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### 2014: A year of building for Westland

New city hall and farmers market pavilion open

> By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

In Westland, 2014 is likely to be remembered as the year that a long-needed new city hall and the Farmers Market Pavilion opened.

The new city hall, a renovated former Circuit City store on Warren Road, opened for business in early October and was officially dedicated several weeks later.

The 64,000-square-foot building provided space to move city departments like Department of Public Services administration, economic development, planning/building and Youth Assistance, which has a private entrance, under one roof.

The building also provides space for storing voting machines and records, eliminating the need for rented off-site storage. Other than police and fire, the only city departments remaining outside city hall will be Community Development at the Dorsey Center, which is moving soon to the former Jefferson-Barns School, and the senior citizen program at the Friendship Center.

The \$10 million project was funded through the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

### **Farmers market pavilion**

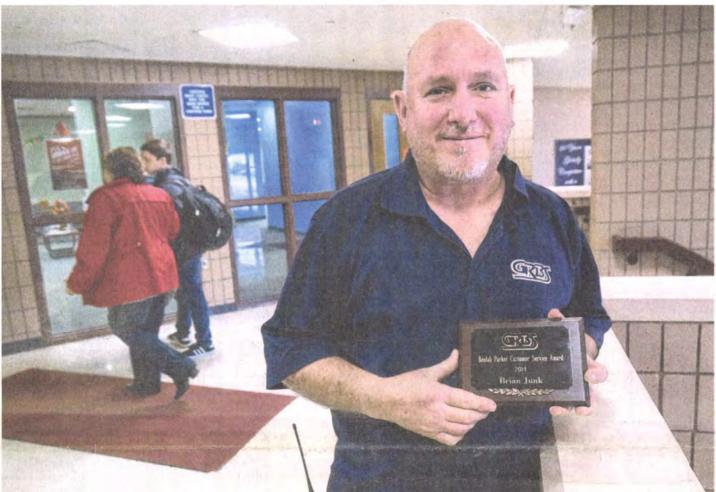
Improvements to Tattan Park, including the new Farmers and Artisans Market, were unveiled in August.

The new pavilion, parking, restrooms, a concession stand and other enhancements to the park came from plans and \$3.5 million in funding from the Downtown Development Authority. The building allows use year-round, including two winter markets.

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Westland's fourth annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue was another successful event.



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brian Junk, a Westland resident and supervisor, earned the state Customer Service Award from Grand Rapids Building Services, which provides custodial services for the the Garden City Public Schools.

## Garden City High custodian honored for customer service

By Sue Buck Staff Writer

Brian Junk, a custodial supervisor, incorporates a positive outlook in al-

ways looking forward in his life. His hard work and philosophical approach has gained the attention of staff and students for almost eight years at Garden City High School,

which has 1,200 students.

Last month, Junk earned further recognition as the state Beulah Parker Customer Service award winner, an honor bestowed on him by his employer, Grand Rapids Building Services, the Garden City School District's privatized custodial firm. He received his award before 1,700 people at a banquet hall in Grand Rapids.

"I'm humbled for my company actu-ally thinking of me and for Garden City for hiring us," Junk said. "I have the utmost respect for Garden City and for my company.

Some at the high school have nick-named Junk the "Mop Jock," which doesn't bother Junk a bit.

"I like to interact with people and I like challenges," Junk said. "When I get a lot of challenges, I enjoy that."

Junk, 56, starts his day at 4:45 a.m. and makes sure that the building is safe for the kids to come in. He is always on call for whatever needs to be done throughout the day

"It could be toilets, electrical outlets, heating or cooling, or a kid who just got sick," said Junk, a 15-year Westland resident. "Anything that you can possibly think of, it's happened. There's never a boring day for me. I love my job."

### Different line of work

Until he was laid off about eight years ago, he was a fleet manager for Ford Motor Company. He decided to

look for a different line of work. Married to Lisa, the couple has two children: Olivia, 18, who attends Eastern Michigan University, and Ethan, 14, a student at John Glenn High

Junk grew up in and lived in Redford Township for more than 20 years and graduated from Temple Christian, a private school.

Junk is thrilled about his award.

But, he could also be recognized for a lifetime achievement award because his life has been far from normal.

When Junk was 15 years old, he broke his neck in a diving accident in his home swimming pool. One of his friends pushed him off midair during a

"I went topside and hit the bottom of the pool," Junk said. "I broke my sec-ond, third, fourth and fifth vertebrae."

The doctors told his parents that he would never walk again. Junk was paralyzed from the neck down with a poor prognosis at Botsford Hospital until doctors began to see what they considered a miracle.

"I had to learn how to walk, talk and do everything all over again," said Junk, whose graduation from Temple Christian was delayed.

Junk became stronger in body, mind and spirit.

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### **Defamation** suit against councilman settled

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Write

A lawsuit charging that a Wayne councilman defamed a resident by public comments implying that the man had touched children inappropriately has been settled for an undisclosed amount.

The outcome of the settlement, which was recommended after a Wayne County Circuit Court case evaluation, apparently depends on which side of the complaint you're on.

Both resident Christopher Sanders and Councilman Skip Monit were pleased the case was resolved, but they had different views on what the settlement meant. While Sanders clearly viewed the settlement as victory, so did Monit, who has denied the allegations.

"I feel the settlement agreement is equitable and I am very the results. T being said, this was never about the money for me. This was about not allowing the climate of entitlement and intolerance in city hall to continue," Sanders said. "This was about setting an example for others who think they have no recourse against the misuse of authority or the misconduct of those in elected office."

The case was settled after being found to have no merit to be taken on to mediation or a trial, Monit said.

"It's a great relief to have that behind me. The case evaluation showed there was no reason to pursue this - there wasn't enough evidence to go to trial," Monit said. "There was no merit in the case. The plaintiff created these (legal) costs for the city."

Sanders's complaint alleged Monit made comments at a 2012 council meeting indicating Sanders improperly touched two youngsters at the Hallo-Wayne event. At a subsequent council meeting, Sanders demanded a public apology without addressing Monit specifi-

In the lawsuit, Sanders charges that Monit's comments were tantamount to calling him a pedophile.

"I will not allow myself to be

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"I take one day at a time and always enjoy the day that I am here and never take it for granted," Junk said.

He describes his daily pain level as anywhere between 7 to 8 on a scale.

"I take a Motrin and just keep going," he said. "There's no use in me stopping – I've gotten this far."

### Finding strength

Junk found strength from his dad, a Marine, who taught him to always serve others first and himself second. He never thought about taking a desk job because he likes to work with his

"I don't live by money," he said. "I live by service to others.

Junk encourages students to never look behind them but to look forward.

"I encourage them to look to their future," Junk said. "I encourage them to go to college. They are a great group of kids."

"Every day, Brian is an inspiration to our staff and students." Principal Derek Fisher said. "Brian always goes above and beyond in our school. His approach is an excellent example of one person having an enormous impact on school culture. Brian is irreplaceable and a huge asset to the Garden City Schools community.

School secretary Linda Bodnovits cited Junk's calm in every situation.

"He is one of the most caring people who I have ever met,' she said. "We are very blessed to have him. The staff and students love him. He goes above his job descrip-

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#### Former city hall site

The Downtown Development Authority hired planner McKenna and Associates to look at possible uses for the former Westland city hall site on Ford at Carlson.

City Hall is vacant, as is the former Bailey Recreation Center. The adjoining Fire Station 1 at the corner of Ford and Carlson will be replaced early in 2015 by a new fire station on Central Parkway. At some point in the future, it is expected that all three buildings will be demolished.

The 18th District Court and the Westland Police Department, located west of the old city hall, will remain at their current locations. The police station is expected to have significant upgrades in the near future.

#### Trash

More than 25,000 new wheeled trash carts were delivered to Westland homes last summer for trash collection. The 96-gallon trash carts require all rubbish to be placed inside for pick up by a one-man truck with an automated arm.

The use of the carts and one-man trash trucks, similar to the system that had been used for recycling collection, is being done through a partnership with Midwestern Sanitation.

The use of the new carts followed a month after collection routes were adjusted for greater efficiency.

#### Blues, Brews and **Barbecue**

In September, the fourth annual two-day Blues, Brews and Barbecue attracted thousands of people to the farmers market area of Central City Park to eat barbecue, enjoy beer and listen to the blues.

And 11 community groups received checks totaling over \$30,000 earned by volunteers hours working at the

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Westland Mayor William Wild kicked off a campaign running for Wayne County Executive.

event.

### Norwayne

Westland continued efforts to make Norwayne a community of choice through the acquisition of blighted properties for demolition or rehabilitation.

Developed in 1943 to provide housing for Willow Run bomber plant workers and their families, Norwayne was officially recognized as an historic district in October with the dedication of a state historic marker.

### **Dorsey Center**

Westland and Wayne-Westland Schools reached an agreement to lease the former Jefferson Barns school to the city to become the new home of the Dorsey Center.

The building will house the Westland Community Development Department and Housing Commission but also provide space for additional community programs and organizations.

Among the new tenants at the building will be Nankin Transit, which provides low-cost transportation for seniors and handicapped residents of Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster. The service currently has offices and bus storage at the Westland Department of Public Services building.

### Cloud Nine

In September, two Westland John Glenn High School students were taken to the hospital after ingesting a synthetic drug that goes by

FILE PHOTO

Shown under construction, the Westland Farmers and Artisan Market Pavilion opened for business.

the street name Cloud 9 or Hooka Relax.

Earlier, four Canton students had also overdosed on the synthetic drug. The overdoses, like those a couple of years earlier on Spice, brought attention to over-thecounter substances.

#### **Veterans** memorial garden

The Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland was officially dedicated on Veterans Day 2013. However, the landscaping wasn't completed until the following

spring. In September, the POW/MIA Remembrance Day ceremony was held at the memorial garden. Along with remembering the prisoners and those who are missing, the ceremony also honored Ken Mehl, who had headed the Westland Veterans Association.

A driving force behind the memorial garden and former Westland councilman, Mehl, 67, had died in June.

### Fire department

Talks about establishing a Wayne-Westland fire authority ended in October as Westland Mayor William Wild expressed concern about the lack of stability in Wayne's executive staff. perceived lack of support by council members and confusion over ballot questions in Wayne.

The two cities continue to operate the joint Wayne-Westland Fire Department, which was created by a merger in

### **Police Department**

Thanks to a COPS grant and three retirements, Westland Police had a swearing-in ceremony for seven new police officers in December. Three other officers received promotions in a packed city council chambers.

### Elections

Incumbent Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc was reelected without opposition in November. State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, was also reelected.

Westland Mayor William Wild unsuccessfully ran for Wayne County Executive, losing the Democratic primary to

former sheriff Warren Evans, who was elected in November.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, was term-limited and couldn't seek reelection.

### **Guilty verdicts**

More than two years after Westland teens Jacob Kudla and Jourdan Bobbish disappeared after a trip to Detroit, two Detroit men were convicted of murdering, robbing and kidnapping the pair.

After a lengthy trial in Wayne County Circuit Court, Felando Hunter, 24, and Fredrick Young, 26, were each convicted of two counts of firstdegree murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole.

Hunter and Young were also convicted of felony murder - committing a homicide while committing a felony - as well as charges of torture, armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and felony firearm. Young was also convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Hunter and Young were among seven men arrested in October 2013 for what Detroit Police described as a two-week murder spree that began with the killings of Kudla and Boddish.

Hunter is already serving a sentence of life without parole in the murder of Vietnam veteran John Villneff on Rutland Street in Detroit in August 2012.

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### LAWSUIT

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a part of, or calmly accept, being the target of immature, baseless gossip and innuendo that seems to have become commonplace and acceptable today and I hope that others who have been maligned by this kind of juvenile prurience follow my example and seek

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legal redress," said Sanders in a written statement. "I am glad this battle in the war is done and I am more than pleased with the results. I hope we can all move forward in a more respectful and civilized manner and work toward making our city a better

While he couldn't discuss much about the settlement, which was the subject of a closed council session, Monit wasn't happy the city covered Sanders's legal bills along with the settlement.

"The case evaluation came from Wayne County Circuit Court. The city and our attorney had no input - it was a totally independent review of the evidence," Monit said. "If the plaintiff wanted to go forward, he could go to the judge. The fact that the plaintiff agreed means he didn't feel like

he could go forward and win the case.'

The civil lawsuit isn't the only legal issue arising from HalloWayne. Sanders is scheduled for a jury trial Jan. 12 in Wayne County Circuit Court on a charged of identity theft stemming from the 2013 event. Five other charges were dismissed at the preliminary examination.

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### St. Mary Mercy Livonia announces First Baby of '15

K'Leigh Middleton was the first baby born at the St. Mary Mercy Birthing Center in Livonia in

Ashleigh Carroll of Canton gave birth to K'Leigh at 7:03 a.m. Jan. 1. K'Leigh weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces at birth and was 20 inches long.



Ashleigh Carroll holds her baby K'Leigh Middleton at St. Mary Mercy's Birthing Center.

### Host virtual blood drives with new SleevesUp website

January is National Blood Donor Month and, this year, American Red Cross supporters have a new way to help save lives through blood and platelet donation with SleevesUp virtual blood

SleevesUp is a firstof-its-kind website that lets those who feel passionate about blood donation create a virtual blood drive and encourage colleagues, friends and family members to give blood or platelets or make a financial donation to support their campaign. SleevesUp campaigns allow people to honor someone's life, celebrate a special occasion or simply bring others together to help save lives - any time of the year, regardless of loca-

"SleevesUp is a new way to empower people to help ensure blood is available for patients this winter and throughout the year," said Jim Flickema, chief executive officer for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "It gives those who feel passionate about blood and platelet donation and want to make a difference in people's lives a chance to multiply their impact many

times over. A SleevesUp virtual blood drive can be created at redcrossblood.org/ SleevesUp in just a few minutes. Once a campaign is created, others can pledge their support immediately by making an appointment to donate blood or platelets at a blood drive or donation center convenient for them. Those who are not eligible to give blood, do not have a Red Cross blood donation opportunity near them or simply want to do more can also support a SleevesUp campaign by making a financial donation to the Red Cross Blood Services.

SleevesUp is one of

many ways individuals and groups can celebrate National Blood Donor Month, which has been observed in January since 1970 and recognizes the importance of giving blood and platelets while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need. The winter months can be especially difficult to collect enough blood and platelets to meet patient needs. Inclement weather can result in blood drive cancellations and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can prevent some donors from making or keeping appointments to give.

Blood donors with all blood types, particularly O negative, A negative and B negative, and platelet donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give. In addition, individuals are encouraged to check out SleevesUp and invite others to join them in making a lifesaving donation. More information about SleevesUp is available at redcrossblood.org/ SleevesUp.

#### How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

### Coming soon: Plymouth Ice Festival

Kellogg Park and the streets of downtown Plymouth will host the 33rd annual Plymouth Ice Festival, long the largest free ice festival in Michigan, beginning Friday, Jan. 9, through

Sunday, Jan. 11.

The 2015 event will feature the annual collegiate ice carving competition, sponsored by Genisys Credit Union. Student carvers will compete in one of two carving contests: the individual contest Jan. 10 and the team competition Jan. 11.

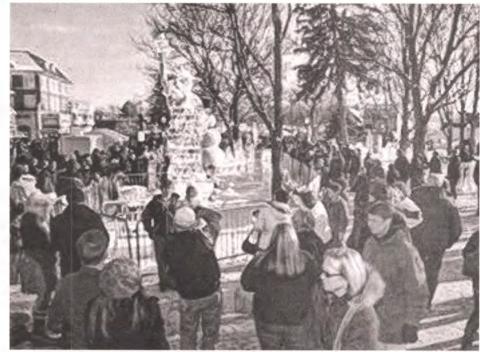
The individual competition, beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 10, will give students three hours to carve their sculptures. The team competition, starting at 8 a.m. Jan. 11, will have teammates working together on their carvings. Winners will be announced and receive trophies each day at 1

The festival is also reprising the popular **Dueling Chainsaws event** at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 in Kellogg Park. Carvers are each given 15 minutes, one block of ice and their chainsaws to create their carvings as the audience watches.

The festival will also offer interactive sculptures — good for posing for "selfies" — and win-ter sports-themed activities, such as a test of nockey skills, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan, and the Blue Care Network Cross-Country Skiing Zone, presented by Sun and Snow. The latter will feature professionals who will explain the gear, help visitors get the equipment on and set them off on the park's cross-country skiing trail.

The "fire and ice" towers will also return Jan. 10-11 to Kellogg Park, with the lighting of the towers scheduled for about 7:30 p.m. each evening.

In conjunction with the ice festival, the E.G. Nick's on Forest will be opening its party lot for beer, drink specials, live music and the outdoor bar made of ice. The party lot will be open from 7 p.m. to midnight Jan. 9-10.



The 2015 Plymouth Ice Festival should bring thousands of visitors to Kellogg Park and the surrounding downtown streets.

Sponsors of the 2015 festival include HAP. Metro Detroit GMC Buick Dealers, Ally Financial, Johnson Controls, Genvsis Credit Union, St. John Provi-

dence Health System, the U.S. Army; the Boston Beer Co., Blue Care Network, Fox 2 News and radio station 93.9 The River.

Ice festival hours are

3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 10 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan.

The festival website is www.plymouth icefestival.com.

### The Confession of my Life . . .

Confessions are tough. Real tough. But, sometimes a confession can set the record straight, and I want to give credit where credit is due. Before I talk about my confession, though, let me say a few other things first.

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### I remember it like it was yesterday...

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studying and developing my knowledge. I was ready to leave this environment where I felt trapped in a box with unrealistic expectations and demands and no lasting results for my

I couldn't help but wonder if the rest of my life is going to be like this. I didn't know where to turn for help. But, listen to this . . .

Finally, a respected colleague of mine convinced me to join a conference call hosted by Dr. Ted Morter, III, to learn about Bio Energetic Synchronization Technique (B.E.S.T.). Dr. Morter presented the phenomenal results achieved by B.E.S.T. treatment—with clients who have been classified as medical and chiropractic "failures" - and what made B.E.S.T. different from traditional techniques. Instantly, I felt hope flow through me. I decided to hop on a plane and attend a one-day seminar to see for myself what the technology could do.

At that seminar, I was floored by the multitude of applications that are possible with B.E.S.T. This form of care allows me to help people in a way that I had been dreaming about since I first decided to become a chiropractor. In that moment, I realized that this is the approach I would use with each person I treat; this IS the approach that allows your body to heal itself from the inside out in ALL AREAS of your life.

### Now let me tell you about Emma our wonderful daughter in the photo...

She gets B.E.S.T. treatments regularly and it makes a big difference in her life. You see, unlike many of her little friends, she rarely gets the "common" childhood illnesses like colds or the flu. She is what I like to refer to as the typical "Naturally Healthy Kid." This may seem like a small thing, but it makes a huge difference to her, and to our family!

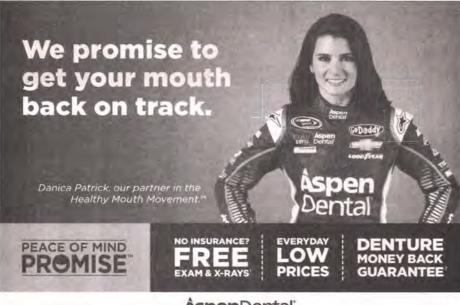
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### Little Stars concerts bring holiday cheer

Youth organization visits nursing homes, senior centers

The Little Stars Foundation, a nonprofit and charitable youth organization, concluded the 2014 holiday performance season recently with 10 concerts in eight nursing homes and senior centers.

It's the ninth consecutive year TLSF has toured nursing homes and senior centers, playing Christmas carols on their violins and passing out presents to residents.
This year, the foundation

has performed at Hope Health Care Center in Westland, Four Season Nursing Center in Westland; Waltonwood at Cherry Hill Independent Living, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill Assisted Living and Mem-ory Care, Waltonwood at Carriage Park Assisted Living and Waltonwood at Carriage Park Independent Living, all in Canton; Waltonwood at Twelve Oak II in Novi; and Independence Village of Plymouth.

TLSF members also brought 360 fleece blankets to the seniors as this year's Christmas gifts. The members raised the funds through fundraiser activities.

The TLSF visits brought joy to hundreds of local seniors during this holiday season. The performances were well-received, with many sen-ior residents singing along to the holiday carols.

The nursing home residents mentioned that they were "very happy to see the young visitors" and enjoyed the "talent" and "heart-warming performance and gifts" that the Little Stars brought along with them. Many residents expressed their wishes for the young musicians to come back

For more information, go to http://www.thelittlestars.org or email tlsf@thelittlestars.org



The Little Stars Foundation performs at Hope Health Care Center in Westland.



TLSF brought blankets and Christmas music to Waltonwood at Carriage Park Assisted Living in Canton.



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### STUDENT **ACHIEVERS**

Zach Obsniuk, a junior in the Math/Science/Computer program at Livonia Churchill High School, was invited to attend th Harvard-MIT Math Tournament in Boston Nov. 14-15. The event draws close to 1,000 of the best math students from around the world, including China.

The only student from the Livonia area, Zach captained the team of top high school math students from around the state. They competed in individual and team math events. Zach finished 19th individually. His team took first place in the guts round team event.

Otis Kemutambah of Redford received a Dean's Scholarship from Lourdes University for having at least a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA. The scholarship has a value of up to \$5,000 per academic year. Kemutambah is a recent graduate of Lee M. Thurston

High School. Alexandra Zoski of Livonia received academic honors from Arizona State University by making the university's Dean's List for the Spring

2014 semester. Heidi Meek of Livonia received a \$400 scholarship from Northern Michigan University for the 2014-15 academic year, part of \$6,000 awarded to NMU by the State of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to increase the number of registered nurses committed to working in underserved fields and with underserved pa-

Casey Rhines of Livonia, a sophomore sevenyear BS/DDS major at University of Detroit Mercy, heads to Cincinnati to participate in the schools Alternative Winter Break program. From Dec. 18-23, students will build community, reflect, and share work with



Zach Obsniuk, a junior in the Math/Science/Computer program at Livonia Churchill High School, holds the first-place award his team earned at the Harvard-MIT Math Tournament in Boston Nov 14-15.

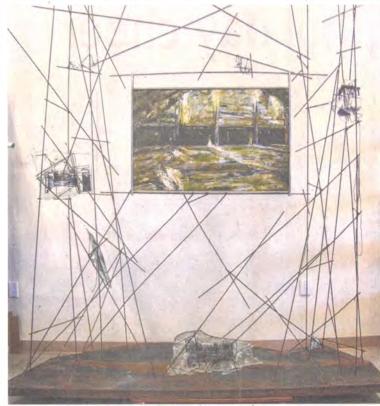
communities affected by injustice. These experiences include manual labor, cultural learning, relationship building, and daily prayer and reflec-tion. Participants exemplify the Jesuit education goal, being "men and women for others" and the Mercy tradition of "compassionate service to those in need," both part of UDM's mission as an

institution of learning. Zak Krug of Livonia was chosen by Siena Heights University to be featured as the We Are the Independents "Student of the Day." He was selected from among more than 41,000 students attending the 15 independent colleges and universities that make up the Michigan Colleges Alliance. Students are showcased as part of the Alliance's collective marketing campaign, We Are The Independents, which offers information and scholarship opportunities for high school students and their parents who are considering college choice in Michigan.

Currently a senior with a major in Sport Management, Krug is president of the Student Athlete Advisory Board and a member of the Sport Management Association. In the summer, he works at Comerica Park. Krug attended Livonia

Churchill High School. Founded in 1949, MCA strengthens the collective capacity of 15 leading independent, four-year colleges and universities, grounded in a liberal arts and sciences tradition to broaden college choice in Michigan, support access to MCA campuses for students and families, and foster career outcomes for MCA graduates. Member institutions include: Adrian College; Albion College; Alma College; Andrews University; Aquinas College; Calvin College; Hillsdale College; Hope College; Kalamazoo College; Ma-donna University; Marygrove College; Olivet College; Siena Heights University; Spring Arbor University and University of Detroit Mercy.

### **Exhibit coming to Holocaust Memorial Center**



The sculpture, "Broken Walls," pictured here as a photo, is one of the items featured in the exhibit.



AILEEN WINGBLAD

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will host the exhibit Never

The Holocaust Memorial Center debuts a new exhibit Jan. 11.

Let It Rest: Sojourns in the Shadowlands from Jan. 11 through May 3. The exhibit is a mixed-

media installation that features sculpture, ceramics, photography, video and found objects relating to the small town of Salzwedel in the Saxony-Anhalt region of Germany during the time of Nazi control.

The artists, Hans Molzberger and Michael Roque Collins, will speak at the 7 p.m.

opening, which is free with paid admission or membership, and is generously supported by the PNC Foundation. Both artists have independently and collaboratively created art concerned with the Holocaust in Germany and Poland. Their artworks combine to create a powerful reminder of man's inhumanity to man during the Holocaust

"We have found the exhibits using multiple mediums like art and video allows it to reach a much broader audience," Holocaust Memorial Center

Executive Director Stephen M. Goldman said. "Never Let It Rest fulfills this goal and we look forward to its display and the visit from the artists themselves.

The exhibit is supported by Susan Malinowski, Gary Shapiro and Nancy and James Grosfeld.

The Holocaust Memorial Center is located at 28123 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, got to www.holocaustcenter.org or

call 248-553-2400.

### Street dedication to remember fallen firefighter Woehlke

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A section of Ford Road in Westland will be named to honor the memory of a fallen firefighter.

In one of the last actions before 2014 ended, Gov. Rick Snyder signed the bill, which names Ford between Newburgh and Wayne Road the Brian Woehlke Memorial Highway.

'I'm so glad the governor signed the bill. There were other renaming bills and the governor wanted them all in line," State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland said. "I'm really happy the gover-nor decided to do this."

A Wayne-Westland firefighter, Woehlke, 29, was killed May 8, 2013, fighting the fire that

Italian Grille/the Electric Stick. Woehlke was found to have died of smoke inhalation after becoming trapped in the collapsing building.

The fire has been ruled an arson and Woehlke's death a homi-

No final report on the fire has been issued and no arrests have been made in the case, which is under investigation by the Michigan State Po-

Woehlke, who was married with a daughter, worked out of fire station 1 on Ford at Carlson. The station, named for late Fire Chief Ralph Savini, will be relocating to a new building on Central City Parkway later this month.

"We talked about it as

ferred Ford Road to memorialize Brian," said Mitch Tokarski, president of the Wayne-Westland Firefighters union. 'There is more trafficit's a busier section of town. I think it's fine."

There will be a ceremonial bill signing with the governor in the near future. Kosowski said he hopes members of Woehlke's family will be able to attend.

A ceremony is expected, probably in the spring, to unveil the street signs. Kosowski said plans for that will be handled by Westland Mayor William Wild and Fire Chief Michael Red-

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The late Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke with wife Jennifer and daughter Ava.



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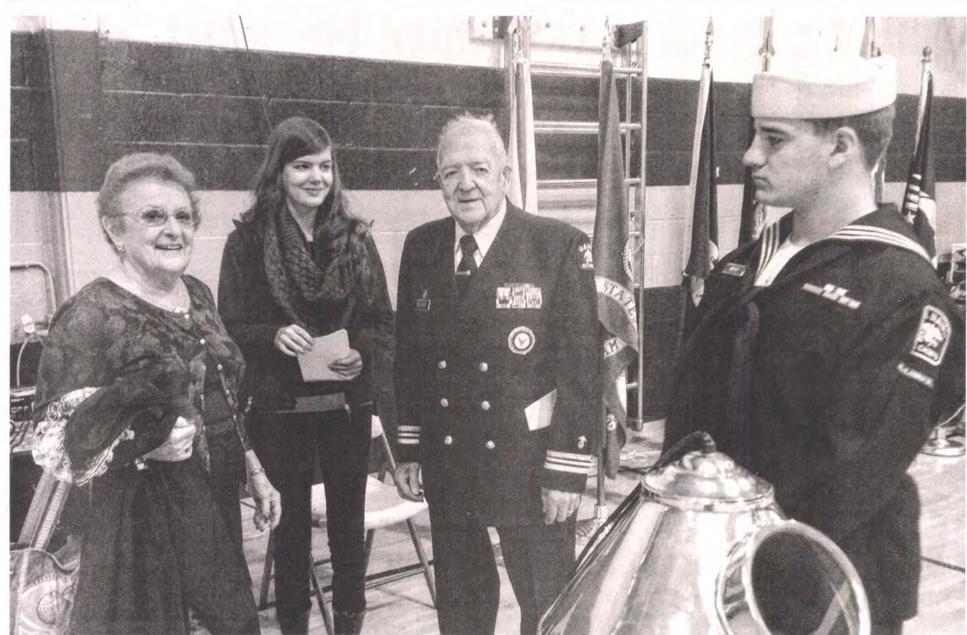


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Barbara Brennan of Milford (from left) talks with Brittany Cagle of Melvindale, Lt. Cmdr. Leonard DeNard of Melvindale and Sea Cadet Zack Marks of Northville at the ceremony.

### Sea Cadets say farewell to their commander

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Lt. Cmdr. Leonard DeNard was a bit disappointed as he walked out of the gymnasium at Cambridge High School in Garden City.

Flanked by a cadre of Navy Leaguers and Sea Cadets, DeNard was walking off into retirement after 36 years with the Navy Sea Cadet

'One, is that all I get?" the Melvindale resident asked.

DeNard was referring to the tradition of helping a retiring sailor leave by kicking his butt off the ship. His comment attracted a second kick from Seaman E3 Christina Gregg, who had piped his departure.

The retirement ceremony was part of the division's awards ceremony, held Dec. 13 at Cambridge, where the program is based. It included promotions, awards and the announcement of Sea Cadet of the Year, an honor that went to Ethan Hansen of

Northville. "It came as a little bit of surprise," the Northville High School junior said. "I thought I might win, but there were a few people ahead of me. Once the previous petty officer left, I jumped in and filled the need. I was big brother to everybody and that might be why I got it."

Hansen also received a second honor — the Sons of the American Revolution's bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Authorized in 1895, the award recognizes a person

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The division has been

housed at the high school

Detroit. When that closed,

before dropping anchor

at Henry Ruff School in

Garden City three years

After just one year at

Henry Ruff, the division

received bad news: it had

to move again. But Princi-

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Sea Cadets Devin Markonni of Livonia (left) and Kory McMillan of Canton welcome guests to Annual Awards Drill.

whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state. It was the first time the award has been presented in the state of Michigan.

Gregg of Romulus received the Daughters of the American Revolution NCSS Outstanding Cadet medal and ribbon for her exceptional and meritorious performance of her duties, leadership, character and discipline.

"I was surprised and honored to receive this," she said. "I work really hard and it's nice to know that it's noticed and appreciated."

### Saying good-bye

But it was DeNard's retirement that was the main event. A U.S. Navy veteran, he joined the Sea Cadets in 1982, entering the Great Lakes Division as a uniformed instructor. He served there eight years, before joining the Hannan Division. He served as the executive officer until he was promoted to commander of the training ship Bristol Bay in 2006.

Born in Windsor, De-Nard moved with his family to the U.S. in the 1940s after Pearl Harbor. He was a Canadian Sea Cadet when he was 11 and 12 years old. He hooked up with the U.S. version as an adult through his

son David. "I took my youngest son to drill. He had long hair. The captain talked to him and told him he would have to get a haircut," DeNard said. "That was on a Monday night. On Thursday, he asked when the next drill was. That night, he talked to

the captain and wanted to sign up. I told him if he

signed up, I would, too." He went to classes 16 hours a day at the Great Lakes Training Center to start, then was assigned to the Noble Odyssey, where he worked with cadets for 13 years. He was moved to the Pride of Michigan and went to Norfolk, Va., to pick up

the ship. DeNard in his farewell speech, acknowledged the cadets, telling them that "you'll never see a better group of cadets

and officers.' "I am moved to be a part of this," he said. 'After all my work with this program, I can say you won't find better people. Even though I'm retiring, I will be back to check on you."

In its 50th year of operation, the Hannan Division is the oldest continuously serving sea cadet unit in the state and **SEA CADET** CORPS

Sea Cadet organizations exist in most of the maritime nations of the world. Recognizing the value of these organizations in educating youth in maritime matters, the Department of the Navy requested the Navy League of the United States to establish a similar program for American youth. The Navy League agreed to do so and formally established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Navy League Cadet Corps in 1958.

The Sea Cadets program is for youth ages 13-17, while the Navy League Cadets are for those ages 11-14. The James M. Hannan Division and the training ship Bristol Bay meet at Cambridge High School, 28901 Cambridge, Garden City.

For more information, contact Lt. Ed Brennan at 248-685-9568.

got this excellent facility," Brennan said. "I remember we had a facility where the roof leaked and the lights didn't work. Debbie gave us this and that is behind us.'

The program ended with lunch and DeNard, with the help of the youngest Navy Leaguer and the oldest Sea Cadet, helping slice his cake with a saber.

"Who wants to like the knife?" he joked, but added, "I'm going to miss this, but they gave me a card, a retirement card. I can go to any function with the cadets - drills, parades. I'm not going away. They'll get tired of me hanging around."

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the result is loss of cartilage, but the pathway to that end is very

pinch, grasp or hold. Treatment of inflammatory osteoarthritis is not settled. Medications like aspirin, ibuprofen or naproxan have not proved successful, and in people over age 70 are a risk because of the stomach upset and kidney dysfunction these medications may

Heat helps but its effect is temporary. Drugs such as Enbrel or Humera work well against the inflammation of rheumatoid arthritis, but trials have shown no such response in treating inflammatory

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 21, 2015

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for January 21, 2015 has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items The next regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on February 18, 2015 in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI at 5:30 p.m.



Geneva Presbyterian Church youth huddle around a barrel for warmth in the church parking lot as they learn about homelessness.

### FEELING THE STING

### Church teens explore reality of homelessness

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Winter break for many teens is a time to relax and enjoy friends and family. Teens at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton found time Dec. 26 to reach out to the homeless

"I think it's pretty cool," said Nathan Pohl, 15, a home-schooled sophomore, as he and other Geneva high school students fashioned shelters against the night's cold and damp using appliance boxes and duct tape. "I don't know of many other places that do this."

It was Pohl's second year in the Boxing Day tradition, which he said helps him learn what it would be like to be home-

"This is my third year," said Josh Doering, 16, a senior at Canton High School. "It gives us a unique experience that most kids our age don't

Louis Stark, 14, a Canton High School freshman, said, "This is actu-ally the first time I've done this." The scene overnight outdoors in Geneva's parking lot, with two barrels ablaze with fires for warmth, looked different than what Stark expected.

"We've pretty much got a bunch of boxes," he said of the cardboard structures

#### **British tradition**

The tradition at Geneva dates back some 20 years. It's based on the British tradition, also observed in Canada, of boxing up clothing no longer needed on the day after Christmas to give to the needy.

Geneva's Caitlin Marchand, 16, a Plymouth High School junior, was participating for her third time. "I think it's really good," Marchand said. "It helps bring awareness to homeless people, especially this time of year.

"I got to prepare for this," Marchand added, pointing to her layers of warm clothing. "A lot of people don't get to do that. We get to go home to a warm house. They

Mike Graunstadt of Canton, youth ministry elder, was set to take the 3-7 a.m. shift overnight, with Geneva parents taking turns watching over the kids. Graunstadt noted parents are no longer allowed to bring their teens food during

the night. "The weather last year was miserable," Graunstadt said. This year compared to last was "definitely a day at the beach. The kids will be experiencing more what it's like to be on the street."

### **Donation drive**

Josh Skelly of Plymouth is director of youth ministry at the church; he grew up in Plymouth's First United Methodist Church and was active in youth programming there in grades 6-12.

Skelly said 10-12 Geneva youth signed up this year for the event, which includes a collection of clothing and toiletries for the Open Door program at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. A collection box for Open Door donations will be outside Geneva Church, on the west side of Sheldon north of Ford Road,

through Jan. 7. "Initially, I was hesitant," said Skelly, a newcomer to Geneva and the Boxing Day tradition. "It's a good time to sit and talk to the youth." The overnight outdoors only bathroom breaks inside allowed - gives teens "a raw experience to see what people experience year-round. I hope they expand their world view and see the importance of giving and charity. It's going to be awe-some," Skelly said early

in the evening. "I'm pret-ty excited." Ben Ogden, director of Open Door, arrived at Geneva shortly after 8 p.m. The Royal Oak resident has been director there since 2009 and with

Open Door since 2003. 'We kind of just generally chat," Ogden said. "They're kids, so a litany of statistics doesn't make

an impression."

Ogden is grateful for the Geneva tradition, Open Door's largest such drive and key to getting homeless people clothing through January and into February. "Very, very important," he said of the more than 5,500 people a year so served.

He noted T-shirts and other such donations are welcome, along with winter clothing, as homeless people dress in layers and must periodically discard clothing.

### 'Most fragile'

"There's going to be a lag," he said of Detroit emerging from bankruptcy, as it relates to the chronic homeless, those without homes three years or more. "Usually what you have to repair in the person is just so bad. The population we serve is at their most fragile."

There are issues with support, mental health, chemical dependency and lack of education/job skills, Ogden said. "Big

boats turn very slowly. We didn't get here in 10 years, we got here in 50 years," he said of Detroit.

He described gentrification of downtown Detroit and the ripple effect from the business core outward, disrupting people living there. "Anyone that could afford to leave left. White people had money first," he said of the city's history.

'We're not seeing much change in our world (at Open Door). They're not encouraging programs like ours to stick around. You've got to look at it pragmatically. We've got to figure out a way to stabilize the

Ogden noted the purchase by businessman Dan Gilbert of the former Detroit News/Free Press building across from Fort Street Presbyterian Church. Gilbert understandably doesn't want 400 homeless people on his doorstep, Ogden said.

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#### CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186, on January 16th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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### CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request for an Exemption of Personal Property under PA 328 of 1998 from Doug Madsen, Managing Director, in connection with the prototype blow mold manufacturer that are entering the automotive market for their facility located at 31690 Glendale Street, Livonia, MI 48150. (Industrial Development Overlay

District #109) THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

- The City Clerk shall provide copies of the Application for Exemption of Personal Property to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by PA 328 of 1998, Section 211.9f, of the General Property Tax Act PA 206 of 1893, as amended.
- The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the 2. Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Wednesday**, **January 14**, **2015**, at **7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
- The Council has set **Wednesday, January 14, 2015**, at **7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place 3. for conducting a hearing on said Application.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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#### CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received an application requesting approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from ActuaPlast NA Inc. in the Office of the City Clerk on December 23, 2014, for new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures at their facility located at 31690 Glendale Street, Livonia, MI 48150 (Industrial Development Overlay District #109):

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

- 1. The City Clerk shall provide copies of the said Application to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 198, P.A. 1974, as amended.
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Another benefit of moving the money into an IRA is that you will have total control of your money. In a 401(k) Plan you are limited to the company's options. In an IRA, you virtually can invest in anything that you choose.

The one potential downside of an IRA is that you do not have the same flexibility to borrow the money as with a 401(k) Plan. However, if

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that is important to you, you need to confirm that you still will be able to borrow from the plan if they discontinue it. I believe that 401k loans should be avoided in the majority of situations.

If you decide to directly transfer the money, the key is to make sure that you are smart in how you invest the money. I am a believer of low-cost, commissionfree investing. Companies like Vanguard, Fidelity, Charles Schwab and TD Ameritrade all offer a host of low-cost, commission-free funds. Also, Fidelity, TD Ameritrade and Charles Schwab have local branches in the area.

As to whether the money should go into a Roth IRA or a traditional IRA, I recommend a traditional IRA. If you put the money into a Roth IRA, the entire amount will be currently taxed to you. If you want to convert some of your IRA into a Roth IRA on a yearly basis, that may make sense.

With regard to new contributions, the most tax efficient way is to use an IRA. If you contribute to a traditional IRA you should be able to deduct your contributions. If you contribute into a Roth IRA you would not get a tax write-off, but the money grows tax free and would also not be subject to the required minimum distributions rules. Good luck.

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

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the Observer as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

### **AEROBICS CLASSES**

Time/date: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Location: Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: Body and Spirit aerobics class for all fitness levels. All proceeds help Angel House take a stand against all domestic violence. Cost is \$20 a month or \$6 a session for walk-ins. Bring floor/yoga mat and hand weights (optional).

Contact: 313-443-7256.

#### **QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD** RELIEF

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 and Jan. 24. **Details:** Timothy Lutheran Church will make very simple quilts from samples of decorator fabric for Lutheran World Relief. Blocks will be sewn into rows and rows into quilts. which will be guilted later by a long arm guilter. Everyone is welcome; lunch will be served. No experience necessary. People are also needed to press. Contact: Jean Coleman, 734-

#### LIVONIA NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

422-8855

Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan.

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road,

Details: Livonia author Penny McCusker will be the guest speaker at the January meeting of Livonia Neighbors and Friends. Currently she is writing novels for Harlequin, including Mad about Max and Noah and the Stork. She sold her first novel in 1997. Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year

Contact: http://livonianeighbors andfriends,tripod.com

### **3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING**

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile

Details: See great 3D images, and learn how to make your own 3D pictures. Meetings include a 3D program, refreshment break, and a competition among members. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to rent. The Jan. 14 meeting will feature 3D images from stereo clubs around the world. Also, members can win free photo items in our "Freebie" drawing. A 3D image competition will conclude the evening's events. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome.

Contact: www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

#### BLACKTHORN CONCERT

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16.

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Details: Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash bar. Cost is \$15 a ticket or \$100 for a table of eight, \$125 for a table of 10. Purchase tickets in advance by calling St. Edith.

Contact: 734-464-1222; cmisiak@stedith.org.

#### CONCERT Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday,

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia.

Details: Mitch and Jesse Manns and Dean Rutledge will be in concert in the lower level of Timothy Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$10 per person. Contact: 734-427-2290.

### **DEMOLAY MEETING** Time/date: 10 a.m. Sunday,

Location: Wayne Masonic Lodge, 37137 Palmer, west of

Wayne Road, Westland. Details: The lodge is holding an informational day for Michigan DeMolay, a youth movement for men ages 12-21. The day will be a meet-and-greet with video games and board games.

Contact: For more information, contact Ray Lemons at 734-552-Raymond.Lemons@gmail.com.

### **TOYS AND TRAINS**

Time/date: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1.

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland.

Details: The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy and swap, toys and trains show at the church hall. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food is available, and parking is free. There will be operating train layouts and more than 100 dealer tables with various gauges of trains. Tables are available at \$10 per table. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

Contact: To reserve tables, call 734-595-8327.

#### ONGOING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Contact: 734-524-0720.

#### **SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD GAMES**

Time/date: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Details: Cost is \$5 per person.

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Contact: 734-524-0380.

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Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com.

#### LIVING ON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 2-3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month.

Location: Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne:

Details: Hospice of Michigan grief groups provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to express their feelings and better understand the grief process. These services are offered at no charge to any member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. The group meets in Conference Room 2 on second level. Park at west entrance.

Contact: To register, call Margie Martin, Grief Support Services manager, at 734-769-



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### Popular official Kavulich, 72, mourned

Longtime referee dies following heart attack

> By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Hall of Fame sports official Joe Kavulich was so wellknown and so well-liked that more than a handful of high school basketball games were delayed briefly by his congeniality.

"I can remember 10 or 12 games the past few years where we'd be at the scorer's table, getting ready for the jump ball to start the game and someone would say, 'Where's

Joe?" recounted fellow official and long-time friend Don Vogt, with a warm laugh. "Then we'd see him, over by the sidelines or standing near the crowd, smiling and shaking somebody's hand, or telling a joke or



something. It didn't matter where we were doing a high school or college game – he knew everybody and every-body he knew liked him."

The 72-year-old Kavul-ich died Tuesday night at his home in Plymouth Township, six days after suffering a massive heart attack.

Kavulich's oldest son Mike said that his father became dizzy while playing in an adult hockey league at Plymouth's

Arctic Pond the morning of Christmas Eve. He was transported by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, where his condition worsened,

"He suffered cardiac arrest in the emergency room at St. Mary's," Mike Kavulich said. "We actually lost him twice they had to resuscitate him and they put in two stents. At about 4 p.m., the doctors told us his prognosis was very grim.

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#### **PREP HOCKEY**



Livonia Churchill senior forward Dylan Smith was upended by Brighton's Sam Brennan during a third-period rush Friday night.

**ED WRIGHT** 

### SLIPPERY SLOPE

Livonia Churchill icers can't quite escape from 4-0 first-period abyss

Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill was arguably the better team during the final 34 minutes of Friday night's KLAA cross-division game against visiting Brighton.

However, dogged in part by 6-3 decision to the Bulldogs. 2-0 in the Kensington South three third-period penalties – the final one a five-minute dagger that came with just 5:48 left and Churchill trailing 5-3 - the Chargers could never quite get over the hump from a 4-0 firstperiod deficit before dropping a

Brighton's final goal was an empty-netter from Brad Halonen with just 6.8 seconds left.

The loss dropped Churchill to 3-5-2 overall, while Brighton

improved to 4-5-1. The Chargers are currently Division, two points behind front-runner Plymouth. The Chargers host the Wildcats at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Eddie Edgar

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**COMMUNITY RECLAMATION PROJECT** 

### Styers pumps new life into former school

Ambitious former boxing champion builds hope with Norwayne Boxing Club

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

If you drive slowly past the until-recently vacant Jefferson Barnes Elementary School that rests in Westland's Norwayne subdivision and crack your window just a little bit, you're liable to hear a heartbeat.

More precisely, you'll hear a drill buzzing, a hammer pounding or the thumping sound of boxing gloves hitting a speed

The sounds are the rhythmic beats of resuscitation and the

guy doing the CPR is Jeff Styers, a former Norwayne resident who chiseled out an incredibly successful amateur - and, for a short time, professional – boxing career before founding Bingham Farms-based Arrow Strategies, a multimillion-dollar talentacquisition company. Styers, along with former

professional boxing contender Erskine Wade, is the driving (and financial) force behind the Norwayne Boxing Club, a positivity-saturated opportunity for

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Former successful boxers Jeff Styers (right) and Erskine Wade are the catalysts of the Norwayne Boxing Club, which offers youths the opportunity to improve their ring skills and their academic achievement.

### Livonia 'Y' leagues and classes

The Livonia Family YMCA, located at 14255 Stark Rd., is accepting registra-tions for both winter sports leagues and

Ten-game youth basketball (ages 6-14) and volleyball (ages 8-14) leagues begin Jan. 12, while eight-game adult basketball and volleyball leagues begin Jan. 4-5. Winter classes for toddlers through adults - in-cluding gymnastics, karate, aikido and preschool sports begin the week of Jan.

Contact the YMCA at 734-261-2161 or email Chris Jackett at cjackett@ymca detroit.org for more information.

### Area gridders star for MSU

A pair of former Observerland football players made key contributions to Michigan State's comefrom-behind, 42-41 victory over Baylor in the Cotton Bowl game Thursday in Arlington, Texas.

Running back Jeremy Langford of Wayne (Westland John Glenn) rushed for 162 yards and three touchdowns on 27 carries. He scored his first two TDs on 2-yard runs; the third was a 1-yarder. Wide receiver

Aaron Burbridge of Farmington Hills (Harrison) caught four passes for 57 yards, with the longest being a 39-yarder.

He was one of nine players to catch a pass and one of three with four or more receptions. Tony Lippett (five catches, 74 yards) and Keith Mumphery (four catches, 87 yards) were the others.

Quarterback Connor Cook was 24-of-42 passing with two TDs - the second being a 10-yarder to Mum-phery with 17 seconds remaining to tie the score, 41-41.

### C'ville camp for baseball

Livonia Clarenceville High School will host a six-week baseball camp starting Saturday, Jan. 17 Clarenceville head coach Craig Cotter will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball

Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding

and baserunning. For more information, go to www.USBaseball Academy.com or call toll-free 866-622-4487.



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BASKETBALL

### Globetrotter: MU's Schuba joins Washington Gene

Former Crusaders star signs professional contract

A second member of the Madonna University men's basketball class of 2014 recently signed a professional contract as Travis Schuba has joined the Washington Generals and has begun his tour against the Harlem Globetrotters over the Christmas holi-

Travis is our first 'second generation' player since his

brother Chuck played with us when he was done with his college career," Generals general manager John Ferrari said.

Schuba

"What I look for are fundamentally sound basketball players with a passion to play and aggressiveness to be best they can be. Travis fits that mold and wants to see the world and get to play basketball."

Schuba's former MU back-

court mate and NAIA All-American Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) is currently playing professionally in Ger-

A two-time all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team selection, Schuba holds the career 3-point record at MU, surpassing Madonna Hall of Fame player and current head coach Noel Emenhis-

Schuba, native of Rapid City (Kalkaska H.S.), knocked down 399 triples during his career to

hold the top spot by 53 over Emenhiser. The 6-0 guard also owns three of the top five single-season marks in MU history for made triples.

A total of 74 percent (399of-537) of Schuba's career field goals were from beyond the arc. Following his senior season, Schuba was the winner of inaugural NABC-NAIA Men's Basketball 3-Point Contest, presented by Rawlings, held in conjunction with the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball Championship last March.

Schuba was also a member of the Madonna University

baseball team as a pitcher.
"I am extremely honored to play for such a world-class organization and be able to travel the world and showcase my ability in front of thousands of fans each and every night,' said Schuba, who made his debut Friday for the Generals against the Globetrotters at The Palace of Auburn Hills. "I cannot think of a better way to see the world than doing this while living out my dream."

### 'Good Works' honor sends Padget to New Orleans

PETER FOREST | ALLSTATE On Dec. 31, former Livonia Churchill football standout and current Alma College player Blake Padget helped surprise a group of children from the YMCA of Greater New Orleans with a football clinic at Isidore Newman School. Padget joined former NFL quarterback Archie Manning and 17 other college football players who, like Padget, are members of the 2014 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. Players were named to the Allstate team because of their commitment to volunteerism and community service.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Aloha: MU women's cagers drop two in Hawaii

It was hello and goodbye for the Madonna University women's basketball team, which ended its fiveday holiday trip to Hawaii with a 92-77 New Year's Eve setback to BYU-Hawaii at the Connor Activities Center in Laie.

Bry Tatupu-Leopoldo led all scorers with 32 points as BYU-Hawaii, an NCAA Division II school which is phasing out its athletics program over the next three years, improved to 5-4



Whitney Fieldsted also grabbed 14 rebounds, while Celeste Claw

siders, who shot 53.8 percent from the floor (35-of-65), including 10of-22 (45.5 percent) from 3-point range.

Junior guard Michele Hayes (Southfield-Lathrup/Inkster) paced the Crusaders with 26 points, while senior forward Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian) added 14 points and seven rebounds.

MU trailed 42-36 at the half and closed the gap to eight, 78-70, with 3:25 left on a Melcher free throw before being outscored 14-7 down the stretch.

Sophomores Justice Dean (Garden City) and Lizzy Otten (Grandville) each added 11 points, while grabbing eight and six rebounds, respectively, for the Crusaders

MU shot only 13-of-28 from the foul line (46 percent) and was outrebounded 45-33.

The Crusaders, 6-1 in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action, returned home Thursday before embarking Saturday for Fort Wayne to face Indiana Tech (7-9, 6-2) in a WHAC encounter.

HAWAII PACIFIC 89, MADONNA 68: Morganne

Comstock's 26 points and 11 rebounds carried Hawaii Pacific University (9-2) to a victory over the Crusaders (7-5) in a game played Tuesday at the Mid-Pacific Institute in Honolulu. Breanna Mackenzie also scored 15 points off the bench, while Cherise Peone added 13 for the Sharks, who pulled away in the second half after leading 36-33 at intermission Kylie Huerta also dished out six assists as Hawaii Pacific

shot 35-of-65 from the floor (53.8 percent). Michele Hayes scored 22 points in a losing cause, while Rachel Melcher added 17. Junior center Erin Menard (Livonia Churchill) finished with a season-high eight points to go

along with five rebounds.

The Crusaders were outrebounded 47-31 and shot 37.5 percent from the floor. They were 24-of-35 from the foul line (68.5 percent).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Monday, Jan. 5 Garden City at Milford, 7 Tuesday, Jan. 6 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Ypsilanti Lincoln, 7 p.m. Calvary at HVL, 7 p.m. Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Robichaud at RU, 7 p.m. Troy at North Farmington, 7 p.m. Harrison at Avondale, 7 p.m. Farmington at Seaholm, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9 John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m. S. Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. HVL at Parkway, 8:30 p.m. Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

RU at Annapolis, 7 p.m Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m. N. Farmington at Pontiac, 7 p.m. Birm. Groves at Harrison, 7 p.m. Stoney Creek at rmington, 7:30 p.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Jan. 6 Calvary at HVL, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m. Sacred Heart at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m. Thurston at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m. RU at Robichaud, 7 p.m. St. Cath. at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m. Harper Woods at Harrison, 7 p.m. Lake Orion at Farmington, 7 p.m. **Thursday, Jan. 8** 

W. Bloomfield at Harrison, 7 p.m. Ferndale at Farmington, 7 p.m. Bloom. Hills at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m. South Lyon vs. Stevenson, 7 p.m. Garden City at Fordson, 7 p.m. HVL at Parkway, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Annapolis at RU, 7 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Jan. 7 Franklin at Gab. Richard, TBA Salem at Stevenson, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Churchill, 6 p.m. Churchill at Salem, 8 p.m. NF-Harrison at Royal Oak, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8
Berkley at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
V.L. Central at Franklin, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

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WRESTLING Wednesday, Jan. 7 John Glenn, Wayne at Milford, 5:30 p.m. Garden City, Thurston at Crestwood, 5:30 p.m. Churchill, Franklin at Grand Blanc, 5:30 p.m.
RU vs. Belleville, Fordson,
Edsel Ford, 5:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 5:30 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 5:30 p.m.
Farmington at
Stoney Creek, 5:30 p.m.

Farmington at Stoney Creek, 5:30 p.m. Harrison at W. Bloomfield, 5:30 p.m. N. Farmington at Royal Oak, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10 Spartan Classic at Stevenson, 9 a.m. John Glenn at Airport Invite, TBA Garden City Novice Tournament, 9:30 a.m. Wayne at Wyandotte Invite, 9:15 a.m. **BOYS SWIMMING** 

Thursday, Jan. 8
Churchill at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Crestwood at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Thurston, 6 p.m.
RU at Dearborn, 6 p.m. Farm. Unified at Hazel Park, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10
nson at Rockford Invite, TRA
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PREP GYMNASTICS Tuesday, Jan. 6 Waterford, N'ville at Livonia Red, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 Canton at Livonia Blue, 6:30 p.m. Farm. United at Birmingham, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9
Farmington United vs. Livonia Red. 6 p.m. at Farm. Gymnastics Center.

Saturday, Jan. 10 PREP BOWLING Monday, Jan. 5 Farm. Unified at Berkley, 3:30 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 3:30 p.m. Royal Oak at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8 Farm. Unified at Troy Athens, 3:30. N. Farmington at Birmingham, 4

Friday, Jan. 9 John Glenn at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. Northville at Wayne, 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, Jan. 10** PCS Invite at Super Bowl, 1 p.m. er Bowl, 1 p.m GIRLS CHEER Wednesday, Jan. 7

igton at Avondale, 6:30 p.m.



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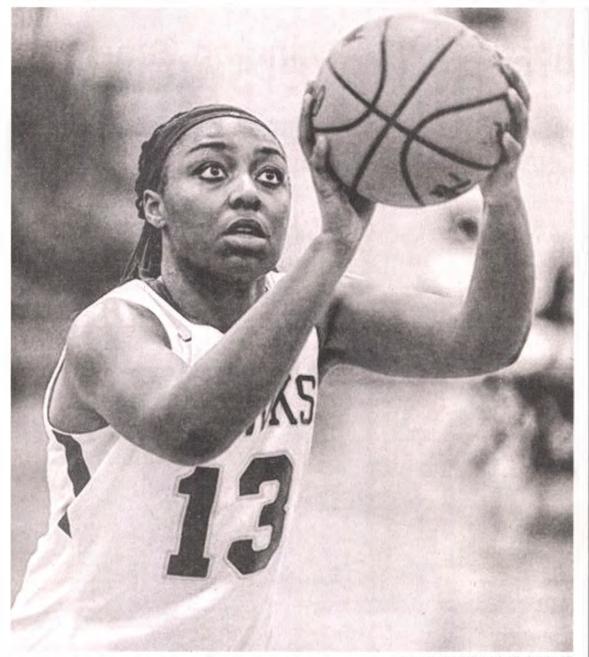


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Senior center Kyla Roland had 12 points, 13 rebounds, five steals and three blocks for the 5-1 Hawks.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

## Harrison girls register major hoops victory

Farmington Harrison won five of six games in December and had a very successful start to its girls basketball season in

In their latest victory Dec. 29, the Hawks defeated perennial Chicago powerhouse Crete Monee in the Motor City Roundball Classic, 63-56.

Even with 6-foot-1 senior center Kyla Roland in the middle, Harrison had to contend with a considerable size disadvantage, but it managed to overcome that with aggressive, scrappy defense.

Six-foot-3 senior forward Maisha Howard, who signed with Wisconsin, scored a gamehigh 30 points and pulled down

14 rebounds for Crete Monee. They were bigger than us at all five spots," Hawks coach Tim Micklash said. "They had a freshman who was about 6-4, the Howard girl and another who was 6-1. Their wing players were 5-10 and 5-11. They were pretty impressive, team-wise.

"I thought we really played well defensively. At times we forced them to turn it over and sped them up a little bit, which made them uncomfortable and

which is important for us when we defend people."

Harrison gained a 32-21 halftime lead by outscoring Crete Monee in the second quarter at Detroit Edison Academy, 22-9.

The Illinois team trimmed the deficit to five points at the end of three quarters, 43-38, but the Hawks finished with a 20point fourth to close out the win. 'We did the little things real-

ly well," Micklash said. "We took care of the ball. To have only 10 to 12 turnovers against a team like that and the way they pressed us, I was really pleased

"We shot the ball well, too. Kristen (Nelson) was in foul trouble in the third and sat out most of it. They made a run on us, and the other kids were quite resilient and bounced back from it.

"The key came down to how we defended them. We believed in what we were doing and continued to attack them, defensively and offensively. It was a

very good team win for us.' Nelson and Amber Stephens scored 19 points apiece to lead the Hawks. Roland had 12 points, 13 rebounds, five steals and three blocks.

Katie Conrad added eight points and Nyla Warren five. Stephens also had five rebounds and three steals; Nelson dished five assists.

Crete Monee also got nine points from Mesha Wheatly and six from Desiree Jackson. Harrison was 23-of-37 at the foul line and Crete Monee 11-of-19.

The kids should have a lot of confidence going into the new year after beating one of the better teams out of Chicago, Micklash said. "It was a really big win for our program, beating a quality team like that.

"I'm just really pleased with how much were improving. That's how you get better, playing teams like Crete Monee.

"You're going to see things you need to work on, and you're going to get more comfortable playing at that type of speed. In the OAA Red Division, we're going to see teams like that, and that's what we want.

"To have the record we have (5-1) in non-league play, I'm very pleased because I thought we had a very tough schedule throughout the month of December."

Harrison will try for its sixth win Tuesday when it plays host to Harper Woods (6-1) in another non-league game.

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### John Glenn hitting the pocket with regularity

Rockets start 4-0 with Early Bird tourney triumph

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's flourishing girls bowling team has "struck" it rich during the first month of the 2014-15 season – just nine months after rolling to a runner-up finish in the Division 1 state tournament.

"I am fortunate to have all five of the bowlers back who led us last year," said Rockets coach Ralph Cabildo. "We just need to stay focused on improving from last year. I am very proud of how hard the girls worked during the off-season."

After a month of action, four of the Rockets' catalysts have seen up-ticks in their averages from a year ago.
Julia Huren leads the way
with a 217 mark, followed
closely by Emily Dietz (201), Olivia Cabildo (198) and Ashley Kolb (185).

John Glenn opened its season on Dec. 6 with a firstplace finish at the Early Bird Tournament hosted by Drakeshire Lanes. The Rockets knocked down 3,989 pins to clip runner-up Oxford (3,757) and Lake Orion (3,726).

Huren and Jessica Pate turned in the high series - 629 and 613, respectively – for the winners, while Cabildo's 227 topped the single-game ledger. Kolb contributed a 537 series while Dietz chipped in

a 143 game.
On Dec. 9, the Rockets
dominated Pinckney, 27-3, in their opening match of the season. Huren led the Rockets' with a two-game series of 407 while Dietz turned in a stellar 394. Cabildo (360) and Pate (358) also played major

roles in the triumph. One of the many highlights of the day for John Glenn came from Dietz, who carded five consecutive strikes after entering the line-up as a sub-

On Dec. 18, the Rockets wiped out Walled Lake Central, 28-2. Huren was the catalyst, rolling a two-game series of 478. Cabildo and Kolb rolled mirror series of 382. Big games were chalked up by Dietz (223) and Pate

The Rockets stayed in their pins-demolishing zone on Dec. 20 when they made short work of Walled Lake Western (30-0) and Walled Lake Northern (29-1). Cabildo's 419 series paced the destruction of the Warriors while Dietz (439) and Huren (437) were the primary steam-rollers of the Knights.

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OHL HOCKEY

### Whalers blitzed early, late in 7-2 defeat

By Tim Smith

Some of the problems that plagued the Plymouth Whalers at the end of 2014 continued into 2015 with Friday's 7-2 loss to Saginaw at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers, for the second consecutive home game, began by giving up three early goals. After defenseman and Rochester native Mitch Jones scored two goals in the second period to make it 3-2 entering the third, there wasn't much for the home crowd of 2,871 to cheer for in the final period.

Saginaw - the team in front of Plymouth in the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference - then broke the contest wide open with four goals in the third, two each by wingers Connor Brown and Dylan Sadowy (three goals, one assist).

"Until we start playing with some desperation and some sense of urgency that every one of these games is important ... this is what we're going to get," Plymouth head coach Don Elland said. "We're not talented enough to win with talent. We have to outwork teams and we're not outworking anybody."

### Familiar script

Plymouth also got squarely behind the eight-ball in Tuesday's matinee against Windsor, falling behind 4-0 and ultimately losing 8-4.

Elland did acknowledge that Jones was a bright spot for the team, now 12-22-2-1.

"Jonesy played well, but if your two goals are from a defenseman, that tells you a lot about where you're at," Elland said. "Great game for Mitch, but a bad game for the

team. The Spirit (17-17-1-1) got on the board at 4:21 of the opening period when Sadowy buried a centering feed from linemate Nick Moutrey (three assists) past Plymouth goalie Zack Bowman (25

Saginaw then scored two goals in 11 seconds to suddenly make it 3-0. At 15:03, center Tye Felhaber snapped a low shot from the right circle that beat Bowman. On the next rush into

Whalers territory, forward Mitchell Stephens one-timed the puck past Bowman. That resulted in Elland taking a timeout to try to settle his squad.

Plymouth did play better for a while after that.

With just over 14 minutes remaining in the second period, Jones ripped a shot from the top of the right circle that zipped past Saginaw goalie David Ovsjannikov (27 saves). Drawing assists were forwards Jacob Collins and Cullen Mercer.

After the Whalers killed off a penalty, Jones struck

He stripped the puck from a Saginaw player near the Plymouth blue line, then rushed down the ice in tandem with forward Will Bit-

Using Bitten as a decoy, Jones drilled a shot from the left circle over Ovsjannikov's trapper to make it 3-2 with 3:22 to go. "You just got to throw

pucks on net and hope for the best," said Jones, who now has six goals on the season. "That's what I've been doing. Skating and shooting." Early in the third, the

Whalers nearly knotted the score at 3-3 when forward Mathew Campagna cut in through the low slot only to slide a shot wide of the far

Moments later, the Spirit made it a 4-2 game when Brown finished a crosscrease pass from Jesse Barwell. Saginaw then finished off

Plymouth for good with three goals in six minutes, including Sadowy's hat-trick marker at 18:29. PLYMOUTH 6, WINDSOR 4: Three second-

period goals helped visiting Plymouth build a 4-2 lead after 40 minutes and the Whalers held off a late rally by the Spitfires for the victory. Lighting the lamp for Plymouth were Mitch Jones, Victor Scognamiglio, Victor Crus Rydberg, Nicholas Caamano, Connor Chatham and Josh

WINDSOR B, PLYMOUTH 4: On "Kids Day" Tuesday afternoon before 2,778 fans at Compu-ware Arena, the Plymouth Whalers were buried by an early avalanche of goals by the Spitfires and could not recover. Giving up three goals over the opening 11

minutes of play was 16-year-old Plymouth net-minder Tyler Johnson in his Ontario Hockey League debut. Taking over with Windsor already up 3-0

was Zack Bowman, who didn't fare much better. Scoring for Plymouth were Mathieu Henderson, Matt Mistele, Mitch Jones and Mathew Campagna.



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Jimmy Milletics earned the win between the pipes for Brighton, while Andrew Broyles suffered the loss for the hosts despite an energized final-period performance when he turned away 14 shots - most power-play opportunities for the Bulldogs.

Trailing 4-0, Churchill's first sign of offense came at the 5:34 mark of the second period, when Nolan Cioch deposited a rebound shot past Milletics. Dylan Smith picked up the assist for the Chargers, who could suddenly see a light at the end of the tunnel.

After Brighton regained its four-goal advantage moments later on Nick Foran's powerplay goal that he launched from the right face-off circle, Churchill's Parker Hodges answered with a goal (from Joe Wozniak) that brought the home team to within 5-2 with 1:54 left in the second period.

Smith brought the Churchill fans to their feet - and his team to within 5-3 - with 9:30 left in the contest, when he scored from close range after tapping in a rebound off a shot from Dan Hudy.

But the Chargers were never able to mount a serious scoring threat from that point for-



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Churchill goalie Andrew Broyles turned away Brighton's Nick Foran on this second-period power-play chance.

ward, due in large part to the five-minute major penalty that had them playing short-handed until the final 48 seconds.

### **KLAA leaders**

According to mihshockeyhub.com, Franklin's Brendan Whitney (10 goals, nine assists) and Chase Wallis (nine goals, eight assists) and Livonia Stevenson's Alex DeFlorio (eight goals, six assists) are among the KLAA's leading point producers.

PREP BOYS HOCKEY

### Rocks top field at Traverse City

### Salem sweeps way to title at holiday tournament

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

The Salem Rocks varsity boys hockey team traveled Up North over the holidays for a chance to bond.

Of course, making the whole experience even sweeter was winning all three games the Rocks played at the annual Scott Miller Memorial Tournament in Traverse City.

Salem routed Traverse City St. Francis 8-1 on Dec. 26, then followed up with a 4-0 victory the following day against Traverse City West.

That led to to championship game, Sunday, Dec. 28, at Centre Ice Arena and the Rocks scored three goals in the third period to edge Traverse City Central, 3-2.

The Rocks (6-3-1, ranked No. 8 in Division 1) thus prevailed as the Miller tourney champion for the first time in the five years they have competed there.

"Each game we got better," noted Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "(Central), who we beat in the finals, is a very good team and had us on our heels in the first period.

"We made some adjustments and controlled the second period and finally broke through in the third."

Central took a 2-0 lead in the first and that score held up until the Rocks tallied three goals within a two-minute span in the third.



COURTESY SALEM HOCKEY

The Salem Rocks varsity boys hockey team celebrates Sunday after winning the championship game of the Scott Miller Memorial Tournament in Traverse

Scoring for Salem were Matt Schaumburger, Zach Newsom and Liam Walker while Noah Willer chalked up two helpers.

Making 23 saves for his second win of the tourney was senior goalie Dillon Phillips.

Salem's top guns for the three games at Traverse City were Schaumburger and Walker (three goals, two assists each) and Willer (one goal, four assists)

Registering a plus-8 for the tourney was Bailey Thompson (one assist).

Against TC St. Francis, goalie Nathan Blank stopped eight of the nine shots he faced as Salem dominated.

Marty Mills and Zach Goleniak each scored twice, while other markers were collected by Evan Newel, Willer, Schaumburger and Walker. In the weekend's second game, Phillips (16 saves) blanked TC West. Providing Salem's offense were Goleniak, Schaumburger, Noah Saad and Walker with one goal each.

"Not only was it a good weekend for us hockey wise, but it also gives the players the opportunity to spend some time together," Ossenmacher continued. "The team meals and bus trip really help us

come together as a team, which is a very important part of on-ice successes."

The Rocks will visit Eddie Edgar Arena 8 p.m. Wednesday for a KLAA matchup against Livonia Stevenson.

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BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

### Canton ends '14 by clipping OLSM, 55-49

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Just over a day before the crystal ball dropped at Times Square in New York City, Canton's boys basketball team was dropping a leather ball through the net on a regular basis against visiting Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Led by senior Greg Williams' 27-point year-end celebration, the Chiefs improved to 5-0 Wednesday afternoon by knocking off the Eaglets, 55-49. The loss dropped OLSM to 3-2.

Williams drained 9 of 13 field-goal attempts and 5 of 8 free throws.

Logan Ryan also sparkled for the winners, netting 14 points and 14 rebounds. Canton's Jalen Cochran yanked down eight rebounds in addition to playing lock-down defense.

Chiefs freshman Noah Brown calmly stroked home two pivotal free throws down the stretch to cap his first varsity start in

"It was another quality win for our team against a really good opponent," noted Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy.

Jason Boswell led the

Eaglets with 17 points.
The Chiefs led 15-5 after one quarter and 24-23 at the half. OLSM seized a

short-lived 31-30 lead with eight minutes to play. Canton, which hit 14 of 19 free-throw tries, ou-

trebounded the Eaglets 30-19. The Chiefs return to

action Tuesday at Salem.

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### **College-bound Marlins**



Nineteen seniors at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills are college-bound athletes who will continue playing their primary sports at the next level. They include (front row, from left) Madeline Loniewski, swimming, Georgetown University; Christine Clayton, volleyball, Beloit College; Jordan Johnson, softball, Adrian College; Monica Shuk, volleyball, Albion College; Marge Terhune, soccer, St. Lawrence University; Jenna Lerg, volleyball, University of Michigan; Alexandra Griffin, soccer, Western Illinois University; (middle row, from left) Kathleen McGee, swimming, Michigan State University; Roxanne Griffore, swimming; Purdue University; Molly Murphy, softball, Emory University; Brooke Ottaway, lacrosse, Rollins College; Taylor Babcock, soccer, University of Portland; (back row, from left) Michaela Bargardi, swimming, Cleveland State University; Erica Heath, golf, University of Detroit Mercy; Analise Sala, soccer, Hope College; Claire Lachner, ice hockey, Quinnipiac University; Alexandra Sobczak, softball, University of Michigan; Taylor Jones, basketball, Oakland University; Allysen Eads, cross country, Hillsdale College.

### **BOXING**

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young men and women in the area to improve their outlook on life – both with boxing gloves and textbooks.

boxing gloves and textbooks.
From noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, the club –
which will take up a good
portion of the east end of the
recently established Jefferson Barnes Recreation
Center – will hold a grand
opening that will be highlighted by guests appearances from Thomas "The
Hit Man" Hearns, current
light middleweight champion Cornelius "K9" Bundrage
and former world champions Jimmy Paul and Hilmer
Kenty

There will also be exhibitions by several members of area boxing establishments, including Hands-On Gym and Coleman Young Gym.

"When I first met with

(Westland) Mayor (William) Wild, I told him that if this building ever becomes a recreation center, the first thing I'd put in here is a boxing gym," said Styers, who is the governor-appointed vice chairman of the **Unarmed Combat Commis**sion (formerly the Michigan Boxing Commission). "My vision is to replicate the Downtown Youth Boxing Gym in Detroit, which has done a ton of positive things for kids.

"Along with the boxing area, we will have two classrooms where the members will be required to put in mandatory academic time and we'll have tutors and mentors from the Champions of Wayne program on hand to help the kids who need it.

"I also want the members of our club to be actively involved in our community. This is a largely transient area; not too many people around here own their own home, so there isn't that sense of community pride you get with home ownership. Whether it's helping out in the Norwayne garden down the street or helping somebody paint their home, I want these kids to feel a civic responsibility to this community."

The cost for each member will be "minimal" Styers assured – especially when you consider the potential benefits.

"I feel that in order for something to have value to it, you can't give it away for free," Styers said. "There will be a minimal charge, but it will be the cheapest gym in the Detroit area."

Wade is a perfect complement to Styers. Born in Chicago and a boxer since he was 16, Wade is a firm believer that everyone who walks into the boxing club should walk out a well-rounded individual.

A victor in his first 70 amateur fights, Wade won multiple Golden Gloves titles and his resume includes being involved in the first boxing match ever televised by the USA cable network.

"Boxing can teach you so much about life," Wade said. "I am so excited to help make a difference in the lives of the young men and women who walk through those doors."

Wade has been instrumental in marketing the club as he has helped distribute fliers throughout the community and the schools.

Youths as young as 6 years old can become members, Styers said.

"We'd love to develop high-level amateur boxers," Styers said. "But ultimately, we want to prepare these kids for life."

The gym is located at 32150 Dorsey St. in West-

### KAVULICH

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"But then, it was like a miracle – he started coming around and getting better. He was transferred to St. Joseph's (Hospital in Ypsilanti) and they put two more stents in."

Tuesday morning, shortly before he was released from St. Joseph's Hospital and following a thorough examination by doctors, Kavulich was told that the previous days' episodes left no damage to his heart and that he'd more than likely be able to return to officiating at some point.

"He was so happy and fired up to be going home," Mike Kavulich said.

Kavulich died sometime around 10

Kavulich died sometime around 10 p.m. at his home after going to his bedroom to watch TV, his son said.

"Within an hour of the time word got out about my dad's death, I must have received 50 text messages and phone calls from his friends, guys he worked with over the years," Mike Kavulich said. "I can't even begin to tell you how comforting that was."

A Detroit Public Schools counselor for 42 years before retiring, Kavulich marked his 50th year as an official in 2014. He worked many games the past 25 years with his son, Vogt and Bobby Williams.

"The past couple of years, I really started appreciating working with my dad more, because I started realizing that this isn't going to last forever," Mike Kavulich said. "He was talking about retiring and I knew I was going to be missing more games to watch Kayla (Mike's daughter, who is a standout distance runner at Michigan State) compete.

"Our last football game together was at Livonia Churchill on Halloween. The weather was absolutely horrible that night – it was cold, windy, rainy – but my dad was at the top of his game, like he always was."

Vogt said Kavulich was instrumental in getting him involved in big-time college and high school officiating.

"In the late '70s, I attended a state final basketball game that Joe was working," Vogt said. "I had just gotten into officiating; I think I was doing some JV games. I watched the way Joe worked that game – the way he handled the coaches and the players – and I thought to myself, 'That's the kind of official I want to emulate.'

"His death has hit me really hard. I've known him for so long. He's such a great guy. We were scheduled to work a high school basketball game together on Tuesday night (Jan. 6). That's when it's really going to hit me, when I walk out on the court and he's not there."

In addition to Mike and Mike's wife Julie, Kavulich is survived by his wife of 40 years Jan; sons John (Susan) and Brett; and grandchildren Kara, Kayla, Jim and Jeff.

Visitation was Jan. 2 at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home

A Mass of resurrection was held Jan. 3 at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. Interment is at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Michigan Humane Society or donor's choice.

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### Canton One Acts Festival shows original drama, comedy, talent

**By Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Canton One Acts Festival will take on an international flair when it stages its first submission from abroad, Jan. 16-18 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"We've had submissions from other countries before but we've never picked them," said Christopher Tremblay, a member of TLC Productions, which produces the biennial writing competition and show. "The one from Australia, The Kill, that one in particular really popped during dramatic readings. It really jumped from page to page. It will be exciting to see that one.'

Linda Pohl, festival co-producer, said the play is unique, with a plot twist that may surprise the audience.

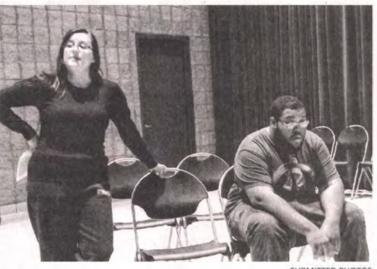
"It doesn't go the way you'd think it would go. We were excited to get that one. The fact that it's from out of the country is a major plus," she

The Kill, a comedy by Alex Broun of Sydney, Australia, will close out each of the festival shows, which include a total of eight one-act plays from writers in North Carolina, Arkansas, Washington, California, Maryland and Michigan.

TLC's Tremblay, Pohl and Tim Chanko consider the first 100 submissions they receive within three months for each festival. Last year, it took just under two months to reach the 100 mark for this year's event. They whittled the entries to approximately 20 semifinalists, and dramatic readings were held last fall. The final eight were chosen, cast and rehearsals began in November.

### **Actor-playwrights**

Richard Holland of Livonia and Maureen Paraventi of Redford are the only local authors with works in the festival. Both are well-established



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Kayla Younkin and Anton Koyton rehearse a scene from "Press Pray," one of eight short plays that will be staged Jan. 16-18 during the Canton One Acts Festival at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

actors in community theater.

Holland is directing Paraventi, TLC member Tim Chanko, and Ken Overwater of Dearborn in his play, Clocking Out. He also portrays a psychiatrist - his wife, Lisa Brawley, plays the patient and Pohl is a nurse - in Serenity Island, a comedy.

He and his wife enjoy acting, directing and producing plays together at local community theaters. Both of them submitted works to the festi-

"TLC are good people to work with. This is the second TLC project I've been involved with," said Holland, who also participated in TLC's Stage-Lab24, a 24-hour writing and staging activity, in January 2014. Holland said he submitted Clocking Out to the second biennial festival in 2013, but it didn't make the final cut.

'It probably was about 10 pages too long. I took the pen out and started crossing lines off. I re-submitted. It's a drama, not a comedy, but the situation and dialogue will get a laugh here and there," he said, describing his play about

death. "Someone has died and the angel of death is confounded because of the way things are unfolding. I want people to laugh at parts of it."

### Writing for actors

Paraventi became interested in playwriting after attending the 2011 Canton One Acts Festival. Her first submission to the festival, Who Goes to Russia?, a comedy-drama, was accepted for production in 2013. Her winning entry this year, Such a Small Word, is a drama about a woman who made a terrible mistake.

"Because I'm an actor, I write for actors," Paraventi said. "I create roles intended to give actors a challenging experience - to put them through the emotional wringer, in other words. Leanne Young, who is one of the best actors in southeast Michigan, is heartwrenching in Such a Small Word ... in a very short time she takes her character through an incredible range of

emotions. Evan Phillips and Betty Berryman also appear in the play, which is directed by Kris-



Leanne Young (left), Brian Taylor, and Sabrina Hubbard rehearse a scene from "Car Talk," written by a playwright from North Carolina.



TLC Productions is Chris Tremblay, Linda Pohl and Tim Chanko.

tin Heitmeier.

In addition to her role in Clocking Out, Paraventi also portrays a redneck truck driver in Crisis Line.

### Variety of plays

Both Paraventi and Holland said they enjoy the festival

The great thing about oneact festivals is that they move along so quickly and they give the audience so many stories in one show," Paraventi said. There truly is something for everyone in this one.

That's by design. Pohl and Tremblay said the producers look for a mix of plays when they choose finalists and carefully select the order they'll appear during the show.

'We're trying to appeal to a

wide audience," Tremblay said. There are some festivals that will say to submit a play with this theme or this object has to be in every scene. That can be clever and creative, but from an audience standpoint, we want to give them a taste of different types of plays and expose people to new, emerging playwrights.

'One of our goals is to give people who never directed before an opportunity to direct," he added.

Local actors in the show this year include Sally Dixon, Brion Scheidel, Betty Berryman, Tim Chanko, and Linda Pohl, all from Canton; Richard Holland, Lisa Brawley and Mark Steinhauer, all from Livonia; Leanne Young of South Lyon; Kristin Heitmeier of Northville, Brian Taylor of Plymouth, Maureen Paraventi of Redford; and Anton Koyton of Westland.

Berryman, Heitmeier, and Pohl, local directors are Karen Pritchard of Garden City, Alan Highe of Northville and Linda Trygg of Wayne.

The festival runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15. Visit tlcprod-.wordpress.com.

### Festival nudges Canton man into acting, short stories

**By Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Brion Scheidel turned lemons into lemonade when his two plays didn't make the cut for this year's Canton One Acts Festival.

The Canton man decided to try acting instead. He landed a role in the event's first Australian-authored play, a comedy that will close out each night of the festival, Jan. 16-18 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

And if that wasn't enough, Scheidel, whose one-act play, Saving JFK, was staged at the 2013 festival, turned the piece into a short story, which was published recently in an anthology called Then Again.

"What motivated me to get involved on the acting side was the culmination of not having a play I wrote selected for the festival. And I had the chance to get to know and interact with community theater members. It's a fun group of people. I wanted to stay involved,' Scheidel said. "It has been fun. I was in Much Ado About Nothing in college and in high school I was in Guys and Dolls, but that was it."

Scheidel wasn't certain he'd audition for the festival until he volunteered for the event's dramatic readings, which helped judges select the final eight plays last fall.

"The was my first acting experience since college and it was a lot of fun. I got to experience a little bit of each play,' he said. He auditioned and landed the role opposite TLC Productions member Tim Chanko, in The Kill, by an Australian author.

"I'm really excited. For me, it's the perfect way to get back into acting.'

The festival not only renewed his interest in acting, it also helped Scheidel try his hand at short stories.

After Scheidel submitted



SUBMITTED

Brion Scheidel (left) works with Tim Chanko in a scene from "The Kill," a play by an Australian writer, for the Canton One Acts Festival.

his one-act plays last year for the upcoming festival - and waited to see if they were selected - he discovered that Michigan Speculative Fiction was accepting entries for an

anthology of short stories about time travel. His 2013 play, Saving JFK, was about a Secret Service agent who travels back in time to prevent President Kennedy's assassination. The story seemed to fit perfectly with the short story

He revamped the play into a story, getting feedback from his wife and daughter, and submitted the story. Editors at Michigan Speculative Fiction offered suggestions and gave him two weeks to resubmit another re-worked version.

'It definitely was a challenge. But I really enjoyed the process. It was rewarding for me. It was a great learning experience. I'm fascinated with the assassination and this period of history. I've always dreamed of writing a novel on this topic. If I'm going to seriously consider doing this in the future, there's a lot of work to do, a lot of practice."

Links to the anthology in all available formats are at mifiwriters.org/division-by-zero/ then-again/.

### Broken appliance part replacements are hard to find

t's 2 o'clock in the morning and I can't go to sleep and just to show you how bothered I am over the appliance industry, I decided to write about some of the past month's happenings

A lawyer friend down the street has a six-year-old Amana refrigerator and needs a handle for the freezer door. She ordered it through Sears and they sent her a handle for the refrigerator door at a cost of \$65. It doesn't fit so I got the correct part number and she ordered it again. This time she was told it is no longer available and she is out of luck. Now she has two bolts sticking out of the door and it certainly doesn't look good.

We go to my nephew's house for dinner and he has two bolts sticking out of his door on the same make of refrigerator.



Joe Gagnon APPLIANCE DOCTOR

He's out of luck as well and he knows that for the sake of this handle, he will have to purchase a new refrigerator in the near future.

My friend Mike has a General Electric double wall oven six years old at his summer home Up North. He put the range through a self-cleaning cycle and the high heat comes out of a front vent which melted the front of the touch pad. It looks terrible and he tells me that GE has found fault with the design but the part is no longer available. I might add that I have read about this problem from consumers who

have filed complaints on the review sites. Mike happens to be a bank president and after finally reaching one of the top dogs at GE, they found the part for him and he is getting it at no charge

My darling Valorie has a good friend named Dale who has a seven-year-old Whirlpool double wall oven and it quit working. She called for service and the technician told her the control board is no longer available. She had to spend \$3,700 for a new oven and I could go on and on with these types of stories.

I visited an appliance dealer recently that's been in business since 1928 and I stopped by their warehouse to pick up a new washing machine. I asked why there are so many used appliances in a corner of this warehouse and the technician

said that they rob parts off of them to help customers who have a problem getting parts. He showed me door handles which would cost a consumer over \$100 and he sells them for a fraction of that price. The current cost of many parts is going through the roof and it's as if the manufacturers are forcing homeowners to throw away a perfectly working appliance because some cosmetic part needs replacing. And get this folks; there is no law that an appliance manufacturer has to carry parts for any given amount of years. It just does not exist!

Now you may say that if this happens to you, "I will purchase another brand." That may not make much sense because most of today's brands all belong to GE, Whirlpool and Electrolux. Expected next

year, Electrolux may have purchased General Electric and the parts problem may loom much larger. Across this country you will find many junk yards for all types of automobiles. Those guys must be making money, and so with this thought in mind I think I will purchase some property on a gravel road, hang a sign out front, sit in a little shack and sell used parts. The direction and the way things are going with new appliance purchases, I wouldn't be surprised if I made a pretty good living and a ton of friends. Stay tuned.

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

### Bring pets indoors during harsh winter weather

With temperatures expected to drop into the teens Monday, the Michi-

Humane Society is urging pet owners to bring their cats and dogs



indoors and at least to provide adequate shelter, food and water to animals kept outdoors.

"If we had our way, no pets would be kept outside in this weather," said Debby MacDonald, MHS Chief Cruelty investigator. "But because the law allows them to be kept outside as long as they have adequate food, water and shelter, we're going to be out there making sure they have the proper provisions."

MHS recommends that pet owners provide a well-built, insulated, slant-roofed dog house. The interior should be just large enough for the dog to stand and to lie down comfortably and slightly elevated from

the ground for air circulation. The door should face away from winds and have a protective flap to eliminate drafts. Clean, dry straw should be provided for bedding, rather than towels, rugs or blankets that absorb moisture and freeze in frigid temperatures. An a dog house that is too large or lacks straw, or all are not adequate protection against extreme

winter pet safety tips:

» When temperatures plummet, pets should not be left outside for any length of time. Bring small or short-haired pets in when temperatures reach 15-20 degrees Fahrenheit. Take into account precipitation and wind chill.

» Cats should be kept indoors or at least brought into a warm, animal-proofed garage during severe weather.

» Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines, so be sure to knock on the car hood or honk the horn before

starting your car to startle them and give them a chance to escape.

» Increase the amount of food you feed dogs left outside by 10-20 percent during the winter months. The extra calories are needed to help an animal stay warm.

» Regular access to clean, unfrozen water is critical. Check drinking water frequently to ensure that it is not frozen.

» If an animal is cold to the touch, or his paws and ears are pale, he may be suffering from frostbite. Move the animal to

a warmer area and contact your veterinarian immediately.

Call local animal control or police to report pets left outside without

proper shelter.

MHS accepts donations to help it provide dog houses for animals without shelter, water bowls that don't tip over, food, straw for dog houses and new collars to replace ropes and chains. Visit michiganhumane-

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### Livonia Garden Club

Lisa Steinkopf, a certified indoor landscape technician and nurseryman and a member of the Garden Writer's Association, will give a PowerPoint presentation on succulents, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Succulents are low maintenance and come in all shapes and colors. Plants will be available for purchase. Visitors are welcome. livoniagardenclub.org

### Northville-Novi

Gerald Wykes, a naturalist from Monroe, will be the guest speaker Monday, Jan. 12, at a meeting of The Gardeners of Northville & Novi,

(The No-Nos). A social mixer will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7 p.m., in the Media Forum Room 198C at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, at 10 Mile, Novi. Park in the staff lot and enter building through door 43. Wykes will talk about how a lowly weed was used to save lives in World War II. \$5 for nonmembers; gardeners-

### Kensington Metropark

northville-novi.org.

Take a short walk along a nature trail and feed songbirds at 2 p.m. Jan. 10 at the nature center in Kensington Metropark, 4570 Huron River Parkway, Milford. Bird seed will be provided for this "Chickadee Chow-Down." \$4 per person. Register at 810-227-8917. Entry fee for the park is \$30 annually

unheated garage or shed, tie-outs with no shelter at temperatures. MHS also offers these

### GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

### **Matthaei Botanical** Gardens

Ann Arbor Orchid Society presents a free program at 2 p.m. Jan. 11 on orchids, along with a show and tell, a raffle and sale of orchids and orchid-related items. Matthaei Botanical Gardens is located at 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor; 734-647-7600.

#### Friends of the Rouge

Take a guided snowshoe walk 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 17, at Maybury State Park, Eight Mile, west of Beck, in Northville. Meet at sign post 1 near the restroom off the parking lot. The walk is free, but donations are accepted. A State Recreation Passport (\$11) is required for park entry. Limited snowshoe rentals are available. If there's no snow, the group will hike. RSVP at therouge.org.

### Owls

Take a guided night hike 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 and 16 through Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. Listen for owl calls and find out what makes these nocturnal creatures such expert hunters and survivalists. Meet inside the nature center at the park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy boots. Cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, or online at http://recreg.fhgov.com.

#### **English Gardens**

» Learn how to make a terrarium at a free instore presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10.

» Kids can make a terrarium to take home, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Cost is \$20. Sign up online at englishgardens.com/events.

» Learn about succulents 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at a free presentation.

**JANUARY** 

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. doors

Location: St. Edith Church

15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Details: Blackthorn performs;

\$100 for a table of eight, \$125

734-464-2020 or email Colleen at

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

**Details**: Mitch and Jesse Manns

perform with Dean Rutledge.

Mitch Manns has performed

try bands and Jesse Manns

style after listening to Chet

worked as a soloist and as a

member of the New Christy

Minstrels. Tickets are \$10 per

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday,

Location: St. John Neumann,

Details: John Mason, a certified

personal fitness trainer, teaches

this 10-week class that includes

yoga-oriented flexibility moves,

abdominal and back exercises.

Cost is \$70, with a portion of

proceeds going to the church

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan.

Location: Prentis Apartment

Mile, east of Greenfield, Oak

Community Room, located on 10

Details: Jan Jacobs will preview

her March workshop project, the

creation of a denim quilt. The

Pomegranate Guild of South-

eastern Michigan studies and

creates Judaic needlework

Contact: 734-455-5910

stretching, strength training and

44800 Warren Road, Canton

Contact: 734-427-2290

**FITNESS CLASSES** 

Jan. 12-March 30

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Atkins, Hank Garland and Jeff

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an of the Detroit folk scene, has

Location: Timothy Lutheran

Church, 8820 Wayne Road,

for a table of 10, or \$15 per

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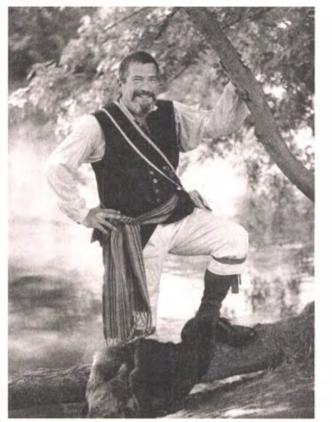
CONCERT

Jan. 17

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CONCERT

» Make and take home



Gerald Wykes, a naturalist, will speak to the Gardeners of Northville & Novi on Jan. 12.

an indoor succulent garden, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. Cost is \$24.99.

Classes are held at all stores. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford

Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield: 248-851-7506.

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Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers . Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



Passed away at his home on the evening of December 31. Hayes Cleveland Tennessee the son of A. E. and Eva (Crow) Burrell, Loving husband of the late Marie. Hayes is survived by his son Rod (Diane) Burrell; grandchildren Burrell, Jeff (Lorie) Todd Burrell. (Shannon) Lisa (Sammy) McCormick; and greatgrandchildren Blaine, Austin, Alexis, Brieana, Bailey, and Brody. Also surviving is his brother Wayne Burrell. Hayes was preceded in death by his son Dale Burrell and grandchildren Brian and Laura Burrell. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Hayes will be buried next to his beloved wife Marie at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



Schrader-Home FUNERAL HOME



#### CEBULA EUGENE "GENE"

Age 60, of Dansville, Michigan in Westland on 10,1954 to Walter and Mary Cebula. Gene passed away suddenly on Dec 24, 2014 in New Smyrna, FL. He graduated from John Glenn High School in Westland and worked for Doan Construction in Ypsilanti. Survived by his wife April, sister Shirley of Westland and stepchildren, Andrea (Darren) Hartman, Aric Fountain, Aaron Fountain and ever present com-panion "Abby Girl". Memorial service was Friday Jan 2nd at St Mary Catholic Church in Williamston, MI. Arrangements being made through Gorsline-Runciman in Williamston, MI



Lifelong Lifelong Farmington resident Bruce Habermehl Sr. died Monday, December 8,2014 at the age of 80 from complications of pneumonia. A graduate of Farmington High school, Bruce owned the Firestone service center in downtown Farmington from 1967 until he retired in 1989. He enjoyed traveling between his homes "up north' and Florida and was active in the Farmington Goodfellows. Between this organization and his many contacts from owning the tire store, he could never go out in town without seeing a familiar face. He loved the small town feel of Farmington. leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Janet; his three children, Williams, Bruce Jr. Cindy Habermehl, and Sandra "Chip" well grandchildren and many friends. Per his wishes, there was no memorial service, but friends wishing to honor him can send donations to the Farmington Goodfellows.

### LITKE, MELVIN H.

Age 93, passed away on December 16, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Dorothea. Loving father of Cheryl (Peter) Prsavage, Sue (Jim) Kaunisto, and Kathy (Bill) Knox. Devoted grandfather of Nikki, Scott (Danielle), Samantha, and Josh great-grandfather Jonny, Joey, Ben, Téa, and Brother of the late Aidan. Wilbert, Leonard, Norman, Victor Litke, and Lenore DeVos. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Melvin Litke served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the Eighth Air Force, 96th bombardment group as a waist gunner in a B-17, flying 50 missions over Europe. He was a senior designer at General Motors for 42 years retiring in 1982. He was an active member of VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth. Memorial Service to be held January 10, 2015 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Plymouth, MI. Family visitation at 10 a.m., service at a.m., with a luncheon following. Internment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials

to the American Cancer Society.

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STEPHEN MARK Age 57 of Redford Township joined his father Edward into Eternal Life on December 26th, with immediate present. Beloved Son of Dolores and Edward (deceased). Father of Stephen Mitchell. Brother of Katherine Reed, Norma Jenkins James (Cheryse). Loving uncle of Luke, Lacey, Spencer and Malia. Memorial Mass to be determined later.

### SPRY, EDWARD

Of Pinckney, MI, age 65, died December 28, 2014. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel; call 810-231-0200 or visit www.borekjennings.com



#### VON SAUERS, DONAMAE

January Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of John R. Rosemary Tiedt, Peggy, and the late Robert Von Sauers Dear sister of Shirley Halfacre and Evelyn Shundoff. Grandmother of Dawn, Sherri and Jason. Great-grandmother Sydney and Samara. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Rd., Livonia, Tuesday at 11 a.m. Visitation Monday 2-8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com.

### WANEVA, ARDREY

Age 87, a Livonia resident more than 51 years, passed away December 27, 2014. Preceded in death by her husband Jerome (Jerry), parents David and Lula Belle Denney, brothers Russell (Jean) and Richard (Betty Ann). Survived by sons Gary, Greg and beloved relatives and friends. She was a homemaker, a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church for many years where she and her husband served as deacons. For many years she served as a lunch monitor at Cass Elementary School where students she adored called her "Mrs. A." She was involved in the Ford Wives Club and volunteered with the Travelers Aid Society assisting travelers at the Metropolitan Airport. Detroit Funeral Service was Friday, January 2, 2015, at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. Livonia, Internment at Glen Eden Memorial Park following life celebration. Visit

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337 **WORLD SABBATH** 

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Jan. 25 Location: Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Celebrate peace and religious diversity through this interfaith experience of music,

### RELIGION CALENDAR dance and prayer. Afterglow

open; 8 p.m. show starts, Friday, **FEBRUARY OPEN HOUSE** 

Contact: 248-851-5100

follows the service

### Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Feb.

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic

School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia Details: Open house for preschool through grade eight Contact: 734-425-4420

### ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

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

Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study

#### Contact: 313-534-9000 **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details**: No documentation needed

#### Contact: info@cantoncf.org **FAMILY MEAL** Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every

Thursday Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

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

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

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

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support,

practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162 PRAYER

### St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES **Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304 **Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals

going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements;

7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St.,

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5 Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit

www.singleplace.org Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and

fourth Thursday Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is

an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others. Contact: 313-534-0399

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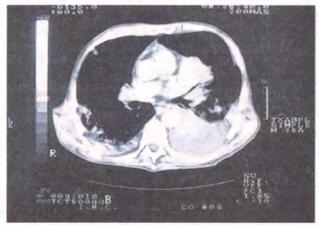
### HEALTH

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### Heavy smokers may qualify for lung screening at no cost

Starting this month, individuals who are at high risk for developing lung cancer may be eligible for screening at no out-of-pocket cost. In Michigan, this includes most people with private insurance, individuals who are enrolled in their state health insurance marketplaces, and people enrolled in state Medicaid expansion who will be eligible for early detection screening without cost to them.

Patients considered to be high risk and poten-tially eligible for screening are 55-80 years old, have a 30-pack-year history of smoking and are a current smoker or have quit within the last 15 years. A person with a 30-pack history has smoked one pack daily for 30 years or two packs daily for 15 years. Screening people at high risk has the potential to save more than 13,000 lives a year across the



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Low-dose CT scans may save lives of individuals at high risk for lung cancer.

"This is important news for many people at high risk of developing lung cancer. With screening becoming available to many at no out-of-pocket cost, many more people in Michigan who should be screened can be," said Barry Gottschalk, president and CEO of the American Lung Association serving Michigan.

"The American Lung Association recommends that anyone who meets the high risk criteria should talk to their doctor about screening and check with their health insurance provider to see if their coverage includes screening.'

The American Lung Association created a chart to help explain lung cancer screening cov-erage and a checklist for individuals to use when calling their insurance companies about their eligibility for screening with no cost. Both are posted online at lung.org.

Medicare, which provides health care insurance for most Americans over the age of 65, is in the midst of a separate process to determine coverage for lung cancer screening among its beneficiaries. A final coverage announcement from CMS is expected for Medicare patients in February.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women in the United States. The five-year survival rate for lung cancer patients is only 17.8 percent. An annual low-dose spiral CT scan for individuals at high risk has the potential to dramatically improve lung cancer survival rates by finding the dis-

ease at an earlier, more treatable stage. Chest X-rays and checking lung mucus for cancer cells are no longer recommended for screening. They can be used to check for signs of lung cancer but don't decrease the risk of dying from lung cancer.

"The most important risk factor for lung cancer is smoking, and the best thing people can do to reduce their risk is to stop smoking or never start," said Gottschalk. "The American Lung Association has been helping people quit smoking for over 40 years. We believe anyone can quit and we have the tools and resources to help smokers quit for good."

Patients can determine if they are candidates for lung cancer screening through the American Lung Association's online tool, lungcancerscreeningsaveslives.org.

Additional resources include Facing Lung Cancer: Support from Day One (http://www.mylungcancersupport.org/), a comprehensive online resource with interactive features that offers education and support to people living with lung cancer and their loved

The Lung Connection (http://connection.lung.org/) is an online community where individuals living with lung disease and their caregivers can discuss how lung disease affects their lives and share experiences with peers.

To increase awareness about lung cancer - from the importance of screening to treatment and support options - in May, the American Lung Association launched LUNG FORCE (www.lungforce.org), our national movement focused on fighting lung cancer in women.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### **Blood drive**

» 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the Fisher Auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter code PROVSFLD.

» 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Make an appointment by calling 248-473-1800 or register at www.redcrossblood.org.

### **Breastfeeding class**

Botsford Hospital's breastfeeding clinic helps new moms who need assistance nursing their babies, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$35. Register by calling 248-888-2500 or visit botsford.org.

### Celiac support

Jen Cuevas, The Gluten and Grain Free Gourmet, will be the guest speaker Jan. 12 at the Tri County Celiac Support Group, which meets at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., meeting and presentation at 7 p.m. Her topic is Gluten Free Vs Grain Free, Bridging the Divide. Visit tccsg.net for more information.

### Exercise, Tai Chi

St. Mary Mercy Livonia and the Arthritis Foundation will offer a general exercise program for all ages, 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 13-March 5, in the Wellness Center at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. An advanced exercise program is available from 9-10 a.m. for individuals who have completed the general program. Tai Chi classes run 11 a.m. to noon. The general exercise and tai chi classes are free and the advanced class costs \$5 per session. The programs are for individuals with arthritis and related diseases. Register at 734-655-1310.

### **Hearing Loss**

Mike Robinette, Au.D., CCC-A, talks about the latest hearing aid features, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, contact Tony at 734-664-3297; aferack@comcast.net.

### Joint class

Oakwood Healthcare orthopedic specialists will talk about the sources of shoulder, hip and knee pain, along with treatment options, 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 13, at the Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive in Dearborn. Register for the free class at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355.

### **Nutrition class**

» Busch's chef Rebecca Wauldron and a Botsford Hospital dietitian will demonstrate the differences in tastes and benefits of whole grains as well as winter greens and vegetables. 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Busch's Fresh Foods Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost: \$10 and includes a \$5 coupon, giveaways, recipes, samples, and more. Registration required. Class is limited to 30. Register at the Guest Services Counter at the store; 734-779-6100.

» A Botsford Hospital dietitian will give tips on how much you should eat and how to tame bad habits, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West



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Learn about whole grains Jan. 8 at Busch's Fresh Foods in Livonia and about taming bad eating habits Jan. 22 at Busch's in West Bloomfield.

Bloomfield, Cost is \$5. Register at the Guest Services Counter at the store; 248-539-4581.

### Open house

See the University of Michigan Livonia Health Center's newly renovated offices and meet its physicians and staff, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Jan. 10, on Farmington Road just south of Eight Mile. The practice offers primary care for the entire family, including prenatal and OB-GYN services, newborn, pediatric, adult and geriatric care, sports medicine and more. A drawing will be held for two tickets to the Michigan vs. Michigan State basketball game on Feb. 17 in Ann Arbor. For more information, visit www.uofmhealth.org/ livoniahealthcenter or call 248-473-4300

### Ongoing

#### Anorexics and **Bulimics** Anonymous

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

### **Aquatic classes**

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroi-

### **Bipolar support**

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

### **Blood pressure**

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid

panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon March 4, June 3, Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure screening, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Jan. 6, 15, 20 ar 29 in the East Court at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

#### **Breast cancer** support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

### **Choir therapy**

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing, Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

### CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/ BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

#### Health programs, support

The Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center offers classes designed to strengthen your heart after a cardiac event. It also offers an array of fitness classes, such as yoga, tai chi, Zumba, hula and Polynesian aerobics to keep you moving or to help you relax. For more information, call 734-458-3242. GCH Community Education offers classes in CPR (adult and infant), first aid, and diabetes self-management education. The hospital hosts various support groups including Nar-Anon, Alzheimer's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Focus on Living and Diabetes, which are held monthly. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

#### **Hearing Loss** Association

The Western Wayne Chapter

provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact aferack@comcast.net or 734-664-3297.

### Low vision support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at 734-453-0750, Ext. 232.

### Lyme support

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, except January, July and September, at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-3544488. For more information, visit the Michigan Lyme Disease Association website, www.mlda.org, or call 888-784-

### Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Ruthann at 734-981-2519 or visit www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

### **Neuropathy support**

The group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. The Southeast Michigan **Neuropathy Support Group is** designed for individuals with

any kind of neuropathy.

### Scleroderma **Foundation**

The Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter offers support for scleroderma and overlapping autoimmune patients. The Livonia group meets 7-8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month, February-June and September-November, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Group leader is Sue Harris, sharris27@mi.rr.com; 248-982-5740. A virtual support group meets 1-3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month, February-November. Contact Judy Nichols at kenjudynichols@gmail.com; 231-775-8446.

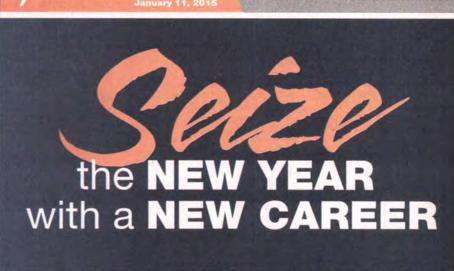


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