' was for him, but we were trying to get Ryan first and we got him."

In the third and final OT, Everette made four straight free throws to put the Rockets up 76-72 with 1:06 remaining.

And by that time Canton had three players exit with five fouls including Nobles, Greg

Williams (12 points) and point-guard Mayberry (11 points).

But despite being down four, Planey answered with a clutch three-pointer from the top of the key with 47.6 seconds left to pull the Chiefs to within one.

Protecting a one-point lead, Daniels drew a foul with 17.6 seconds left, but missed both foul shots setting the

stage for Taylor's game-winning play with 6.6 remaining.

Glenn then tried a last-ditch desperation shot, but it missed the mark.

"It took a team effort and obviously when you foul three guys out like that other guys have to make plays and they did," Reddy, whose team won its 13th straight and improved to 14-5 overall. "Our guys were tough

tonight and they just made one more play than they did."

Glenn led 14-12 after one quarter, but was outscored 17-7 in the second to trail 29-21 at intermission.

Canton then ripped off six consecutive made shots in the third quarter to build a 17-point cushion before the Rockets crept back to within 12 on a basket by Dre Black (11 points) with 56.7 remaining in the period.

"We got down because Canton was on fire and we were maybe trying a little too hard," said Glenn coach Dan Young, whose team slipped to 16-3 overall. "I think that's what it was and then we just kind of started saying, 'Let's get it to within 10. Let's get it to within five with four (minutes) to go. And we did. We had plenty of chances and it just didn't happen. I ache for my guys. That's one of the best games I've ever been a part of other than the end. It hurts a lot.'"

Free throws also told part of the story as Glenn went 24-of-38, while Canton hit 9-of-16.

But the killer play against the Rockets was the Planey layup at the end of the second OT.

"I told our guys they're going to throw it to the screener," Young said. "I said the guy you have to make sure doesn't get the ball under the rim is the guy who sets the screen. Don't let them get the layup. And it didn't work out."

Spartans freeze out Dakota, 4-0

Senior goaltender Connor Humitz made 26 saves en route to the shutout as Livonia Stevenson wound up the regular season Wednesday with a 4-0 boys hockey victory over Macomb Dakota in a game played at Edgar Arena.

"It was a good team win tonight," said Stevenson coach David Mitchell, whose state-ranked team stands 17-7-1 heading into the Division 2 pre-regional.

"It was a real nice way to end Senior Night. I'm so proud of this year's senior class. They have meant a great deal to the Stevenson hockey program."

The Spartans, who outshot Dakota 37-26, led 1-0 after one period on Travis Harvey's goal from Ray Chartier and Dante Seychel at 13:16.

Dominic Lutz made it 2-0 at 4:43 of the second on a power play goal from Devin Kelly and Tyler Irvine.

Mick Sinclair added scored at 15:24 of the second from Jake Kierdorf and Seychel.

Cole Christie followed with his first career goal from Seychel and Chartier at 4:10 of the third.

Anthony Benvenuti made 33 saves for the Cougars (19-4-1).

"Dakota tried some different things and we made some adjustments," Mitchell said. "Again ... a good team win heading into playoffs."

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Seniors: Savor these moments

One of the most compelling speeches I've ever heard was delivered in a high school gym that has since been converted into a day-care center, by a football coach who has since become the president of a college.

It came in the fall of 1979, about an hour before my final high school football game for Lansing Harry Hill High School, a Class A school that was closed in 1981 due to



Ed Wright

decreasing enrollment.

The coach was Billy Hawkins, who in 1978 had been named the first African-American head coach in the long history of Lansing high school football.

His message: Savor the moment.

With the bus spewing exhaust fumes just outside the gymnasium door — warming up to take the Hill Panthers to their final game of the season (we were 3-5, so the playoffs had been erased from our sights at least a month earlier) — we huddled around Coach Hawkins, who spoke with more urgency than I had ever remembered.

Although the entire team was his audience, Coach Hawkins spoke specifically to the team's seniors — at least the ones who wouldn't be playing at the next level — of which I was one.

"You will never forget this game as long as you live," he said. "So make it worth remembering."

He implored us soak in every moment we were on the field and give every ounce of effort imaginable, because, "this game — win or lose — is going to stay with you for a while, because it will be your last one.

"Don't take one second for granted tonight," he concluded. I learned recently that after

Lansing Hill closed in 1981, Coach Hawkins earned a doctorate degree in education, and he's currently the president at Talledaga (Ala.) College.

Relish the experience

While I struggle to come across as elegant as Coach Hawkins was that night, I'd like to reiterate his message to all of the area's senior athletes who are closing in on their final high school games.

As I found out first-hand, college intramurals and men's recreation basketball games can't even begin to compare

to high school games that really matter — when there is a crowd and a purpose that can't be equaled.

If you're anything like me, you will always wish you had just one more chance to pull on the uniform and feel that indescribable adrenaline rush again.

So savor these final moments on the court or field, because few things in life will prove to be as satisfying.

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Queen of Diamonds



The 18-and-under Queen of Diamonds Elite girls fastpitch softball team captured four straight games capped by a 2-1 championship victory over the Brats, a team comprised of White Lake Lakeland High players, in the President's Day Tournament held at Genesee Fieldhouse. The Queens, who belted a total of eight homers and gave up only eight total hits (including a combined no-hitter), also defeated Venom (6-2), the Outlaws (17-0) and KSB (7-0). Members of the Queens, comprised of players from Canton, Plymouth, Allen Park Cabrini, Livonia Stevenson and Churchill high schools include (bottom, from left): Jessica Webster, Jordyn Fryz, Megan Coliton, Nicky Salloum, Kendall Wolf, Lauren Opplinger; (back row, from left) Tessa O'Doherty, head coach Mike Gerou, Catherine Porter, Brittney Miller, assistant coach Nolan Gerou, Ashley Gordon and Elaine Gerou.

Warriors handle South; Jackson leads Chargers

Lutheran High Westland took care of business Friday night with a 57-37 boys basketball victory over visiting Newport Lutheran South.

The Warriors, who improved to 9-7 overall and 8-5 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, got 10 points apiece from Greg Klein and P.J. Gusè, while A.J. Seltz and Nick Flanery added nine each.

Nick Andrzejewski also contributed eight points, while Brandy Wyman had a team-best seven rebounds to go along with three steals.

"It was another good team win for us tonight," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft, whose team led 31-16 at halftime. "Things got a little out of control at times, but the guys were able to keep things on track for the victory. Everyone on our active roster scored tonight, too."

The Warriors made 20-of-67 shots from the floor (30 percent), but 8-of-14 from three-point range (57 percent).

"We need to make sure we finish around the basket," Hoeft said. "This seems like a recurring theme lately, but when we're shooting better outside of 15 feet, something's amiss. Overall, I liked our effort on both ends of the court. Our defensive intensity is excellent, and offensively, we're getting really good looks."

Michael Roebke and Connor Carr led the

Saints (5-13, 5-9) with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

HVL 46, CALVARY 17: Double-doubles by juniors Ryan Schaffer and Milan Monk carried Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-11, 5-8) to a MIAC Red Division win Thursday at home over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (1-15, 1-12).

Schaffer finished with 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Monk added 11 points and 15 boards as the Hawks led 30-6 at halftime.

Calvary, held scoreless during the first quarter, got a team-high five points from David Walker.

"We spent a lot of time on defense in practice, had a sit-down meeting after our last game and the kids responded well," HVL coach Jim Ott said. The only downfall was foul shooting as the Hawks went 8-of-20.

CHURCHILL 53, NOVI 44: Donte Jackson's 16 points and 10 rebounds carried Livonia Churchill (7-12) to a KLA A consolation bracket victory Friday at home over the Wildcats (8-11).

Robert Foster, Jr. and Dwayne Scott chipped in with 12 points apiece for the Chargers, who outscored Novi 17-10 in the final period.

"The kids played hard and it was a great win," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "And Donte had a tremendous game for us."

Tre Cadwell led Novi with 13 points. Churchill made 15-of-41 shots from the floor (36.5 percent) and 13-of-26 free throws (50 percent).

Novi was 14-of-46 from the field (30.4 percent).

LAKELAND 54, STEVENSON 45: Bradley Govan scored 10 of his team-high 14 points in the third quarter Friday to lead host White Lake Lakeland (7-12) to a KLA A consolation bracket triumph over Livonia Stevenson (8-10).

Nicholas Troxwell added 12 for the Eagles, who outscored the Spartans 21-9 in the third. Senior guard Josh Campbell led Stevenson with 20 points,

while senior forward Joe Mims added 12.

Lakeland was 12-of-22 from the foul line, while Stevenson made 6-of-11.

PINCKNEY 53, WAYNE 43: Sam Black's 16 points propelled the Pirates (6-13) to a KLA A consolation bracket win Friday at Wayne Memorial (5-13).

Connor Stephens and Jordan Welsler chipped in with 13 points apiece for Pinckney, which outscored the Zebras 29-22 over the final two quarters after leading by two at intermission, 22-20.

Juawn Snipes scored 12 points for Wayne, which made 11-of-16 foul shots.

Pinckney connected on just 15-of-30 free throws.

HARTLAND 51, FRANKLIN 41: John Wright tallied 13 points and Tyler Leighton added 12 to give the Eagles (6-12) the KLA A consolation bracket win Friday at Livonia Franklin (6-13).

Olushakin Cole and Tyrone Rayford each tallied 11 for the Patriots, while Alex Armstrong contributed nine.

Rayford also grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds. The Patriots shot 16-of-50 from the field (32 percent), while Hartland made 18-of-41 (43 percent).

Hartland was a perfect 14-of-14 from the line, while Franklin made 6-of-11.

LUTHERAN NORTH 53, CLARENCEVILLE 45: Zachary Roosevelt scored a game-high 20 points Thursday as Macomb Lutheran North (7-11) downed host Livonia Clarenceville (4-15) in a non-league game.

Trevor Mason added 16 for the Mustangs, who led 24-21 at halftime.

Jawan Nelson and Jalen Bryant tallied 16 and 10, respectively, for the Trojans, who were outscored 15-8 in the final quarter after trailing by only one, 38-37, after three periods.

Austin Douglass also finished with nine, including three 3-pointers.

Both teams struggled at the foul line with Clarenceville going 5-of-13, while North made just 12-of-26.

Glenn boys bowlers survive, garner 3rd At Woodhaven regional

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It wasn't easy, but Westland John Glenn lives to bowl another day following Friday's nerve-racking MHSAA Division 1 boys team regional hosted by Woodhaven Lanés.

The Rockets, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association champion, earned the third and final qualifying spot to make the trek next Friday to the MHSAA finals at Northway Lanés in Muskegon.

Roseville captured the regional title with a total of 3,975 pins, including a 217 high Baker and a 1,049 regular game.

Wyandotte Roosevelt was runner-up with 3,816, including a 224 high Baker and a 919 regular game.

Glenn edged out Warren Mott for third place by a mere six pins, 3734-3,728.

The Rockets had a high of 237 in the six-game Baker set and posted regular

games of 896-894-835.

"I tried to use all my wisdom, all I thought that I knew, and kissed the moon," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "But the alleys were tough toward the end. They started drying up and the ball was jerking hard left.

"Warren Mott was on your heels. (Teams) Four, five and six were right there, but we hung on."

Senior sub Ryan McCarthy gave Glenn a lift when he came in and bowled a 195 in the second regular game.

Other high games for the Rockets were posted by Steve White (255) and Mike Russom (224). Billy Wicker also rolled 540 three-game with highs of 187 and 185.

Wayne Memorial, meanwhile, finished seven overall with a 3,590 with a Baker high of 184 and a regular game high of 962.

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pins.

"I just told the kids to keep going, hit their marks and spares and not do any worse than our first game, which was a 904 because after the Baker games and the first two regular games there was only a 32-pin difference," Horowitz said.

Senior Tyler Fox led the way with a 672 three-game series, including a high game of 244.

Senior Kyle Kissandi added a 596 series, including a high of 234, while fellow seniors Ricky Rutenbar and Matthew Thayer chipped in with high games of 204 and 200.

"We've qualified every year in the

top three, but never won it," Horowitz said. "We've gone to 'states' every year. I now they're capable. I think we can win the 'states' as well because last year we qualified for 'states' with basically the same team and we finished in the top eight.

"What I told them at the beginning of the season, 'We have all the expectations of going to 'states' and winning it this time and not just placing in the top eight. Based on today's performance and the way they responded every game better, I would think we have a very, very good chance at winning the 'states' as well."

The Clarenceville girls, meanwhile, took 11th out of 13 at the Flat Rock regional.

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216 high game.

Sophomore JV call-up Gabby Charron also contributed to the win with a 205 in the first game as the Zebras return to the finals after a one-year absence.

"Lorissa was consistent all day and was a big help," Wayne coach Diane St. Louis said. "Tiffany struggled all day, but came around and found the groove

the last game."

Meanwhile, Glenn was undefeated during regular season dual matches and could be a threat in Muskegon:

"Anything can happen with this team — I'm serious," Cabildo said. "That's how I feel about it. We've got a team that is very young. You don't how they're going to handle it, but anything can happen. We'll have to see."

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Metro Detroit loves cinema

Locals walk the red carpet early at celebration

By Julie Yolles
 Social Scene Columnist

Always progressive, Motown was nine days early with its red carpet roll-out at a special Detroit Loves Cinema event on Valentine's Day. Held at the Detroit Film Theatre (DFT) in the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), the event drew chic movie lovers in their long gowns, bling, suits and with movie ballots in hand. Guests were treated to a preview of all the nominated Oscar shorts that will be crowned during tonight's telecast of the Oscars.

More than 600 young Detroiters attended the event that was a joint effort with the Friends of DFT and the Founders Junior Council (FJC) of the DIA, Detroit Passport to the Arts, and Detroit Historical Society 313. Special thanks went to the Born and Raised Detroit Foundation for their marketing support.

Patrons walked the red carpet at the DFT and watched an hour of Oscar shorts before voting on the Best Hair and Makeup competition held at intermission. Changez Salon in Royal Oak was the corporate sponsor of that part. Next was the second half of the Oscar shorts. Guests then left the DFT and walked across the street for strolls down several memory lanes at the newly remodeled Detroit Historical Museum.

For a "school night," the



Jessica Danley of Livonia found her elegant vintage wedding dress at the Salvation Army the day of the Detroit Loves Cinema party at the Detroit Film Theatre (DFT). She also is wearing an heirloom necklace from her grandmother. Danley is an English teacher overseas and will go to India on March 30 to perform in a stunt show.

party went on well past midnight. The Detroit Passport to the Arts was launched in August 2009. It's a series of cultural events put on by seven metro-Detroit non-profits to attract a younger audience and expose them to all of Detroit's best, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra,



Farmington Hills residents Kevin and Nicole Bopp are passionate about Detroit — running marathons, visiting our great cultural institutions and supporting the DIA, in a particular. Nicole is on the board of the Founders Junior Council (FJC) of the DIA and they bought their matching shirts at the Detroit Shoppe.

Michigan Opera Theatre, the DIA and the Chamber Winds & Strings, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble and the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

But for tonight, all eyes will be on the Hollywood red carpet when the winners of the Oscars will be announced. Movie lovers can watch the live broadcast of the 2013 Oscars — while helping to raise funds for Habitat Detroit — at the Max M. Fisher Music Center and Orchestra Hall in downtown Detroit. Participants can walk the red car-

pet, sip a Habitini, enjoy a strolling dinner created by Forte Belanger, see who wins the Hobbies (Habitat Detroit's own version of the Oscars) and then watch the 2013 Academy Awards. All general admission tickets are \$75. For more information, go to habitatdetroit.org/redcarpet.

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Lauren Wethington of Plymouth and Nick Gilpin of Detroit enjoy the Detroit Loves Cinema Bash at the Detroit Film Theatre and Detroit Historical Museum.



Farmington Hills resident Elizabeth Smith, a Birmingham Jr. League (BJL) member (left), and Anna Bliss of Birmingham, also a B.J.L. member. The Birmingham Jr. League presents its 60th Anniversary Gala at Oakland Hills Country Club, Saturday, April 27. The black-tie optional gala is \$125 per person. Go to www.jlbham.org/birmingham to register for tickets.

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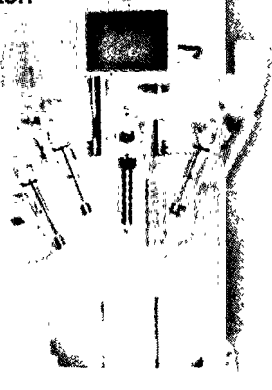
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More than 800 women — and a few good men — attended the 10th anniversary Go Red for Women luncheon to benefit the American Heart Association, Feb. 15 at the MGM Grand, Detroit. Attendees included Janice Uhlig (left) of Oakland Township, General Motors' executive director global compensation and chair of the Go Red event; Star Jones, keynote speaker and American Heart Association national volunteer; and Janice Cosby-Bridges of Farmington Hills, chief marketing officer of Ascension Health Michigan Ministries and Go Red's vice chair.

Film tells tale of abandoned family dog

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Noriko Kambara of Novi grew up with birds and hamsters in her Japanese home, but it was 50 mice that sparked her spirit of animal advocacy. "At that time I worked for a laboratory and a very stupid doctor made the mice breed too much and then said it's too much, so throw them away. So I secretly gathered those mice and took them to my house. My parents were so surprised, but we took care of them."

Kambara brings that same sense of animal stewardship to her short film, *Abandoned Buddy*, a fictional story based on the plight of pets abandoned in fore-closed homes. It will debut at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Main Theater, located on the corner of 11 Mile and Main in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$7 and available at www.pinemotion.com/abandoned-buddy/ by clicking on Main Art Theatre. Her feature length film, *Believe Again*, a story about a man who struggles to regain his family and his dreams after losing his job, will follow *Abandoned Buddy* and is included in the ticket price. Both films were shot in Michigan.

Kambara, who came to Novi from Japan in 2009, the result of her husband's job transfer, was inspired to write *Abandoned Buddy* after learning that some irresponsible owners have abandoned family pets when their homes are fore-closed. Kambara also said she was aware of stray cats in her neighborhood, as well as an abandoned dog that was taken in by a neighbor.

"The key message is



A golden retriever stars in Noriko Kambara's short film, "Abandoned Buddy," about a pet left behind when his owners move away.



Michigan was among the most dangerous states in the U.S. She hopes to show "the real Michigan" through her filmmaking, which was mostly self-taught.

"I was always interested in making stories," said Kambara, who quit a job with Microsoft when she left her native country. "I had already taken a class in script and also from 7 years old I studied composing music."

She took instruction in film directing in Michigan and then began learning from YouTube and other Internet sources, books and friends with filmmaking experience.

Kambara auditioned cast members, including dogs, for the film roles. Charlie, a golden retriever owned by Christine Fox, a dog trainer and owner of Wag 'N' Tails Dog Activity Center in Shelby Township, landed the part of the abandoned canine.

"Golden retrievers are very popular, I think. And he has a face that is very true to the character."

Spoiler alert — the film has a happy ending.

For more information about *Abandoned Buddy* and *Believe Again*, visit www.pinemotion.com.

they are not toys. They are a part of your family," she said. "They leave their pets, like leaving their furniture, without feeling guilty or without recognition that they are killing their pets. They don't look at a pet as living. They see a pet as property, no different than a worn toy thrown away when they get bored with playing with it."

Kambara has seen the results of similar attitudes in Japan.

"In Japan, some people keep animals — they say 'Oh, they are so cute!' — but after awhile they don't care for them."

She hopes the film changes attitudes, not only about pets, but about Michigan, as well.

Kambara said friends had warned her that

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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

Livonia Garden Club

Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Backyard Birds, in Grosse Pointe Woods, will talk about the hundreds of birds that visit her backyard, at the next meeting of the Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. She'll also explain how to attract more wildlife. Light refreshments will be served. Newcomers are welcome. For more information visit www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub.

English Gardens

Get an introduction to fairy and miniature gardens, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Kids can make a fairy garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Cost is \$34.99. Sign up online at www.englishgardens.com.

Learn the ABCs of growing herbs at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9.

Make a kitchen herb garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Cost is \$19.99. Sign up online.

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

60-minute classes

Master Gardeners Western Wayne County (MGWWC) wraps up its series of hour-long seminars with a garden photography class, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, in Wayne. Cost \$10 each. All proceeds fund gardening grants and scholarships. Bob Bransky, photographer and Master Gardener/Master Composter, will teach outdoor and garden photography, showing how to take outstanding pictures, camera basics, composition of a great picture, closeup photos of plants. To register, e-mail to mgwwcorg@gmail.com.

REUNIONS

Send information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Got a class photo or yearbook picture to go with the information? Send it along as a jpg attachment.

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CLASS OF 1968
A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at sgjohnson4@comcast.net.

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The knee and back combinations occur because of arthritis in the knee. Whether the cause of the knee arthritis is from wear or tear, rheumatoid arthritis or gout, the effect of ensuing impairment is to force a change in gait. Knee pain causes the person to walk with a flexed gait and take a shorter stride than usual. The change in gait causes a change in posture. To remain upright, the back takes on a forward flexed posture; the result is low back strain.

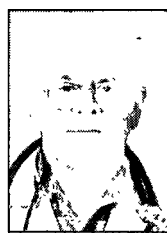
The individual may come to the doctor because of low back strain, but the doctor, observing the patient's gait, will turn his attention to the patient's knees. Often the x-rays ordered are weight bearing of the knees, rather than films of the spines. The physician knows that therapy for the back requires diagnosing the knee problem and treating it. If the knee impairment is resolved, and the patient still has back pain, the physician will then turn his attention to the back.

Physicians apply the same reasoning to shoulder and neck pain. The patient may complain of a sore neck. Often before checking the neck muscles, the doctor may examine how well the shoulder moves. Even small losses of shoulder rotation will cause a strain on the trapezius muscle; the effect is to cause a neck ache. The answer to ending the neck pain is to resolve the shoulder problem.

I say hello: March is meet Joe Gagnon month

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

I never planned to make my name so recognizable but I did set my mind to help every person who asked me a question. I've been doing that in the media for the past 29 years and I enjoy every minute of it.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

many years ago. I went to the grocery store by myself and

started pushing the cart down an aisle when a senior lady walked up and asked if I was Joe Gagnon. I don't know what came over me but let's just say that I made a mistake. I told this lady that I must look like the guy because I'm always being asked that question. I smiled as she walked away and I thought I should get an Academy Award for my performance.

A short while later while shopping in another aisle I hear this woman yelling out, "Fred, get over here, the Appliance Doctor is here and you can ask him about the dishwasher." Fred came over and we started talking about his dishwasher and all of a sudden, who do you think appeared on the scene? It was the senior lady who I had lied to and she was not very happy and proceeded to give me a talking to in front of more

homeowners who had gathered around. Needless to say, I was more than embarrassed and I promised myself I would never do that again. I'll just stick to helping people with their appliance problems.

Mind of their own

One subject I've written about before is appliances that act up when they are not even being used: Oven door glass that explodes into the kitchen floor and even cut a homeowner's leg; burners that come on in the middle of the night, refrigerators that catch fire in the compressor area, light bulbs that stay on inside the refrigerator and catch the plastic shield on fire and the list goes on.

Recently there was a story on television about microwave ovens that turn on by themselves. It appears that KitchenAid and General Electric

are the targets of an ongoing investigation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Reports indicate that this is a widespread problem going back to possibly the year 2002. You can use your computer to get the whole story by going to "consumer reports-investigation on microwave fires."

Here is another secret tip that I learned a few weeks ago when I spent a few days on the road again with my son, Mark. Take a look at the bottom of the cutting boards you use on the kitchen counter. You may find four little feet under there that could come off when you place these in the dishwasher. Those little pads can jam the check valve in the dishwasher mechanism and you may end up spending money for a technician's visit.

Stop by, say Hi
You already have my e-mail

address and I appreciate hearing from everyone. I also have a website, askjoegagnon.com. During each Saturday in March I will have the opportunity to meet many of you in person at area home improvement shows. I will be doing my radio show from Canton on Saturday, March 2, Dearborn Heights on March 9, Washtenaw County Fairgrounds on March 16, and Churchill High School in Livonia on March 23. I can assure you that I won't deny who I am, and I will be polite and give you as much information as I can. You can't miss me! White hair, glasses, a few scars from hockey and I look just like Robert Redford or Paul Newman. Stay tuned.

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

Read, discuss classic literature in Livonia with new friends

If you're interested in reading and discussing classic fiction, check out the Great Books Discussion Group in Livonia.

"It's a lot of fun," said Zo Chisnell, group member. "We do read some heavy stuff. It's a little different type of book group."

The meeting format and original reading list is based on information from the Great Books Foundation in Chicago, Ill. The Livonia group expanded the Foundation's original list of classic selections from western culture to include contemporary authors and writers from other cultures.

The group meets from September-May and once a month in the summer, reading a mix of fiction, non-fiction, drama and poetry. The non-fiction readings cover a wide range of topics, including politics, religion, and social commentaries.

"We read a lot of the Russians," said Chisnell, adding "We've also read Tennessee Williams, Hemingway, Washington Irving."

Meetings are 7:30-9:30 p.m. two Thursdays a month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. There are no dues and the books on the reading list are available from libraries or bookstores.

Upcoming meetings include: *God Is Not Great* by Christopher Hitchens on March 2, *Galileo* by Bertolt Brecht on March 21, *Eugenie Grandet* by Honore de Balzac on April 4, *Tales of the Alhambra* by Washington Irving on April 18, *Young Goodman Brown and Others* by Nathaniel Hawthorne on May 9 and selections by William Wordsworth on May 23.

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February

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24

Location: St. Damian Catholic School, 29892 Joy, Westland
Details: Take a guided tour of the school, which includes preschool-eighth grades, meet the staff members who will be available to answer questions/ concerns and have conversa-

tion with other parents and students. St. Damian has interactive Smartboards in every classroom, Apple iPads and a technology lab. St. Damian offers latchkey programming, CYO sports, foreign language, music, computers, art, and physical education with more than 3 acres of outdoor sports fields. Bus transportation is available for Livonia residents and Westland residents within the Livonia School District
Contact: (734) 427-1680; www.stdamian.com

GRIEF SUPPORT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 27, March 6, 13 and 20

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The church and L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes present "Grieving with Great Hope," a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one. The series began Feb. 20. Presenters include the Rev. Bill Tindler as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry
Contact: St. Michael's at (734) 261-1455 or www.good-mourningministry.net

HONORS

Time/Date: Reception at 6:45 p.m., followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The City of Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation will honor the church and two other local organizations. Each has a history of at least 100 years in the Farmington area
Contact: uFarmington.org

LENTEN MISSION

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 25-27

Location: St. Anne Catholic Church, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Alphonsus Maria will preach the mission series
Contact: (734) 462-3200

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. prayer service, 6:30 p.m. soup dinner, Feb. 27-March 27

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Topics for the Wednesday night program are: "We were planned for God's pleasure," Feb. 27; "We were formed for God's family," March 6; "We were created to become like Christ," March 13; "We were shaped for serving God," March 20, "We were made for a mission," March 27
Contact: (248) 478-6520; belch@gmail.com

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 20

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Free treats served after services. The theme of the series is "Names of Wondrous Love"
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Time/Date: 6 p.m. supper followed by service at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Soup suppers and service are held Wednesday, through March 20
Contact: (248) 553-3380

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Time/Date: 6 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. reflection, Tuesday, Feb. 26

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Robert Fastiggi, professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will talk about "Growing in Dependence on Christ during Lent." Reservations are required and there is a charge of \$5 per person. Felician Sisters will serve on Feb. 26.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

SINGLES MEETING

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28

Location: First Presbyterian

Church of Northville, 200 East Main, Northville

Details: Single Place is a social organization for mature singles that meets at the church. Darlene Lane will talk about her trip to Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains in Peru. Ice cream will be served.
Contact: www.singleplace.org

March

LENTEN LECTURE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, author, lecturer, and professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will present "The Spirituality of Vatican II: What it means for the People in the Pew." This is a free event and light refreshments will be served. Call the church office to register
Contact: (734) 455-5910

PARENTING SEMINAR

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 2

Location: Mariam Center, located on the campus of St. Mary Orthodox Church, 18200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Parenting seminar features Dr. John Chirban, an author, advisor to the "Dr. Phil Show," researcher and clinical instructor in psychology at Harvard Medical School. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch. Register online at http://saintmarylivonia.com
Contact: The Rev. Jim King at (734) 422-0010

PARTY PLANNING

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, March 17

Location: Temple Beth El's Handlerman Hall, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Photographers, party planners, florists, DJs, videographers, caterers and more will be on hand at this party planning showcase sponsored by the Beth El Sisterhood. Experts will present tips, demonstrations and ideas for having a party everyone will remember. An added feature this year will be a bridal fashion show at noon in the Temple's sanctuary presented at no charge by Roma Sposa. Visitors to the free event can sample foods and win prizes. All in attendance will receive a complimentary directory of exhibitors
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Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

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Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12

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Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7:8-30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
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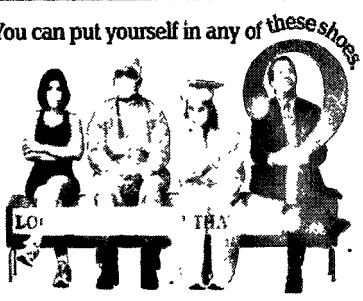
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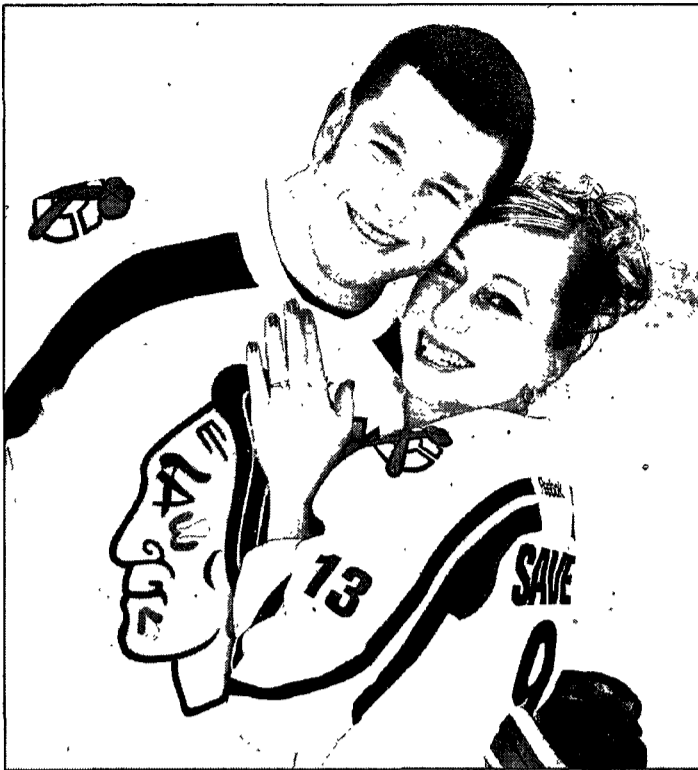
Dziekán-Gabel

Julie Dziekan and Thomas Gabel announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Dziekan of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Lisa Gabel of West Bloomfield and Kathy Olivás of Deerfield, Fla., is a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

A September 2013 wedding is planned in Chicago, Ill.



67th wedding anniversary

John and Doris Karpinski celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Feb. 9 with a party at The American House, Westland.

They were married in 1946 at The Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, Detroit. John, 90, was born in Madera, Pa., and served in the Navy from 1942-45. He married soon after he was discharged. He worked for Imerman Screw in Detroit from 1940-85, retiring after 45 years.

Doris, 91, was born in Detroit and worked at Eureka in Detroit making gas masks for the war.

The couple raised their family in Southgate. John and Doris have one daughter and two sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Son Kevin and his wife, Lois, attended the anniversary celebration with two of the grandsons, Erik and Clint.

Their youngest, Max, is a Marine at Camp Kinser in Okinawa, Japan. Daughter Sheryl and her husband, Michael, and their family, including great-grandchildren, Hunter and Autumn, also attended the gathering. The Korpalskis retired



John and Doris Korpalski of Westland



The Korpalskis on their wedding day

to Port St. Lucie, Fla., in 1985. They currently live at American House

in Westland, but hope to return to Florida if their health improves.

RELIGION

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PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

Contact: (313) 563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656 or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: (734) 459-3333

PRESCHOOL

Ward Preschool

Time/Date: 2011-12 school year

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Enrolling now for children turning 3, 4 and 5 years old by Dec. 1.

Contact: (248) 374-5911 or e-mail carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at (313) 283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, ¼-mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: (248) 374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyelen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: (734) 261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

Contact: (313) 255-2222, ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroupp.com; or call Ruthann with questions at (734) 981-2519

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Includes a planned program that includes a variety of health, social and support services in a protective setting. Not a drop-in center

Contact: (734) 367-4220 or (734) 464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or e-mail to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets

Contact: Mary at (734) 634-7154 or Traci at (734) 718-5575

St. Michael the Archangel Church

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: A diet support group is aimed at individuals who are struggling with weight or body image issues. The program, based on spiritual growth, nutritional information, and practical living advice, is open to all, regardless of gender, faith or parish affiliation, who want to more carefully examine their relationship with food

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: (248) 559-7722; www.oa.org

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ACOSTA, MELINA (LYNN)

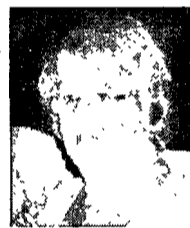
Age 64, of Canton Michigan passed away on February 15th, 2013. The Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, Feb 23 at St. John Neuman Catholic Church with Father Theo of St. Prescilla's officiating. Please join us for a luncheon and social time after the mass. Lynn was born in Cabañaran, North Agusan, Philippines. She was married to Alfredo (Fred) Acosta on June 17th, 1972. They have been married 40 years. The couple had one son, Maj. Allen D. Acosta and one grandchild, Tsunami Acosta. Lynn worked for Sybron-Korr as a quality assurance specialist for 34 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, cooking, playing mahjong, shopping and traveling. Lynn is survived by many family members both in the U.S. and the Philippines who love her dearly. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to St. John Neuman Church at 44800 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan, 48188. The family of Lynn Acosta would like to thank the University of Michigan Oncology Center, especially Dr. Carolyn Johnston as well as her team at Arbor Hospice who all provided excellent care to her.

BATES, GWENDOLYN ELAINE

Age 87, of Harsens Island, Michigan, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2013, wife of the late Bernice A. "Bud" Bates Jr., and mother of Kenneth Albert Bates. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Martha Jean Bates-Lannen, and William E. Lannen, and her cherished granddaughter Rachel Nicole Lannen. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. The family has kindly requested that no flowers be sent. Donations may be made to the Bates Foundation, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3), established in memory of her late husband and son. Donations can be sent to: 40950 Woodward Ave., Suite 306, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

TRASKOS, HELEN

Age 92, died Feb. 12, 2013. Graduate of Fordson High, Dearborn. Attended Wayne State Univ. Retired 1983, employed by AMA/ MVMA for 43 years. Service at 11:00am, Wed., March 6th at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Gifts to Ward Church, Deacon FD, 248-374-7400

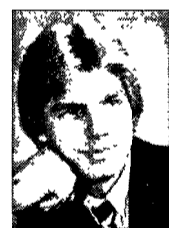


HEIN, JOAN A.

Age 64, February 19, 2013 of Canton. Beloved wife of Roy M. Hein, Jr. Loving mother of Cindy (Ray) Kelm, James Hein, Lori (Kevin) Wright, Tina L. (Justin) LaBorde and Michael Hein. Proud grandmother of Seven grandchildren. Dear sister of Kenneth Hartka. Visitation Monday, 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (between Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Tuesday 1 PM at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JOHNSON, MICHELLE L.

Age 33, of Livonia, passed away surrounded by her loving family. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



NEIDING, RICHARD CRAIG

Age 49, of Vermilion, died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Mercy Regional Medical Center, Lorain after a sudden illness. He was born May 19, 1963 in Royal Oak, MI and had been a Vermilion resident for the past 13 years moving from Traverse City, MI. Craig graduated from Wylie E Groves High School, Birmingham, MI and attended Oakland County Community College for culinary training. He worked as a gourmet chef at Ric's in West Bloomfield, MI for 8 years and several other restaurants in Michigan, the Florida Keys, and Little Palm Island. He was a member of AA, and enjoyed nature walks, bird watching, and his cats. He is survived by his mother, Gretchen (nee Kishman) Neiding of Vermilion; sister, Karin N. Hoover of Mt. Juliet, TN; Aunt and Uncle Karin and Dave Rathbun; Uncle Roger Kishman; nephew, Richard Paul Lentz; numerous cousins including, D. Drew Rathbun DDS, Shelly Innes, Teri Howe, Monica Jenkins DMD, and Ashley Kishman; and many wonderful friends including, Dave and Mary Paul of Vermilion. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Paul Neiding in 1983; paternal grandparents, Conrad and Mildred Rose (nee Cothran) Neiding; maternal grandparents, Lester Henry and Almena C (nee Yingling) Kishman; uncles, Ronald and Jerry Neiding; and aunts, Delphia (nee Cothran) Coutrip, and Darlene Neiding Short. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Brownhlem Cemetery, Vermilion. The family suggests memorial contributions to the United Church of Christ Congregational, 990 State Street, P.O. Box 228, Vermilion, OH 44089.

Online condolences may be made at www.riddelfuneralhome.com

SMITH, RODGER W., Jr.

Age 65 of Anchorage, Alaska (formerly of Canton, MI), on February 11, 2013 went to be with the Lord. Beloved son of Marge and the late Rodger Smith. Loving Father of Jessica (Tim). Dear Brother of Roxanne (Ron), Rock (Tammy), the late Rodney, and the late Ron.



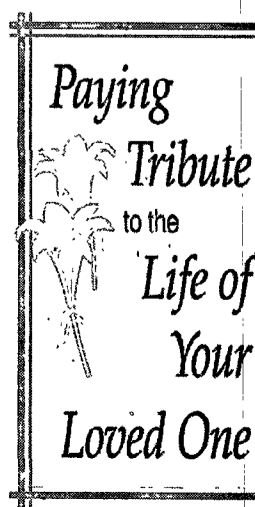
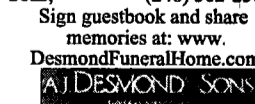
STERLING, JOHN E.

Age 88 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Marvel for 68 years. Loving father of Linda Degnan-Solomon, Janet (Rich) Gillette, and Laurie (Herb) Schroeder. Dear grandfather of Brian and Tim Degnan, Brad Schroeder and Amy Michalek. Great-grandfather of seven. Loving uncle of two nieces. A memorial service will take place Tuesday, February 26th 10:30AM at the Lutheran Home of Michigan 28910 Plymouth Rd Livonia, MI 48150. Memorial Donations may be made to the Lutheran Homes of Michigan P.O. Box 329 Frankenthum, MI 48734-0329. Please share memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



TRASK, COLLIN A.

February 19, 2013, Age 18. 2013 Graduate of Seaholm High School. Most precious son of John and Myra. Great little brother of Patty. Adored grandson of Jack and Dorothy Trask, and Evelyn Gibbons and the late Myron Gibbons. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and wonderful friends. Collin will be sorely missed by his faithful companion, Kaleigh. Services have taken place. Memorial tributes to Rainbow Connection. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500. Sign guestbook and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

