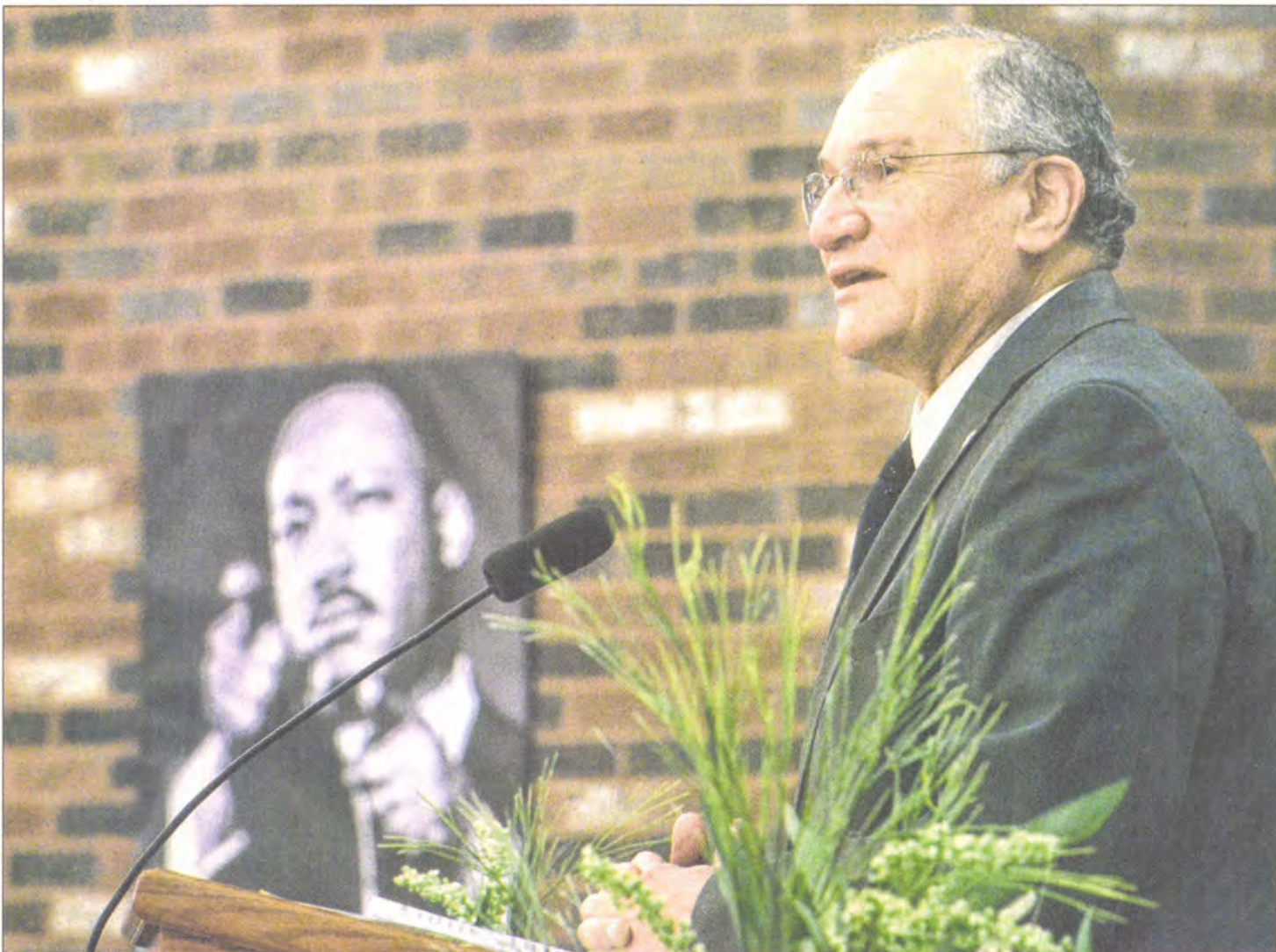


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Wayne Mayor Al Haidous told guests that "sharing the dream and working together has never been needed more with our difficult economy and challenges." PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Communities join to remember MLK legacy

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered as someone who worked for inclusiveness, and Westland's annual tribute to his memory was expanded this year to include neighboring communities.

"Martin Luther King's philosophy is about building bridges. This is a small example of that," said Westland Mayor William Wild during the program Monday at Annapolis Park Church of Christ.

Westland has held its local Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program for about 15 years. This year, it became the Western Wayne County program with the participation of Garden City, Wayne and Inkster. Officials from Redford and Dearborn Heights also were in attendance.

Along with Wild and other mayors, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, spoke to the crowd. The veteran senator is retiring and received standing ovations when he was introduced and as he left the program.

"As we honor this remarkable individual, we reflect on his brief but remarkable life," Levin said. "We reflect on his campaign of non-violent protest against segregation. We pay tribute to his efforts in the Montgomery (Alabama) bus strike and for the Civil Rights Act."

The June 23, 1963, Freedom Walk in Detroit foreshadowed the March on Washington in August the same year, Levin said, when King made his famous I Have a Dream speech.

Her husband's work

In his remarks, Levin also paid tribute to Coretta Scott King and her commitment to her husband's work.

"Following her husband's assassination, she picked up his mantle. She made it clear that his dream of a just America was hers also," Levin said. "She carried out his message. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message changed all our lives."

Mayors of each participating commu-



Juanita Francis offers a welcome as the mistress of ceremony.

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Demolition makes way for McDonald's

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The sign was still up earlier this week but Rex's House of Pancakes is only a memory.

Located at the southwest corner of South Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue West, the site will soon be home to a new McDonald's restaurant.

"They have all their permits. They should start construction right after the demolition is completed," said Interim City Manager and Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib. "They should be serving Big Macs by Memorial Day."

The demolition took about three days and some remaining cleanup items, along with the sign removal, will likely take another couple of days.

"They have to remove the old parking lot, with more cleaning and removal to do, and then they can start the foundation for the new restaurant," El-Gharib said. "I think it is progress to have a new business."

Plans for the restaurant were approved a year ago amid complaints about a fast food restaurant being located on a prime corner in the downtown area.

The 4,200-square foot restaurant, which will be open 24 hours day for dine-in and drive-through service, includes an outdoor seating area. McDonald's officials described it as a more caf

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Neighbors concerned with business expansion

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Commercial property fronting along Ford often isn't deep enough for growing modern businesses but expansions can narrow the gap between nearby residences.

That's the situation with a rezoning and land division requested to make the rear portion of Upright Fence, located on Ford near Hix, 132 feet deeper. The request is to rezone 132 feet by 250 feet from residential to CD1, general commercial. That would take the business closer to the Carolon Condominiums.

"From our standpoint, it's (the business expansion) a good thing. Can it be designed to limit the impact (on the condominiums)? Certainly," Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson said.

The Westland Planning Commission, which has recommended approval of the rezoning and land division, held a public hearing on the request. The property would be used to expand the company's storage area.

"What they (Upright Fence) are proposing is a mirror image of what they did in 2006," said Thompson, noting an earlier rezoning and property acquisition to expand the business.

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Wheels in motion

NAIAS vice chair Scott LaRiche (from left), chairman Bob Shuman, 12-year-old David Redmond (representing the kids of Detroit) and Gov. Rick Snyder, helped open the 2014 auto show. For more on the auto show charity preview, please turn to page A6. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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nity — Wild, Randy Walker of Garden City, Hilliard Hampton of Inkster and Al Haidous of Wayne — each had a slightly different focus in their remarks.

Wild called on people to rededicate themselves to Martin Luther King Jr. as a day of service. That could be mentoring a child not your own, he said, or removing snow from your neighbor's driveway.

It's nearly the 60th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down school segregation, but Walker noted Detroit remains one of the most racially segregated regions in the country.

The poverty, joblessness and violence facing Detroit residents are exactly the issues King was fighting, Walker



Westland City Councilman Kevin Coleman was among the local officials in attendance. In the background is Garden City Police Chief/City Manager Robert Muery.

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said. "I challenge you to live his legacy — that you won't tolerate ugliness or hate. That you won't tolerate your neighbor living in these conditions," Walker said. "We are Detroit and are all in this together."

Hampton shared memories of growing up in Inkster during a period when he said it was accepted that blacks lived south of Michigan

Avenue and west of Inkster Road. As a youngster his mother took him to hear King speak, Hampton said, where he heard a message of inclusiveness.

'Unity as one'

"He (King) is more than a dream maker and a speech maker. Sometimes you can trivialize as time goes on without really understanding the time and place and ne-

cessity of what he brought," Hampton said. "At the time, society was socially sick. We must do more to work in unity as one community, hand in hand."

As an immigrant, Haidous said he was included after moving to Wayne in 1974 — a community in which he said he felt at home and adopted him.

"Sharing the dream and working together has never been needed more with our difficult economy and challenges," Haidous said.

Along with elected speakers, the program again featured reenactments of excerpts of King's speeches by Greenfield Village presenter Anthony Lucas. Music was provided by the Annapolis Park Church of Christ Choir with the Westland John Glenn High School JROTC serving as color guard.

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As in the earlier expansion, the additional land would come from a long narrow parcel that runs west from Newburgh south of the existing Upright Fence property.

Oppose rezoning

Carolyn Condominium resident Pamela Renner and some of her neighbors attended the Planning Commission public hearing to voice opposition to the rezoning.

"They expanded behind the first set of condos. They are very noisy from 6:15 a.m. to 8 p.m.," Renner said. "My bedroom is on a balcony and looks right over it (the proposed expansion). Because I'm so affected, I'm a little more up in arms about it."

If the business expands farther south as proposed, Renner said it would come within 60 feet of her bedroom window.

Upright Fence owner Kevin Watson planned on an 8-foot fence along the residential property when only a 6-foot fence is required by ordinance. He said his plans also leave a 10-foot strip of property outside the fence to preserve existing large trees as a buffer.

"I'm bending over backwards. I don't want people calling the city to complain every day," Watson said. "We're neighbors. When I put in a fence, I always say talk to your neighbors. Be neighborly — you have to live or work next to them."

The Planning Commission had delayed making a recommendation on the rezoning in December to allow Watson to provide additional information on the request.

Once the rezoning was recommended by the Planning Commission in January, Thompson said Watson requested a delay in sending it to the council to allow time for a meeting with resi-

dents. "The neighbors can get a full understanding of what is proposed and the outdoor storage can be designed to have as little impact as possible," Thompson said. "There is a buffer with some trees. The fence is 2 feet higher than required. He (Watson) is trying to be a good neighbor."

A Carolyn resident for eight years, Renner said she doesn't expect the fence or trees will do much to lessen the impact if the business expands.

Not as close

The family-owned Upright Fence has been in operation long before the condos were constructed — this spring marks 44 years in business. But Renner points out that the business wasn't as close.

"Why shouldn't we be upset? We didn't back up to them — they expanded," Renner said. "I had pictures and tape recordings (for the Planning Commission). I look into a scrap yard. A few trees are not enough to block anything."

Watson is scheduled to meet with the condominium owners Tuesday, Feb. 4. Upright Fence had actually been using the property for storage for years under a lease, Watson said, and he's had it cleaned up.

"I'm sure noises occur — they use metal pipes and trucks in their normal business. It's something for the Planning Commission and council to consider," Thompson said. "The zoning ordinance has specific conditions for deciding if a property should be rezoned. They also consider public input."

When the city administration looks at a rezoning, Thompson said one factor it is looking at is around the parcel. In this case, he said the area is largely zoned for industrial uses surrounding a pocket of residential development, mainly the condominiums.

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4 parochial schools hold open houses

Four parochial schools in Wayne-Westland and Garden City are welcoming parents to open houses Sunday and Monday, Jan. 26-27. The schools are St. Matthew Lutheran and St. Damian Catholic in Westland, St. Michael in Wayne and St. Raphael in Garden City.

At St. Matthew, an open house will be held from 2-4 p.m. to showcase the school's new enhanced preschool program that will also have daycare services. The program, which will be open in February, is for children ages 2½-5. The hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children staying for a full day will have the option to order hot lunch through the school's private lunch provider, Healthy Helpings, or they can bring a lunch from home.

Char Sliva and Carly Sayger will remain the morning teachers and follow a Christian preschool curriculum.

St. Matthew School offers a pre-kindergarten-eighth-grade program. The school is at 5885 Venoy, north of

Ford Road, Westland. For more information, call 734-425-0261.

St. Michael School in Wayne will hold an open house from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, for current and prospective students.

Parents and their children will have the opportunity to see the school, meet with teachers and learn more about its Christian education. St. Michael offers full-day kindergarten, technology-enhanced classrooms, an athletic program, hot lunch program and bus service for residents of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. There also is before- and after-school care and a preschool program for children ages 3-5.

St. Michael is at 3003 Hannan at Hix in Wayne. For more information, call 734-260-4185 or visit stmichaellutheran.org.

St. Raphael Catholic School is holding an open house for current and potential new students and their families from noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. Students will showcase some of

their special class projects during the event.

Current school families can browse through the classrooms and enjoy projects and areas of study that the students have been working on this school year. Throughout the school, representatives will be on hand to share information about the many extra-curricular and social opportunities available for children. Prospective new families will get a first-hand look at the facilities, meet the teachers, ask questions, and obtain materials about the school.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided, and there will also be a special gift for prospective new students.

St. Raphael offers structured and challenging academics for students in preschool (3-4 year-olds) through eighth-grade, including full-day kindergarten. In addition to academics, the school offers sports teams, computer labs, classroom technology, knitting club, band and

choir, as well as a latchkey program and Garden City bus service.

St. Raphael is at 31530 Beechwood, north of Ford Road. For more information, call the school office at 734-425-9771 or visit straphael-gc.org.

St. Damian Catholic School's open house is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26.

Parents and students can take a guided tour of the school, meet the staff members and other parents and students. St. Damian has interactive Smart boards in every classroom, Apple iPads and a technology lab. It also offers a latchkey program, CYO sports, foreign language, music, computers, art and physical education. Bus transportation is available for Livonia and Westland residents within the Livonia Public School District.

St. Damian, at 29891 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland, is a preschool-eighth-grade school.

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style restaurant than older restaurants, including flat-screen TVs and no seating attached to the floor.

Closed around Jan. 1, 2013, Rex's House of Pan-

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

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2 Westland teens set sights on state DYW honor

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Hailey Dottor didn't have to go far to be with her host family this week. The Westland team is staying in Plymouth this week in preparation for Saturday's Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan program in Saline.

Dottor is participating in the annual scholarship program after being named the 2014 Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne-Westland in November. Joining her is runner-up Jordyn Boitos who is the 2014 Distinguished Young Woman of Westland.

"It's been an awesome meeting all the girls and going through the process," said the Westland teen. "I learned a lot. I learned skills I'll be able to use in my career."

A senior at Wayne Memorial High School, Dottor had thought about competing in the program, but it wasn't until her brother told her to just do it that she applied. She did her best in the competition and ended up winning the physical fitness, interview, self-expression, Be Your Best and talent awards. Her talent portion was a point/jazz dance to Michael Jackson's *The Way You Make Me Feel*.

Boitos is a senior at Livonia Franklin High School. Also a dancer, she performed a lyrical

dance to *Go Your Own Way* by Liz Schmidt.

In Ann Arbor

The two teens are spending this week doing activities around the Ann Arbor in preparation for the program, which will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Saline High School. Seventeen contestants from around the state are vying for more than \$8,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent Michigan at local events throughout the state and at the national finals in Mobile, Ala., in June. Like the local event, the state program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent.

"We'll be working on our communication skills and preparing for the program on Saturday," said Dottor in an interview before leaving for her host family. "I've been practicing my physical fitness and my talent piece and working on responding to the question I'll be asked on stage. I've looked at what was done for the national program; I want to give a good answer on stage."

The scholarship money she gets — she received \$800 at the local level — will come in handy for Dottor, who plans to study cardiovascular pediatric nursing at Grand Valley State University. It also is a help for

Boitos, who would like to attend New York University and study sports medicine and be an athletic trainer.

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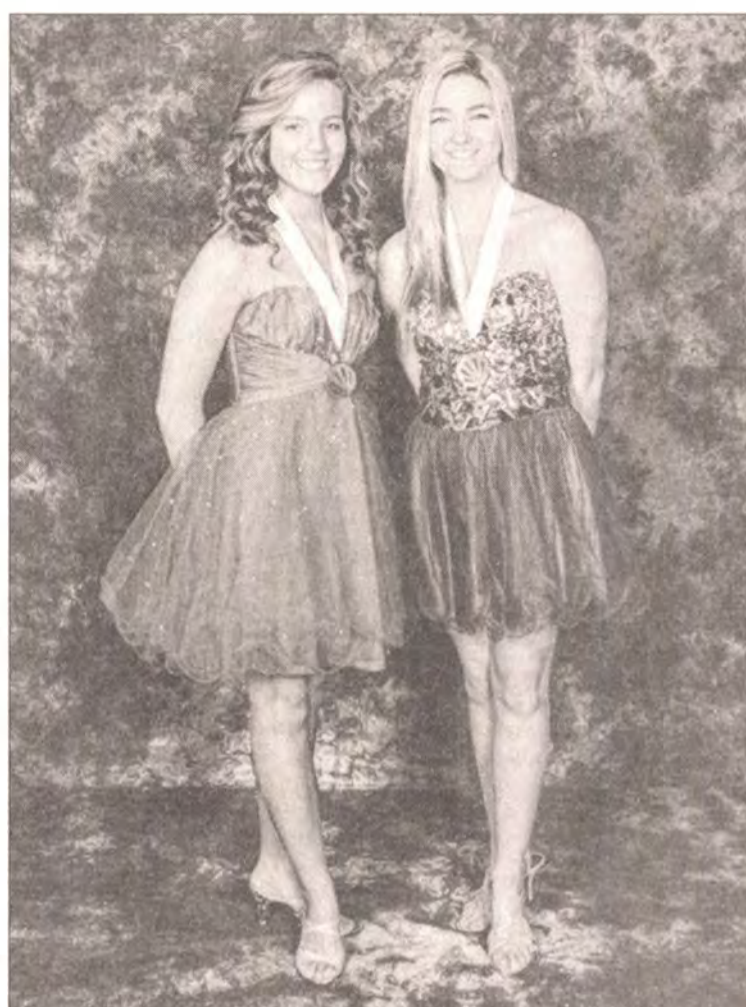
Dottor expects to have plenty of support at Saturday's program. In the audience will be her mother and father, Michele and Christopher Dottor, her brothers Dylan and Jordan and plenty of friends. Ditto for Boitos, the daughter of Joseph and Olivia Boitos.

For Dottor, the Distinguished Young Woman Program has provided her skills that will carry her through life. It also has introduced her to people she might never have gotten to meet.

"The best part of all this has been the experience of meeting such amazing people and developing my interviewing skills. Those I can use in my career," she said. "The girls I have met are very complete, very talented, very put together."

Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at Saline High School on Saturday or by contacting the Michigan State Committee by email Michigan@distinguishedyw.org. All proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

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Participating in this weekend's state program are Hailey Dottor (left), the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne-Westland, and Jordyn Boito, the Distinguished Young Woman of Westland.

Wayne County runs emergency preparedness drill at Churchill

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Being prepared during a pandemic or other dangerous outbreak takes practice. Just ask Tom Barnes, Wayne County's emergency volunteer management coordinator.

Barnes was one of several Wayne County employees and volunteers working Tuesday morning at Churchill High School in Livonia running a drill to practice setting up a point of dispensing, or POD, in the case of an outbreak of a virus or infection.

"The whole point of all these PODs is to take the pressure off the hospitals," he said. "In an emergency, they're going to flood them. That's going to happen, even with the PODs. But this is going to take a lot of pressure off them."

The drill is one the county does at 18 sites outside of Detroit, which has its own plan for dispensing medication if the need arises because of a flu outbreak, biological terrorist attack or other type of pandemic. Other ones take place in Northville, Garden City, and Dearborn Heights, though the one in Livonia is considered one of the largest ones in Wayne County.

The drill, which focused on a hypothetical anthrax outbreak in southeast Michigan, had several dozen volunteers on hand, from those managing a triage station to dispensing potential

medication to answering questions and providing information to residents about the medication and how it would affect those it is administered to.

Barnes said the idea behind keeping the drills orderly calls for just one person per family unit to come and pick up medication. That keeps the PODs running more smoothly and eliminates unnecessary congestion.

"You don't have the entire population of Wayne County coming and picking up medication. In an ideal and perfect situation, you'll have one person per site per household," Barnes said. "Some people do pick up for their neighbors, for their grandparents. We encourage it. We don't want so much traffic that they're flooding the streets. We would rather have one person picking up."

Despite the dozens of volunteers at the site, Veronica Rodriguez, Wayne County's emergency preparedness coordinator, said she is always looking for more volunteers certified in first aid to assist if a crisis were to break out.

She said the Livonia site needs about triple the number of volunteers to make it the most efficient, going from about 30 to 90, though she'll take volunteers credentialed and badged through agencies such as the Michigan Volunteer Registry online.

"This is for your community members," she said. "It's to help the



Wayne County Public Health Department nurses screen personal registration forms designed for POD attendees during a drill Tuesday at Churchill High School in Livonia. The attendee information will alert them to allergies concerning medications and other important health information.

members of our community, and this is the importance of volunteering."

Barnes said most of the funds to help support the PODs comes from grants from the federal and state governments, though Wayne County is required to provide some matching funds.

Some of these plans were initiated several years ago during the H1N1 flu outbreak. Several thousand residents were administered drugs to vaccinate against the disease, which killed thousands during the outbreak.

Fred Wheeler, a reserve police officer for Livonia and a community emergency response team volunteer, said he

helped dispense medication at Schoolcraft College in 2010 when H1N1 was declared a hazard. He said anytime volunteers can get practice makes running a POD that much easier when something happens.

"You're often going to be in a situation where, in your job you might not see the big picture of every different thing," he said. "Every exercise, every training makes you feel more comfortable and more confident."

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St. Thomas a'Becket hosts annual coat drive

Maureen Hassien knows her late husband Bud wouldn't hesitate to strip off his own coat for someone else who needed it.

That's why Hassien is happy to be one of the folks leading the charge for the annual St. Thomas a'Becket coat drive, dubbed "Be a Buddy Coat Drive," that will help fill a need church officials say "is still great" for coats.

This year's drive runs through Sunday, Jan. 26, and benefits a variety of church and other outreach organizations.

"It's a great thing," said Hassien, who lost her husband in September 2006. "We've gotten a lot of requests again this year."

It's the seventh year for the drive, named for friend of the church and former parishioner Bud Hassien. Organizers decided to remember Bud in this way because, as his wife said, "Bud would have given the coat off his own back."

Over the last six years, volunteers have collected more than 14,000 coats, Hassien said. The church donated more than 2,000 coats in last year's coat drive and has had more than 2,000 requests this year.

In addition to coats, the church will also be

accepting clean used gloves, mittens and scarves. Many will be needed. Donors are asked to put mittens and gloves in a plastic bag so they do not get separated.

Like last year, the church will also be purchasing new coats with monetary donations. Last year, new coats were purchased for babies, children and adults at a discount, because retail sales are often great in late January.

Church officials said they'd "be thrilled to accept" any monetary donations. Checks need to be made out to St. Thomas a'Becket.

Coat drive officials will take everything from baby buntings, snow suits, hoodies, children's, teen's and adult coats and jackets.

Coats are distributed first to those in need in the St. Thomas a'Becket parish. Coats also go to organizations such as the Wayne County Homeless Shelter, Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center (to dress women for job interviews), Wayne Family Resource Center, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and others.

Donations, both clothing and money, can be dropped off at the church, located at 555 S. Lilley in Canton.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 11, 2014 at 7:00P.M. at the Wayne Fire Station, 3300 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 to consider certain proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1276 of the Codified Ordinances including: Downtown Design Standards [1288.08], Accessory Structures [1288.02(g)], Porches [1288.03(1)], and Used Vehicle Sales [1288.09]. The proposed text may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (10:00 A.M. to 4:30P.M. Monday-Thursday). Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission may consider a resolution of recommendation to the City Council. Inquiries: Peter J. McInerney, Community Development Director (734) 419-0118.

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold Public Hearings on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:30p.m., in the Council Chambers of Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider two requests:

1. Pompeo Rosati has applied for Tire Stop Tire Store at 32449 Michigan Avenue, Suite A, for permission to legalize existing storage trailers at this location. The property is located in the IND-B, Industrial Business Zoning District. Section 1262.02, Permitted Principal Uses of the Planning and Zoning Code does not permit temporary storage trailers in any zoning district.
2. Wayne Craft Inc., on behalf of Linda Jaros, has applied for the property owner at 33630 Annapolis Avenue, to legalize the construction of a sun porch. The property is located in an R-1C, Residential Zoning District. Section 1238.05 of the Planning and Zoning Code permits a maximum of 35% lot coverage. The applicant is requesting a 156 sq. ft. variance or 8.8% lot coverage variance.

The text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Zoning Board will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

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Public Notice Required by MCL 324.20120d(3)
Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as Amended
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Southeast Michigan District Office
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A NO FURTHER ACTION REPORT FOR A SITE SPECIFIC CLEANUP CRITERIA CLOSURE

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed No Further Action Report for the Red Spot Paint and Varnish Co., Inc., a site of environmental contamination located at 550 South Edwin Road in Westland, Wayne County, Michigan. Contamination at the site was caused by releases at a former exterior aboveground storage tank (AST) area located on the property.

This notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20120d(3) et seq to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has reviewed the proposed remedial action plan for a Limited Non-Residential Site cleanup category and finds it to be in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the administrative rules for the Act in place before December 21, 2002.

This notice is to provide a brief summary of the completed remedial action and to offer an opportunity for public review and comment prior to final action upon the No Further Action Report. Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on February 14, 2014. The MDEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

The proposed No Further Action plan for the site includes monitoring of groundwater on the site for three years. It also includes the placement of a restrictive covenant on the property that will prohibit use of on-site groundwater for potable purposes, will prohibit construction of wells to extract groundwater for consumption, irrigation or other use, and will prohibit construction of buildings without approval from MDEQ.

The No Further Action Report will be available for review beginning January 15, 2014 during normal business hours at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Southeast Michigan District Office, 27700 Donald Court Warren, Michigan 48092-2793. The review period will not be less than 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

Comments should be addressed to:
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WAYNE COP CALLS

Vandalism

Someone damaged the north elevator in the city-owned parking structure, 35000 E. Michigan Ave. A Department of Public Works employee told police just after 7 a.m. Jan. 16 he discovered part of the elevator ceiling was removed and all the lights had been broken.

The damages were estimated to be as high as \$1,000.

Larceny

A snow blower valued at \$150 was reported stolen from the front porch of a home in the 5000 block of Hunt on Jan. 16. The owner said he had left it on the porch so his elderly neighbor could use it.

Several hours later, he said he noticed it was gone and checked with the neighbor, who hadn't borrowed the equipment. The officer followed tracks in the snow to the intersection of Hunt and Stellwagon, where it was likely loaded into a vehicle.

A resident in the 37000 block of Thinbark told police Jan. 13 that someone had stolen a snow blower from her garage. She said she believed the garage was locked but had been having trouble with the garage door opener. The snow blower was valued at approximately \$500.

Vandalism

On Jan. 18, a resident in the 4300 block of Edmund told police she had parked her 2010 Ford Focus in the driveway the night before. In the morning, she found the rear window had been shattered.

A resident in the 5100 block of Winifred told police Jan. 14 that someone had smashed the driver's side rear window of her 2005 Ford Freestyle.

Marijuana possession

Police reportedly confiscated two marijuana joints and a small baggie of marijuana totaling 1.4 grams following a traffic stop Jan. 19. The officer spotted a

Canton woman driving without headlights and stopped the vehicle.

The woman appeared nervous and kept looking at her front seat passenger, a Detroit man, the officer said. The vehicle was reported to smell like marijuana, police said. The driver told the officer she had smoked a joint earlier in the day, and he noted she didn't appear impaired at the time of the traffic stop, police said.

The male passenger was released at the scene. The driver was cited for marijuana possession, driving without headlights and no proof of insurance. She was advised about a warrant after Detroit Police did not want her taken into custody, police said.

Larceny

A resident of an apartment in the 3400 block of Gloria told police Jan. 18 that someone had stolen \$138 in cash from a drawer of his dresser. He told police there was no sign of forced entry and he had the only key to the apart-

ment.

The man said that earlier two winning lottery tickets had been stolen but he hadn't called police. When he reported the theft to the apartment manager, he said he was told to make a police report.

Suspended license

On Jan. 18, a Westland woman was cited for driving with a suspended license and held on a warrant. The officer had stopped her for defective taillights on her 2007 Dodge Charger.

The vehicle was impounded and police confiscated a bottle of anti-psychotic medication found in the glove box, police said. The medication had been prescribed to someone whom the driver denied knowing, police said.

A Detroit man was cited for driving with two license suspensions Jan. 18 after being stopped for a defective headlight. The car, a 2000 Pontiac Bonneville, was impounded.

By LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

An Ann Arbor woman told police Jan. 20 that her iPhone, valued at \$500, was stolen while she was at Golden Coral, 37101 Warren.

The woman told police the phone had been in her coat pocket. She said she suspected it was stolen by a young male in a hoodie who had bumped into her. The phone GPS was located in the area of Dexter and Wildemere in Detroit.

Vandalism

On Jan. 20, a Woodhaven man told police someone had broken a window on his 2013 GMC Acadia while it was parked outside Oakwood Health Care Center, 2001 S. Merriman, where he works.

A resident in the 1500 block of Northgate told police Jan. 20 that someone shot out the driver's side vent window on his work van

while it was parked in his driveway. He said the damage appeared to have been caused by a pellet gun.

The front driver's side window of a 1999 Ford Escort was reported broken out Jan. 14 while it was parked in the 37000 block of Booth.

Also on Jan. 14, a resident in the 2000 block of Brandon told police that someone smashed the rear window on a 2008 Lincoln Navigator while it was parked in the driveway.

Larceny

A resident in the 33000 block of Harvard told police Jan. 14 that someone had stolen five Apple iPhone 5s, valued at \$600. She said the phones had been wrapped as gifts and placed under the Christmas tree.

The phones were reported to have been stolen Dec. 14-17 while she and her husband

were out. She said her son had friends over for a party and she suspects one of them took the phones.

Break-in

Assorted Christmas decorations, an aluminum push cart, a mountain bike and assorted hand tools, valued at \$8,500, were reported stolen from a basement storage unit of an apartment at 197 S. Hubbard on Jan. 15.

The owner said the thefts occurred Dec. 1-13. The storage unit door had been pried open until the lock broke.

Copper stolen

A Dearborn Heights man told police Jan. 14 that someone broke into a vacant duplex he owns in the 2100 block of Edgerton. The building is undergoing renovations.

When he arrived at the home, the man said he found the rear doors forced open and the copper plumbing cut out

and stolen.

Suspicious circumstances

Police were called to a home in the 30000 block of Parkwood on Jan. 16 after the resident said he noticed blood on his driveway and on the snow in the front yard.

The officer noted minor streaks of blood along the front of the house, underneath a truck and near the rear door.

The resident said there is a rat problem in the neighborhood and he often hears cats fighting. The officer checked neighboring homes for an injured animal but found none.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of an apartment at 6591 Yale told police Jan. 14 that someone had stolen his wallet from girlfriend's locked car overnight. He said the wallet only contained his identifica-

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Stolen wallet

A 42-year-old man who was playing a pickup game of hockey at the Garden City Civic Arena on Jan. 20 said that someone stole \$32 from his wallet, which he had left in the locker room.

He discovered it missing after the game, but reported nothing else stolen.

Break-in

A representative for a property management firm reported a break-in to police on Jan. 9.

The man said that he had visited a home in the 33000 block of Marquette and found that the central air conditioning unit valued at \$2,500 and copper plumbing valued at \$3,500 were stolen from the home. He said that someone had forced open a west side door.

This was a delayed report and the police found the door repaired when they arrived.

A relative checking on a vacant home in the 31000 block of Alvin reported Jan. 10 that when

he checked on the home, he discovered a break-in. A \$2,500 air conditioning unit was cut away from the building.

The house was scheduled to close the sale that day. The police did find tracks in the snow.

Theft

A representative from SERVPRO in Livonia reported Jan. 13 that some of his property was stolen from a location in the 31000 block of Block.

The company was hired to clean up some flooding. The employee said that he left a \$2,500 dehumidifier and four fans valued at \$300 each in the hallway. The items weren't there when he returned.

A woman who parked her 2012 Ford Fusion in the 32000 block of Manor Park reported items stolen from the vehicle on Jan. 10.

She said that some checks were stolen as well as her driver's license and a credit/debit card.

By Sue Buck

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King's dream remembered at annual ceremony

The dream and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took center stage throughout western Wayne County on Monday as people paused to reflect in the life and legacy of the late civil rights leader.

In Westland, a tradition started more than a decade ago was expanded as residents and city officials of Wayne, Garden City and Inkster were invited to participate. The ceremony was held at the Annapolis Park Church of Christ in Westland and also attracted officials from Redford Township and Dearborn Heights.

City officials, as well as U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, spoke about King and the need to recommit to his dream of racial equality. Also participating in the ceremony were members of the John Glenn High School JROTC and Annapolis Park Church Choir.

Capping it off was Greenfield Village historic presenter Anthony Lucas, who presented excerpts from King's many speeches, including his most famous, *I Have a Dream*.

King, who rose to prominence in the civil rights movement during the Birmingham, Ala., bus strike, delivered that speech in August 1963 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington.



U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, who is retiring at the end of his current term, paid tribute to Coretta Scott King and her commitment to her husband's work. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Carmen Price applauds Anthony Lucas for his interpretation of King's *I Have a Dream* speech. Maya Reddock has found a comfortable spot.



U.S. Army JROTC cadet Ariel Malloy, a John Glenn student.



Antoine Williams Jr. listens to Anthony Lucas.

Madonna students mark MLK Day with candlelight vigil, acts of service

The soft glow of candlelight illuminated the faces of those who gathered together at Madonna University Monday night to stand in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. The vigil was the culmination of a week of community service for students and faculty at the university.

More than 50 people took part in the event, which included a walk of remembrance. As they walked through campus buildings, the participants stopped at various stations to hear students read stories, recite poems, and sing songs about King.

"The students and faculty at Madonna University honor the observance of Martin Luther King Day by actively promoting and creating opportunities for service to others," said Olga Martinez, director of the Office of Service-Learning at Madonna.

Over the past week, hundreds of students and faculty members at the university participated in various projects of service to others in the greater Metro Detroit area. Service activities included: packing more than 8,000 pounds of food for those in need, writing letters to U.S. troops and veterans, reading to youngsters at local schools, making blankets for Children's Hospital of Detroit, and helping urban students begin planning for college.

In addition to service projects, the university held a diversity poetry-writing program and other learning activities on campus.

"At Madonna University, service to others and the respect for the dignity of each person is a core value of our ongoing mission," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president of Madonna University. "We strive to

serve others daily, and in that way we attempt to live out the dream of Martin Luther King Jr. everyday," she said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey was also in attendance at the remembrance at Madonna as a special guest.

"I am glad that so many people are using this day for service as a way to honor and celebrate Dr. King's legacy," Kirksey said.

Tanisha McIntosh, director of residence life at Madonna, said the purpose of the event was to provide the Madonna University and Livonia communities an opportunity to honor Dr. King's legacy through service.

"This celebration empowers individuals, embraces unity, and most importantly creates awareness to hopefully move closer to Dr. King's vision of an inclusive community," McIntosh said.



Madonna University communications student Delvontá Pinkston of Detroit stands in vigil for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a ceremony at the university Monday night.



Madonna University students stand together during a vigil in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

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Tom and Yvette Dixon of Plymouth, Bob and Pam MacKenzie of Plymouth, Rich and Beth Turner of Northville, Mark and Anne Houska of Plymouth, and Tom and Debbie Meredith of Northville, enjoying the Charity Preview. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GLITZ, GLAMOUR AT AUTO SHOW GALA

The indomitable spirit of Detroit is alive and well. Just ask the nearly 13,800 people who attended the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview last Friday.

NAIAS reported \$4.8 million was raised for nine children's charities during an evening of glamour and elegance. This year's event raised nearly \$1 million more than 2013 – and the highest amount raised since 2008.

"The evening was absolutely electric," NAIAS chairman Bob Shuman said.

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

The black tie crowd enjoyed 4,400 bottles of champagne, 1,000 pounds of beef, 20,000 bottles of wine, 35,000 bottles of beer from the Detroit Beer Co., 1,200 pounds of shrimp and more.

The show is now open to the public through Sunday, Jan. 26.



Philip and Celisa Jackson are from Belleville. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Carl Berry, security chief for the NAIAS, works the Charity Preview. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Barbara Moskwa of Canton poses with United States Sen. Carl Levin. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



NAIAS Vice Chairman Scott LaRiche and brother Bob LaRiche, acting like brothers. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



General Motors CEO Mary Barra and Ford CEO Alan Mulally, onstage for the opening of the auto show. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



NAIAS Vice Chair Scott LaRiche and 12-year-old David Redmond, representing the kids of Detroit, opening the auto show. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



West Bloomfield residents (from left) Sally and James Scapa, CEO and co-founder of Altair, and Farmington Hills residents Diane and Howard Morof, CFO of Altair pause for a photograph at Friday's gala. JULIE YOLLES

TICK TOCK, TICK TOCK

AAUW entertains children with production of 'Peter Pan'

By Sharon Belobraidich's count, she's played Captain Hook at least nine times. The resident "meanie," the retired Plymouth-Canton teacher will reprise that role when the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's presents *Peter Pan* Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 6-8, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium.

"I'm not sure what we'll do if she ever retires," said Helene Lusa of Livonia, who is directing the production with Mickey Edell of Canton.

This is the 54th year the chapter has presented live children's theater. Its first production was *Hansel and Gretel* and the group now has a repertoire of six to seven plays that it rotates and updates every few years. The organization takes classics like *Snow White*, *Peter Pan* and *Cinderella* and turns them into hour-long American Association of University Women versions.

"We try to add something each time that makes it contemporary for adults and children," Edell said. "We have a couple of surprises planned for this year."

This year's version includes speaking lines for Tick-Tock the Crocodile, played by Sue Bellows of Garden City, and a musical addition the ladies say is sure to please the children. What it is, they aren't saying.

"We don't want to give away the surprise," Edell said.

Members began working on the production in October with tryouts and have been doing read-throughs in preparation for taking the stage.

Severe weather earlier this month postponed moving the play to O'Leary by a week, but rehearsals have gone on without a hitch and props will be in place next week.

'Good shape'

"I think we're in good shape," Lusa said. "This is an amazing group of women. They adjust to whatever parts are given to them to make them the best they can and make the play special. They really go all out for the kids."

"We have some very talented women in this group, but you don't have to be an actor, you need to be a ham and have a sense of humor," Edell added.

Lusa used to bring her children to see the plays before getting involved with the chapter in 1982-83. Her children are still coming to the shows with her grandchildren.

The same is true for Becky Copenhaver of Canton, who hooked up with the chapter after bringing her two children to see a play. She thought

'PETER PAN'

What: The 54th annual Plymouth-Canton AAUW's children's theater production of *Peter Pan*.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6-7, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. The Thursday evening and Saturday morning performances will be for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Scouts, families and friends are invited to experience a "behind-the-scenes" look at live theater by the drama students at Garden City High School at 6:15 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday, followed by the show.

Where: Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City.

Tickets: Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at www.aauw-pcmi.org. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6 each.

Contact: For more information, email the Plymouth-Canton AAUW at AAUW_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.com or call 734-716-1833.

they were having so much fun that she tried to decide to try out. The show was *Peter Pan* and she was cast as Wendy. This time she is playing the lead role.

"It's fun this year to play opposite Sharon," she said. "I played Wendy a couple other times, Mrs. Darling and Mr. Smee. I love working with these ladies, they're so creative. They come up with things to do."

Two of the shows — Thursday evening and Saturday morning — are set aside for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, their families and friends. The scouts receive a 45-minute presentation about live theater, the show and a fun patch.

"The Scouts are really huge for us," Lusa said.

Fun patches

The chapter has been doing the scout program since 2008 and generally attracts 1,200 for the two



Captain Hook (Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth) challenges her nemesis, Peter Pan (Becky Copenhaver of Canton) to a sword fight in the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's production of *Peter Pan*.



Cast as the Lost Boys are Michelle Churchill (front row, left) and Sandra Iannucci of Plymouth. The Pirates are Esther Nelson of Canton (top row, from left), Kathy Sharpe of Plymouth, Kathy Kish of Garden City and Dawn Parker of Canton.

performances. The first year, they gave out a generic fun patch, but in 2009 for *Peter Pan*, Sandra Iannucci of Plymouth started to design them. This year's design is a cloud-shaped blue patch with Peter, Wendy, John and Michael flying over Big Ben, Tower Bridge and St. Paul's Cathedral.

"I try to find patches that the Girl and Boy Scouts will like and that encompass the theme of the play," said Iannucci, who plays one of the Lost Boys in this year's show. "I want them to be something memorable for the kids."

Proceeds from the performances help fund scholarships for high school seniors, an important part of what the American Association of University Women does. According to Edell, the AAUW "has been empowering women as the pre-

miere national women's organization" since 1881. "The AAUW advocates for equality for all women and girls through education, research and philanthropy," she added. For more information about the play or about the Plymouth-Canton AAUW, visit www.aauw-pcmi.org.

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Playing the Darling children are (from left) Mary Beth Riblett of Westland as Wendy, Karem Stemberger of Plymouth as John and Kaylee Bellows of Livonia as Michael, with Lauren Stemberger of Plymouth (front) as Nana the dog.



Sue Bellows of Garden City, cast as Tick-Tock the Crocodile, shares a laugh with Sharon Belobraidich before trying to take another bite out of her arm.

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Trust is key ingredient in life

Today's food for thought involves one of the most important ingredients in life. Without it, lives are less joyful and careers are less successful.

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To get anywhere in business or in life, we have to be trusted and trustworthy. How? By keeping our word. Trust comes from saying we're going to do something and then doing it. Rinse and repeat. And repeat and repeat. It's that simple.

It's simple but not necessarily easy. Trustworthiness is built on all the "little things," like calling when we say we're going to call, which over time form the foundation for being trusted (or not) with the "big things," like receiving the promotion.

I'm fortunate to work with and have in my life some amazingly trustworthy people. And I try to be equally trustworthy. Since good habits help, I've been trying to avoid using misleading catch phrases like "just a minute," which usually means more like five minutes, or telling my husband I'm "about to leave" the office, when really I need an hour.

The point? We must watch our words, because trust is hard to establish and easy to destroy. That's why "under promise and over deliver" is good ad-



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A SUNNY NOTE

vice, not to impress the boss, but because trustworthiness depends on keeping our promises.

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Reality show inspires woman's career path

In 2010, the Department of Labor published an article showing only 0.6 percent of employees in the refrigeration mechanics and repair industry were women. However, every year more women enter into trade jobs.

Thanks to some inspiration from CEO Dina Dwyer-Owens on the reality show *Undercover Boss*, a Garden City woman is taking the lead and showing others how it is done.

Katie Yee, 22, has always had a natural ability to fix things. But it wasn't until Dina Dwyer-Owens, CEO of The Dwyer Group, appeared on *Undercover Boss* that her gears started turning and she decided to make fixing into a career.

"I have always been mechanically inclined," Yee said. "I enjoy fixing things and helping people."

With the encouragement of her friends and family, she connected with her local Mr. Appliance franchise — part of The Dwyer Group service brands — and the ball quickly started rolling. With the guidance of local Mr. Appliance franchise owner Brooke Lutteke, Yee followed Lutteke's recommendations and signed up for an appli-



Katie Yee is the newest technician at Mr. Appliance in Garden City.

ance academy.

Proudly wearing the Mr. Appliance hat she received from Lutteke, Yee thrived in her classes despite being the only female on campus.

She is now training at Lutteke's Mr. Appliance location and is quickly becoming one of the best technicians in training they have seen.

"I haven't been treated any differently by coworkers," Yee said. "Sometimes customers are surprised to see a

female at the door but all in all everyone is very encouraging and supportive."

"No two days are the same, every day is different," she added.

Yee is following the advice of her father.

"My dad always told me that good things come to good people who work hard," she said. "With my dad's work ethic to carry me through I know I can overcome any challenges as they arise."

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Meet McCarty

Former Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty will discuss his recent book that documents his life on and off the ice at

a multiple-community luncheon Friday, Feb. 7, to Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The four-time Stanley Cup champion will discuss his book, *My Last Fight*, in an on-stage discussion with WJR-AM (760) Sports Director Steve Courtney at the event that involves the Livonia, Westland and Novi chambers of commerce. Members of the audience will have the chance to ask questions.

There are many memories fans recall from the Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup championship runs of 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2008 and McCarty provided his share of those.

The grinding winger was a beloved player for his likable personality, willingness to drop the gloves and ability to score clutch goals.

Despite his success on the ice, McCarty is also known for his publicized struggles with addiction, finances and health issues — some of those issues he continues to battle today.

The cost is \$30 for chamber members, \$40 for guests. To reserve a spot, call the Westland Chamber at 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Home repair classes

As Southeast Michigan residents endure one of the coldest, harshest winters in over a decade, Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development Department is offering a timely series of classes in basic home repair designed to give homeowners a foundation of knowledge in electric and plumbing related issues in their home.

Led by instructor Peter Pace, the two-part Simple Repairs for Beginners series will be offered in January at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and in March at the main campus in Livonia.

The basic electrical class will offer students the chance to secure the knowledge needed to safely do simple electrical home improvement projects. They will learn how to change an elec-

trical outlet and switch, install light fixtures and smoke detectors, and test circuits. Attendees will gain confidence in determining when a licensed electrician is required and get expert advice.

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A visit from the future

January means two things: pawing off excess cookies and cakes on your co-workers, and hearing about the unfathomable new technology from the annual Consumer Electronics Show.

The 2014 Consumer

Electronics Show in Las Vegas earlier this month showcased some wild technology. By comparison, this year's top gadgets make the smart fridges and three-dimensional printers from 2013 seem like typewriters.

One of the coolest pieces unveiled at this year's conference was a bendable TV produced by Samsung. This ultra flat screen device can be curved to enhance viewing and comes as large as 85 inches. Of course, a TV that impressive will set you back. In an unrelated story, does anyone have \$10,000 I can borrow?

Three-dimensional printers were also heavily talked about during the show. None were more impressive than the Makerbot Replicator Mini Compact 3D Printer which is Wi-Fi compatible. This device isn't your average printer that puts ink on paper. Think of it as a giant box that actually creates miniature 3D versions of replicas of anything you need.

In the past few years, owners of these expensive devices have used them to make household objects like phone stands and pen holders, but 3D printers have even been used to print heart valves. Yes you just read that correctly: there is a magical electronic box called a 3D printer that has saved lives by printing heart valves.

Ultra high def TVs
For the second straight year, ultra high definition TVs were among the most talked about items. If you are like me, you didn't think TVs could get any better. These new ultra HD TVs are proof that televisions have a long way to go and all of our current TVs will once again be obsolete.

An ultra high-def TV is estimated to have four times better resolution than the regular HD models. Vizio sells a 50-inch Ultra HD TV for approximately \$1,000. Prices should continue to fall.

The show featured advanced intuitive keyboards to help users type without looking and clip on mini-keyboards that pair with touch screen iPhones. There was a \$199 hydrogen-powered fuel cell which can be used to give power to developing countries as well as solar powered phone chargers.

One of the biggest themes of 2014 was tracking. We already discussed fitness trackers that monitor your movements, caloric intake and sleep patterns, but CES 2014 showcased more trackers to help you find belongings.

Arguably the best such tracker is called the Mother, which is a central hub with 24 removable tracking pieces that can be stuck to everyday objects you often misplace such as your wallet, keys, phone or child. Just don't lose the hub otherwise your money would have been better spent helping me buy a bendable TV.

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OUR VIEWS

Saying thank-you

W-W, GC boards show dedication to education

Being a school board member has to be one of the most thankless jobs. And in the Wayne-Westland and Garden City Public Schools district nothing could be more true, particularly in the past couple years.

Paid nominally, if at all, these elected officials put in countless hours of tedious work, reviewing bids, contracts and other proposals so they can come to a consensus and make decisions in the best interest of the school district they represent.

Holding down day jobs to support their families — usually in fields unrelated to education — they meet in the evening to conduct school district business and sacrifice time they could be spending with loved ones. They attend



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musical concerts, athletic events, science fairs and school fundraisers to show their support at all of the buildings, not just the ones their children or grandchildren may attend.

Some spend hundreds or thousands of dollars or their money on political signs and/or literature to get elected. Once in office, many donate back to the school district they represent.

While serving, they face tough decisions,

such as which schools to close, which programs to cut, which services to privatize. No matter how they vote, they inevitably make a group of people mad and are subjected to critical comments made publicly at meetings, in the press and online. It is impossible for them to please everyone with the difficult decisions they are elected to make.

Often, they have to set aside their personal preferences and vote for

the greater good.

Indeed it is a thankless job. It is easy for community members to criticize and belittle board members' decisions. Each voter, parent or resident reacts to board decisions from their own unique perspective — often rather than taking a more global view of the whole district, including its obstacles.

So, then, why would anyone want to run for school board? Because

they believe in public education, one of the cornerstones of American society. Their reward comes in June when they get to hand out diplomas to another class of students, sending them off full of promise for the future.

Maybe that's why January is School Board Recognition Month, a time when communities across Michigan acknowledge the efforts of their local school board members. From June to June is a long time to go without any encouragement — especially for a mostly volunteer job that requires so much commitment.

Whether you agree with the board and its decisions or not, take the

time to understand the time and effort these members put into the district, education and the community's children. Each member of the board takes their roles and duties very seriously and should be thanked.

Members of the Wayne-Westland school board are President Shawna Walker, Vice President Thomas Buckalew, Secretary Carol Middel, Treasurer Frederick Weaver and trustees Charles "Trav" Griffin, John Goci and Sally Madison. The Garden City Board members are President Patrick McNally, Vice President Darlene Jablonowski, Secretary Sarah Roffi, Treasurer John Thackaberry and trustees Lynette Childress, Loraine Stover and Linda Williams.

Being a school board member is a tough job, but someone has to do it. Let's thank those who are willing to do it.

OUR VIEWS

Time is running out to make a difference

Do you believe in miracles? There's no doubt some people in Michigan do. At the height of the Dec. 21 ice storm, nearly half a million people were left without power in Michigan. By week's end, 100,000 of them were still left without the power to generate light, heat and to cook food.

According to reports, people from Bay City were traveling as far as Canton to buy generators that were sold out elsewhere in the state. And as if the situation weren't bad enough, an estimated 10 people died from carbon monoxide poisoning due to having generators inside their homes.

By mid-week, in what surely must have seemed like a Christmas miracle, the power started coming on in many areas in what was a heroic effort by utility workers — miracle workers, actually, from all over the country — who braved nighttime temps in the single digits, tree limbs that continued to break off and needed to be cleared and downed power lines that had to be removed of ice before they could be replaced.

There are organizations locally that offer help ... but they can't do it without our help.

ing it.

Imagine having no generator to power up and heat your house. Heck, imagine having no house at all, no warm clothes, no place for a hot shower. And certainly no knowledge of where your next meal would come from for days, maybe months at a time.

What a dismal way to start the new year. There are organizations locally that offer help, such as the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, but they can't do it without our help. And right now, they need a miracle.

Maybe you were fumbling for your keys when you left your local grocery store recently and absentmindedly overlooked the bell ringer and red kettle that each year powers the efforts of the Salvation Army. Your missed donation was noticed.

The Wayne-Salvation Army was able to raise \$171,000 of its budgeted \$195,000 through support in the communities it serves. However, it fell short of its goal due to colder temperatures, rain and severe snow days during its peak fundraising times. And the Christmas mail donations from individuals, foundations and groups have raised \$20,000 to get to close to its \$25,000 goal.

The end result is a shortfall of about \$30,000, according to Wayne-Westland Corps Office Capt. Derek Rose.

There is still time to make a difference. The Salvation Army will continue to accept contributions through Jan. 31, whether it be with a dollar or something larger, both for those in need and for your 2013 tax deduction status. To help, send checks, payable to the Wayne Westland Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186.

It takes overt action, not magic, to make a miracle happen. Lucky you — you don't have to battle the elements to bring electricity to people. But you do have the power to make a difference right here at home.

LETTERS

Helps ministry grow

I just wanted to express how grateful we all are for the beautiful article you wrote about Magic Carpet Theatre's drama ministry. The article was so complete and will really make a difference in helping our ministry grow. People are calling because they read the article.

We were delighted to see that it was in so many different papers and that it was such a generous article in such a prominent location within the paper. The photos were wonderful, too. I was thrilled to see God in the headline!

I praise and thank God for you and I thank you for your

time and for putting such care into the piece.

May God bless you,
Catherine Zardus
The Parable Project

Agema's history

The Republican National Committee man, David Agema can not seem to contain his bigotry. His most recent examples are his posting on Facebook his support of Russia for its harsh laws against gays and his claim that Muslims have made no positive contributions to America.

Agema has a history of expressing his personal prejudices. Were I a Republican, I would be embarrassed that this overt bigoted racist is a spokesperson

for my party. As a private citizen, Agema is entitled to any of his erroneous opinion he so readily possesses. But, as a leader and spokesperson for the Republican party, he has such rights.

I wonder why the Michigan GOP tolerates Agema and keep him in his leadership position? David Wells, Agema's self-appointed apologist, claims the comments were taken out of context. Really? I wonder how posted comments espousing bigotry can be taken out of context?

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

GUEST COLUMN

Snyder makes case for his accomplishments

Gov. Rick Snyder likes to describe himself as "one tough nerd." He is also widely and accurately regarded as a numbers guy.

And his annual State of the State address was, indeed, true to type. There was none of the soaring rhetoric of his predecessor, Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Our governor would never win an oratory contest and I suspect he knows it.

Instead, what we got was a down-to-earth, wide-ranging list of topics, from campaign promises kept and initiatives accomplished to some forward-looking priorities. Snyder is clearly, if unofficially, running for a second term and the speech offered an advance look at what his reelection campaign will look like.

For me, the most interesting part of the speech had to do with his emphasis on how immigrants coming to Michigan can be an essential part of our state's economic development strategy.

To his credit, Snyder has been talking about welcoming immigrants ever since his first State of the State back in 2011.

This time, however, he called for creating a "Michigan Office for New Americans" to help educated, talented and ambitious immigrants, plus he urged federal approval for a visa program to help provide a path to citizenship for entrepreneurial immigrants who come with at least \$500,000 in capital to invest in new businesses.

Indeed, the metrics of what immigrants have done here are impressive — even to a numbers guy. From 1995 to 2005, one-quarter of all high-tech start-ups in the U.S. were founded by non-native born entrepreneurs, fully half of all such firms in Silicon Valley.

In Michigan, where only 6 percent of our population today is foreign-born, a radically disproportionate 32 percent of high-tech start-ups from 1990 to 2005 were founded by immigrants. In fact, nearly one-sixth of all businesses started in Michigan between 1996 and 2007 were launched by immigrants; in all those 2,276 firms generated \$1.5 billion in one year alone.

Clearly, we need more of this. The Michigan Office for New Americans idea follows past



Phil Power

steps taken by the Snyder administration to encourage immigrant-driven economic success.

At Snyder's urging, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. has provided financial support for the Global Talent Retention Initiative of Michigan, a pioneering international student program. It's aimed at encouraging the best of the more than 25,000 foreign-born students at Michigan universities, many of them studying engineering and math, to stay after graduation.

The governor's administration has developed a series of online professional licensing guides designed to help new Americans through the thicket of regulations and requirements. Now, his Office for New Americans is a logical next step. Former state Rep. Steve Tobocman, D-Detroit, is a bright guy who started Global Detroit and has been a consistent and effective advocate for immigrants as drivers of Michigan's economy.

Tobocman says the new office "sends a signal that Gov. Snyder is serious, that he is committed to making our state welcoming and that the complexities of the field ... require full-time attention and coordination."

Complexities are right. One example: Michigan has filed an application to be designated an EB-5 visa application center, something that would allow the state to reach out to prospective investor immigrants. Makes plenty of sense, yes? True — but bizarrely, the feds have placed management of the program in the Department of Homeland Security, not the Department of Commerce. Unraveling that bureaucratic snafu is bound to take some of the governor's attention.

The solution of Michigan's most pressing problem — how to remake Detroit into an economic engine rather than a sinkhole — has much to do with immigration policy. One of the key priorities for a revitalized Detroit is in-

creasing the number of residents and it's plain that international immigration is the only population growth strategy that has worked in any significant way in years.

The growing Hispanic community in southwest Detroit, the Middle Eastern one in Dearborn and multi-ethnic Hamtramck are all envied by struggling neighborhoods throughout Michigan.

Back in 2011, Tobocman told me "nothing is more powerful to remake Detroit as a center of innovation, entrepreneurship and population growth than embracing and increasing immigrant populations and the entrepreneurial culture and global connections they bring." I suspect Snyder has heard that message.

And looking through his State of the State speech gives the impression he has been listening to other far-sighted folks, as well. The governor wants another \$65 million in support for a state-run free pre-K program for poor and vulnerable 4-year-olds. He wants to explore the idea of year-round schools, where kids don't forget much of last year's learning over a long summer vacation. And he wants the Legislature to finish a new teacher evaluation system.

Two weeks ago, I went after the governor for signing a bill that perpetuates the disgraceful amount of secret "dark money" sloshing into Michigan political campaigns. That was a bad decision.

But there's much to admire in Rick Snyder's State of the State speech. We have no idea yet how the campaign for governor will unfold over the next nine months. But the markers Snyder laid down last week offer a powerful case for what he's done as a nerdy numbers guy who happens to be our governor.

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Soldier awarded Purple Heart 'blessed to be here'

By Valerie Olander
Correspondent

When the government envelope arrived in Dan O'Connor's Redford mailbox, the Iraq War veteran thought it was just another form to fill out after retiring two years ago from the U.S. Army.

Inside, he found his Purple Heart certificate for wounds suffered in combat during his second tour in Iraq. Once the medal arrives, a pinning ceremony will be held with an adjunct general in Lansing.

O'Connor, 37, suffered a traumatic brain injury from a suicide bomber's attack Jan. 20, 2009. Five other soldiers were injured and four Iraqi civilians were killed that day. He still suffers from headaches and hearing loss in his left ear.

"I'm just blessed to be here, home with my kids and going to school (at Schoolcraft College). I'm starting a new chapter in my life," he said.

As a sergeant with the 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, O'Connor was in charge of a security patrol in Baghdad, where his captain and other coalition forces were meeting with Iraqi officials.

He was in charge of eight soldiers in four Humvees lined up along a street near an office building where the meeting was taking place. A second security patrol from his unit was parked there, too.

Sgt. O'Connor remembers checking on his men and returning to his Humvee. Just as he shut the Humvee door, a blast rocked the street. A suicide bomber in a car detonated 200 pounds of explosives.

The blast left a 9-foot by 10-foot hole about 3 feet deep in the concrete.

His memory is patchy. O'Connor remembers hearing one of his gunners yelling for him and then making the initial radio contact to report the explosion. In the seconds that followed, his patrol assessed the area to make sure no other threats existed. The injured were rushed to the Green Zone hospital. Three soldiers suffered shrapnel wounds. Two gunners from O'Connor's patrol, Spec. Dixon Daggi and Pvt. Dustin Dill, suffered concussions.

It was outside the hospital where troops were gathered waiting for news on the injured when his section leader noticed O'Connor was having issues with depth perception. After an MRI, he was admitted to the hospital for a concussion.

"I don't remember much. I woke up in a hospital bed next to Dill and Daggi wondering what had happened," he said.

He spent two days in the hospital and returned to his base, where he recuperated for one more day before returning to duty.

"It's a very surreal experience. We lost so many men, and sometimes I wonder how I made it back alive. I have friends who were not lucky during two tours Iraq," he said.

The worst day was on May 5, 2006. This was shortly after arriving in northern Iraq during his first combat tour. Five men from his unit were killed from an improvised explosive device during a convoy operation in An Najaf. The anniversary haunts him. He memorializes the day, keeping in contact with their family members and his Army buddies.

Losing friends in war is the hardest thing I deal with. I think about it all the time," he said.

A 1994 graduate of Ford Union High School, O'Connor worked at Kmart distribution center on Joy and Hagerty for 10 years. When

it closed, he found temporary work, including a seasonal job with Wayne County Parks, but nothing permanent. That's when he decided to join the Army in 2005, knowing two wars were raging in Iraq and Afghanistan. A friend had enlisted the year before and his father is a Vietnam veteran.

"I remember telling the recruiter I didn't

want to go until after St. Patrick's Day so I could have my last hurrah with friends. I was at Duffy's (a bar where his future wife, Susie, was working)," he said.

The two knew each other, but didn't start dating until after he returned stateside in 2009. He was stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado for two more years.

After retiring in 2011,

he found the job climate in the Detroit area no better than it was when he enlisted in the Army. Last semester he began taking classes at Schoolcraft College using his Veterans Administration benefits. Once completing the prerequisite courses, he will transfer to Eastern Michigan University to get a teaching degree.



Dan O'Connor in combat gear in Iraq. O'Connor, 37, suffered a traumatic brain injury from a suicide bomber's attack on Jan. 20, 2009.

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Blue vaults past rival Red in 'Flip for a Cure'

Annual dual meet helps support cancer research

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Strong showings in three of the four events carried Livonia Blue to a 138.80-133.25 girls gymnastics victory Monday night over rival Livonia Red in the annual "Flip for a Cure" meet held at Churchill High School.

Livonia Blue, now 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the KLAAs Kensington Division, took four of the top five places to out-score Red 34.80-30.20 on the uneven bars.

"We did very well and I'm very proud of them," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield said. "Our freshman Jess Weak came out strong and had a good meet as well as our returning sophomore Bri Rhoad. Catie McDougall, Alex Zukowski, Emily Chatterjee and Jillian Zarafana rounded out our

team and helped us to victory."

Blue, which had one point deducted off its team total because of paperwork issues, also won both the balance beam (35.40-33.95) and floor exercise (35.30-33.50).

"As a team we came into the meet ready to compete and ready to show off everything we had," Broomfield said. "We had a great time 'flipping for a cure' and raising money to support cancer research."

McDougall, a junior, took first on the balance beam with a score of 9.15, while Weak, a freshman, captured the uneven bars with a 9.05.

Weak was second in the all-around (35.20), while Rhoad, a sophomore, added a third (34.95).

"We knew coming in the level of gymnastics that she had," Broomfield said of Weak. "She's really stepped up her game. And as far as the high school requirements, she's grown up a lot already this season. And she's looking to grow even more. I'm really pleased

with her improvement from the beginning of the season until now.

"Bri's coming back off an ankle injury. She's actually come a long way since the beginning of the season. She's now back on all four events, so we're looking to keep her healthy and keep competing on all four events."

The meet's individual standout was Livonia Red sophomore Marissa McVey, who captured the individual all-around (36.05) after taking firsts in the vault (9.05) and floor exercise (9.35). McVey added thirds in both the uneven bars (8.8) and balance beam (8.85).

Livonia Red's best showing came on vault with a 35.60 to Blue's 34.30.

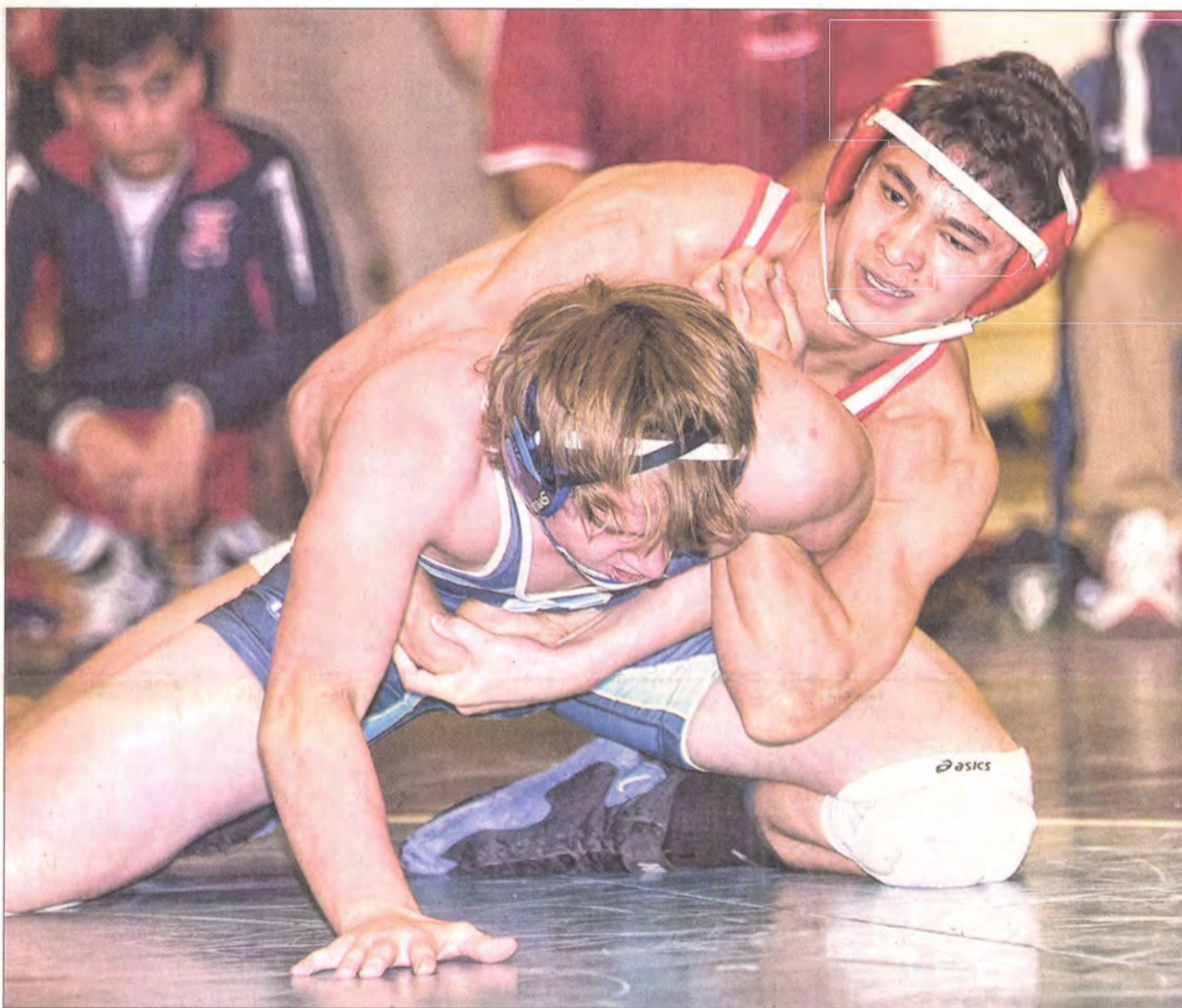
"I was very pleased with tonight's performance," said Red coach Kelly Grodzicki, whose team is 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the Kensington Division. "The girls did very well. We are struggling through some injuries, but the



Livonia Red's Marissa McVey, performing on the uneven bars, was the all-around winner in Monday's dual against Livonia Blue. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

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OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNEY PREVIEW



Franklin's Jordan Atienza (top) is undefeated in his 38 matches this season at 160 and 171 pounds. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Can Plymouth grapplers stay ahead of field?

Favored Wildcats poised to claim 1st-ever Observerland wrestling crown

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

One team appears to be in the catbird seat heading into the 23rd annual Observerland Invitational Wrestling Tournament, which commences once again Saturday morning at Livonia Churchill High School.

Plymouth, the Wayne County Tournament champions, will be gunning for their first-ever Observerland title in the 17-school field after finishing fourth a year ago.

"Plymouth is definitely the team to beat," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola, who owns four Observerland titles himself. "I've been coaching at Franklin since they started their program and this is definitely the best team they've had in my opinion, which is surprising because they've graduated a lot of good kids the couple of years. I thought they might be going down a little bit, but they've picked it back up with kids nobody has ever heard of."

Plymouth sixth-year coach Quinn Guernsey is confident in his team's ability to get the job done, but remains cautiously optimistic.

"This year we have plenty of top-end talent, but this year our seventh, eighth and ninth best kids on the team are still pretty good," Guernsey said. "Really, all the way down we don't have a hole. We don't have a kid - when he usually goes out - we don't expect to lose. And this year that's been the case."

"We've looked good all season. We're hoping to come out of this hoping to finish near the top."

Rockets defend

Westland John Glenn is the defending Observerland champion after scoring a team-high 180.5 points. Rounding out the top five was Franklin (149), Wayne Memorial (143), Plymouth (133.5) and the Novi Detroit Catholic Central varsity 'B' team (120).

"They've been consistent," Glenn coach Bill Polk said of Plymouth. "I really thought we could win our dual against them, but they won some crucial matches. A lot of times who wins our division is the team that has a lot of consistency from top to bottom. This

year - Canton, Franklin and us - have a lot of young kids in the lineup, so Plymouth has taken advantage of it."

Glenn lost to Plymouth in a KLAAs South Division dual meet only last week, 45-25.

"They're pretty balanced from top to bottom," Glenn coach Bill Polk said of the Wildcats. "We've struggled a little bit lately. We got a couple injuries and we're putting a lot of young kids out on the mat. They're struggling at the varsity level, but hopefully we can get it all together at the end."

There will be no shortage of individual talent heading into Saturday's tournament as 19 Observerland grapplers are ranked either in the top 10 or honorable mention in their respective weight classes by the website MichiganGrappler.com.

Prime matchups

The finals, which will start at approximately 5 p.m., should feature some outstanding matches.

Among the Plymouth wrestlers ranked in Division 1 include junior



Brandon

SOCCER

MLS Crew get U-D's Bedell in 3rd round

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Adam Bedell has always had it in the back of his mind to play professional soccer.

And the University of Detroit Mercy senior realized that goal after being drafted Tuesday in the third round of the Major League Soccer SuperDraft by the Columbus Crew.

Bedell, a former All-Observer selection from Livonia Churchill High, was taken by the Crew 45th overall. He is also the first Titan soccer player to be drafted in the MLS.

"I'm excited," Bedell said. "I've been waiting a long time for this. It's something I've been preparing for for years now. I have my dream realized and it's another step in the right direction."

I still have a lot to do obviously, but I got my foot in the door and now I have to prove myself and work hard."

All three the Crew's SuperDraft selections, including first-round pick Ben Sweat (South Florida), who was selected 14th overall, and third-round choice Kingsley "Fifi" Baiden (UC-Santa Barbara), who was taken 42nd, will compete for a spot on the first team roster, entering the club's preseason camp this weekend in Florida. All are unsigned.

"It looks like I'll be playing forward," Bedell said. "It seems like they see me as a target player. I haven't spoke with coach (Gregg) Berhalter about that at this time, but I'm sure we'll have many discussions soon as far as what he wants my



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Adam Bedell was taken in the MLS SuperDraft by the Columbus Crew. TIM BUSCH | UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

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Filiatraut returns to coach at Divine Child

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The lure of coaching high school football again has John Filiatraut returning to his alma mater.

After a year's absence, the former Livonia Churchill coach is headed back to Dearborn Divine Child where he'll replace Steve Robb, who was not retained after going 3-6 in his only season as the Falcons' coach.

The 44-year-old Filiatraut, who spent 16 years as Churchill's varsity coach before stepping down following the 2012 season for family considerations, is a 1987 Divine Child grad who played under coach Wes Wishart.

Last season, Filiatraut coached his younger son's Livonia St. Michael's fifth- and sixth-grade team. His oldest son John Jr., a senior at DC, played offensive guard for the Falcons in the fall.

"The opportunity was there," Filiatraut said. "I'm very excited to be there. I met the kids on Monday. That was great. I'm just really happy to be in there and to be coaching again. I did miss it last year. I missed high school football and this will be a good, new challenge."

Filiatraut, who played football at the University of Wisconsin, became the Churchill varsity coach at age 26 and spent 16 seasons with the Chargers, going 61-90.

He guided the Chargers to four play-off berths (2004, 2007, 2011 and 2012) with his best season coming in 2012 when Churchill finished 10-1, capturing both the KLA South Division and Kensington Conference championships.

Divine Child, now a member of the Catholic League's AA Division, has an enrollment of approximately 800 students. The school spawned such players as former Lions quarterback Gary Danielson along with former University of Colorado coach and Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney.

"The biggest change for me personally is that it's just a smaller place," Filiatraut said of Divine Child. "At our meeting on Monday I met 53 returning players. At Churchill that's a big class. But that's (incoming) sophomores, juniors and seniors. I just have to get my head around coaching at a smaller place. I expect for us to improve a little bit, but it's unreasonable to expect there is going to be 150 kids playing football there. The place only has 400 boys or so. We have some good skill kids coming back and our line will be a little young, but we'll get them going."



Filiatraut

Filiatraut he is putting together a staff which will include alumni relations director Scott Dickey, a holdover from the previous staff.

"I've been at Churchill for so long," Filiatraut said. "It's a little strange leaving there, but the colors are the same and that's good. A couple of holdovers that are teachers in the building. The staff is coming together. We're definitely not done yet. Once I got Scott's commitment and from some of the other guys in the building, I was fully on board with it."

Filiatraut's wife, Janice, was also on board with his decision to return to the high school coaching ranks.

"She's very supportive," John Filiatraut said. "Anybody that knows me knows that I wouldn't do anything without her backing me up. Without her support I definitely couldn't do it. She's been great and she's very excited."

"At this point I have a better vision what good football looks like and how to run a good program. I feel like I've cut my teeth and I'm ready to go. I just have a better vision of what should happen. In that regard I'm very excited."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Castillo top punter

Alejandro Castillo, a senior at Livonia Franklin High School, recently took first place in the punting competition at the 2013 National Kicking Challenge held during Christmas break in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Castillo, the kicker and punter last fall for the Patriots' varsity football team, trains with Kornblue Kicking based in of Bonita Springs, Fla.

MU softball camp

Madonna University women's softball coach Jerry Abraham will stage a fundamentals camp from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and a pitching camp (all ages) from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the MU Activities Center.

The cost is \$25 per session or \$50 for both. You can register at the door.

For more information, email Abraham at jabraham@madonna.edu or call 734-432-5612.

Future Stars camp

The eighth annual Franklin High School Future Stars spring baseball camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and from 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the high school fieldhouse, 31000 Joy, Livonia.

Session 1 will consist of hitting, base running and infield work, while Session 2 will focus on pitching, outfield, defense and catching drills.

The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both. Campers must bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes. Each camper will bring a sack lunch for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. if attending both sessions.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at 734-968-0499; or email mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

CHS Hall of Fame

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame induction dinner, put on by the Churchill Athletic Patrons, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday,

March 20, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro); football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986); and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman.

Tickets are \$35 each (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

For more information, contact Rob Suida at 313-617-5448; or email rsuida@cmsenergy.com.

Coach-Pitch, T-Ball

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage walk-in or fax-in registration for 2014 co-ed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville school attendance area through Feb. 26.

Mail-in registration is through Feb. 14.

Enrollment is limited to the first 640 participants in each division. Registration forms have been sent to schools or can be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The season runs from May through July with T-Ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch scrimmages Thursday evenings.

Late registration for Livonia or Clarenceville school district residents will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the LCRC, 15000 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Nonresident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office.

Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30 or until teams are filled.

Open registration fees are \$40 per child (resident) and \$50 (nonresident). Late registration fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (nonresident).

For more information, call 734-466-2410 (use option No. 2).

BEDELL

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role to be, and I'll be more happy to do it.

"Everything is moving very quickly right now."

The 6-foot-6 Bedell, primarily used as an attacking midfielder and forward at Detroit, was named to the first-team All-Horizon League for the second straight season in 2013. In 2012, Bedell won the Horizon League Player and Offensive Player of the Year honors and its first Horizon League regular season championship since 2005.

In 2013, Bedell finished tied for third in the Horizon League in points (21), fourth in goals (eight), while tying for sixth in assists (five), respectively.

Bedell, a biology major, finished his Titan career among the leaders in several major statistical categories that include sixth all-time in career points (67), goals (23) and assists (22).

"This is a proud day for Detroit Titans soccer to have a player drafted to the MLS," said Detroit men's coach Nick Deren, a Livonia Stevenson High

grad. "It's a big step for our program and we're looking forward to watching him play with the Columbus Crew. It could not happen to a more class-act person. He is always setting high standards for himself and his hard work and determination is what what led him to being drafted."

On Dec. 14, Bedell was a participant in the Crew's College Combine, hosted by the Crew's first team technical staff. He also played for the Crew Soccer Academy Wolves program in Michigan.

"Adam stood out at our Combine last December and is a good example of the depth of this region's player pool," Berhalter said.

At Churchill, Bedell ended high school career with 26 goals, which is fourth all-time in the Chargers' record books, along with 31 assists, which is second all-time. He played club soccer six years for the Michigan Wolves Academy.

He also earned two letters in basketball and helped Churchill captured the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championships both in basketball and soccer as a senior.

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Try dance, improv or set design at Motor City Theatre

'Trying some different things' helps beat winter blahs, cabin fever

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you've ever wanted to learn a few tap dance moves — without making a major commitment to classes — it's time to click up your heels and head to Motor City Theatre.

Nancy Florkowski, artistic director and founder, plans to roll out a series of arts sampler workshops on Sundays in February at the Livonia playhouse.

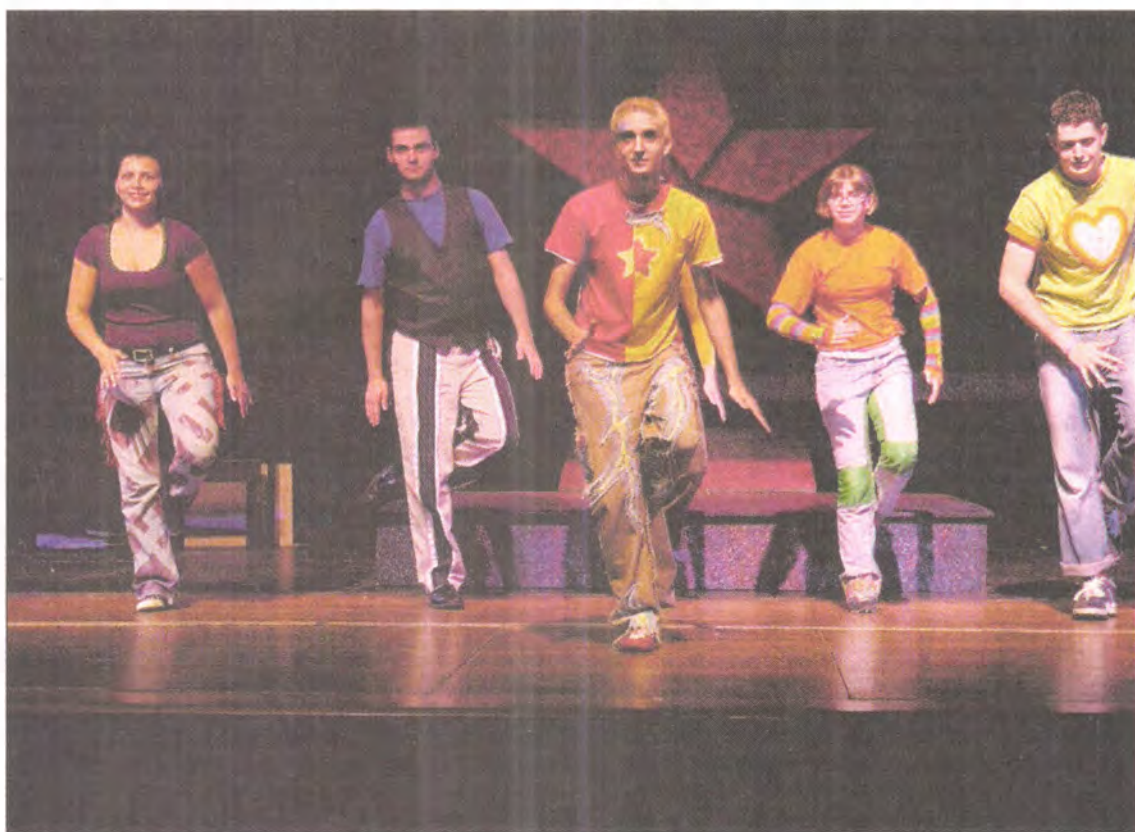
"The kids have been asking for dance, so we're trying some different things. We did try something like this a year or two ago, but it never got off the ground," Florkowski said. "We're hoping now that we have an adult theater company, more people will notice."

Both Motor City Players, an adult troupe, and Motor City Youth Theatre perform and rehearse at the former Grantland Street Playhouse, now the Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland. All of the upcoming workshops will be held at that location.

The schedule includes:

» Improvisation for Theater, 1:30-4:30 p.m. for middle school to age 15, and 5-8 p.m. for age 16 to adult, Sunday, Feb. 2. Improv performers Mike Meike and Mark C. Holden will teach improv basics, including warm-up exercises, listening skills and group trust. The second half of the session gives participants to apply what they've learned by playing games seen in the television show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Cost is \$35 per person.

» Tap, Jazz and Broadway dance is a two-part class, Sunday, Feb. 9 and 16. It's open to children and adults. Beginners and youngsters in grades four-six will meet from 1-2:30 p.m.; moderately experienced dancers and grades seven-nine will meet from 2:40-4:10 p.m. and advanced dancers and grades 10-adult will meet from 4:20-5:50 p.m. An optional dance placement workshop will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, to help determine skill levels. Cost is \$35 for the two-session class. Molly Zelesky



Adults can sign up for tap, jazz and Broadway dance workshops at Motor City Theatre.



A drawing by Fred Florkowski shows a scenic design. He'll teach a design class for adults next month at Motor City Theatre in Livonia.

will teach the dance workshop.

» Florkowski's husband, Fred, will teach a scenic design class for students, 16-adult, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. He'll talk about visual images, script research, developing scene renderings and floor plans. Students should bring graphite pencils, colored pencils, erasers and paper. Cost is \$35.

"Fred will take them at whatever level they are," Florkowski said, adding that some

experience is preferred but not required.

Audition tool

Florkowski said the dance classes are helpful for actors who want some step and movement knowledge when they audition for musicals.

"They can go to an audition and not feel like a klutz. It's always nice to have at an audition. It gives you a little backbone if you're not going in

cold."

She said Motor City Theatre may offer monthly classes if there's enough demand.

"Another reason we're doing this is we want to see what interest there is in classes," she said. "We want to do at least another four weeks after this. We'll do some crazy stuff."

She hopes to offer a puppet-building class in the next round of workshops. A monster makeup class is in the works and Florkowski plans to teach a session in harmonica.

"We're there to inspire people. Things happen by serendipity. You take a puppet class and you may end up having a puppetry troupe. Or improv troupe. We're trying to generate interest to build more things."

Class reservations are due Feb. 1. Walk-ins will be allowed if there's room. Make checks payable to Motor City Youth Theatre and send payment — along with a form available at www.mcyt.or — and mail to Nancy Florkowski, 15498 Meadowbrook, Redford, MI 48239.

Questions? Call 313-535-8962 or email nancy@mcyt.org.

Perform Shakespeare for a chance to win scholarship

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival will hold regional contests next month — with statewide finals set in March — for its 13th annual Michigan Shakespeare Festival High School Monologue Competition.

The event is open to all Michigan high school students in grades nine-12. Entrants are required to memorize one monologue, one to two minutes in length, from a Shakespeare play of their choosing. Four finalists will be asked to compete in the statewide final and have the opportunity to win a financial award up to \$625 to spend toward higher education goals.

The Eastern District Regional, which includes Wayne and Oakland counties, will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Mallets Creek Library, 3090 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor. Signup will begin at 11 a.m. The Statewide Final Competition is set for Saturday, March 29, in Jackson.

Invitations to the finalists will be made after the regional competitions are completed.

Applications are available by emailing msf@acd.net and by download at www.MichiganShakespeareFestival.com. Deadline for registration is Feb. 8. Entrants also pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$5. For more information about the competition, call the festival office at 517-998-3673.

Founded in 1995, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival is a not-for-profit professional theater company dedicated to entertaining and educating a broad-based audience through professional performances of Shakespeare's works and other classic plays. It presents a repertory season of three productions annually at The Baughman Theatre, located in Jackson College's Potter Center.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31

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

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS

ARAB AMERICAN MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1

Location: 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Pewabic Pottery instructor Victoria Shaheen will lead a bowl-making workshop. Participants will hand-mold bowls from clay and decorate them with a slip-glaze technique. Includes a docent-guided tour of the Museum focusing on Arab artistic heritage in America and the role of food and hospitality in culture. Fee is \$35 and advanced registration is required. Appropriate for adults and children 11 and over

Contact: 313-582-2266; arabamericanmuseum.org

GALLERY@VTV

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Glass sculpture by JB Wood is on display through May

Contact: 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE



Light Wire Theatre brings its electroluminescent wire puppets, Feb. 9, to Music Hall in Detroit.

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, opening day reception is from 6-9 p.m.; show runs Feb. 7-March 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: 8th Annual Member Exhibition

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

FILM

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31

Location: 315 E. Warren, Detroit

Details: Premiere of *Madman or Martyr*, a documentary about abolitionist John Brown and the Underground Railroad in Detroit. Luke Jaden, a Detroit Country Day student wrote, directed and produced the film. A Q & A with Jaden and some of the cast will follow the screening. Free

Contact: 313-494-5800

MATRIX THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. screenings and 9 p.m. reception, Thursday, Jan. 30; 8 p.m.

screening, Friday, Jan. 31; 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. screenings, Saturday, Feb. 1; 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. screenings, with award ceremony at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2

Location: 2730 Bagley, Detroit

Details: Second annual 2014 Detroit Dreaming Film Festival showcase the diversity, struggles and triumphs of the City of Detroit, through narratives, documentary, and shorts. Tickets are \$7 per screening block

Contact: 313-967-0599; www.matrixtheatre.org

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24; 4:10 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 25-26; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *The Book Thief*, admission \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 31 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 1

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: *True Grit*; \$5

Coming up: *Casablanca*, 8 p.m. Feb. 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 15; free admission;

Contact: 313-537-2560

FUNDRAISER

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: 45th Birthday Party & Silent Auction Fundraiser features wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, music by Rose Paulus and Jeff Davis, You-Art photos with Christina Evans, door prizes, silent auction. RSVP recommended, but tickets are not required. Donations will be accepted at check-in

Contact: 734-416-4278

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

Location: Golden Fox at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township

Details: "A Night FOR the Museum" will include appetizers, gourmet dinner, dessert, cash bar, live auction and raffle, entertainment by 12-year-old Makenzie Ryder and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. Tickets are \$75 and are available at the Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth or online at www.plymouthhistory.org. Ticket deadline is Feb. 7

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; perfor-

mances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through May

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

Details: Includes a featured performer and several open mic spots. Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 20

Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: The Haifa Symphony Orchestra performs music by Mozart, Dvorák, and Uri Bracha. Tickets are \$67; \$62 for members

Contact: 248-661-1900

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

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

Details: \$5 donation at the door

Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26

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

Details: Pianist David Gerings and cellist Ian Fountain perform.

Contact: 248-855-6070

CLASS TEACHES VEGETARIAN NUTRITION, MEAL PREP

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Arthur Weaver, M.D., will talk about one of his favorite subjects — the plant-based diet — on Sunday, Feb. 2, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

His wife, Natalie Weaver, will cook up some vegetarian dishes to illustrate the topic. And everyone in their audience at "Vegetarian Cooking and Nutrition School" will get a chance to taste the results.

"We've been doing these classes for about 45 years," said Weaver, 90, who also leads stop-smoking classes and an annual weeklong health camp. "The less meat one eats the greater the reduction in the risk for diabetes, cancer and a dozen other chronic diseases."

"Studies show the vegetarian diet has a significant advantage and the vegan diet even more significant. But we don't try to make vegetarians out of them (class attendees). We try to inform them and give them the information and let them decide what to do with it. They become educated. The reason for doing this is to share some good news with the community."

Weaver and his wife are vegetarians who attend the Seventh-day Adventist church. He said about half of Seventh-day Adventists are vegetar-



Natalie and Arthur Weaver of Northville will hold "Vegetarian Cooking and Nutrition School" Feb. 2 at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ians. He'll cite some of the studies that have tracked the health of church members, both vegetarians and meat-eaters, as well as data from other research projects.

He'll also answer questions about nutrition and vegetarianism. He said nonvegetarians often ask about protein sources in a plant-based diet. They also want to know how a meatless diet will affect their children.

Becoming a vegetarian

He suggests that individuals gradually reduce their meat consumption and "re-educate their sense of taste" as they work their way toward a plant-based diet. Keeping portions under control is important, too. Weaver also prefers fresh fruits and vegetables over processed fare.

"Ideally I think fresh, and

then frozen, then maybe dried and then canned. If you can get it locally, fine. But it's better to get it than not get it at all," he said.

"The average meat-eater can't picture a plate that doesn't have meat as a central item," he said. "They also don't know how you can make up various entrees they don't have meat. My wife will talk about menu planning and a (vegetar-

TASTY BEAN BAKE

Many different kinds of beans could be substituted, and home cooked beans also work well.
Serves: 8-10

- 1 (15.5 ounce) can kidney beans
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can lima beans
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can French-cut green beans
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can yellow wax beans
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1 pound can vegetarian baked beans
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup barbecue sauce
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 small green pepper chopped

Partially drain and do not rinse the kidney, lima, green and yellow beans. Add the remaining ingredients to the beans. Stir all ingredients and place into deep baking dish or crockpot. Bake at 350 degrees for 1½ hours or crock pot 2 hours on high and then a half hour on low.

ian) balanced diet."

Sample recipes and cook books will be available at the class. It will run from 2-5 p.m. Feb. 2, in the community room at the church, 4295 Napier, south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. Admission is a suggested donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. RSVP by calling Weaver at 248-349-5683.

Here's one of the Weavers' bean recipes:

Manage hunger with wholesome foods

Whether you're following a weight loss plan or simply maintaining healthy habits, finding foods that are nutritious sources of protein and promote satiety can help curb your urge to snack throughout the day.

Wholesome soyfoods can replace other foods in your diet that might be adding too much fat, sugar and cholesterol. Soyfoods also provide high-quality, complete protein, shown to increase satiety, the feeling of fullness.

"Soy protein can play a major role in satiety," said Russ Egbert, director of protein research at Archer Daniels Midland Co. "We know that diets that are high in protein are more satiating than diets that are high in carbohydrates or high in fat."

Regardless of your lifestyle or age, protein is an essential nutrient your body needs, and compared to other common protein sources, the soybean is a giant. The soybean is upwards of 38 percent protein, said Karl Weingartner, director of the International Soybean Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Fish such as salmon contain about 18 percent protein, while a T-bone steak is about 22 percent.

In addition, a recent study published in *Molecular Food & Nutrition Research* found that soy fiber has "favorable effects on body weight, body mass index and fasting LDL-cholesterol levels in overweight and obese adults," all factors that are helpful in weight loss and managing high blood pressure.

"The soybean by its nature is a complete food. It's very high in protein, it contains valuable oils, essential fatty acids, fiber, even the sugars in it are considered to be prebiotics," said Peter Golbitz, director of international business development for the SunOpta Grains and Foods Group.

Simple substitutions make it easy to incorporate soy into your favorite dishes:

- » Combine an avocado, a cup of extra-firm tofu and salsa for a lighter guacamole
- » Substitute soymilk into garlic mashed potatoes
- » Energize your child's morning breakfast with protein-rich soy yogurt
- » Fix a quick, healthy dinner with soy-based burgers in place of traditional ground beef
- » Toss fresh edamame on top of your favorite salad
- » Select delicious whole soy nutrition bars as snacks

Or, you can experiment with new recipes for guilt-free indulgence. For more recipes featuring soy protein, visit www.soyfoods.org.

Courtesy of Family Features



BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND FENNEL GRATIN

From the Silk Test Kitchen

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 small bulbs fennel, cored, stalks thinly sliced (reserve fronds)
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 cup Silk Unsweetened soy or almondmilk
- 1 tsp salt
- 2-2 ½ pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and thinly sliced
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 4 ounces grated Parmesan, Romano or soy cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter or oil a 9- by 13-inch casserole pan. Place a medium-sized skillet over medium-low heat. Add olive oil and cook fennel and onion until both are translucent, about 10 minutes. Add garlic and cook an additional 2 minutes. Stir in nutmeg, Silk and salt. Bring mixture to a boil and remove from heat. Chop 3 tablespoons of the reserved fennel fronds. Spread half of the squash in the bottom of prepared casserole pan. Top with half the fennel/onion mixture and half the fennel fronds, then lightly salt and pepper. Repeat, ending with the fennel/onion mixture and remaining chopped fronds. Salt and pepper again. Cover casserole with foil and place on a sheet pan in the middle of the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove the foil, top with grated cheese and bake for an additional 15 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before eating.

SOY AND SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

12 servings

- 1 pound silken tofu, crumbled
- 1 pound low-fat cream cheese, cubed
- 1 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 pound frozen

chopped spinach, thawed and drained
1 pound marinated artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
½ cup green onions, chopped
Parmesan cheese, grated for garnish

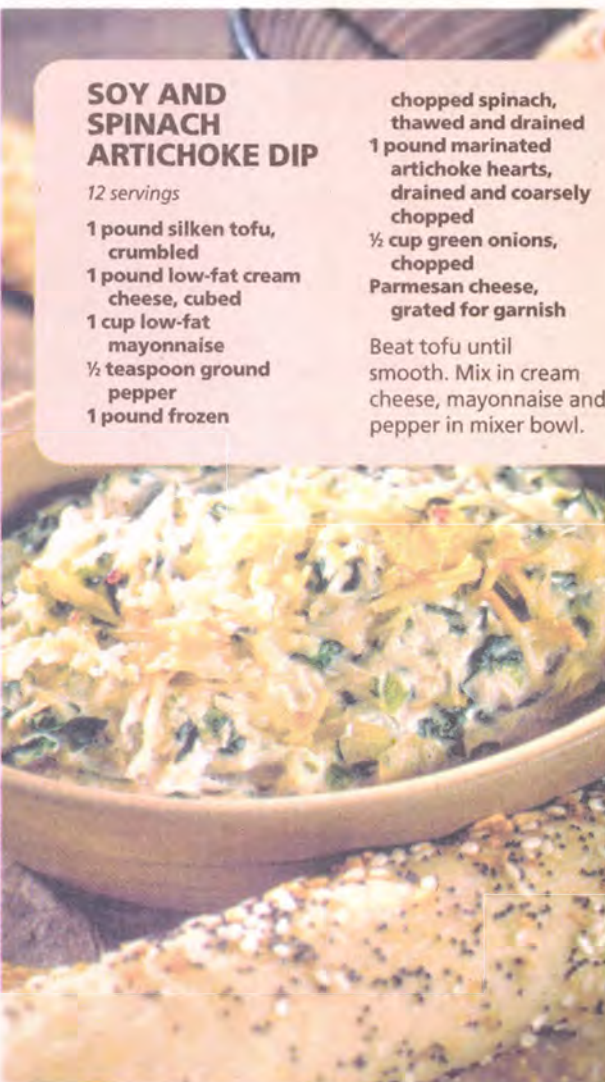
Beat tofu until smooth. Mix in cream cheese, mayonnaise and pepper in mixer bowl.

Fold in spinach, artichokes and green onions. Divide mixture equally into 12 (4-ounce) au gratin dishes. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top, if desired. Bake at 350°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until bubbly and browned on top. Serve with low-carb crackers or bread for an all-around low-carb snack or lunch!

TOFU "PUNKIN" PIE

- 1 package (14 ounce) firm tofu
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 can (16 ounces) cooked pumpkin
- 1 prepared graham cracker pie crust

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a blender or food processor, add all ingredients and blend thoroughly. Pour mixture into pie crust; bake for 45 minutes or until set. Serve chilled.



RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford

Details: Performances by Ammunition Band, This Fire Within, The Savior's Army and Lost & Found; free admission, although donations are welcome

Contact: 313-937-2424

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday,

Jan. 25

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, between Grand River and Freedom Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Rachel Kurtz, singer/song writer, performs. She has sung with such groups as Agape, the Restoration Project, Black Audience, and many others. Admission is \$5. Refreshments served after the concert

Contact: 248-474-0584

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Cliff Monear Trio with guest vocalist Ja Franco perform at this rescheduled event. Admission is a suggested donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per family

Contact: 248-4746170, Ext. 208

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2-March 25

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, at

Drake, Farmington Hills

Details: Free; presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support. Register by calling Amanda Haelterman at 248-661-9191

Contact: pastor Dennis Carlson, dennis.carlson@4fcc.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27

Location: St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan, one mile north of Michigan Avenue, Wayne

Details: Tour the school, meet with teachers and learn more

about Christian education. Bus service is available for residents of the Wayne-Westland Community School District. Child care is available before and after school

Contact: 734-728-3315; www.stmichaellutheran.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26

Location: St. Michael the Archangel School, 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Tour the K-8 parochial

school's facilities, meet staff members, and meet other parents and students.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 226; livonia@michael.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26

Location: All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, west of Beck, Canton

Details: Open house for new families. All Saints includes preschool through eighth grade

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BENTLEY, NEWELL FRANCIS, JR.

Age 74, a 46 year resident of Livonia, Michigan passed away on January 19, 2014. Newell was born on April 6, 1939 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Newell and Jane (Rose) Bentley. He married Margaret Sweeney on July 13, 1968 at St. Clement Catholic Church in Romeo, Michigan. Newell (Beve, Francis, Bevo) loved playing with his grandkids, cooking, fishing, hunting, wood-working, drinking coffee and "exercising" at the Farmington YMCA. Newell retired from General Motors after 33 years of service. Then, one day later, he started at the Farmington YMCA. He was very active in the community and all of his children's activities. Newell Jr. is survived by his wife of 45 years Margaret; children: Ann (Robert) Brumar, Barbara (John) Holcomb, Cathleen (Tom) Sweder, and Newell (Marla) Bentley III. Grandchildren include Daniel Andrew, Margaret, Natalie, Julia, Hannah, Braeden, Jaret, and Maia Newell. Sister Christine Connor of Redford, MI, and beloved extended family also survive. In lieu of flowers donations to American Diabetes Association or The "Farmington YMCA Senior Programs" would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Henry M. Malburg Funeral Home, Romeo, Michigan.



CALDER, JANETTE (WOLCOTT)

Age 98 of Livonia, passed away in her sleep January 20, 2014, at Woodhaven Retirement Community where she had lived since 2009. She was married to Alexander Calder for 74 years until his death in 2007. A 1933 graduate of Highland Park H.S. she was an accomplished seamstress, a devoted mother, a loving wife, and a proud homemaker. She will be deeply missed by her four sons: George of Westland, Neil (Michele) of Henderson, Nevada, Gary (Debra) of Okemos, Michigan, and Kenneth of Livonia. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. According to her wishes, there will be no viewing or visitation, she will be cremated, and her ashes will be combined with her husband's in Livonia's Parkview Cemetery. A memorial service will be held later, probably in April, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Donations in her memory can be made to St. Matthew's Memorial Fund, 30900 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152, or to Woodhaven Retirement Community, 29667 Wentworth, Livonia, MI 48154. Arrangements in the care of Fred Wood Funeral Home Livonia, MI.

FREDWOOD Funeral Home



LINDBERG, ISABELLE

96, of Kohler, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. She was born July 24, 1917, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Isabelle was married to Oscar Lindberg on December 31, 1936. Oscar preceded her in death on May 29, 1994. They lived in Grand Rapids for 38 years. In 1955 they moved to the Detroit area, where they were actively involved with Faith Covenant Church and made many life-long friends. In 2007, Isabelle moved to Kohler to live with her daughter, Mary. Isabelle is lovingly remembered by her four children, Fred Lindberg (Betty Jo) of Brighton, Michigan, Carol Henderson (Mark) of Rochester, Michigan, Mary Buchan (Bruce) of Kohler, and Richard Lindberg of Scottsdale, Arizona; four grandchildren, Lisa Haverkate, Ken Lindberg, Chris Lindberg, and Ian Buchan; four great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Marie Lindberg. She was predeceased by her husband, Oscar, and son, Robert. In accordance with Isabelle's wishes, a memorial will be held in Michigan at a later date. Please visit www.zimmerfuneralhome.com to sign her guestbook. In lieu of flowers, a memorial to Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, would be appreciated.



MANCHESTER, MARY M.

Passed away January 16, 2014 at the age of 87. She was born December 24, 1926 in Detroit to Joseph and Rachel (McLaren) Barlow. She was the beloved wife of William "Bud" Manchester for over 66 years and the dear mother of Linda (Richard) Walther, Jill Manchester, Cynthia (Eric) Matchette, Crystal (Joseph) Mazzarella, Mary (Roger) Bloedel and the late Ronald Manchester. Dearest grandmother of Patricia (Donald) Gerbert, Richard Walther Jr., Eric Matchette Jr., Alyssa Matchette, William Mazzarella, Samuel Mazzarella and the late Rachel and Sarah Bloedel and great-grandmother of Brenden Walther and Maddix Gerbert. Mary is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and her beloved poodle "Sweetie". Funeral Services were held Monday, January 20, 2014, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com. Entombment Glen Eden Cemetery.

STANG, MARY ELIZABETH

Her Legacy... Passed away, January 20, 2014 at the age of 88. Mary Beth was born December 7, 1925 in Sandusky, Ohio to Herman R. and Alena I. (Simon) Bryant. On May 28, 1949 Mary Beth married Charles Stang in Sandusky, Ohio. Lovingly married for 60 years, he preceded her in death in 2010. Mary Beth will be remembered as a loving spouse and mother who was generous to all. Her Family... Mary Beth is survived by sons, David (Mary) of Morganton, North Carolina; Thomas J. of Friendswood, Texas; and daughter Barbara (William) Fleszar of Brighton, Michigan; grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, Meghan and Morgan; and brother Thomas Bryant of Farmington Hills, MI. Her Farewell... Family and friends will gather on Friday, January 24, 2014 from 3 - 8 p.m. at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Rosary will be held at 5:00 p.m. Mass will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brighton. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio. Please leave a message of comfort to Mary Beth's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit our website at: www.borekjennings.com.



STOWELL, JOHN GREGORY

Age 71, of Northville, passed away suddenly on January 17, 2014. He was born on July 18, 1942 in Garden City, Michigan; son of Theodore and Evelyn (nee Nolte) Stowell. John worked as a Diesel Mechanic with Ryan Transportation for 30 years before retiring. He was united in marriage to Joyce Pankow on September 23, 1966; they spent 47 loving years together. He was an elder with the First Baptist Church of Novi. John liked to do handy work. He was always fixing something or building something new. He loved spending time with his grandchildren; especially giving them tractor/trailer rides. John was a very determined, motivated and strong man. He was very giving and an easy going father. John was a devoted husband and gave Joyce the life she wanted. John is survived by his beloved wife Joyce; his loving children Tammy Stowell and Todd (Michelle) Stowell; his brother George Stowell, his sister Donna (Dave Harden) Stowell; and his grandchildren, Maekirra, Cheyenne and Korwyn. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Steven Stowell. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Casterline Funeral Home. Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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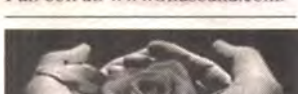
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CLOR, JOHN J. Born July 20, 1954, passed away January 14, 2014. Survived by longtime companion, Sharon Perry; two sons, John C. Clor and Andrew Clor; step-daughter Casandra; two step-grandchildren Carly and Braiden. John will also be missed by extended family and all friends.

ROBBINS-LeBLANC, BETTE

January 21, 2014. Mother of Kimberly (Mark) Walker-Esper. Full obit at: www.rhusband.com



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Cooking, home heating fires increase in winter

The National Fire Protection Association and the United States Fire Administration are teaming up on a campaign to promote fire safety during winter months. There are typically more home fires and home fire deaths in cooler months. Safety information being offered on a host of topics under the umbrella "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" is aimed at raising awareness of winter fire risks and providing tools and information that can be used to reduce these risks.

Preparing for a new season is the first step in addressing safety. NFPA and USFA offer 10 Tips to Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze, a printable checklist of reminders, such as checking that vents have been cleaned and inspected, and furnaces have been inspected and serviced.

The campaign will begin with a focus on cooking fire safety and heating fire safety. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. November usually signals a time of increased cooking fires as Thanksgiving is the peak day for cooking fires with roughly three times the average number of cooking fires. It also marks the beginning of the holiday season and a lot of cooking. In fact, Christmas and Christmas Eve rank second and third in cooking fires. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires. Most cooking fires involve the range or cooktop.

Heating is the second leading cause of home fire deaths, behind smoking, and the second leading cause of home fire injuries. In 2007-11, most home heating fire deaths (81 percent) and injuries (70 percent) involved stationary or portable space heaters.

For tip sheets, videos and other information on how to prevent cooking, heating and other types of fires, visit www.nfpa.org/winter and www.usfa.fema.gov/winter for an extensive list of resources. Check out the new online quiz and stay tuned to www.nfpa.org/winter or follow NFPA and USFA on social media for updates, new



materials and other interactive ways to brush up on fire safety.

The "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign will run through mid-March and other topics will include holiday decorations, candles, electrical, winter storms and carbon monoxide.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit

organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.



Robert Meisner

Focus of N.J. case is handicap parking

Q: I live in an apartment complex and I am disabled. Initially, I was given an assigned parking spot. Now, I am asking the landlord to give me a handicap accessible spot closer to my apartment. Can I still keep my non-accessible parking spot?

A: Probably not. In a case in the early 2000s out of New Jersey, the federal court held that the association had acted reasonably in offering a disabled owner a handicap accessible parking space closer to his unit upon the condition that he surrender his non-accessible parking space, since each unit owner only had one assigned space. This case should be helpful to all associations dealing with this question.

Q: I am thinking about developing a live-work condominium and I am wondering whether you are aware of any potential problems with that type of development.

A: It is a difficult question to answer in the short time allotted, but it is clear that the development of a so-called live-work condominium building is picking up speed throughout the country in response to the proliferation of professionals who work from home. A condo hybrid creates a space that is suited to work and residential needs. However, there are zoning and building code challenges largely because communities don't know whether to treat live-work condos as commercial or residential. Buyers need to understand what uses they can and cannot have which usually are enumerated in the condominium documents. In general, as far as the uses of the units are concerned, it is buyer beware especially in developments where there are fewer live-work units than traditional residential units. Buyers need to look very carefully at the governing documents to make sure that any amendments to them that would affect their rights would have to be approved by a majority of the live-work unit owners and not the owners of traditional units. You are best advised to consult with an experienced community association attorney before entering into any purchase agreement and/or design decisions with respect to any condominium development.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 23-27, 2013; at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
CANTON	42630 Addison Ave	\$180,000
	39446 Bart St	\$137,000
	46731 Bartlett Dr	\$265,000
	41586 Bedford Dr	\$40,000
	7711 Charrington Dr	\$228,000
	7910 Charrington Dr	\$235,000
	467 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$172,000
	50334 Colonial St	\$294,000
	1557 Commodore Cir	\$150,000
	2483 Cranbrook Rd	\$181,000
	42129 Echo Forest Dr	\$339,000
	5885 Fairborn Dr	\$400,000
	50678 Federal Blvd	\$83,000
	51285 Federal Blvd	\$86,000
	7037 Foxridge Dr	\$210,000
	48835 Gyde Rd	\$151,000
	1144 Hampshire Dr	\$152,000
	1982 Hawks Nest Ct	\$164,000
	2480 Hogan Way	\$185,000
	2720 Hogan Way	\$250,000
2768 Hogan Way	\$236,000	
3897 Hunters Way Ct	\$72,000	
50412 Lansdowne Rd	\$410,000	
2336 Leigh Ct	\$258,000	
1663 McLaine St	\$360,000	
7485 N Beck Rd	\$160,000	
3928 Palace Ave	\$205,000	
7340 Parkway Ct	\$215,000	
6254 Pickwick Dr	\$203,000	
254 Princeton St	\$198,000	
7432 Provincial Rd	\$195,000	
5926 Runnymede Dr	\$175,000	
2109 S Pennfield Ln	\$77,000	
42544 Saltz Rd	\$225,000	
44461 Savery Dr	\$52,000	
644 Sorel Dr	\$248,000	
1811 Steeplechase Rd	\$87,000	
377 Sylvan Dr	\$383,000	
45303 Turnberry Dr	\$300,000	
46596 Waddington Rd	\$285,000	
5705 Wedgewood Rd	\$150,000	

City	Address	Sale Price
GARDEN CITY	28489 Barton St	\$67,000
	2029 Cardwell St	\$101,000
LIVONIA	6041 Cardwell St	\$70,000
	30024 Cherry Hill Rd	\$80,000
	6445 Fairfield St	\$82,000
	6036 Gilman St	\$45,000
	32207 Marquette St	\$60,000
	28700 Seven Mile Rd	\$90,000
	38814 Allen St	\$165,000
	36713 Angeline Cir	\$142,000
	34001 Ann Arbor Trl	\$132,000
	18999 Bainbridge Ave	\$203,000
	9063 Beartrace St	\$158,000
	29656 Clarita St	\$50,000
	29656 Clarita St	\$53,000
	14512 Country Club Dr	\$167,000
	14904 Country Club Dr	\$128,000
18014 Country Club Dr	\$235,000	
9901 Cranston St	\$30,000	
36101 Curtis Rd	\$245,000	
15430 Edgington St	\$215,000	
14851 Ellen Dr	\$150,000	
39004 Elsie St	\$195,000	
9833 Fairfield St	\$80,000	
33009 Fargo St	\$35,000	
18978 Glangary Dr	\$312,000	
15317 Green Lane Ave	\$108,000	
29200 Grove St	\$143,000	
31510 Haldane St	\$143,000	
15045 Hix St	\$130,000	
9268 Houghton St	\$120,000	
15015 Knolton St	\$170,000	
38478 Lapham Ct	\$256,000	
18525 Loveland St	\$185,000	
39194 Minton Ave	\$139,000	
36705 Munger Dr	\$136,000	
34614 Navin Ct	\$320,000	
15060 Nola St	\$120,000	
29801 Richland St	\$142,000	
30840 Schoolcraft Rd	\$110,000	
15536 Shadyside St	\$225,000	
18369 University Park Dr	\$87,000	
9245 Virginia St	\$128,000	
27540 W Chicago St	\$97,000	
14063 Westmore St	\$175,000	

City	Address	Sale Price
NORTHVILLE	48458 Binghampton Dr	\$510,000
	17638 Briar Ridge Ln	\$720,000
	17778 Briar Ridge Ln	\$506,000
	16409 Brookline Blvd	\$575,000
	39631 Dun Rovin Dr	\$290,000
	39595 Eagle Trace Dr	\$295,000
	39753 Eagle Trace Dr	\$269,000
	495 East St	\$543,000
	39876 Harbert Dr	\$283,000
	16524 Horseshoe Dr	\$467,000
	16750 Horseshoe Dr	\$514,000
	39658 Muirfield Ln	\$310,000
	617 N Center St	\$150,000
	49448 N Glacier	\$277,000
	47786 Newcastle Ct	\$640,000
19154 Northridge Dr	\$70,000	
50595 Northstar Way	\$710,000	
50687 Northstar Way	\$682,000	
18947 Oak Leaf Ln	\$1,425,000	
46275 Pinehurst Dr	\$504,000	
49200 Ridge Ct	\$265,000	
50031 Teton Ridge Rd	\$734,000	
PLYMOUTH	696 Adams St	\$255,000
	45763 Amesbury Dr	\$362,000
	365 Auburn St	\$400,000
	47080 Burning Tree Ln	\$650,000
	240 Burroughs St	\$190,000
	42257 Hammill Ln	\$148,000
	837 Harding St	\$325,000
	9410 High Pointe Ct	\$265,000
	13945 High Ridge Ct	\$465,000
	647 Kellogg St	\$231,000
	359 McKinley St	\$415,000
	42207 Mill Race Cir	\$121,000
	51355 Northview	\$310,000
	42211 Old Pond Cir	\$115,000
	895 Palmer St	\$409,000
12510 Pinecrest Dr	\$210,000	
233 Pinewood Cir	\$78,000	
41633 Riveroaks Dr	\$200,000	
1479 Ross St	\$280,000	
1099 Simpson St	\$182,000	
9230 Tavistock Dr	\$225,000	
REDFORD	12920 Beech Daly Rd	\$65,000

City	Address	Sale Price
WESTLAND	9020 Brady	\$80,000
	11675 Farley	\$68,000
	17195 Gaylord	\$74,000
	9920 Grayfield	\$15,000
	9623 Hemingway	\$72,000
	15914 Indian	\$51,000
	14224 Inkster Rd	\$20,000
	9295 Jerome	\$78,000
	9084 Lenore	\$48,000
	15480 Lexington	\$75,000
	11639 Marion	\$72,000
	25447 Ross Dr	\$75,000
	26210 W Chicago	\$73,000
	19403 Wakenden	\$29,000
	11392 Wakermer	\$47,000
11415 Wormer	\$26,000	
WAYNE	34333 Annapolis St	\$30,000
	34930 Elm St	\$108,000
	4690 Niagara St	\$60,000
	32915 Avondale St	\$64,000
	31656 Birchwood St	\$55,000
	8661 Cardwell St	\$140,000
	7728 Carrousel Blvd	\$85,000
	32750 Chapman Cir	\$115,000
	7315 Chyenne St	\$175,000
	35442 Farragut Ave	\$90,000
	31540 Grandview Ave	\$100,000
	5131 Julius Blvd	\$10,000
	341 Larchmont Dr	\$135,000
	2370 McGee Ct	\$95,000
	5835 N Berry St	\$56,000
8300 N Hix Rd	\$225,000	
5930 N Newburgh Rd	\$50,000	
34655 Parkgrove Dr	\$140,000	
6457 Pembroke Dr	\$91,000	
7806 Rivergate Dr	\$80,000	
1568 S Crown St	\$76,000	
1575 S Sutton St	\$125,000	
8310 Shari Dr	\$125,000	
34065 Standish St	\$90,000	
30859 Stephen Ct	\$109,000	
36159 Traditions Dr	\$155,000	
829 Van Sull St	\$98,000	
6342 W Morgan Cir	\$90,000	

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 3-6, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price			
BEVERLY HILLS	16296 Beechwood Ave	\$295,000			
	15975 Reedmere Ave	\$270,000			
	BIRMINGHAM	1751 Birmingham Blvd	\$415,000		
		622 Chesterfield Ave	\$683,000		
		677 E Lincoln St	\$262,000		
		1569 E Lincoln St	\$219,000		
		1778 Graefield Rd	\$123,000		
		1221 Hillside Dr	\$280,000		
		BLOOMFIELD HILLS	7118 Cathedral Dr	\$376,000	
			1015 Eastover Dr	\$255,000	
			260 Guilford Rd	\$1,798,000	
			941 N Reading Rd	\$234,000	
			BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	542 Cambridge Way	\$526,000
				1320 Covington Rd	\$995,000
				776 Great Oaks Dr	\$435,000
6731 N Adams Rd				\$204,000	

City	Address	Sale Price	
COMMERCETOWNSHIP	3143 Belle Terre	\$75,000	
	5981 Birchcrest Ln	\$60,000	
	3761 Cheryl Dr	\$100,000	
	1854 Cheshire Ln	\$405,000	
	4645 Commerce Woods Dr	\$240,000	
	2731 Greenlawn Ave	\$299,000	
	224 Havana St	\$83,000	
	725 Polvadera St	\$175,000	
	2600 Rocky Top Ct	\$246,000	
	3508 Trentwood Dr	\$715,000	
	1611 Wandrei Ct	\$400,000	
	FARMINGTON	34142 Cortland Ave	\$213,000
		23801 Farmington Rd	\$215,000
		38372 Lana Ct	\$270,000
		22980 Manning St	\$188,000
33244 Slocum Dr		\$175,000	
34009 State St		\$210,000	

City	Address	Sale Price	
FARMINGTON HILLS	22901 Warner St	\$146,000	
	28197 Alycekey St	\$130,000	
	25872 Beecham Rd	\$188,000	
	27675 Chatsworth St	\$887,000	
	33577 Colony Park Dr	\$275,000	
	29347 Earth Ln	\$110,000	
	37773 Glengrove Dr	\$335,000	
	26750 Halsted Rd	\$100,000	
	21418 Hamilton Ave	\$18,000	
	27281 Hystone Dr	\$147,000	
	28927 Kirkside Ln	\$225,000	
	37538 Legends Trail Dr	\$228,000	
	35735 Lone Pine Ln	\$197,000	
	23011 Middlebelt Rd	\$74,000	
	31111 Misty Pines Dr	\$138,000	
26117 Pillsbury St	\$220,000		
32361 Red Clover Rd	\$230,000		
22451 Shadowglen Dr	\$203,000		
32237 Tall Timber Dr	\$295,000		
36729 Tanglewood Ln	\$265,000		
23630 W Newell Cir	\$145,000		
31371 W Stonewood Ct	\$280,000		
FRANKLIN	27115 Wellington Rd	\$1,275,000	
	LATHRUP VILLAGE	28125 Lathrup Blvd	\$222,000

City	Address	Sale Price		
MILFORD	738 Banbury Ct	\$285,000		
	806 Canal St	\$145,000		
	420 Crystal St	\$170,000		
	664 E Dawson Rd	\$290,000		
	1032 Riverstone Cir	\$240,000		
	2986 Rolling Green Ct	\$340,000		
	NORTHVILLE	41754 Broquet Dr	\$130,000	
		47970 Ravello Ct	\$930,000	
		37785 W Greenwood Dr	\$257,000	
		NOVI	39955 Burton Ct	\$260,000
			50917 Chesapeake Dr	\$518,000
			22445 Cranbrooke Dr	\$125,000
			22440 Darcy Ct	\$680,000
			24655 Dinsler Dr	\$240,000
			44643 Ellery Ln	\$201,000
27967 Hopkins Dr			\$154,000	
24596 Kings Pointe			\$210,000	
44490 Stone Rd			\$375,000	
27424 Victoria Rd			\$295,000	
43650 Wendingo Ct			\$210,000	
1523 West Lake Dr			\$538,000	
46195 White Pines Dr	\$148,000			
SOUTH LYON	23817 Bayberry Ct		\$360,000	

City	Address	Sale Price	
SOUTHFIELD	24734 Brompton Way	\$448,000	
	23825 Copperwood Dr W	\$434,000	
	61365 Creekview Dr	\$196,000	
	1111 Fountain View Cir	\$120,000	
	54898 Grenelefe Cir W	\$277,000	
	23966 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$455,000	
	51921 Red Cedar	\$374,000	
	51957 Red Cedar	\$358,000	
	58698 Swing Beam Ct	\$80,000	
	SOUTHLYON	19695 Albany Ave	\$69,000
		27445 Bradford Ln	\$142,000
		18519 Jeanette St	\$160,000
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