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W-W looks at balanced budget for 2014-15

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The good news is in the numbers for Wayne-Westland Community Schools. After years of deficit spending, it now looks like the district will finish the 2014-2015 fiscal year with a balanced budget. A \$244,610 decline in revenue was offset by an almost \$800,000 drop in expenditures, leaving the district with a projected \$61,447 general fund balance. "We will maintain the fund balance at \$3.7 million," said Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler in presenting a budget amendment to the board Monday evening. "We're close to fixing the structural deficit. We're at the break-even point."

The budget was approved last June before the education budget had been completed. According to Larson-Shidler, the district had used the gover-

nor's proposed \$112 per-pupil increase and budgeted for a loss of 50 students. Instead, the district received \$175 per student and dropped 315 students for a loss \$1.8 million.

"We took a conservative approach in developing the budget and now we have the actual numbers," Larson-Shidler said. "We based it on the governor's budget proposal."

Revenue changes

It also lost more than \$200,000 tuition for vocational education related to students from the former Inkster district who are now part of Wayne-Westland, and \$385,907 in special education money from the state. However, it gained an additional \$496,798 in local tax revenue — including \$300,000 in delinquent property taxes — \$1.1 million from the state to offset increases in the state retirement program and \$523,652 from

Wayne County RESA Act 18 money for special education.

On the expenditure side, the district saved \$263,288 in salary adjustments but spent an additional \$296,176 in retirement salary changes. Its biggest savings, \$438,777, came in purchased services.

Larson-Shidler expects the district to finish the fiscal year with a fund equity just under \$3.8 million. That amount represents 3.6 percent of current expenditures and is below the 5-10 percent the board has set as parameters for fund equity and represents two weeks of operations or one payroll. It's also below the amount targeted for districts the size of Wayne-Westland.

Larson-Shidler told the school board that the staff was challenged to build a budget from zero.

"It took time and meant going through the 4,500 lines in the general

fund budget," Larson-Shidler said. "We found some things that had been built into the budget historically, it wasn't big money."

Trustee Charles Trav Griffin praised the administration and the finance department on their budgeting.

"If you look around, you see school districts around us in deep financial trouble because they didn't make the cuts they needed to make," he said. "We can't control the revenue and who knows what will happen in May, but we have to remain diligent. I agree with a zero-based budget."

"It's the small nuances that affect finances," board secretary Carol Middel said. "As soon as you think you have a handle on it, they change it."

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Antonio Wade of Detroit spars with cousin Chris Wade of Wayne during an exhibition at the Norwayne Boxing Gym.

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Boxing greats arrive for opening of Norwayne Boxing Gym

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Members of Detroit's boxing royalty stopped by the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center on Saturday to help Jeff Styers usher in a new era of boxing in the western suburbs. A former professional boxer and the president and founder of Arrow Industries,

Styers welcomed the community to his new Norwayne Boxing Gym, housed in what had been the kindergarten classrooms of the former elementary school.

"Twenty-four hours ago, we had no heat, but through the hard work of a lot of people, we're here today," said Styers who cut through a red ribbon decorated with a boxing glove to officially

open the gym.

Boxing greats Bronco McKart, Milton McCrory, Hilmer Kenty, Jimmy Paul, current IBK champion Cornelius "K9" Bundrage — who brought his championship belt — mingled with the crowd, and boxing hopefuls like Chris Wade of Wayne and his cousin Antonio Wade

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Westland Mayor William Wild (right) praises businessman Jeff Styers for his vision in creating the boxing gym.



SUBMITTED

Westland Police are looking for information about this suspect.

Police seek man wanted in assault at Macy's

By Leanne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland Police are looking for information about a man wanted for reportedly assaulting two Macy's employees after they detained him for allegedly shoplifting.

In the Dec. 19 incident, police said two female loss-prevention workers had escorted the suspect into an office in the store at Westland Shopping Center and were attempting to place him in handcuffs. The loss-prevention workers told police the man began punching, kicking, choking and pulling away from the pair, knocking both to the floor as they tried to restrain him.

Police reported that the man stomped on the chest of one woman while she was on the ground. The suspect fled the office, and the two loss-prevention officers reported being pushed to the floor a second time as they continued to try and restrain the suspect.

One of the workers attempted to use her cell phone to call 911 but told police the man grabbed the phone and took it with him as he fled the store.

Both loss-prevention workers reported injuries from being assaulted. One woman was reported to have suffered a concussion and a sprained wrist, the other a swollen knee and contusions to her face and arms.

The suspect is described as

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Chief: Three apartment fires not connected

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A fire Saturday at Scotsdale Apartments was the third fire at a Westland apartment complex in less than a week — a coincidence, according to fire authorities.

"The fires are not connected in any way. It's just one of those coincidences," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said.

The Scotsdale Apartments fire was reported at about 4

p.m.; it was confined to a first-floor unit, he said.

"It was an occupied apartment but we are getting conflicting information on whether someone was there (when the fire started)," Reddy said. "We don't believe anyone was at home."

That apartment had a lot of fire damage, but other units in the building had only smoke damage, he said.

"The residents should be able to get back into apartments in a day or two," Reddy

said. "There was no water damage to the other units because the fire was on the first floor."

The investigation into the cause of the fire is continuing but Reddy said it appears to have been caused by a faulty heating pad. One apartment resident injured his leg after jumping from the second story of the building.

The fires at Warris Farm Apartments on Jan. 5 and Woodland Villa on Jan. 8 were larger. At Warris Farm, four

apartments were damaged and 20 people were displaced. At Woodland Villa, eight apartments were involved with the fire and 34 residents were displaced.

"Those other two fires are still under investigation due to the size and magnitude of the fires," Reddy said. "We should have causes by the end of the week."

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Mark Chevrolet leases Wayne parking space



The top two floors of Wayne's municipal parking structure has been leased for a couple of months.

The council voted to allow Mark Chevrolet to park 50-100 cars in the

structure for up to three months.

The cost will be about half the electric bill or \$500 per month, whichever is less.

"They are taxpayers in the city; I didn't want

to gouge them," Interim City Manager David Murphy said.

The city attorney was to complete a contract and the city would be held harmless against any damages.

"They (Mark Chevrolet) knows the structure gets locked up at night. Mark doesn't need to go in at night," Murphy said.

The dealership, which recently underwent reno-

vements, is located on Michigan Avenue.

"I'm glad they are selling so many cars," Mayor James Hawley said.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Police seek information about this suspect.

WANTED

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a black male, 25-30 years old, 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet tall with short hair and a thin mustache.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Westland Police at 734-722-9600.

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BOXING

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of Detroit did exhibitions for the gathering.

"This is the only gym around, it means a lot," Chris Wade said. "It'll help me get into boxing."

'Family thing'

His cousin has been boxing for about 19 years. A junior middle-weight, he's following in the footsteps of his father who was also a fighter.

"It's a family thing," said Antonio Wade, adding that he plans to move from Detroit to be closer



Jeff Styers cuts a boxing glove-decorated red ribbon at the dedication.

TOM BEAUDOIN

to the Norwayne gym. Westland Mayor William Wild praised Styers for his vision and said the city is working with him to develop a partnership through the city's parks and recreation department.

"This is a great day, a really great day for the community. Norwayne has been having a lot of great days," Wild said. "We're very happy to partner with Jeff and we look forward to developing that partnership."

The gym features a workout area with punching bags and a full-size ring. Lighting was provided by the Wayne-Ford Civic League, which also provided the paint. Lights were installed by League President Vic Barra, and the painting was done by people assigned to 18th District's Courts work program.

Barra stopped by the gym a few weekends



Up-and-coming boxing champ, 3-year-old Nathan Wade of Wayne is ready to take on the world at the Norwayne Boxing Club dedication Saturday.

before the opening to see if they needed any assistance. He realized they were facing "a pretty tough deadline" and pitched in to help.

"This is an incredible opportunity; it provides young people with the opportunity of athletics and academics in one program," Barra said.

'Great for kids'

Kenty, who serves on the Michigan Boxing Commission with Styers, was the first world champion to come out of the famous Kronk Gym in Detroit. He acknowledged that there's a need for amateur fights for boxers like Wade. He and fellow Kronk Gym boxer Thomas "Hitman" Hearns became world champions because "we had a good amateur background."

"When I was coming up as an amateur, I fought on a more consistent basis; it's the only way to create champions," he said. "This gym is great to keep kids off the streets. We need to give them an opportunity

to train and compete. I'd like to afford young people the same as I had. If you don't get them fights, it'll be hard keeping them at the gym."

Bundrage, a Southfield resident, said that the gym is what's needed, especially for kids in Detroit where rec centers and gyms are closing.

"This is going to help save a lot of lives," he said. "Kids need this to grow up and be leaders and be disciplined."

Buster Wurm, whom Barra has dubbed the "mayor of Norwayne," was among the crowd. He made sure he got a picture with Bundrage and his championship belt.

"I may be coming here," he said. "This is really cool."

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NAIAS chair, Northville's LaRiche: Auto show is 'big'

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

North American International Auto Show chairman Scott LaRiche has one word to sum up the 2015 event in Detroit's Cobo Center.

"I would have to say, 'big,'" said LaRiche, who lives in Northville. "The reason I say that is because all the manufacturers are going big. Not only from a display point, but what they're bringing to the show."

LaRiche, an executive manager and vice president of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, is back chairing the auto show in Detroit this year, working long hours as international media and other guests descend onto the event center.

This year, the auto show has about 50 reveals from car companies and suppliers, a figure that's fairly typical at the show, LaRiche said. But especially this year, many companies are choosing to make worldwide releases in Michigan.



Scott LaRiche, as chairman of the Detroit Area Dealers Association, is in charge of the 2015 North American International Auto Show. Here he pauses Monday on the floor of Cobo Center to talk about the excitement he feels for this year's show.

With more than 5,000 credentialed media from 62 countries, LaRiche said these companies know they will get the attention they crave in Detroit.

"Part of it is we bring so much press in," he said. "The manufacturers know they're going to get

a worldwide message of their vehicle spread in seconds, literally seconds, of their reveal."

He referenced one company, China-based Guangzhou Automobile Group, who planned a reveal of a vehicle that will be sold exclusively in China and not reach

North American shores.

All this international activity could see some indirect benefit here in Michigan as well. LaRiche said many Chinese companies have moved some operations to Michigan, with 210 of them being related to the automotive industry.

It's become so important that LaRiche said he's heard catchphrases develop surrounding this practice.

"It's the Great Lakes to the Great Wall," he said. "I stole the line."

More than 800,000 expected

Crowds during last year's show topped 800,000, LaRiche said, a figure he hopes the show can break again this year, as long as the weather permits.

"We should keep that number. Maybe 850,000, I'm hoping," he said. "It's hard to get more through the doors because of the limited time we have."

Also expected to increase is the amount of charity money coming in later this week during the charity preview gala.

About \$5.5 million is expected to come in, which would exceed \$100 million total since it began to collect money for southeast Michigan charities.

There will be several stars of the auto show this year, LaRiche said,

from the new Ford GT to the new Nissan Titan pickup truck, a revamping of the previous model that's brought many media members to their display.

While he hasn't seen the new Titan yet, LaRiche said it appears to be "a game-changer," especially with already-established brands like the Ford F-150, the industry leader and winner of this year's North American Truck/Utility of the Year.

"They're saying it's a defining moment for the brand," he said, "which I thought was pretty interesting. It's a big deal."

Coming from a Chevy dealership, however, means LaRiche has one specific car close to his heart at the auto show: the Chevy Corvette Z06.

"I'm a Chevrolet dealer, and it's the highest-end vehicle we have right now," he said. "It's fast, it's sleek, I'm a kid at heart. I want a Corvette."

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Culinary Extravaganza benefits home for developmentally disabled

The Italian American Club of Livonia will hold its 20th Anniversary Culinary Extravaganza, supporting the St. Louis Center in Chelsea, on Sunday, Jan. 25.

Dinner service begins at 1 p.m., following Mass at noon. There will also be a silent auction, gift raffle, lottery board and live entertainment by the Optomystics, a '50s-era "doo-wop" vocal group.

"We expect another great event this year, with plenty of food from the generous restaurants and bakeries in our community," Committee Chair Mary Galasso said. Participating restaurants include: Aubree's

Pizza, Northville; Bahama Breeze, Livonia; Claddagh Irish Pub, Livonia; Comparis on the Park/Fiamma Grille, Plymouth; Food on Wood Mediterranean, Northville; Italian American Banquet Center, Livonia; Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Livonia; La Bistecca, Plymouth; Little Bangkok Cuisine, Plymouth; Mexican Fiesta, Canton; Senate Restaurant, Northville; Station 885, Plymouth; and Volare Ristorante, Novi.

Representing bakeries, cafes, fruit and candies include: Dunia Sweets, Livonia; Heri-

tage Bakery, Livonia; Joe's Produce, Livonia; Kilwins Chocolates, Plymouth; Mary Dennings Cake Shop, Westland; and Tuscan Café, Northville.

Wine tasting will be provided by Andy Abro of Super Fine Wines in Canton

To purchase tickets, contact Bea King at 734-420-4481 in Livonia, or Joe Yekulis at 734-475-8430 in Chelsea. Tickets are \$60, and tables of 10 are available for \$600.

The St. Louis Center provides residential care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Staffers look on as a chef from Romano's Macaroni Grill prepares his pasta dishes for a previous Culinary Extravaganza. SUBMITTED

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Novi man charged with stealing senior's savings

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Novi man has been bound over for trial on a dozen felony charges that he stole the life savings of an elderly Westland man.

Anthony Edward Beard, 52, was supposed to be a caregiver for the elderly man who



Beard

charges, including five counts

of uttering and publishing, charges of embezzlement and identity theft, along with charges of illegally using and possessing a financial transaction device — a credit or ATM card.

A not guilty plea was entered for Beard at his arraignment. He was released on personal bond, which was

continued. A bond condition was that Beard has no contact with the victim.

The charges are that over a period of months Beard, while acting as a caregiver, stole most of the 86-year-old resident's life savings by accessing his bank through forged checks and ATM along with maxing out the victim's credit

card accounts. Approximately \$70,000 was allegedly stolen from the man over a period of months.

Beard is scheduled to be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court on Jan. 22.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny

A property manager reported a break-in Jan. 12 at a home in the 28000 block of Sheridan in Garden City.

The manager said that when he came to check on the house, he found drinking glasses on the counter. Upon further examination, he saw that the furnace, water heater and copper plumbing were removed from the home.

Theft

A resident in the 6900 block of Burnly told police Jan. 10 that someone stole the catalytic converter from under his son's 2002 Oldsmobile, which had been parked in front of the home.

At about 3 a.m., the father said that he heard a dragging sound and when he looked down Burnly, he saw a parked tow truck.

He wondered if the tow truck was used to lift up his son's car and remove the catalytic converter.

A resident in the 2900 block of Rosslyn reported Jan. 10 that someone stole her \$500 welder and tank as well as her \$500 snow thrower, which were inside of her garage.

The garage didn't

show signs of forced entry. A police officer saw tracks from the garage that led to a vehicle he believed had been parked on the street.

The officer also reported that the suspect jumped over the fence to a backyard in the 29000 block of Florence.

A resident in the 500 block of Brandt reported Jan. 9 that someone stole a \$3,000 borrowed trailer, which had been backed into his driveway. He said that it was parked there for about three weeks.

A neighbor across the street told police that she saw a truck hook up to the trailer and drive away, northbound on Brandt. She thought that the trailer was driven away for repairs so she didn't immediately report what she saw earlier.

A resident in the 30000 block of Rosslyn reported Jan. 6 that someone broke in and stole his \$600 Toro snow blower from his garage.

The police observed tracks indicating that the snow blower had been dragged from the garage to a vehicle that had been parked in a neighbor's driveway.

By Sue Buck

WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

A salt thrower valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a truck owned by Hickory Hollow Apartments, 5757 W. Hickory Hollow, Jan. 12. Surveillance video showed two men wearing hoodies walking up to the vehicle just before 5:30 a.m. The two reportedly could be seen cutting electrical wire at the back of the truck.

The men walked away for a few minutes before returning in an older model Ford Ranger extended cab pickup truck. The pair then reportedly put the salt thrower into their truck and drove away.

The officer noted another male had earlier pulled up in a van and was also seen tampering with a second truck at the same location.

On Jan. 9, the apartments manager had reported both door locks punched out on a second company-owned truck in an apparent attempt to steal it. No access was made to the truck.

Larceny

The owner of JR3's Party Store, 4502 S. Wayne Road, told police Jan. 8 that someone had stolen 21 propane tanks valued at \$1,050 from the business. The tanks were

stored inside a locked cage outside the building.

When she arrived for work, the owner said she saw some of the propane tanks sitting in the parking lot. The cage, which had been closed and locked the night before, was open.

Checking store surveillance footage, the owner said a pickup truck, an older model red Chevrolet or Ford F-150 four-door, pulled up in front of the cage. Then someone can be seen throwing the propane tanks into the back of the truck.

There was also a second vehicle, a silver or gray Ford Taurus, which pulled into the parking lot at 1:34 a.m. and stopped in front of the cage with the propane tanks. After shining its headlights on the tanks for a few seconds that car drove away. The pickup arrived at 1:53 a.m.

Vandalism

A resident in the 34000 block of Ash told police Jan. 9 he was in bed just before 3 a.m. when he heard glass shatter. The next morning, he said he noticed his front picture window had been shattered. The resident said there had been footprints in the snow in the front porch before he had shoveled.

By LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

A Westland man told police Jan. 6 that on Dec. 15 he found a fraudulent charge on his bank account. There was a \$1,710 charge for insurance purchased in Mayfield Village, Ohio. He said he never applied for insurance with that particular company.

On Jan. 9, a Westland man told police that he discovered there was a \$604 outstanding bill from Comcast for an account he never authorized.

Fraud

On Jan. 5, a Westland woman told police that she received a call from a man who said she had a virus on her computer. She said the man walked her through opening her computer remotely and allowed access to her computer. Subsequently, she said she couldn't control the computer and had to have it repaired.

She told police her personal information and that of her daughter was compromised. The caller was reportedly from Itec Alert of Jupiter, Fla.

Larceny from a vehicle

A catalytic converter was reported stolen Jan.

6 from a 2002 Oldsmobile Silhouette owned by a Dearborn woman. It was stolen while she was at Oak Lanes, 8450 N. Middlebelt.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Scotsdale Apartments, 37635 Scotsdale Circle, told police Jan. 7 that someone had stolen all four wheels and tires from her Chrysler 200 overnight. The vehicle was sitting on cinder blocks.

Also on Jan. 7, a resident of the Landing Apartments, 6574 Lakeview, told police that someone had stolen all four tires and wheels from a 2013 Dodge Challenger. The vehicle, a rental from Enterprise, was left sitting on concrete blocks.

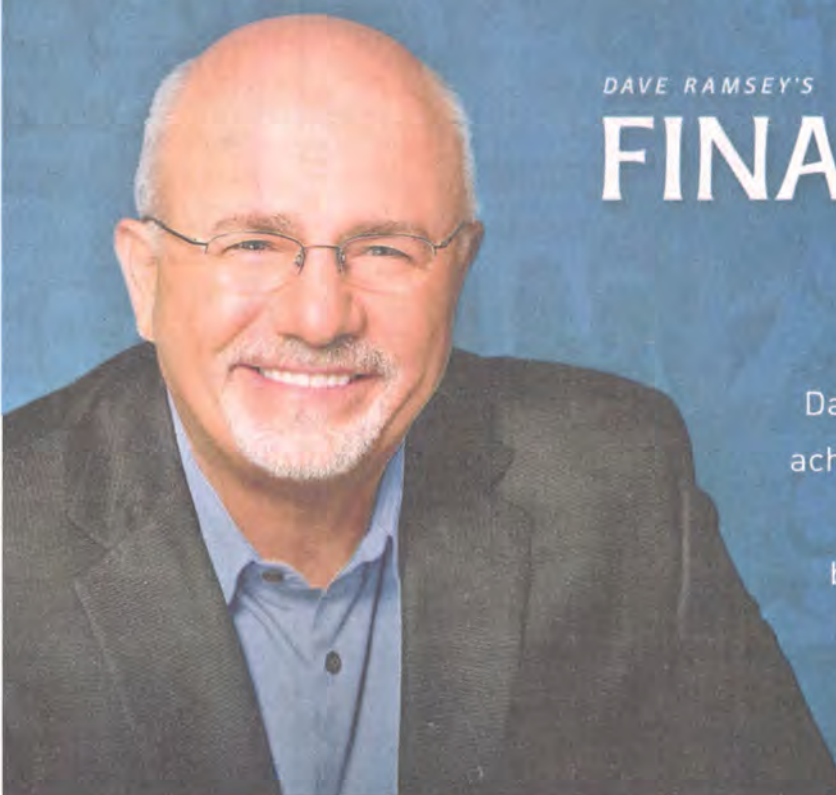
On Jan. 10, an officer checking apartment complexes in his district reported finding a Ford Taurus sitting on cinder blocks with all four tires and wheels missing. The vehicle belonged to a Canton man.

Larceny

A resident of the Willow Creek apartment, 1640 Fairwood, told police Jan. 6 that someone had stolen the license plate from his vehicle.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Friday evening crowds braved the 10-degree temperature.



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A delivery person snaps a photo of an ice sculpture in front of 336 Main.



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City commissioner and DDA chair Oliver Wolcott and Sarah Melvin of Health Alliance Plan help officially open the ice fest.



Colored lights illuminate the ice sculptures.

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Ice festival glides past temps to bring out crowds

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

An extraordinarily cold start didn't stop the action from heating up during last weekend's Plymouth Ice Festival.

Opening day Friday, cursed by a bitter wind and near-zero temperatures, saw sparse crowds, but the relative thaw Saturday – and especially Sunday – brought more visitors and made for a successful festival, participants say.

"Sunday it was crazy-busy in there," said festival producer James Gietzen of JAG Entertainment. "It was crazy-cold Friday and that really did hurt attendance."

"Sunday was really great," said Jeffrey Lao, an ice carving instructor at Henry Ford Community College. "You had the right temperature and just a really large crowd."

The 33rd annual festival, in Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth streets, featured about 100 sculptures, plus vendors, interactive features like a hockey-shooting event and a cross country skiing trail, plus collegiate ice carving competitions.

Lao won the Dueling Chainsaws speed-carving contest for the second year in a row, carving the figure of a turtle in 15 minutes in the timed event. Not surprisingly, it's Lao's favorite festival event.

"That competition's really interesting, because you get a lot of crowd interaction, you get a lot more animated," Lao said. Part of that, he added, is keeping visitors' minds off the fact that they are standing out in the cold.

Lao, however, didn't mind the cold. "Nothing was melting. All the pieces were standing," he



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Vicki Eracitano helps granddaughter Mackenzie Goble stay upright on the cross country ski trail. They are from Westland.

said.

His Henry Ford students did well in the collegiate ice carving contests, with Steve McCormick, Robert Speeks and Mark Tampakes taking first, second and third place, respectively, in the individual competition Saturday. Speeks and McCormick also took second place in Sunday's team competition, after Oakland Community College's Walter Ross and Lauren Klapac. Jeff Masterson and Matt Larson, also of OCC, took third.

Lao and six HFCC students had carved one of the major pieces of the festival, a giant squid, called Kraken, that incorporated 24 blocks of ice. It took the team two

evenings last week to complete the carving, he said. Lao also worked on several other festival sculptures.

Gietzen, wrapping up his second festival as chief organizer, said it "all kind of came together" this year and that he plans on building it by attracting major sponsors and increasing its budget. The 2015 festival, he said, will be able to pay its bills.

"My hope is to find a few sponsors that are willing to step up and put some money into the festival," he said. "This year was a big success and we're going to .. build on it."

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Johnson Controls touts new battery for Ford F-150

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Johnson Controls is looking toward start-stop technology as a way to increase gasoline mileage and efficiency. The company is hoping powering the Ford F-150, the North American Truck of the Year, is enough to begin to boost attention to its technology.

The Milwaukee-based company, which has a technical center in Plymouth, unveiled its Absorbent Glass Mat battery technology during a press event Monday morning at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. The technology comes standard in the 2015 Ford F-150 2.7-liter model and is an option on other models of the truck. It is the first vehicle with this type of battery made by Johnson Controls.

Using the technology could lead to a fuel savings as high as 5 percent and can help automakers meet emissions regulations by 2025, company officials said.

"Not only do they need to power more stuff, batteries are also being used to help auto-



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makers meet increasing fuel economy and emission reduction regulations," said Joe Walicki, who was recently appointed vice president and president of the company's Power Solutions business. "Start-stop vehicles are here and they have room to grow."

It's a technology that's seeing growth in other parts of the world: Walicki said 60 percent of all cars in Europe are utilizing the technology. AGM batteries are expected to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 14.8 million tons and reduce fuel usage by 1.6 billion gallons, accord-

ing to the company.

"It's an affordable way for our customers to get incremental fuel savings without having to make significant changes to their vehicles," he said.

"A car that can save a little bit of energy at a stoplight can save a lot of energy in the long run."

The company produced 140 million batteries in 2014, more than any other supplier in the world, Walicki said.

The company also supplies batteries to other vehicles, including the hybrid Range Rover.

Other components

were also unveiled by Johnson Controls, including a new interior seating model, as well as new designs for door and instrument panels.

Craig Rigby, the advanced market and technology strategist for Johnson Controls out of Milwaukee, Wis., said the decision to work with Ford in adding an AGM battery to the F-150, which is manufactured in Dearborn, is a great one for both companies.

"The really great thing about that vehicle and bringing start-stop technology to the F-150 is that it is the largest-selling vehicle in the U.S.," he said. "The leverage they get by putting that fuel savings technology in that vehicle is really tremendous."

While the AGM battery is produced in Toledo and St. Joseph, Mo., Rigby said brainstorming and the development process happened across the company's worldwide locations, including the facility off Halyard Drive in Plymouth.

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ZF Group poised for 'historic' year

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

ZF Group CEO Stefan Sommer said his company recognized that it has to "speed up in the area of driver assistance and in the area of autonomous driving" if it is going to be a major player as a systems provider.

So, in an effort to accomplish that goal, the German company with its North American headquarters in Northville Township is in the process of acquiring TRW Automotive. The acquisition is expected to be completed by the first half of this year.

TRW Automotive, based in Livonia, is a global leader in automotive safety as it pertains to driver assist systems and vehicle safety systems. Sommer acknowledged there was a need to have access to them.

"It is a great opportunity," Sommer said Tuesday morning from the floor of the North American International Auto Show. "We have complementary operations, so we will not replace anything, we will not close and we will not merge

anything. "We will add all the contents together."

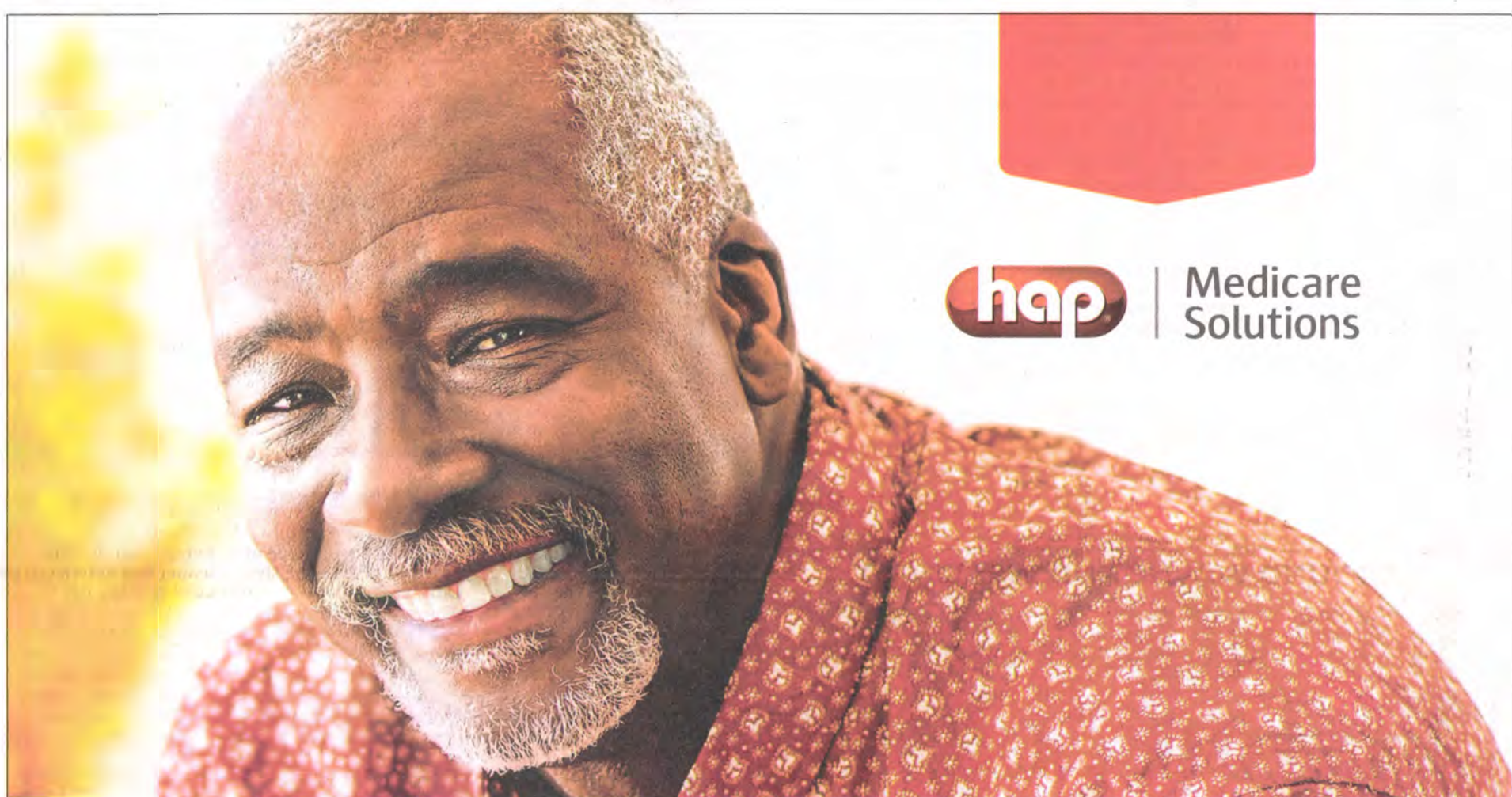
Sommer said even in the early stages of the acquisition, TRW employees have begun to embrace the change and are "looking forward to starting all the activities of common technology and collaboration with all the ZF people."

"We will learn from each other and it will be great job opportunity for everyone contributing to this story on a global basis," Sommer said.

And while ZF Group — which develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery — has an obvious focus on the global market, its success in North America is key.

In 2014, ZF Group's sales in North America rose to an estimated \$4.9 billion, about a one-fifth increase compared to the previous year. Sommer expects 2015 to also show "strong growth."

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Mo Virk adds the finishing touches to a Philly cheese steak sandwich.

SUE MASON

Chicken Licken mixes gourmet, fast food

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

When Mo Virk got involved in a Halal Food Festival in Canton last year, he had no idea it would be a life-changing experience.

A former IT man who shifted gears and opened EPIC Translations, a language translations service based in Plymouth, he came away from the successful festival with yet another career - owner of Halal Chicken Licken at 39021 Cherry Hill, west of Hix, in Westland.

"In my wildest imagination, I never thought I'd be the owner of a restaurant," Virk said. "We had the first Halal Festival in Michigan at Heritage

Park in Canton and it was a huge hit. We expected 1,800 people and had 4,500. We ran out of food and had to get more. At the end of it, my friend asked if I had an interest in partnering with him in a restaurant."

Virk had developed an interest in food about 1½ years ago, so the opportunity was one he couldn't ignore. His friend is a silent partner in the endeavor. He has 17-18 years experience in the food industry and is the main chef, creating the menu items. All of the recipes are his.

The two men spent some six months getting ready to open and "every day people would stop by and ask if we were open

yet," Virk said. When they did open, "It was a full house, a happy place."

The restaurant focuses on quality gourmet recipes blended with the convenience of a fast food environment. It offers salads, chicken (fried and grilled), subs and wraps, including steak subs and specialty subs like veggie, tuna and grilled cheese. There's also smoked beef ribs and side dishes like fries, onion rings and jalapeno poppers party platters. Catering also is available.

All of the sauces used are prepared on site, including a sweet and spicy double glaze and the extremely spicy Xtreme fire alarm used on wings. According to

DETAILS

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Hometown: Canton
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Employees: Seven
Specialty: Salads, chicken, subs, smoked beef ribs, party platters and catering
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pen at Chicken Licken.

"The idea is to have consistency in the food so we have repeat customers and get new customers," he said. "Everything has to be just right. We constantly have to be on our toes."

Popular menu items included the double glazed wings, Texas chicken sub, Philly cheese steak sub and mushroom, steak and cheese sub. Southeast Asian tikka and kabobs also are "huge hits," Virk said.

The store opened Oct. 28. New customers can get two large subs for \$10 each Tuesday.

Both men are putting in at least 60 hours a week at the restaurant and, while the hours are long, Virk said he is "having a blast."

"It's a lot of work," he said. "If you're heart's not in it, it's not fun. Our hearts are in it and we are having fun."

Halal Chicken Licken has a smart phone friendly website at mychickenlicken.com and orders can be placed by calling 734-858-7180 or at orders@mychickenlicken.com.

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Virk, they have customers who order Xtreme that start with a milder L1 version as opposed to the L10, the hottest version. "Most who start with L1 don't want to go to L10," he said.

A waiver must be signed to order the Xtreme wings and those who order them can get their wings free and win a T-shirt, if they eat all 10 in seven minutes.

The goal is to provide customers with a good product. Virk remembers going out to eat and leaving still hungry. He doesn't want that to hap-

Beaumont Health names John Fox as president, CEO

The Beaumont Health Board of Directors has announced the appointment of John T. Fox as president and chief executive officer of Beaumont Health. Fox will join the organization in March.

"John Fox is one of the most recognized leaders in all of health care today," said John D. Lewis, chairman of the board, Beaumont Health. "Over the past 15 years, he has led Emory Healthcare to become one of the top-rated health systems in the country for quality and patient safety. John and his team's recent work in successfully caring for Ebola patients and their families further established Emory's reputation for outstanding care."

"We are fortunate to have such a well-respected and experienced CEO to lead Beaumont Health. Our board, leadership team, physicians, nurses and staff all look forward to partnering with him to lead us into the future during this dynamic, exciting time in health care," Lewis said.

Prior to joining Emory, Fox was executive vice president of Clarian Health, now known as IU Health, in Indianapolis. Before that, he served as

vice president and chief financial officer at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Fox began his career at Coopers and Lybrand, working in health care consulting. He earned his bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis and his M.B.A. from the University of Cincinnati.

New role

"I am honored to have this opportunity to work with the outstanding team at Beaumont Health," Fox said. "The accomplishments and reputation of all three founding organizations have been known to me for many years. The prospect of working together to build an integrated, high-performance system for the future is very exciting."

In his new role, Fox will be responsible for providing strategic direction and leadership for the new health system, which was officially formed in September 2014 through an affiliation involving Beaumont Health System, Oakwood Healthcare and Botsford Health Care. Initially, he will focus on developing strategies to sustain and grow Beaumont Health as a regionally and nationally renowned health system.

Should you buy or lease a car? Tips to help

The North American International Auto Show is back in town and it's always exciting. Whether you are in the market for a new car or not, it's always fun to look at the new models.

The question I get this time of year is whether it's better to buy or lease a car. There's no right answer. It depends upon a few different issues. By exploring these is-

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es,
it will help you make the right decision. After all, the key is not what's good for everyone else, but what's good for you.

To understand leasing, it's important to understand the residual value of the car. The residual value is what the automaker thinks the car would be worth at the end of the lease.

The number is important, because it determines your lease payments. The higher the residual value, the lower the lease payment. Some cars have a very low residual value and are not optimal to lease. On the other hand, cars that have high residual values are more favorable.

If you know what car you are looking at, you can find the residual value of the car and that should help you determine whether that car should be leased or purchased.

Another issue is how long you plan to own the car. Typically, if you plan to own a car for just a few years, leasing is an option to consider. If you are one of those people that hold on to their cars for five to 10 years, then leasing is generally not a viable option.

An additional factor to consider is how many miles you typically drive. Remember, when you lease a car, what you really are paying for is the depreciation. The more miles you put on a car, the greater the depreciation. Typically, if you drive less than 15,000 miles a year, leasing is viable. If you drive more than 15,000 or 20,000 miles a year, the benefits of leasing tend to diminish.

Before going to the dealership, you ought to have a good idea how you plan to finance the purchase. You can't necessarily depend upon the dealer to help you select the right option.

One last note: Most people make the assumption that the best place to lease a car or to finance it is through the dealership. That's not necessarily the case. We live in a competitive society and it does pay to shop your financing around.

Good luck.

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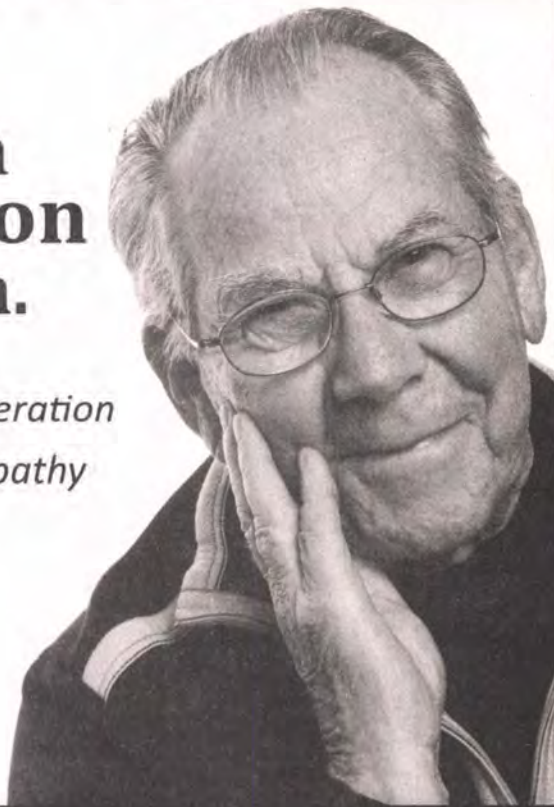
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Gallery fundraiser begins NAIAS festivities

Think of it as the Pre-Charity Preview. The eighth annual Gallery of the North American International Auto Show was held Saturday night at the MGM Grand Detroit. The exclusive event — at \$1,000 per ticket — was a fundraiser for Henry Ford Hospital.

Guests dined first at the MGM Ignite Lounge on a sumptuous feast

prepared by celebrity Chef Wolfgang Puck. Next, the donors went upstairs to view and dream of test-driving

more than \$6 million of exotic cars, including the Aston Martin, Bentley, Chevrolet Corvette Z06, Falcon F7, Ferrari, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Lingenfelter Corvette Stingray, Local Motors Rally Fighter, Maserati, Porsche, Rolls Royce and SRT Dodge Viper GTS. Neiman Marcus pulled out all the stops with a colorful, trend-setting fashion show.

Following a week of press and industry previews, the North American International Auto Show will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Jan. 16, during the event of the year — Charity Preview. While guests sip champagne and stroll among the cars and trucks from 6-9 p.m., the Space Cowboy himself, Steve Miller, will be prepping with his band for a special concert beginning directly after the close of Charity Preview at 9 p.m. at Cobo Center.

Beneficiaries of NAIAS Charity Preview



Grosse Pointe Farms and Denver resident Priscilla Mead said she felt like a Bond Girl along with Bond himself, Glenn Forbis of Commerce Township, in an Aston Martin.



JULIE YOLLES

This year's NAIAS chairman and owner of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, Scott LaRiche, and his wife Dawn kicked off the week of NAIAS industry and press previews at the Gallery party Saturday night.

include Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan; Boys Hope Girls Hope Detroit; Children's Center; Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation; The Detroit Institute for Children; Judson Center; March of Dimes Metro Detroit; Detroit PAL; and DADA Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Tickets to the black-tie Charity Preview are \$400 per person and include the post-event Steve Miller Band concert; go to charitypreview.com.

Have you driven a Ford lately?

Arrive early, stay late. This year's 2015 AutoGlow, to benefit The Children's Center of Detroit, will once again be presented by Ford Motor Co. and held at Ford Field. Your gracious hosts are Lisa and Bill Ford and Jane and Mark Fields. The futuristic theme includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, dancing and private



JULIE YOLLES

NAIAS Gallery corporate sponsors Tapper's of Novi, West Bloomfield and Troy team — Steve Smith, fine watch buyer; Irene Yeldo, sales; and Paul Rujan, Somerset Tapper's store director — sold fine jewelry and Shinola watches during the event. The Tapper's team members are sitting on a custom, hand-painted acrylic bench by automotive artist David Chapple of Grand Blanc.

transportation to and from AutoGlow, the Charity Preview at Cobo Center and the Westin Book Cadillac for overnight guests. It's Friday, Jan. 16, beginning with a pre-event reception from 4:30-7 p.m. and the main party from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$325 per

person and may be purchased by going online to the AutoGlow Desk at autoglow@thechildrenscenter.com or by calling 313-262-7123.

In addition, for the first time, The Children's Center has released a limited number of Au-

toGlow Late Night Party tickets, from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The AutoGlow Late Night experience includes a late-night breakfast snack, open bar service and dancing and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of two pairs of round-trip Business Elite tickets from the U.S. to Europe donated by Delta Air Lines. AutoGlow Late Night tickets include valet parking at Ford Field. They are limited and are available through Jan. 15 for \$150 each at thechildrenscenter.com/autoglow/latenight, by phoning 313-262-7123 and at autoglow@thechildrenscenter.com.



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Northville resident Dawn LaRiche became front-row paparazzi Saturday night for the Neiman Marcus fashion show presented at the eighth annual NAIAS Gallery at the MGM Grand Detroit.

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King's legacy: Focus on service

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday. This will be the 29th time the day, traditionally the third Monday of January, was been observed.

The national holiday has seen its share of controversy. Then U.S. Rep. John Conyers was among the first to introduce legislation to make King's birthday a holiday, back in 1979, but the measure failed. As public support grew, it finally passed and was signed into law in 1983. It was first observed in 1986.

But not all states agreed to observe it as intended. Arizona, for example, lost the right to host the 1993 Super Bowl because it didn't recognize the King holiday. Voters in that state approved a referendum in 1992 to recognize the holiday. New Hampshire's legislature established Civil Rights Day in 1991 and didn't change the name to Martin Luther King Jr. Day until 1999. South Carolina was the last state to recognize the day as a paid holiday for state employees, doing so in 2000. Prior to that, employees could choose between that and three Confederate holidays to celebrate.

The day itself is an anomaly, because King is among the few people in U.S. history to have a day named after him without ever holding public office. King, a civil rights leader, was a proponent of peaceful protest of racial discrimination found at the state and national level.

Opposition to the holiday remains today, although it tends to be less vocal

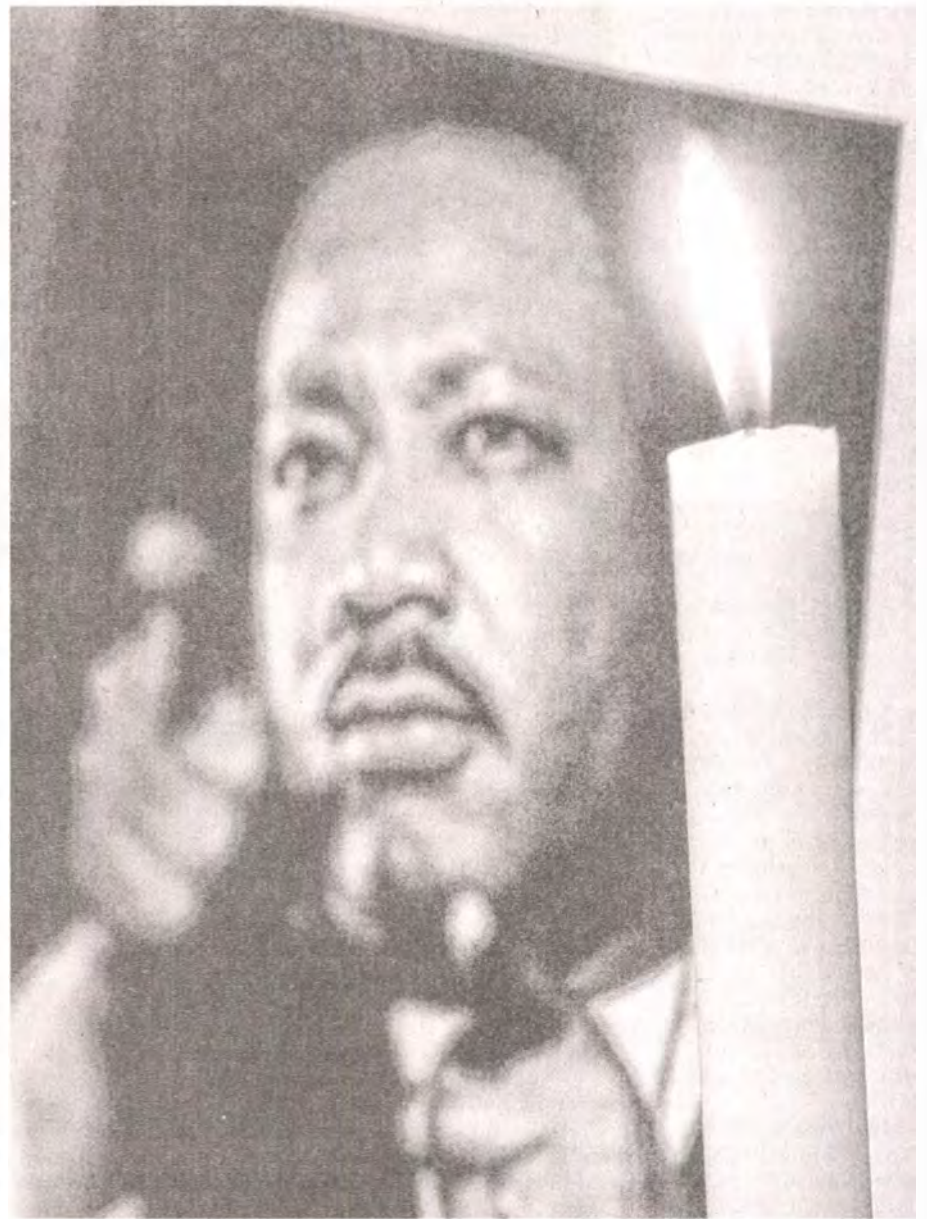
and organized, left to dinner table or bar room discussions, instead of legislative efforts to take the day off the books.

King became famous for his involvement in civil rights. And all along he preached the need for community service, having everyone take the time to make the community a better place to live. More and more we see individuals and groups focused on that aspect of his legacy. In 1994 President Bill Clinton signed federal legislation into law that challenges Americans to honor King's legacy by taking the holiday and turning it into a day of volunteer service.

Individuals and communities celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday differently. The Wayne-Westland and Garden City school districts will not hold classes, allowing students to be at home and mark the holiday however the family sees fit.

The city of Westland also will celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at its annual MLK Day program at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 36300 Warren Road. Dr. Curtis Ivery, chancellor of the Wayne County Community College District, will be the keynote speaker.

We hope everyone embraces the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, if not the holiday itself. Pledging a day of community service is one that teaches young and old the importance of community, selflessness and taking an active role in making the world a better place.



Westland will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

GUEST COLUMN

Massacre in France unifies — 'Je suis Charlie'

Condolences to the families, friends and the French nation continue to roll in from around the globe in the wake of the terrorist horror of last week.

But just how does one remain free in the face of such anti-freedom terrorism?

I had just returned home from five days in Paris on holiday when the evil struck. It was just a few days earlier that we were saying, Happy New Year to our French friends over bread, escargot and a glass of red wine.



By Tom Watkins

GUEST COLUMNIST

What took place in France represents an assault on freedom and human decency everywhere. Terrorists must never dictate anything in a free and democratic society. Yet the carnage and the loss of innocence is staggering, painful and senseless to all but those with twisted minds.

Al-Qaeda Yemen claimed "credit" for the attack against the publication *Charlie Hebdo* to avenge the honor of the prophet Muhammad, a frequent target of the French weekly's satire. The French satirists' mockery of Islam's prophet Muhammad and France's military involvement in Muslim countries is considered the twisted rationale for slaughtering humans in cold blood.

The editors and cartoonists murdered are martyrs for the cause of free speech. Threatened with death for publishing drawings of the prophet Mohammed meant to mock Islamic radicals, they did not buckle or censor themselves. And for this they were murdered, dying to protect their rights to free speech.

Evil begets evil. All freedom-loving people must come together to prevent those on the fringe from hijacking any religion as a means to justify hatred, evil and carnage.

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A man holds a sign in French that reads "Je suis Charlie" (I am Charlie) at the start of a rally Jan. 11 in Paris in tribute to the 17 victims of a three-day killing spree.

French attacks a reminder of importance of free speech, press

In shock and mourning, the human spirit often finds its strength. No worldwide message has been spoken with such distinct certainty and solidarity than that expressed in the aftermath of the French terrorist strikes — that democracy will continue and its foundation must remain embedded in the right of free expression.

Last week's terrorist attacks may have occurred in Paris, but the message sent by hundreds thousands as they rallied following the deaths of 12 journalists at the *Charlie Hebdo* magazine, a police officer and four Jewish hostages, applies to all leaders and citizens in democratic nations, including right here at home.

Without the right of free expression and a free press, democracy is weakened, if not a failure. The right of citizens and the press to express thoughts and opinions, regardless if fashioned in a humorous or sarcastic form, plus though offensive to some or bluntly honest, is a fundamental pillar of a free — and engaged — society.

Without this stanchion of freedom, those in power at any given time or those who attempt to gain power, influence or retaliation, by murder, force, intimidation or deafening silence, may seat themselves with control over the masses.

The United States was born in the desire for freedom. Yet the country's history is, nonetheless,

dotted with attempts by political parties, special interest groups and individuals who attempt to erode democracy by limiting not only freedom of expression and a free press, but the citizenry's inherent right to know and to be a part of deliberations and decision making.

As in France, the United States and other democratic nations, the press — in whatever form it takes — has consistently stood firmly in the belief that a society cannot be truly free without the inherent right of expression.

The 12 journalists who were slaughtered by terrorists in Paris were doing their jobs and expressing their political, religious and social opinions and perspectives, as supported and allowed by a democratic society and government.

Already in the days following the terrorist attacks, talking heads representing many special interest groups questioned the oppositional nature of some of *Charlie Hebdo's* cartoons. Freedom doesn't guarantee that all expressions will soothe the heart and sensibilities or be met with applause.

Yet the millions who have rallied around the world in support of *Charlie Hebdo's* work and right of expression is a clear sign that the citizenry not only is rising up against terrorism, but in support of a free press.

It is incumbent upon the citizens of a democracy to ensure

that the channels in which they receive information about the world they live in, including government in all of its forms, remains vibrant.

Closer to home, journalists go to work every day with the heartfelt task of informing the public of the deliberations and decisions made by their local government officials and to provide insight into the activities in their hometowns.

The importance of this work cannot be dismissed. Government really does start at the local level and it is the level at which average people can have the greatest influence. Yet too often, residents — voters — remain distant from and disinterested in their local government. That allows elected officials and bureaucrats to operate and make decisions that affect citizens' lives without oversight.

Let the worldwide rallies of the past week be a lesson to all Americans. Freedom of expression and a free press must remain strong as an integral pillar of our democracy. Shortly after the Parisian murders, supporters of freedom of speech, expression and the press shared on worldwide social media a quote attributed to 19th century philosopher Voltaire:

"I do not agree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Let's collectively remember that to keep our democracy strong.



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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Bushey takes over reins at Stevenson

Longtime Churchill player and coach excited about latest opportunity

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Beth Bushey will be taking her considerable volleyball coaching skills north beginning next summer – but just a few miles.

On Monday, the former Livonia Churchill standout player and assistant coach was named the varsity head coach for Livonia Stevenson.

Bushey takes over for Lindsey Dulude, who coached the Spartans for just one season.

“Beth is a strong leader and has a solid background as a player and, more importantly, as a coach,” said Stevenson athletic

director Lori Hyman. “She is very dedicated to the Livonia Public Schools and is excited to be a Spartan.”

Bushey played high school volleyball at Churchill, where she earned team MVP honors in 2001 and 2002. She played collegiately from

2003-05 at Siena Heights University, where she earned Academic All-American honors.

Bushey graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and currently

works at Ford Motor Co.’s prototype plant in Allen Park.

“I am extremely excited about this opportunity, especially because it allows me to remain in my hometown,” said Bushey. “I’ve dreamed of being a varsity head coach for a while, but I couldn’t until now because my previous jobs didn’t allow me the flexibility my current one does.”

“It will definitely be interesting when we play against Churchill, but we’re in different divisions in the KLA, so that will make it easier. I’ll always be a Charger at heart, but I’m excited to begin my coaching career with the Spartans.”

Bushey said she thoroughly enjoyed serving as an assistant coach under former Churchill volleyball coaches Mark Grenier and Anna Gatt.

“I actually coached Anna when she was at Churchill, so it was cool to be able to coach with her this past season,” said Bushey. “Both Anna and Mark are very passionate about the game, like I am, which made it fun.”

“Mark has been a mentor of mine since I started coaching. He has taught me how to look at situations in different ways.”

Bushey, who resides in Berkeley, was scheduled to meet for the first time with Stevenson players on Wednesday.

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Bushey

Sled hockey fundraiser

The United Cerebral Palsy Pucksters, a sled-hockey team consisting of players from metropolitan Detroit, will take on a Red Wings alumni team in a fund-raising event on March 21 at 6 p.m. at the Viking Ice Arena in Hazel Park.

All proceeds from the event will be used to assist people with disabilities and their families.

An exhibition game featuring the Michigan Sled Dogs will start at 4 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person and \$30 per family (maximum five members). Kids under 5 years old will be allowed in free. Admission to the post-game afterglow pizza party is \$10 per person. A silent auction will also be held in addition to a 50/50 drawing and “Chuck-A-Puck.”

The doors to the arena will open at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting Tamara Kincaid at 248-557-5070, extension 117, or by emailing Kincaid at tkincaid@ucp-detroit.org.

For more information, visit skate-withoutlimits.org.

Blazer icers edged

Devyn LaValley scored a pair of goals and Lindsey Gallagher contributed three assists Saturday as Grosse Pointe North blanked host Livonia Ladywood, 4-0, in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 game held at Plymouth’s Arctic Pond.

Ladywood (5-2, 5-2) used two goaltenders with Michaela Warner (18 saves) going the first two periods before giving way to Samantha Erickson (seven saves) in the final period.

Ladywood plays again at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Arctic Pond against Port Huron and followed by a 2:30 p.m. Sunday game at Berkeley Ice Arena against Bloomfield.

Thurston volleyball events

The Redford Thurston volleyball program will be hosting a pair of upcoming events.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6-7:30 p.m., the Eagles will take on members of the Thurston varsity football team in an annual “Showdown” match that will help raise money for the Methodist Children’s Village in Redford.

The admission cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Kids under 5 years old are free. Concessions will be available.

On Sunday, March 15, beginning at 9 a.m., Thurston will host its annual “Spikefest” tournament that will benefit the volleyball program and the school’s physical education department.

Participants of the “Spikefest” must be either current Thurston students, alumni or faculty.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Madonna guards too much for Wolves

Melcher named WHAC Player of Week

Rachel Melcher and Michele Hayes combined for 52 points Saturday as Madonna University improved to 9-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with an 81-66 win over host University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Melcher, a 5-foot-9 senior guard from Birmingham Marian, poured in a game-high 28 points. Hayes, a junior transfer from Oakland University, chipped in 24 points and four assists.

Melcher also earned WHAC Player of the Week honors for the second time this year after averaging 23.5 points, seven rebounds and three assists. She shot 52 percent from the field and 81 percent from the foul line in the Crusaders’ two wins.

Second-place MU (10-6) got 75 points from its starting lineup. Freshman Lindsey Hernden added 12 points to go with four assists, and sophomore Justice Dean added 10 points and a team-best seven rebounds.

The Crusaders shot 29-of-62 from the floor (47 percent), including 6-of-12 from beyond the arc. MU also went 17-of-20 (85 percent) from the foul line.

UM-Dearborn (3-15, 1-9) got 25 points, 10 rebounds and five assists from Jalisa Williams. Andrea Collins added 14 points as the Wolves couldn’t overcome a 37:29 halftime deficit.

Men’s basketball

Jamiel Strickland and Jason Penn each poured in 19 points Saturday to lift host University of Michigan-Dearborn (6-11, 3-7) to a 71-63 triumph over Madonna University (7-11, 3-7) in WHAC men’s basketball.

The Wolves, who shot 48 percent from the floor (26-of-54) and outrebounded the Crusaders (39-30), also got 13

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MADONNA ATHLETICS

Madonna senior guard Rachel Melcher poured in 28 points in an 81-66 victory Saturday over UM-Dearborn.

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Thurston's Rickey Hudgens drives to the basket during Tuesday night's victory over Redford Union.

BOARD GAMES

Thurston's big rebounding effort leads to win over RU

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The “bigs” on Redford Thurston’s boys basketball team would have been suitable spokesmen for Sherwin Williams Tuesday night as they owned the paint against visiting Redford Union.

Led by Deaunte Jackson’s 18 points and Isiah Crofford’s 17 rebounds, the Eagles clipped the Panthers, 56-43, to improve to 7-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference’s Red Division.

The crosstown rivalry contest was originally slated to be held at Redford Union, but a set of faulty bleachers – combined with the expectations of a large crowd – forced the game to be moved to Thurston.

Crofford and Brandon Marshall both complemented Jackson’s offensive effort with 10 points a piece.

Jerrime Koger led the Pan-

thers with 14 points.

“We were up eight at the half and they got it down to six at one point in the fourth quarter, but we held on,” said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. “Redford Union played really well. We were fortunate to get out of there tonight with a win.”

Thurston led 17-13 after one quarter and 30-22 at the half. The Eagles expanded their lead to 43-32 with eight minutes left.

The Eagles were ball-hawks on defense, particularly Marshall and Rickey Hudgens, both of whom racked up three steals.

Stevenson nips Mustangs

Noah Campbell’s three-point basket with 1 second left gave Livonia Stevenson a 66-65 victory at Northville on Tuesday night. Campbell finished with a team-high 26 points. Jacob Dollar added 18

and Jalen Webber scored nine.

David Morrissey led the Mustangs with 26 points. Ryan Roberts added 17.

Stevenson led 20-17 after one quarter, 34-28 at the half and 48-47 with eight minutes to play.

Cougars upend Trojans

Visiting Livonia Clarenceville closed a late 11-point deficit to four against Garden City Tuesday night before the Cougars pulled away for a 65-59 victory.

The win lifted the Cougars’ overall ledger to 2-5 while their WWAC Red Division mark improved to 1-2. Clarenceville slipped to 0-6 and 0-3, respectively.

“We had a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter and then – bam, bam, bam – Clarenceville got it down to four,” recounted GC head coach Ron Pummil. “They had a size

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GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL

Stevenson cages Lions in Central Division showdown

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson opened its KLAAs Central Division slate in style Friday by putting the defensive clamps on South Lyon, 32-22.

The victory improved the Spartans' record to 3-4 overall. The Lions slipped to 1-6.

Sophomore guard Grace Lamerson paced the Spartans' offense with 11 points. Samantha Swain led the Lions with nine points.

"The difference in the game for us was the first quarter when we built a 14-1 lead," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman. "It was really an even game after that. Both teams played hard."

On Tuesday night, the Spartans dropped a 39-29 decision to visiting Northville.

Arryn Dochenetz led the Spartans with 14 points while Lamerson added seven.

Roan Haines paced the Mustangs with nine points. Mariah Modkins added eight.

Northville never trailed after outscoring the Spartans 14-6 in the first quarter. Stevenson netted nearly half of its points in the fourth stanza when it outscored the Mustangs 13-8.

"Arryn played well, but we need to get some production from other players," said Newman. "We fell behind early tonight and could never quite get over the hump after that."

Mercy trims Blazers

Farmington Hills Mercy got back on the winning side of the score Tuesday with a 60-25 romp past visiting Livonia Ladywood in girls' basketball.

The Marlins, who had

their first loss Friday to Dearborn Divine Child after starting the season with six straight wins, rolled out to a 23-5 lead after one quarter.

Mercy held the Blazers to single-digit scoring in every quarter. The Marlins extended their lead to 35-11 at halftime and 51-20 through three periods.

"I thought we came out focused and ready to play," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "Consequently, we got off to a good start."

"The really nice thing about tonight's game was we were able to give some extended minutes to kids who haven't had many minutes so far this season."

All 11 players scored for the Marlins, who are 7-1 overall and 2-1 in the Catholic League Central Division.

Taylor Jones led the way with 15 points. Jordyn Schluter scored eight and four others — Zora Pullen, Sierra Wangler, Kailey Savona and Katie Bryce — added six points apiece. Jones also dished out eight assists. Claire Murray and Jackie Bauer had seven and six rebounds, respectively.

Morgan Larkin tallied seven points and Amber Riethmiller six for the Blazers (2-8, 0-2).

Pioneers top Trojans

The Dearborn girls basketball team defeated Clarenceville in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference game Tuesday, 64-24.

The Pioneers were led offensively by Isabelle Clark with 17 points. Lulu Mustafu scored 12 points and Brittney Malewsue nine.

A'sha Whittaker of Clarenceville led her team with 12 points. The Trojans are away Friday

at Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Edsel topples GC

Dearborn Edsel Ford raced to a 22-6 first-quarter lead before hanging on for a 53-36 victory over visiting Garden City in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division contest.

The win improved the Thunderbirds to 6-2 overall and 1-2 in the division. GC slipped to 1-7 and 0-3, respectively.

The Cougars clawed back to within 26-18 at the half, but the Thunderbirds repelled the comeback by outscoring their visitors 16-9 in the third quarter and 11-9 down the stretch.

"They pressed us most of the night and we didn't handle it very well," said GC head coach Michele Tyree. "We made a lot of mental mistakes against their pressure. We made a nice run and cut it down to eight, but that was about as close as we could get."

The Cougars were led by Hannah Vera-Burgos's 11 points. Amber Swisher contributed nine points while Lindsey Michalak added seven points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

Kennedy Rankin led Edsel Ford with 14 points. Rebekka Phelps added 13.

The Cougars, who were plagued by 45 turnovers, connected on just 12 of 52 field-goal attempts.

GC returns to action Friday against Romulus.

'Cats maul Patriots

Plymouth jumped out to a 25-10 first-quarter lead before rolling to a 72-38 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin in a KLAAs South Division showdown.

The loss dropped

Franklin to 2-6 overall and 1-1 in the division. Plymouth improved to 6-2 and 2-0, respectively.

The Wildcats increased their bulge to 44-21 at the half and 63-30 with eight minutes to play.

Sarah Cramton led the Patriots with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Katelyn Kovach scored a career-high 10 points while Becky Giacobbi added nine points.

Courtney Lavalee fueled the Wildcats' offense with 22 points.

Franklin, which hosts Churchill on Friday, drained 7 of 15 free throws.

Warriors trump Hawks

Rachel Reddeman led a balanced Lutheran Westland attack with 13 points as the Warriors upended visiting Huron Valley Lutheran, 40-33, Tuesday night in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rivalry showdown.

Taylor Jones and Bethany Hoehne both chipped in with seven points for the Warriors.

Reddeman cleaned the glass for 20 rebounds.

"We came out slow and sluggish in the first half," observed HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "We were not rotating well on defense. Offensively, we didn't shoot the ball well (11-for-46; 23 percent), and because of that we need to be more aggressive getting to the offensive boards."

The Hawks were paced by sophomore Sam Golchuk, who netted 19 points.

The winners swished eight of 11 free throws — all in the pivotal fourth quarter. HVL connected on 5 of 8 freebies.

"Give credit to Lutheran Westland," Ruth said.



Livonia Stevenson's Arryn Dochenetz launches a jump shot during a game earlier this season. ED WRIGHT

"They were very patient on offense and they hit some key free throws in the end."

Hassan propels Rockets

Sophomore point guard Arianna Hassan scored a team-high 14 points to lead Westland John Glenn to a 49-37 victory over visiting Livonia Churchill Tuesday night.

The win improved the Rockets' record to 3-5 overall and 1-1 in the KLAAs South Division. Churchill slipped to 5-3 and 0-2, respectively.

The Chargers had their way early, outscoring the smaller Rockets 14-4 over the opening eight minutes, but John Glenn scrapped back to win 18-17 at the half before a 20-point third quarter gave it a 37-29 lead that the hosts would never relinquish.

"I think the girls were taken aback a little bit by Churchill's size early in the game," said John Glenn head coach Derrick Jordan. "Churchill was hot shooting in the first quarter; they hit three threes and they had us on our heels."

"But we started pressuring the ball more in the second quarter and we knocked down some big shots in the third to keep the momentum going."

Hassan hit two triples in the third quarter while Nadia Reed swished one trey. Reed finished with 13 points while Sierra Moseley contributed nine.

Natalie Spala led the Chargers with 18. Alivia Kondrath added 10.

John Glenn made 17 of 25 free throws. Churchill was 8 of 17 from the line.

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Helpful Storm



On Saturday, Jan. 10, members of the Livonia Storm Black 14U softball team helped out the Gleaners Food Bank. Pictured are (front row from left) coach Scott DeBoer, Brooke Hanson, Molly Padrock, (back row from left) Allison Peck, Tara Trujillo, Paige Ameal, Claire Hammons, Rachel Klisz, Madison Bacher, Maria Targosz, Maddie Tripp and Paige Hanson.

Cheerful title for Blazers



The Livonia Ladywood varsity cheerleading team, which consists of eight seniors, two sophomores and two freshmen, placed first in its division at Saturday's Berkley Bear Invitational. Nineteen teams — including varsity, junior varsity and freshmen contingents — participated in the event. Ladywood outpointed Chandler Park Academy and Detroit Country Day in the Division 3 competition. The Blazers will be hosting a competition on Saturday, Jan. 31.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 16
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
RU at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Macomb at HVL, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17

John Glenn at Mayweather Classic, TBA
GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 16
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Wayne at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
Macomb at HVL, 5:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Jan. 17
Churchill at Waterford Unified, 5:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Traverse City West, 2:15 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 17

Wayne Team Tourney, TBA
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 15
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
RU at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17
Wayne Invitational, TBA
PREP GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Jan. 17
Livonia Blue at Jeanne Invite, 8 a.m.
PREP JOURNALING
Sunday, Jan. 18
John Glenn at Flint Metro Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

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Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves
01: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 12/15/14.
- Appr. contract w/Nocerini Strategy Group for consulting/government relations svcs.; amt. \$6,000/month.
- Adopted LTSW Facilities Maintenance Resolution for Farmer's Market & Tattan Pk. Project.
02: Appr. Agrmnt. w/Home Renewal Systems LLC for Clyde Smith Farms PUD.
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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-01 January 6, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. The Oath of Office was given to Anthony Miller by Marge Stack. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Dec. 15; second reading and adoption of Chapter 656.08 Assault & Battery; repeal of 656.06, 656.07 & 656.09; second reading and adoption of Chapter 210.11 (b) Mechanical Amusement Devices; second reading and deletion of Chapter 280 - Festival Commission; prof. services agreement with Plante & Moran; lease of parking structure with Mark Chevolet; calling a special study session on 1/20/15 at 7:00 p.m. Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
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PREP WRESTLING

Hosts finish 2-3 at Spartan Duals

Stevenson's Vaughan, Scott go 5-0; Monroe claims first-place trophy

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Host Livonia Stevenson finished with a 2-3 record at Saturday's 10-team Spartan Duals team tournament on Saturday.

The Spartans handled Redford Thurston, 55-15, and Waterford Mott, 48-27, in pool-

play matches, but dropped decisions to Ypsilanti Lincoln, 48-32, and West Bloomfield, 45-28.

Stevenson lost to Southfield, 45-28, in the tournament-concluding cross-over match.

The results left the Spartans with a 13-9 record heading into Wednesday's KLAA Central Division opener at Salem, where they will tangle with the host Rocks and Northville.

Monroe won the championship hardware by chalking up a 5-0 record.

Stevenson's Connor Vaughan (171 pounds) and Brad Scott

(215) continued to excel for Stevenson as they both rang up 5-0 marks.

Going 4-1 for the hosts were Taylor Droste (119), Tarik Alcodray (130) and Derek Gilsbach (152). Will Eckerle (135) and Tyler Denski (285) both went 3-2 for the Spartans.

Two Trojans crowned

Clarenceville had a pair of champions Saturday in tournament competition at Imlay City High School.

Domanick Slagle at 160 and Cameron Fyffe at 189 won their respective weight class-

es, and James Ascott finished third at 215.

The Trojans sent just six wrestlers, but they managed to finish eighth out of 16 teams and have a great showing, coach Nick Elam said.

Clarenceville's younger wrestlers were in action Saturday at the Garden City novice tournament.

Two stood out for the Trojans, both in the 145-pound class. Zack Richards ended up in third place and Dante Marzolo sixth.

Dan O'Meara contributed to this article.

Weak, Rhoad shine in Blue's loss to Canton

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Exemplary performances by all-around standouts Jess Weak and Bri Rhoad weren't enough to lift Livonia Blue's gymnastic team over Canton Wednesday night.

Weak earned an all-around score of 35.80 while Rhoad netted 35.35 points, however, the Chiefs prevailed, 141.250-138.50.

Weak won the floor-exercise competition with a routine that garnered a score of 9.25. Weak tied for third on the beam with a 9.0 mark. She also registered solid scores on the uneven bars (8.85) and vault (8.70).

Rhoad was second to none on the beam as she tied for first with Canton's Hailey Hodgson with a score of 9.15. Rhoad also sparkled with an 8.9 on the vault.

Another standout for Blue was Emily Chatterjee, who tied for third on the beam with a 9.0.

Hodgson was spectacular for the Chiefs, winning the vault with a 9.3 before tying for second with a 9.2 on her floor-exercise routine.

Canton's Allison Kunz was the bars with a 9.55 effort before tying for second with a 9.2 floor score.



Members of the Lutheran Westland wrestling team observe a moment of silence for former coach Dennis Tuomi, who passed away this past fall.

PAM HARPER

Lutheran Westland runner-up in Warrior Invite

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's wrestling team was almost the host with the most during Saturday's six-team Warrior Invitational.

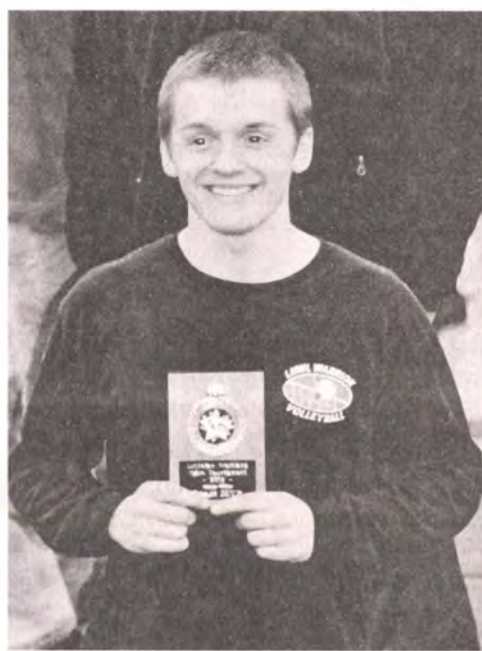
Fueled by MVP Caleb Richter's 5-0 performance, the Warriors finished 4-1 in the team dual tournament, which was won by 5-0 Flat Rock.

The Warriors gave the Rams all they could handle in the final dual meet of the day before dropping a 44-28 decision.

Earlier in the day, Lutheran Westland upended Crestwood/Edsel Ford, 66-18; Redford Union, 40-33; Southfield "B", 75-6; and Dearborn Divine Child, 69-9.

Prior to the tournament, a moment of silence was held for former coach and the school's wrestling program founder Dennis Tuomi, who passed away last fall.

Warriors head coach Joe Schmidt said he was proud of his team's effort on Saturday.



Lutheran Westland senior Caleb Richter earned MVP honors during Saturday's Warrior Invitational

PAM HARPER

"We had a lot of kids wrestle extremely well," said Schmidt. "We kept it close against Flat Rock until the 171- and 189-pound matches, but we just didn't have quite enough to stay with them."

Richter was one of three Warriors to finish the day with a perfect 5-0 slate. Now 20-2, Richter pinned his state-ranked Flat Rock opponent in the 140-pound match. Overall, he notched four pins and one decision.

"Caleb's work ethic and love for the sport are what make him so successful," said Schmidt. "I can't really pin-point his No. 1 strength; he does everything well."

Lutheran Westland junior Wes Warren's five wins at 152 and 160 included a fall against the Rams.

"I expected big things out of Wes this season," Schmidt said. "He was having a great sophomore year until he got hurt toward the end of the season."

Freshman Christian Zimmerman also sparkled for the Warriors, going 5-0 at 112 and 119. Zimmerman pinned all five of his foes.

Junior Andy Cross carved out a 4-0

Panthers strong

Redford Union's underclassmen-dominated squad turned in a stellar 3-2 day on Saturday, which pleased head coach Rob Rankin.

"We were wrestling a little more aggressive than we had been; we're attacking more, which is something I've been stressing," observed Rankin. "We're going after take-downs and getting more points as a result."

The Panthers' victories came against Southfield "B", Divine Child and Crestwood/Edsel Ford. They lost a narrow decision to Lutheran Westland and were upended by Flat Rock.

Freshman Isaac Grant earned MVP honors for the Panthers after pinning all five of his opponents at 189.

"Isaac wrestled in middle school and he put in a lot of work during the summer and the off-season," said Rankin. "What he did was impressive considering he's a freshman and he was wrestling in a grown-man's weight class. A lot of his matches were against juniors and seniors."

Also contending for RU's MVP honors was freshman Blake Meyers, who chalked up a 5-0 record at 130 and 135. Meyers' triumphant day included four pins and a void.

"Blake is very tenacious," Rankin shared. "He knows what he knows and he goes after it. He knows how to finish his take-downs."

Three Panthers excelled with 4-1 records: sophomore Larry Elliott (130 and 135), sophomore Bobby Dixon (171) and freshman Tavian Groves (152).

"Larry is phenomenal at getting in position," noted Rankin. "Bobby had three pins, so he is really coming on."

Rankin also heaped praise on junior James Beaubien, who had a solid day at 215 and 285.

"James was in every match," said Rankin.

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Livonia Stevenson's Jenna Burton is pictured competing on the beam during a meet earlier this season.

JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

PREP BOWLING

Zebras roll past Mustangs in KLAA match

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's girls bowling team pocketed a 20.5-9.5 victory over Northville on Jan. 9 in a KLAA match-up at Town and Country Lanes.

The Zebras captured both Baker games, 165-150 and 204-168.

Christina O'Harris found her groove early and often for the Zebras as she led her team with individual-game scores of 213 and 237.

Other highlights from the winners' ledger included a 180 game from Kayla Thompson and a 177 from Gabby Charron. Amy Hoch registered a 157 game in the second individual match-up.

Rockets surge

Westland John Glenn's girls bowling team maintained its unbeaten record Monday when it thumped host Plymouth, 29-1. Julia Huren paced the winners with a two-game series of 435.

Additional standouts for John Glenn included Emily Dietz (402 series), Jessica Pate (385) and Ashley Kolb (384).

Plymouth was led by Jessica Joppich, who rolled a 183 game, and Nicole Marshall, who chalked up a 180.

John Glenn tops Wayne

The Rockets' girls squad had too much firepower for Wayne Memorial on Jan. 6, winning 24-6, to improve to 5-0. Pate led the winners with games of 206 and 204, while Dietz was incredibly consistent with scores of 197 and 206. Huren contributed steady games of 195 and 194.

O'Harris was the highest-scoring Zebra as she carded games of 202 and 178. Charron bowled a 187.

HOOPS

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advantage on us, so they were shooting and crashing in the fourth quarter and getting a lot of second shots."

Garden City's stat sheet was well-balanced. Joe Pummill and Brandon Grace both scored 16 points while Travis Trigg and Travis Kidd both tallied 12.

Pummill nailed four of the Cougars' seven three-point makes - all in the second half.

"The threes were big tonight because they get everybody fired up and it gets our student cheering section going," Ron Pummill said.

Grace led the winners with 13 rebounds. Pummill also contributed nine boards and four assists. Robbie Moyers led the Cougars with five assists.

Jermal Johnson was a load for the Trojans, netting 23 of his 28 points in the second half.

GC made just 12 of 26 free throws while Clarenceville was 11 of 21 from the stripe.

Rockets overpower Chargers

Senior 6-foot-10 center Mike Edwards scored a team-high 17 points Tuesday night to lead visiting Westland John Glenn to a 55-43 victory over Livonia Churchill.

The win improved the Rockets to 2-5 overall while Churchill slipped to 5-3. Both teams are 1-1 in the KLAA South Division.

Junior guard Jon Hovermale led the Chargers with 17 points.

"We doubled Edwards every time he got the ball, and we actually did a pretty good job on him," said Churchill head coach Jimmy Solak. "He

didn't score in the second and third quarters. He hurt us on offensive rebounds and put-backs."

Poor shooting doomed the Chargers, who connected on just 15 of 45 field goals and 9 of 15 free throws. John Glenn made 14 of 28 free throws.

The game was tied at 27-all at the half before John Glenn seized a 42-35 lead after three stanzas.

Churchill sliced its deficit to 42-37 early in the fourth quarter and two possessions to get even closer.

"But we couldn't score on either trip and Glenn scored on both of their next two possessions and that was pretty much it," said Solak. "We just didn't shoot well tonight."

Warriors upend Hawks

Lutheran Westland outscored Huron Valley Lutheran 18-4 during the pivotal third quarter on the way to a 53-38

victory Tuesday night.

The result improved the Warriors' record to 2-3 overall while the Hawks slipped to 1-4. It was the MIAC opener for both squads.

Luke Smith had a phenomenal night for the winners, scoring 22 points to go with 11 rebounds. Smith was nearly unstoppable in the paint, making eight of his 10 field-goal attempts.

Zach Burk added nine points for the Warriors while Cleveland Tarp anchored the defense with three blocked shots.

Austin Bell led the Hawks with 13 points. Nathan Hamilton and Nicholas Doletzky both scored six points for HVL.

Lutheran Westland, which made 11 of 19 free throws, led 22-15 at the half before stretching its advantage to 40-19 with eight minutes to play.

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points off the bench from Darryl Mobley Jr.

MU, which couldn't over-

come a 43-29 halftime deficit, got a game-high 22 points to go with six assists from sophomore point guard Khalil Malone.

Senior guard Shaun Duncan added 12 points. Senior Donald Owens and freshman

Chris Dierker added eight and seven, respectively. Freshman Grant Smith grabbed a team-best seven rebounds.

MU shot only 5-of-22 from three-point range (23 percent) and 23-of-59 from the field (39 percent).

SCHOOLCRAFT (MEN) 75 WAYNE COUNTY CC 67: On Saturday, the visiting Ocelots defeated Wayne County Community College to improve to 13-3 overall and 2-1 in the conference. Javon Thomas led Schoolcraft with 16 points while Anthony Wartley-Fritz (14 points), James Pruitt (13 points) and Tyler Johnson (12 points) also helped spark the attack.

Westland John Glenn alum Dre Black added eight points and nine rebounds.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Whalers can't complete home sweep

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It would be perfectly understandable if Plymouth Whalers head coach Don Eland gave his players name tags for practices the next few days.

Since the start of the season, Plymouth has been hit by a rash of injuries and suspensions — compounded by several top players leaving for the recent World Juniors.

As a result, the team Eland thought he would be coaching really has not had the chance to get out on the ice and jell as a unit.

"Like I explained to the guys after the game, we're back and we're healthy, but we haven't played together in 2 1/2 months," Eland said following Plymouth's 3-0 loss Saturday to Sault Ste. Marie. "It's almost like a training camp. So we got to use this next week to get used to playing together."

The Whalers (13-23-2-1) had a solid weekend at Compuware Arena, all things considered, defeating North Bay 6-3 Friday and giving the OHL Western Conference leading Greyhounds all they could handle the next day.

And with 29 games remaining, Plymouth only needs to get in sync and make up the nine

points they need to catch Saginaw (now holding the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference with 38 points).

Still time

Eland was emphatic when asked if there was time for his team to pull that comeback off.

"One hundred percent," he said. "No reason we can't get that last spot."

Helping fuel his optimism is how the Whalers played over the weekend, augmented by much-needed reinforcements to the roster.

Plymouth welcomed back forward Danny Vanderwiell as he returned after missing 18 games with a hip injury.

World Juniors participants also were back on the ice, namely goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, forward Sonny Milano and defenseman Yannick Rathgeb.

Meanwhile, new to the lineup was speedy forward and Troy native Ryan Moore, who showed the approximately 2,100 fans Saturday how much of a spark plug he can be.

"I loved his game," Eland said. "He had energy, he moved the puck, he was quick, he got behind their 'D' a couple times. I thought he was really good."

The 5-7 Moore moved Friday to Plymouth after

being part of a three-team trade involving Windsor and Oshawa.

Plymouth's top goal scorer, Matt Mistele (24 goals), was dealt to the Generals in the deal, which was consummated right before the noon trade deadline.

Back to his roots

"It's a big change for me, coming over from Windsor," Moore said. "But I'm back to my roots here and it feels good."

Moore, who played his formative years with Detroit Belle Tire, said he was happy with his first game as a Whaler — the loss to the Soo notwithstanding.

"Tonight was a tough game all-around. We held on, but I think I did play well," Moore said. "I used my speed. I bring speed and offense to this team and that's something we need going forward."

Early in the second period, Moore nearly put the Whalers ahead 1-0.

But Moore, who took a feed from linemate Mathew Campagna, hit the crossbar with his rising one-timer. Greyhounds goaltender Brandon Halverson (26 saves for his second shutout of the season) was cleanly beat on the shot.

The Whalers next visit Sarnia on Friday and then host Sudbury at 7 p.m. Saturday.

RIVALRY GIRLS HOOPS

Redford Union runs past Thurston, 66-25

Redford Union's girls basketball team put on a ball-distribution clinic during Tuesday night's 66-25 victory over visiting Redford Thurston.

Guards Shae Smith and Cashmere Jones picked up 17 and 16 assists, respectively, to make life easier for leading scorer Renee Reed, who pumped in 28 points.

The Panthers' second straight victory improved them to 2-7 overall and 2-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division. Thurston, which was riding a two-game winning streak into the contest, dropped to 2-5.

"I liked the way we shared the ball and cut down on our turnovers," said Jones, who added nine points and seven rebounds. "We were smart with the ball and we shared it."

RU head coach Scott Purdy said Jones may never lead the Panthers in scoring, but she's without a doubt his team's catalyst.

"When she gets the ball in the middle of the court, I don't think there's anyone in our league who can guard her," said Purdy. "She makes good decisions and gets the ball to the right teammate."

"I don't have one true point guard with the offense we run. I trust both Shae and Cash and a couple other girls to play the 'one', depending on the situation."

Smith was a defensive



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Kiyonna Hardin played well Tuesday night in the Panthers' decisive victory over Redford Thurston.

wizard for the Panthers, netting six steals.

The Panthers led 14-8 after one quarter before turning on the jets in the second stanza when they raced to a 34-15 halftime lead. The hosts outscored the Eagles 15-6 in the third period.

"I thought we came out a little flat early on," said Thurston head coach Bob Ostrowski. "We were tied at 8-8 at one point in the first quarter, but I could tell by the shots were taking that we weren't running our offense like we can. I tip my hat to RU; they out-hustled us and out-played us."

Ivory Mamo led the Eagles with eight points. Megan Abela and Sydney

Taylor both contributed six.

Sophomore guard Angelica Wellons and junior forward Kiyonna Hardin both provided energy off the bench for RU. Wellons netted 10 points and four steals while Hardin yanked down seven rebounds.

"Our girls work hard; I'm proud of them," concluded Purdy.

On Friday, RU upended Dearborn Heights Annapolis while Thurston defeated Clarenceville, 32-26. The Panthers' win was sealed by Jones, who sank all six of her fourth-quarter free throws.

Mamo fueled the Eagles' triumph with a team-high nine points.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2976

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 050 OF TITLE 2, CHAPTER 04 (CITY COUNCIL) OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance amends the rules for the conduct of City Council meetings to clarify that 1) the audience communications section at the end of each meeting is to address items not on the agenda for that meeting, and 2) persons addressing Council during audience communication are limited to three (3) minutes per meeting.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 2976 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 2976 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, December 1, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Sue Hoff, City Clerk

Ordinance No. 2976 was authenticated by me on the 5th day of January, 2015. Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form: Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney Dated: January 5, 2015 Publish: January 15, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2977

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 020 OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 51 (VACANT AND ABANDONED STRUCTURES) OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance amends the City ordinance pertaining to vacant and abandoned buildings to provide that residential structures will only be deemed vacant or abandoned if they have been vacant or abandoned for a period of at least 90 consecutive days or meet one of a series of other criteria, e.g., being open to trespass, having utilities disconnected or not in use, being boarded up for at least 28 days.

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01-15-0005 Motion by Damita, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adoption of an amendment to Ordinance No. 280.00: Festival Commission.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 280- FESTIVAL COMMISSION The entire Chapter is repealed.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: January 6, 2015 Published: January 15, 2015 Effective: January 16, 2015 Matthew Miller City Clerk

Publish: January 15, 2015

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01-15-0004 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adoption of an amendment to Ordinance No. 210.00: Uniform Fee Schedule.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO PART TWO, ADMINISTRATION CODE; TITLE TWO, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 210, UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE 210.11 GENERAL PERMITS AND LICENSES

(b) Mechanical and electronic amusement devices, per year: First device \$150.00 \$100.00 Each additional device \$100.00 \$25.00

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: January 6, 2015 Published: January 15, 2015 Effective: January 16, 2015 Matthew Miller City Clerk

Publish: 1/15/15

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On January 20, 2015 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Table listing vehicle auction details including year, make, model, VIN, and type.

***All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Publish: January 15 2015

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01-15-0002 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Rhaesa and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adoption of an amendment to Ordinance No. 656.00: Offenses.

01-15-0003 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adoption of the repeal of Chapter 656.06, 656.07 and 656.09.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 656 OFFENSES RELATING TO PERSONS AS FOLLOWS:

656.06 Repealed.

656.07 Repealed.

656.08 ASSAULT; ASSAULT AND BATTERY

(a) Assault No person shall offer to perform or willfully or intentionally perform an act that places another person in reasonable fear or apprehension of an imminent battery.

(b) Assault and Battery No person shall willfully or intentionally perform an act that places another person in reasonable fear or apprehension of an imminent battery or thereby willfully or intentionally touch another person in a harmful or offensive manner.

656.09 Repealed.

656.99 PENALTY

An individual who violates subsection 656.08 (a) or 656.08 (b) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500.00 fine and/or imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: January 6, 2015 Published: January 15, 2015 Effective: January 16, 2015

Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Northville home's renovation includes 'lot of neat little features'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When you buy a home, you may envision something different from what it starts out as.

"It was a small ranch," said Carrie Bake, an associate broker/owner at Bake Real Estate of Plymouth, referring to the near downtown Northville home at 540 Orchard Drive. "They went up and built two more stories. It still has some of the original elements, but it's modern from a functional standpoint. It's got a great location as well. A lot of neat little features."

The home is listed with Bake Real Estate at \$695,000 and is in the Northville Public Schools district. "It's actually in the city of Northville," said Bob Bake, Carrie's dad and also an associate broker/owner at the firm. "That's a very important component. Everybody wants that walkability."

The home had its garage torn down and a new one built to accommodate play space for the homeowners' two children. "It was built by Amish craftspeople that came from Ohio," Carrie Bake said of the renovation, undertaken by the owners in 2011 on the home originally built in 1954.

"They wanted something one of a kind," she said of the owners. "They decided to buy this ranch and make it their own."

The home has an open kitchen onto the family room, she added, as well as hardwood floors in the kitchen.

The Bakes work with her



The Orchard Drive home was extensively renovated from its small ranch origins.

husband, Patrick Wong, also an associate broker, and all three are Realtors. Wong and his wife live in Northville Township while Bob Bake, who grew up in Northville, now calls Plymouth home.

The homeowners built the home for their two children, she said. The wife is now a nurse and has a background in design, evidenced by the home's interior flourishes.

"There's just a lot of character built into the house," she said. Patrick Wong noted the resurgence of interest in architecture, including in Detroit. "I think there's a lot of that excitement catching on," Wong said.

The flier for 540 Orchard Drive says "Present Day Liv-

DETAILS

The home is at 540 Orchard Drive within walking distance to downtown Northville. It's listed at \$695,000 with Carrie Bake of Bake Real Estate, 908 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. The telephone is 734-453-8080, fax 734-468-0222. Information is online at www.bobbake.com or www.carriebake.com. Carrie Bake is at 734-788-2398, carrie@bobbake.com. The home's architect has a website, www.clemensarchitecture.com. Bake Real Estate is on Facebook and Carrie and husband/colleague Patrick Wong have a blog, patrickandcarrie.com, that features both real estate and lifestyle information focused on Plymouth/Northville.

ing with Vintage Charm." The home has 3,472 square feet of living space, Shaker-style cabinetry, covered front and rear porches, custom woodwork, reclaimed pillars, and a two and a half car garage with

a walk-up bonus room.

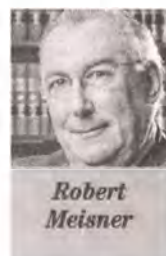
The first floor has an in-law suite. The home features four bedrooms, as well as three full and two half bathrooms.

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Trespass could be issue on property

Q: Our neighbor's house encroaches by a significant number of square feet on our lot and I am wondering if that is what the law calls "a trespass on a continuing basis"?

A: More than likely it is based on some case law that states that this is a continuing trespass for which an injunction could be issued and that the court has discretion to "weigh the equities in exceptional circumstances." The cases indicate that injunctive relief is not proper when it operates oppressively and inequitably against the encroaching party and the rights of the landowner can be adequately protected otherwise. However, in the type of case that you may have, there may not be exceptional circumstances and, depending on the amount of the square foot intrusion, it may not be deemed a minimus encroachment, and in the case that I am referring to, the developer's innocence in relying on the engineers site development plan did not outweigh the injustice of requiring compensation for the plaintiff and/or the transfer of title.



Robert Meisner

Q: An attorney friend told me that some of these developers who sell new condos have previously entered into confidentiality agreements in other developments where they got sued and settled. Can you elaborate on what he meant by that?

A: I presume what he meant by that is that developers have been sued by condo associations for construction defects and deficiencies and financial irregularities. When a settlement is reached, the parent developer as well as the single entity LLC that probably developed the condominium project want a release from the association of any and all claims and want the terms of the settlement kept confidential, even from the co-owners of the project. I think that is improper because purchasers of condos from these developers, working through single entity LLC's, will never know about the quality of construction that has occurred, particularly, when the same type units are constructed in a new project. You are best to consult with an attorney who has knowledge of the litigation history of the developer in the Metro Detroit area.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 18-22, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

18831 Hillcrest St \$348,000
31745 Sheridan Dr \$307,000
31813 Sheridan Dr \$283,000
19100 Warwick St \$460,000

BINGHAM FARMS

29900 Bristol Ln \$584,000
30705 Timberbrook Ln \$388,000
30825 Timberbrook Ln \$325,000

BIRMINGHAM

1508 Cole St \$220,000
1875 Haynes St \$244,000
1435 Hazel St \$285,000
1699 Maryland Blvd \$769,000
1889 Pine St \$555,000
1935 Raynale St \$545,000
556 Ridgedale Ave \$918,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 801 \$325,000
1791 Villa Rd \$223,000
682 W Frank St \$330,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1941 Pine Ridge Ct \$287,000
2097 Eagle Pointe \$213,000
2554 Essex Ln \$292,000
4700 Heather Ln \$380,000
2235 Hunt Club Dr \$386,000
1975 Klingensmith Rd Unit 28 \$81,000
33 Lone Pine Rd \$1,825,000
3140 Woodcreek Way \$695,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1457 Club Dr \$850,000
858 Dowling Rd \$412,000
2104 Eagle Pointe \$215,000
3034 High Pointe Ct \$275,000
1433 Lochridge Rd \$1,325,000
5750 Monterey Ct \$275,000

4115 Orchard Way \$325,000
1575 Oxford Rd \$640,000
6633 Spruce Dr \$365,000
6350 Telegraph Rd # 5 \$72,000
495 Tilbury Rd \$1,025,000
4043 W Maple Rd # D101 \$103,000
5311 Woodview Dr \$410,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

2943 Barbwood Ct \$590,000
8639 Buffalo Dr \$186,000
1736 Huron Springs Ln \$285,000
1966 Jason Ct \$273,000
5062 Juniper Dr \$269,000
5644 Strawberry Cir \$474,000
1529 Trace Hollow Dr \$320,000
4904 Triwood Dr \$250,000
6095 Venice Dr \$255,000
5080 Wavewood Dr \$400,000

FARMINGTON

22528 Floral St \$132,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

21429 Archwood Cir \$165,000
31902 Bella Vista Dr \$195,000
36528 Bingham Ct \$120,000
35112 Bunker Hill Dr \$238,000
38840 Country Cir \$131,000
28839 Creek Bend Dr \$278,000
28132 Gettysburg St \$256,000
31181 Harmony Ln \$70,000
35115 Hillside Dr \$180,000
27409 Hystone Dr \$160,000
35204 Knollwood Ln \$175,000
37685 Lancaster Dr \$290,000
25522 Livingston Cir \$297,000
32019 N Marklawn St \$136,000
30975 Pointe Of Woods Dr # 187 \$101,000
25543 Ranchwood Dr \$341,000
27812 Shiawassee Rd \$134,000
29451 Stockton Ave \$200,000
38365 Windsor \$149,000

FRANKLIN

30325 Woodside Dr \$452,000

HIGHLAND

2060 Addaleen Rd \$270,000

4570 Chevron Dr \$420,000
2881 Cloverdale \$136,000
3541 Harvey Lake Rd \$150,000
1339 Kingsway Dr \$210,000
1710 La Salle Blvd \$130,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

19252 Rainbow Dr \$258,000
18463 San Jose Blvd \$210,000

MILFORD

1034 Bird Song Ln \$192,000
1541 Murray Ct \$328,000
272 River Oaks Dr \$315,000
480 River Oaks Dr \$261,000
189 Shelley Dr \$157,000
835 Squire Ln \$163,000
228 W Lafayette St \$156,000
160 Water St \$330,000
1314 Yellowstone Valley Dr \$297,000

NORTHVILLE

21542 Beauford Ct \$275,000
21442 Beauford Ln \$342,000
21114 Boulder Cir \$170,000
21920 Cumberland Dr \$305,000
21349 E Glen Haven Cir \$97,000
22232 Lujon Dr \$92,000
21025 W Glen Haven Cir \$102,000

NOVI

25471 Abbey Dr \$415,000
43461 Algonquin Dr \$234,000
45578 Bristol Cir \$413,000
30861 Centennial Dr \$195,000
22359 Chelsea Ln \$190,000
25841 Cheyenne Dr \$540,000
42977 Clay Ct \$270,000
24606 Enchanted Dr \$230,000
27487 Harrington Way \$346,000
40546 Heatherbrook \$230,000
41750 Independence Dr \$153,000
51348 Knightsbridge Blvd \$365,000
51133 Mayfair Ter \$369,000
22438 Moorgate St \$422,000
25811 Mulberry Ln \$407,000
23627 N Rockledge \$108,000
41303 Scarborough Ln \$475,000

39434 Squire Rd \$315,000
46700 W Nine Mile Rd \$550,000
42589 Wimbleson Way \$315,000

SOUTH LYON

22109 Brookfield Ct \$260,000
1092 Colt Dr \$275,000
1153 Gentry Dr \$451,000
23974 Meadowcreek Cir E \$431,000
1127 Paddock Dr \$224,000
24674 Padstone Dr \$188,000
59078 Peters Barn Dr \$340,000
25186 Virginia Ln \$415,000
440 W McHattie St # 450 \$130,000

SOUTHFIELD

20023 Boardwalk Blvd \$119,000
29475 Briarbank Ct \$188,000
21771 Frazer Ave \$53,000
22250 Greenwood Rd \$160,000
19239 Greenwald Dr \$172,000
19975 Magnolia Pkwy \$74,000
19975 Magnolia Pkwy \$170,000
30075 Northgate Dr \$166,000
25200 Parsons Dr \$167,000
28031 Red Leaf Ln \$96,000
29401 Sharon Ln \$180,000
22820 Twyckingham Way \$185,000
21245 Virginia St \$183,000
19729 W Nine Mile Rd \$104,000
20515 Westhampton Ave \$65,000

WHITE LAKE

1200 Applewood Dr \$170,000
9339 Brackson Blvd \$139,000
9003 Cooley Lake Rd \$369,000
8205 Eastway Dr \$305,000
9605 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$115,000
9001 Haymarket St \$270,000
255 Horizon Rd \$160,000
9345 Mandon Rd \$245,000
465 Rosario Ln \$274,000
9235 Steephollow Ct \$260,000
9687 Steephollow Dr \$513,000
8013 Trenton Dr \$368,000
8745 Williamsport Dr \$255,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 8-12, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

43471 Abbey Cir \$273,000
778 Burlington Rd \$150,000
7091 Copper Creek Cir \$183,000
379 Country Club Ln \$374,000
1720 Delancy Cir \$485,000
47625 Fox Ct \$341,000
50090 Hancock St \$167,000
1053 Holbrooke Dr \$405,000
45739 Holmes Dr \$210,000
43704 Laurelwood Dr \$145,000
42825 Lilley Pointe Dr \$87,000
1243 N Cavalier Rd \$215,000
43807 Oakbrook Rd \$234,000
51146 Upland View St \$50,000
47901 Vistas Circle Dr \$300,000
1781 Wentworth Dr \$245,000

GARDEN CITY

1013 Arcola St \$30,000
33150 Brown St \$31,000
29659 Cambridge St \$117,000
28991 Leona St \$120,000
29735 Sheridan St \$75,000

LIVONIA

14207 Alexander St \$139,000
14394 Alexander St \$123,000
11311 Arden St \$146,000
18543 Bainbridge Ave \$320,000
14430 Barbara St \$163,000
14048 Blackburn St \$224,000
33084 Broadmoor Ct \$251,000
11315 E Clements Cir \$104,000
9241 Gillman St \$128,000
9241 Gillman St \$128,000
18614 Hillcrest St \$128,000
9123 Idaho St \$160,000
36556 Kingsbury St \$165,000
9043 Laurel St \$127,000
29856 Linda St \$213,000
15614 Liverpool St \$229,000
9908 Mayfield St \$99,000
33553 Nancy St \$135,000
34705 Navin Ave \$276,000
37600 Northland St \$345,000
19695 Norwich Rd \$200,000
9871 Oporto St \$82,000
20102 Pollyanna Dr \$315,000
16617 Riverside St \$208,000
29146 Roycroft St \$197,000
15969 Stamford St \$165,000
36678 Whitcomb St \$260,000
14417 Yale St \$163,000

NORTHVILLE

17526 Briar Ridge Ln \$759,000
50745 Briar Ridge Ln \$733,000
15725 Johnson Creek Dr \$536,000

16784 Lyonhurst Cir \$417,000
39481 Springwater Dr \$202,000
43100 Steepleview St \$334,000
39485 Village Run Dr \$325,000
16419 Westminister Dr \$422,000

PLYMOUTH

50473 Beechwood Ct \$193,000
10656 Chestnut Ct \$197,000
49707 Cooke Ave \$350,000
11952 Deer Creek Cir \$425,000
11221 Maple Ridge Dr \$680,000
47188 Marisa Ct \$605,000
9901 N Canton Center Rd \$307,000
9245 Northampton Dr \$545,000
14980 Robinwood Dr \$242,000
1472 W Ann Arbor Trl \$380,000

REDFORD

14054 Brook Dr \$172,000
14158 Brook Dr \$190,000
14234 Brook Dr \$152,000
14242 Brook Dr \$189,000
14256 Brook Dr \$150,000
25954 Cathedral \$95,000
17373 Denby \$94,000
18812 Glenmore \$70,000
19171 Indian \$18,000
26931 Lyndon \$256,000
14290 Marshall Dr \$175,000
14011 Minock Dr \$100,000
13201 Sioux \$62,000
26305 W Seven Mile Rd \$21,000
15848 Wakenden \$31,000

17706 Wakenden \$56,000

WAYNE

35404 Elm St \$78,000
34030 Glover St \$45,000
37156 Thinbark St \$100,000

WESTLAND

31628 Ann Arbor Trl \$75,000
397 Brookfield Dr \$207,000
413 Brookfield Dr \$197,000
8594 Cardwell St \$130,000
744 Darwin St \$101,000
7447 Deering St \$53,000
2120 Emerson St \$30,000
31606 Fairchild St \$92,000
526 Filbert St \$97,000
2206 Freeman St \$95,000
35336 Glen St \$113,000
31225 Hivley St \$100,000
38312 Hixford Pl \$78,000
39213 Huron Pkwy \$193,000
39230 Huron Pkwy \$202,000
244 N Byfield St \$106,000
6831 N Wildwood St \$127,000
1642 S Berry St \$107,000
5180 S Middlebelt Rd \$47,000
737 Summerfield Dr \$205,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	3.625	0	2.875	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.875	0	3.25	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	3.75	0	3.125	0
Gold Star Mortgage	3446	(888) 293-3477	3.625	0	2.875	0
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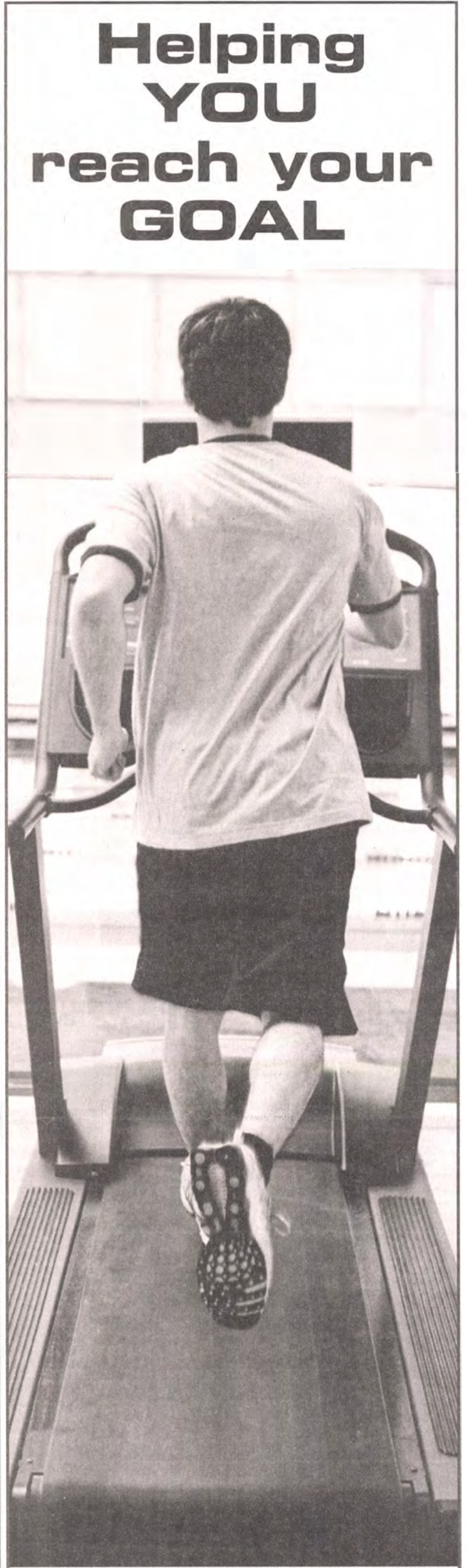
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extra clean! \$17,995

GMC YUKON 2011
4WD, 4 Dr., 1500 SLT,
Leather, Pwr. Sunroof, 3rd
Row Seat. \$31,995

GMC YUKON 2012
4wd, 4 dr., 1500 SLT, leather,
heated seats, nav. system,
power sunroof. \$31,995

JEEP 11' GRAND
CHEROKEE Laredo,
4x4, luxury SUV, 16.4
k mi., Great cond.,
transferable warr., Nav., leather
heated seats & sunr., tow
pkg. \$29,950 248-554-4212

JEEP LIBERTY 2012
4x4, 4WD, 4dr Spt, 1 owner,
40,000 miles \$17,000

MERCURY MARINER 2010
MP3 compatible, steering
wheel controls, power sunroof.
\$13,488

CHEVY AVALANCHE 2011
4WD, LTZ, leather, back-up
camera, remote ignition.
\$15,995

SCION IC 2009
2 dr. hatchback, power sun-
roof, 1 owner. \$15,000

BUICK VERANO 2014
1778 miles, rear camera, crum-
ple zones, steering wheel cont.
\$18,995

BUICK VERANO 2014
Driver info system, Bluetooth,
rear view monitor in dash -
lots more! \$18,995

LACROSSE 2010
CXL, 3.0, FWD, leather, heat-
ed seats, ABS. \$18,000

LACROSSE 2012
FWD, Premium 3, Leather,
heated seats, power sunroof
\$22,995

REGAL CXL 2011
CXL R1 Russelsheim, 48K, 3rd
row seat, 1 owner. \$13,000

CRUZE 2011
LTZ! Leather, full power.
Spotless! \$13,988

IMPALA LT 2011
30K, 1 owner, leather, heated
seats, power sunroof. \$14,000

MALIBU 1LT 2011
36,000 Miles, Imperial Blue,
Auto, Just In! \$12,995

BUICK ENCLAVE
PREMIUM 2012
FWD, leather, heated seats,
Nav. System. \$28,000

TOYOTA HIGHLANDER
2009 - 4wd, 4dr, V6, Ltd
Heated front seats \$21,000

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leather, ABS, \$13,995

Chevrolet

MALIBU 2014
1LT, 22K miles, 1 owner, load-
ed. Just like new except the
price! \$21,000

CHRYSLER-Plymouth

CAMARO SS 2013
RWD, Black, rear spoiler,
28K miles. \$26,988

CHRYSLER 200 LTD 2012
FWD, heated seats, remote
start \$15,988

TOWN & COUNTRY 2010
4 dr. wagon Touring, 4 wheel
ABS, Solar glass, 1 year FREE
maintenance (limited time of-
fer). \$13,000

FOCUS 2012 SEL
FWD, Lot of options,
20,000 miles. \$14,988

FOCUS SES 2010
FWD, ABS, 1 owner
Ford Certified. \$12,488

FORD 2011 FLEX-SEL
FWD, fully loaded, lthr. all pwr,
new tires & brakes, man-
ufacturer trailer package.
\$14,900. 248-320-5116

FUESTA TITANIUM 2014
18K miles, FWD, heated seats,
leather, steering wheel control.
\$17,988

FUSION 2010
Sport pkg., FWD, leather, Ford
SYNC, traction control.
\$15,988

FUSION HYBRID BASE 2011
FWD, steering wheel controls,
one owner. \$15,988

MUSTANG 2008
GT Premium RWD, Torch Red
Only 15K miles! \$17,988

MUSTANG GT PREMIUM
2011
RWD, Coupe, leather,
29K miles. \$22,988

TAURUS SEL 2012
FWD, ABS, V6, security
system \$20,988

GMC TERRAIN 2011
FWD, 4 dr, SLE-1, ABS
Privacy Glass, \$15,000

KIA RIO 2013
4 dr sedan, auto EX,
ABS, traction control
\$12,995

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ABS, traction control
\$12,995

LEXUS ES 350 2008
4 dr., Sedan, Leather, Heated
Seats, Loaded! \$17,000

Lincoln

MKZ 2012
FWD, leather heated seats,
loads of techno-goodies!
\$19,888

Mazda

MAZDA CX-7 2011
1 Spt, FWD, ABS,
Privacy glass. \$14,988

PONTIAC G6 GT 2007
Convertible, FWD, Premium
Sound System, \$10,988.

Pontiac

PONTIAC G6 GT 2009
White, Low Miles, 1 Owner,
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Challenging fun for ALL ages
Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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Mongolia is
9 Ballpoint point
12 Ricelike pasta
13 Nessie's
hideout
14 Summer
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15 Close
16 Friendly
18 Tinned fish
20 Lets fly
21 Subway
relatives
22 — choy
23 Almost chilly
26 Mundane
30 Grog
ingredient
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Wolfgang
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(2 wds.)
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38 Pony up
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Passages

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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.

ADELMAN, JEFFREY DANIEL Age 48, died in Los Angeles on January 10th. Born June 24, 1966, he lived Ann Arbor, Birmingham, and Washington, DC, before making Santa Monica, CA his home. Jeffrey was General Counsel and Secretary of j2 Global, an LA communications company. Prior to joining j2 in 2000, Jeffrey practiced law with Miller Canfield in Detroit. Jeffrey attended the University of Michigan law school and was a member of the State Bars of California and Michigan. Jeffrey is survived by his wife, Juli, his sons, Samuel (8) and Benjamin (6), his parents, Judith and Joel, his siblings, Elizabeth, Laurel, and Michael (Deirdre), along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to Jeffrey's funeral in LA on January 13th, a memorial service will be held for Jeffrey on February 1st, at 1:00 pm at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. Memorial contributions can be made to The Santa Monica Synagogue, 1448 18th St, Santa Monica, CA 90404 or to the charity of your choice.

MIHALIK, DONALD Age 85, January 8, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Anna Mae. Dear father of Sharon (Mike) Wolverson, Anita, Kathy (Bob) Cuccaro and the late Diane Frost. Grandfather of Alex, Randy, Scott (Kristie), Steven, Rachel, David, Sara, Brian, Nicole, Ashly, Dylan and the late Ian. Great grandfather of Andrew, Natalie, Dean, Brianna and Owen. Memorial visitation Saturday 2pm followed by the 4pm Memorial Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



READING, HELEN L. Age 85, January 11, 2015. Beloved wife of the late James Reading. Loving mother of James Curtis (Mary) Reading and Deborah Louise (Michael) Ewald. Dear grandmother of Jason, Laurie, Douglas, Kyle, Tyler and Justin. Great grandmother of Andrew, Benjamin, Joshua and Isabel. Sister of Dorothy Stevenson. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday at 11 a.m. Visitation Thursday from 2 - 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice. Please share a memory at www.rgharris.com.



BAUMKEL, KENT B. (nee Buesser) Age 60, tragically passed away from a sudden heart attack on Sunday, January 4, 2015. Kent was raised in Detroit's Lafayette Park along with her younger twin brothers, Tony and Andy, by her parents Carolyn Pickle and Anthony C Buesser. She attended Chrysler Elementary, Liggett and Cass Technical High Schools from which she graduated in 1973. Later in life she earned a Bachelor of Arts with distinction in Psychology from the University of Michigan. In 1978 she married Jan A. Baumkel and later moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan with him where they set up and ran an alternative family medicine practice together. Kent's pioneering work with the Ann Arbor mayors task force on increasing safety for women along with her undying commitment to crisis counseling and survivor advocacy helped change the lives of many. Selfless and affectionate, Kent put her energetic compassion into action and helped everyone with whom she shared these gifts. She is survived by her mother, Carolyn Pickle, stepfather Bill Bacon, father Tony Buesser Sr., stepmother Dolores Buesser and her remaining brother Andy Buesser, along with numerous other cousins and relatives. Cremation has taken place and because of her sudden farewell to us all and her deep love of gardening we will schedule a memorial celebration of her life for this coming spring or summer. Details will be posted on this website at a later date please check back in March. Charitable contributions in her memory may be made to a tribute fund for women's studies at the University of Michigan, which will be found online in the next few days at: Leadersandbest@umich.edu To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



ZANDER, DONALD CHARLES 85, died on Monday, January 5 at home with his family. He was born July 11, 1929 in the Plymouth area to Clara and Carl Zander. He served in the U.S. Navy and returned in 1950 to marry Jean Kellems. He worked at Fishers Shoes in Plymouth and they raised three children, Deborah, Michael, and Donna. They lived in Plymouth until 1973, then moved to Albion as owners of Cartwright Shoes. He was an active leader in the Plymouth and Albion Elks Clubs for over 50 years and an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Jean; daughter Deborah McLaughlin, Highland; son Michael (Kathy) Zander, White Pigeon; and daughter Donna (Valdemar) Gonzalez, Albion. His grandchildren include Melissa (Craig), Ramon, Matthew, Lisa, Martin, and Marc; and three great-grandchildren, Kailey, Brianna and Leo. He leaves two sisters, Mary (Mike) Parker and Carol (Joe) Turner; and many loving nieces and nephews. He joins his parents, sister Avis (Charlie) Truax, and brother Robert, along with all family and friends who have gone before. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 17 at the Albion Elks Lodge, S. Superior, Albion, MI, 49224. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Albion Elks Handicapped Childrens Fund.



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

FONTANESI, JOHN January 2, 1926, John passed into joy and peace on January 11, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Maryann. He was loved by his four children, John Martin (Jennifer), JoAnne Darr (Charles), Jim (Lisa), and Joe (Susan); to whom he taught many life lessons, most important to be kind to everyone. He was blessed with 17 grandchildren, in whom he took immense pride. He is also survived by his sister, Angelina Caratelli, and many nieces and nephews. He served in the Marine Corp 1944-46 and he was the founder of Fontanesi and Kahn. He is now with his father, Celso, mother, Irma, brother, Viafro, and sister, Calide. He was a devout Catholic who knew how important faith is at times like this. He will be missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Radiation Therapy or Alzheimer's Disease Fund in care of the Beaumont Foundation.

Livonia church offers group wedding, commitment ceremonies

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Unity of Livonia will marry couples for free in a group ceremony on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 at the church.

"I think the timing had something to do with it," said the Rev. Eileen Patra, pointing out that Valentine's Day is on a Saturday this year. "And we wanted to reach out and do something where we were giving to the community."

The church will offer a complimentary wedding ceremony at 12:30 p.m. and commitment ceremony at 10 a.m.

Couples must pre-register, and those participating in the wedding ceremony must deliver their license to the church no later than Wednesday, Feb. 11.

It's the first time that Patra has offered the group ceremonies.

"I remember talking to another minister in the Chicago area and he



mentioned doing it and I thought, Oh, what a cool thing to do. There were a few other Unity churches have have done it. Since it's on Valentine's Day, it's the perfect day," she said.

"I think the appeal is to people who are going to do something small anyway. The fact that it's

complimentary can be appealing. And I think there's also some appeal of being part of a group."

She expects to cap the maximum number of couples at 10 for each group ceremony, leaving room for witnesses and a few guests.

Patra has no other weddings set for Feb. 14,

although she reserved some church time in the evening, just in case she receives a request.

"We also get calls from people who want to get married on a Wednesday in the minister's office," she added.

Patra was married at Southgate City Hall, followed by a reception "around the campfire" in Brighton.

"I was a flower child," she said, adding that she wore a flowered dress and big, floppy hat to her wedding. A handful of family members witnessed the ceremony. The reception was larger, with attendees camping together.

Couples interested in the group wedding or commitment ceremony, may call Unity of Livonia from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, at 734-421-1760. Unity of Livonia is located at 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22

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

Details: Parishioner Gary Michuta will begin a study of "The Road to Revelation," with initial focus on the Book of Daniel and three other Old Testament prophets. The free classes will meet the second and fourth Thursday through May. Open to all, regardless of religious denomination and Bible knowledge

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. doors open; 8 p.m. show starts, Friday, Jan. 16

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Details: Blackthorn performs; \$100 for a table of eight, \$125 for a table of 10, or \$15 per ticket

Contact: 734-464-1222, 734-464-2020 or email Colleen at cmsiaic@stedith.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: Mitch and Jesse Manns perform with Dean Rutledge. Mitch Manns has performed with bluegrass, oldie and country bands and Jesse Manns developed his personal guitar style after listening to Chet Atkins, Hank Garland and Jeff Back. Rutledge, a 40-year veteran of the Detroit folk scene, has worked as a soloist and as a member of the New Christy Minstrels. Tickets are \$10 per person

Contact: 734-427-2290

HYMN SINGING

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24

Location: Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, 3600 Telegraph, north of Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: An hour of singing traditional hymns, with Nancee Shelton and Elizabeth Wolfe, pianists, Al Yungton, music

coordinator, and Rick Helderop, organist. Coffee fellowship follows.

Contact: 248-647-3851

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Time/Date: 6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, at Maplewood, Garden City

Details: New midweek service includes music, scripture, prayer, and a message based on Scripture

Contact: 734-421-8628

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25

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

Details: Take a student-led tour of this K-8 parochial school, meet staff members, and other parents and students. St. Michael offers half- or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum which includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish. It is a Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools accredited School of Distinction

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 226; livoniastmichael.org

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26

Location: St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan, between Palmer and Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: Take a guided tour of the school and meet with teachers. St. Michael is accredited by Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools and National Lutheran School Accreditation. The preschool-eighth grade parochial school is celebrating its 32nd school year. It offers morning and afternoon licensed latchkey and bus service for residents in the Wayne-Westland School district

Contact: 734-728-3315; stmichaellutheran.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth Township

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men and women to celebrate Mass. Refreshments and a meeting will follow

Contact: Geri at 734-259-5024 or Pat at 734-895-6246

WORLD SABBATH

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Jan. 25

Location: Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Far-

mington Hills

Details: Celebrate peace and religious diversity through this interfaith experience of music, dance and prayer. Afterglow follows the service

Contact: 248-851-5100

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, Westland

Details: Concordia Lutheran School's annual auction, Disney Dreams, will include appetizer, dinner, dessert, and beverages. Tickets are \$30 per table or \$270 per table of 10. Buy them at either campus, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, 248-474-2488; or 9600 Leverage, Redford, 313-937-2233. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Feb. 9

Contact: Raeann Kusch at 734-432-7777

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22-June 7

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This nondenominational program features Christ-centered Bible-based teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes videos that feature grief experts and real-life stories of grieving individuals; support group discussion; and work-based personal study and reflection. Registration fee is \$15, which includes the workbook and other materials

Contact: the Rev. Roger Wright at 313-682-7491; griefshare.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25-March 25

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

Details: Grieving with Great Hope workshop is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, presents the five-week series

Contact: goodmourningministry.net or St. Michael's at 734-261-1455

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 1

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Open house for preschool through grade eight

Contact: 734-425-4420

WEDDING, COMMITMENT CEREMONIES

Time/Date: 10 a.m. commitment ceremony; 12:30 p.m. wedding, Feb. 14

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The church offers a complimentary group wedding and group commitment ceremony on Valentine's Day. Couples must pre-register, and those participating in the wedding ceremony must deliver their license to the church no later than Wednesday, Feb. 11

Contact: 734-421-1760

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 Shulenberg 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 Hills

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 kindergartners

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

Your Invitation to Worship

Advertisement for churches and assemblies including Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, Ward Church, St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, and Assemblies of God. Includes contact information and service times.

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-926-2219 or e-mail: ssare@michigan.com

Dogs to test rat-hunting skills in new event at Michigan Winter Dog Classic

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Eric Madsen and his dog, Shirley, love rats.

Shirley loves to find them, and Madsen loves to cheer her on — even help guide her search.

The Canton man and his four-pawed companion, an Australian shepherd, are top competitors in barn hunt, a relatively new canine sport in which dogs uncover live rats encased in protective tubes from stacked hay bales.

"I remember the first day we gathered around and they brought the cage," said Madsen, recounting Shirley's initial training session. "When Shirley saw the rat inside, it was love at first sight. She is passionate about rats. Absolutely passionate."

Since achieving her first title in March last year, Shirley has soared in the sport and is the top titled dog in the country. She and Eric became the first barn hunt team to earn champion RatchX-2 and X-3 level titles last year. They are the only competitors to reach the RatchX-4 level. They'll work toward their next champion title at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 15-18, at Suburban Collection Showplace, 461000 Grand River Ave., Novi.

The annual dog show, presented by the Oakland County Kennel Club and Livonia Kennel Club, brings together more than 7,000 dogs and their owners for conformation, agility, rally, obedience and weight-pull competitions. The event also includes breed seminars, educational demonstrations, duck herding shows, vendors and rescue groups. New competitions this year are diving and barn hunt.

Follow your nose

Betsy Bernock, who owns Great American Dogs, a dog training center in Garden City, holds barn hunt classes and events throughout the year, in addition to teaching agility, conformation, rally, obedience and nose work. She is coordinating the barn hunt trials at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, where more than 700 dogs will participate in the four-day competition.

Any breed or size dog may compete in barn hunt. Bernock owns Labrador retrievers who enjoy the hunt.

"If they are interested in the scent of a rat, that's all it takes," she said. "When the dog gets into the ring, the basic requirement is three-fold. They have to go through a tunnel made out of straw bales. They have to jump on and off of straw bales. The pyramids of straw bales are designed by judges to allow for (rat) hiding locations."

Tunnels and straw bale pyramids become more complex as competitors advance through titles. When the dog finds a rat, he signals his owner, who in turn alerts the judges. If the tube is empty or contains only rat bedding, rather than a live rat, the run ends. If the dog finds a live rat, he can continue to look for more.

Pet rats

"It's fun to watch. Some dogs will dig in the spot. Some bark at it. Some sit and say,



Shirley leaps over a straw bale in search of a rat.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Eric Madsen and his Australian shepherd, Shirley, are the top titled barn hunt team in the U.S.



Eric Madsen and his dog, Shirley, work together as a team during a barn hunt trial.

MICHIGAN WINTER DOG CLASSIC

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 16-18

Where: The Suburban Collection Showplace, 461000 Grand River Ave., Novi

Details: Sponsored by the Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club, the event will bring more than 7,000 dogs together for conformation, agility, rally, obedience, diving, barn hunt and other competitions. The show also will include vendors, educational demonstrations, breed seminars, duck herding, and rescue organizations. Visitors may bring their dogs to the show for the "My Dog Can Do That!" program, 1-5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. A professional trainer will introduce them to the agility course. Dogs must be at least 6 months old and have proof of rabies shots. Guests also can test their dogs' manners at the AKC Canine Good Citizen test

Admission: \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 7-12; and free for children, 6 and under. Family admission for two adults and two children is \$35

Contact: themichiganwinterdogclassic.com

"there is is." The rats are hidden in pvc tubes (with litter) for comfort and management," she said. "No harm is intended for the rats and there are strict rat management rules.

"You would have never convinced me that someday I would have pet rats. But I have pet rats at home."

Bernock rescued four female rats that were offered on Internet postings as snake food, and named them Thelma, Louise, Cupcake and Snowflake.

"They have a great life and home," said Bernock, who keeps her dogs away from the rats' housing. "During the trials we give them plenty of litter and treats. They are conditioned to it."

Madsen, who owns his own consulting firm, doesn't keep rats because he and Shirley are on the road a lot. They practice at Zodiac Ranch in Milford, which offers barn hunt training, practice and trials.

"She ping pongs around the course. I try to remember

where she hasn't been and then work as a team and send her to those places," he explained his role in the game.

He's having more fun with barn hunt, than he had as a handler in other canine sports. He and Shirley tried herding, but Shirley was "too powerful" and he was slow to signal her. They tried teibbal, another herding sport that uses balls rather than sheep. He also trained Shirley as a therapy dog and the pair worked in hospitals together.

He was at a treibball training class in Wisconsin when he

first heard about barn hunt.

"Barn hunt is the only sport I know of where the training is more fun than the games," Madsen said. When the pair visits Zodiac Ranch, Shirley hunts rats "for 20 minutes straight." The competitive trials are timed and dogs must complete their hunt in under 4 1/2 minutes.

"Once we got to the championship level, there is no formal training. We're just out there to have fun. If it weren't for my ego, we'd just practice. She doesn't care if she gets ribbons or not. She just wants rats."



Shirley searches for rats.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

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

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Wild Winter Weekend: Arts and crafts, live performances, ice carving, with enrichment and zookeeper talks about the zoo's arctic animals, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 17-18. Free with zoo admission

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday,

through Jan. 31

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Between Landscape and Place" is a solo show by painter John Dempsey

Contact: 248-344-0497

AUDITIONS

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Open auditions for Disney's *Mary Poppins - The Broadway Musical*, for grades one-12 and adults. Participants should bring a recent photo to auditions. All other materials will be supplied. The play will be performed in April and May

Contact: 248-473-1856; fhgov.com/YouthTheatre

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: Registration at 11 a.m.,

auditions at noon, Sunday, Jan. 18

Location: The Farmington Players Barn, 32332 We. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, which will be staged in late April and early May. All who audition for leads will sing solos that can be found at farmingtonplayers.org. A pianist will be used.

Contact: farmingtonplayers.org

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Sean Kent. Tickets are \$12 for show only or \$25 for show and a dinner on Thursday; \$20 for show or \$32 for show and dinner, Friday-Sunday

Open mic: Each comedian gets five minutes of stage time. Open mic begins at 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Call the box

office Tuesday through Thursday, to get on the performer list

Contact: 734-261-0555; catchthefunny.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 15-16; and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Norm Stulz; tickets \$10 Thursday, \$18 Friday-Saturday

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

DANCE

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31

Location: Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696, in Farmington Hills

Details: "A Winter Fairy Tale," features excerpts from *Sleeping Beauty*. The

program will also include the debut performance of *Etirole sur Paris*, choreographed by Renee Rodriguez Mueller, especially for the Michigan Classic Ballet dancers. Order advance tickets, \$20 each, by phone, online at michiganclassicballet.org, by mail at 5526 Drake, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25

Contact: 248-682-2284

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 and 22; 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *St. Vincent*; admission \$3

Coming up: *The Theory of Everything*, 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29

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

MAKE YOUR WINTER PARTY



If you're trying to shed a few pounds this winter, but love to entertain, make sure to keep treats on hand that are gentle on the waist and wallet. Sweet, spicy, salty or with an Asian twist — any way you pop it — popcorn is a satisfying snack suitable for every chilly weather occasion.

Whether you're hosting a game-day party or simply enjoying a family movie night, popcorn's wholesome taste can take on a variety of flavors to please every guest. Plus, popcorn snacks are healthy and whole grain, which means they're a more nutritious alternative to traditional party nibbles and noshes.

Cuddle up to these recipes and more by visiting www.popcorn.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

COCONUT-GINGER POPCORN TRUFFLES

Yield: 3 dozen truffles

5 cups air-popped popcorn
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 tablespoon coconut oil or butter
½ cup shredded coconut
3 tablespoons candied ginger, minced
Cooking spray
4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
1 teaspoon coconut oil or butter

Place popcorn in large bowl. Place marshmallows and 1 tablespoon coconut oil or butter

in medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir until melted; remove from heat. Stir in shredded coconut and candied ginger. Mix well. Spray hands with cooking spray, then scoop up 1 tablespoon of popcorn mixture. Roll mixture with hands to form ball. Place ball on baking sheet lined with parchment paper or foil. Repeat to make 36 balls. Place chocolate in small, microwave safe bowl. Heat in

microwave on high for one minute, until melted. If not completely melted, microwave for another 15 seconds and stir again. Stir 1 teaspoon coconut oil into melted chocolate. Place chocolate in zipper-style plastic bag and seal. Snip off tiny corner of bag. Pipe chocolate on popcorn balls in decorative pattern. Garnish with extra shredded coconut and extra minced candied ginger, if desired.



SWEET AND SALTY POPCORN PARTY MIX

Yield: 14 cups

10 cups popped popcorn
2 cups miniature pretzel twists (or another small pretzel shape)
1 cup pecans
1 cup peanuts
2 cups rice, wheat or corn cereal squares
½ cup butter (1 stick)
½ cup packed brown sugar
¼ cup corn syrup
½ teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 300°F. Place popcorn, pretzels, pecans, peanuts and cereal in very large bowl; set aside.

Heat butter, brown sugar and corn syrup in medium saucepan. Stir mixture over medium heat until it begins to boil. Boil 3 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda (mixture will foam).

Pour syrup over popcorn mixture in bowl and stir until evenly coated. Pour mixture onto large, rimmed baking sheet or roasting pan. Bake 30 minutes, stirring twice during baking time. Stir mixture a few times as it cools on baking sheet. Store in airtight container.



ASIAN POPCORN MEDLEY

Yield: 8 cups

6 cups popped popcorn
2 cups Oriental rice cracker mix
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 tablespoon soy sauce
½–1 teaspoon ground ginger (may vary to taste)
¼–½ teaspoon sesame oil (may vary to taste)

Preheat oven to 300°F. Mix popcorn and rice cracker mix together in large bowl. In small microwave-safe bowl, microwave butter on high until melted, about 20 seconds. Stir in soy sauce, ginger and oil. Drizzle over popcorn mixture; toss. Spread mixture on baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes, stirring once. Allow to cool, serve or store in airtight container.



CINNAMON CHOCOLATE POPCORN

Yield: 3 quarts

3 quarts popped popcorn
Butter-flavored cooking spray
9 tablespoons powdered cocoa mix (cocoa sweetened with sugar or sugar substitute)
3 teaspoons cinnamon

Put popcorn in large bowl and lightly spray with cooking spray. Sprinkle cocoa mix and cinnamon on popcorn. Toss to coat evenly. Spray and toss again until mixture is well coated. Serve immediately.



BLAZING BUFFALO RANCH POPCORN

Yield: 6 quarts, plus leftover seasoning mix

1 tablespoon ranch dressing or dip mix (from 1-ounce package)
1 tablespoon seafood spice mix (or celery salt)
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon powdered sugar (or sugar)
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
¼ teaspoon vegetable oil
6 quarts popped popcorn
Cooking spray, optional

In small bowl, blend ranch dressing mix, spice mix, garlic powder, powdered sugar and cayenne pepper. Sprinkle with vegetable oil and blend until well incorporated. Place popcorn in serving bowl and spray lightly with cooking spray. Sprinkle seasoning mix over popcorn to taste and toss. Store leftover seasoning mix in airtight container for future use.