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Wild won't renew economic development, parks appointments

Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

Westland's economic development and parks and recreation departments are both in line for new leadership following a shakeup in Mayor Bill Wild's administration.

Economic development director Lori Fodale and parks and recreation director Jessica Mistak have been informed their appointments will not be renewed

after they expire Dec. 31.

Wild wouldn't comment specifically about the reasons, other than to say the city is plotting a change in course.

"Going into the new year, we're looking at going in a different direction with economic development," Wild said. "We're going to use this opportunity to take a look at



Wild



Mistak

how we can improve."

The parks and recreation department oversees more than three dozen parks in Wayne-Westland, along with facilities like the Modano Ice Arena, the Concrete Jungle skate park, the H2O spray park and the farmers market.

Mistak was appointed the depart-

ment director in January.

The economic development director deals with a department that covers the state's 10th-largest city, some 20.42 square miles. Median income, according to statistics on the city's website, is \$45,496, with a median family income of \$55,323.

Total employment in the city is about 48,350, with an annual unemployment

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ART FORM

Coloring's not just for kids at Westland library

Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Adults who enjoy coloring were out in full force Monday evening at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

Liz Waun, adult librarian, said this was a first-time program for the library on Central City Parkway.

"Mainly because it seems to be a really popular trend that people have taken up. It seems to be a popular pastime for people," Waun said of coloring for adults.

"I wanted it to be a pretty laid-back kind of program," added Waun, who didn't require advance registration. She was eager to give coloring a try.

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Felicia Francis is 87 years old and enjoys coloring.



Kids let Santa know they've been good for Christmas

Dear Santa, I want a train chase wood and brzz and a rex and jecle and a Bllesy and doer pet chap and I want a talking dordoh.

Landen

Dear Santa, I want toys, video games. And cat.

Sinque

Dear Santa, I want a new video game for Christmas.

Will

Dear Santa, I want a Pepa Pig toy. I want go carts. I want a swimming pool. I want a pensl.

Dominic

Dear Santa, You're welcoe for the milk and cookies.

Logan

Dear Santa, I lov eyou! I love my toy Thomas the Train track. I love myl brother Romeo. I love my momy and dad.

David Prstavu

Dear Santa, I want a toy puppy please. I do! I would name her Cupid!

Mattison

Dear Santa, I want a Doc Mcestuffins doll.

Anna

Dear Santa, I want a lap top and a sonic. Your elf work hrd.

Christian

Dear Santa, I like wit you do you can do anything. I like your elf. your elf is good.

Lorenzo Jackson

Dear Santa, On Christmas I want Vera Bradley purse, orbees, blindfold, vera bradly wallet, calco critters, key chain, flip out make up brush, hand sanitizer from bath and body works.

Katie

Dear Santa, I wood like to say. How do you do it y ou fly around the world in own night. I also want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a kindle fire, iPad, iPhone, giant teddy bear. And you might be proud of my family. We are donating toy's and giving them to kid's that are in a foster home or a orphan. I hope you enjoy the cook's. I won't a lot for Christmas.

Natalie

Dear Santa, I wont for Christmas a wolf blancit, nerf min.

Connor

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rate of just 2.7 percent. The city is home to top taxpayers such as Westland Center, Plastik Packaging, the Landings and Westwood Village apartments, as well as retailers like Meijer, Macy's and others.

Wild said while the city has been successful in economic development, he doesn't want the city to stand still.

"One thing we owe to residents is we don't get complacent," Wild said. "Complacency is something I don't want."

Mistak's replacement, not yet named, will have to be approved by city council, likely sometime after

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WILLIAM WILD,
Westland mayor

the first of the year, Wild said. The replacement for Fodale is a mayoral appointment and not subject to council approval. Wild said he hasn't developed that list, either.

"We've had lots of success, but moving forward I felt like I needed to find someone with a little different skill set," Wild said.



Marlene Walker brought Chad Cox to the coloring session for his first time. "What are the rules?" he asked. "Shut up and color," said Marlene.

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COLORING

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"I definitely will be in there coloring. I haven't done any of the adult coloring books yet," she said Friday prior to the program.

Many coloring books for adults are now available. "I've known people that have been doing it for years as relaxing," Waun said. Last year, many libraries started to offer adult coloring programs, she found.

"It's pretty inexpensive to do and it's easy. People like it," Waun said of the hobby.

The Garden City Library also hosted teen/adult "Stress Busters" adult coloring on Monday, Dec. 7.

"It was sort of on my radar," said Garden City adult services librarian Lisa Kleinert, who'd seen adult coloring books in stores. "A patron actually suggested it so I knew there would be interest. Anything involving art I am happy to accommodate, definitely."



Brand new Crayolas ready for the workshop.

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Susan Finrock works.

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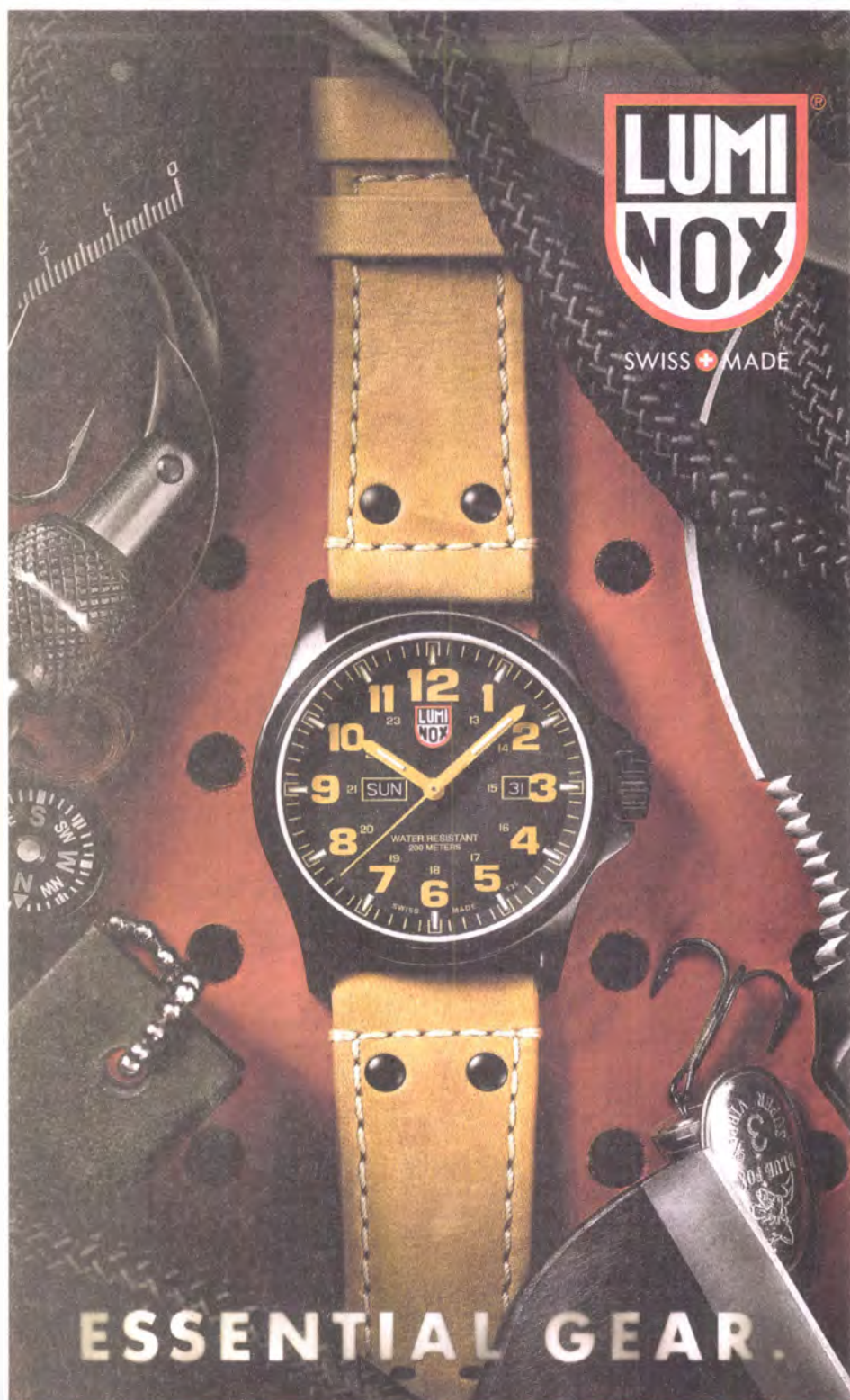
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Funding in question for disabled recreation program

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton-based therapeutic recreation program that serves people with disabilities from across western Wayne County could be forced to scale back or increase fees unless funding is continued, officials say.

The program provides job-building skills, swimming, holiday dances, movies and numerous other activities for 150 people a year, helping them to become more independent and boosting their social skills. It serves a population with a wide range of physical and cognitive disabilities.

Jennifer Provenzano, Canton recreation specialist, said the program, largely based at the Summit on the Park recreation center, has survived with a \$75,000 Wayne County grant for each of the past two years, but funding isn't guaranteed next year even though



Mary Anne Muldon and Gabby Kreza share smiles at the therapeutic recreation prom.

the number of participants has grown. "It would be sad if funding for that program was going in the other direction," she said.

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, who represents Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, said money wasn't allocated in the county's new budget, but he is working to change

that. "I'm pushing for it," he said, adding that he is "relatively hopeful" that a budget amendment will be made and the program will be funded.

His predecessor, former Commissioner Shannon Price, now Plymouth Township's supervisor, fought the same battle when he was in office. The program serves



Dale Edwards enjoys a swim as part of the therapeutic recreation program.

people ages 15 and older year-round and, during summer months, it expands to include children 8-14 years old. Provenzano said the participants and their families form strong bonds.

"We continue to promote acceptance and we watch our participants grow and blossom in ways that many people never thought might be

possible," she said.

As officials await word of funding, a therapeutic recreation program "wish tree" has been placed in the Summit lobby through Dec. 30, adorned with gift tags designating items that volunteers can buy to help the program and its participants, Provenzano said.

"These are items that

are so important to our success, but they are also items that aren't necessarily built into our budget each year," she said.

They include stress balls, gardening tools, art and craft supplies, puzzles, books, gift cards and specialty sensory integration items, among others.

For those who prefer to make a monetary donation, they may send checks to the Canton Community Foundation with Camp A.B.L.E. in the memo line — a reference to a special-needs camp. They should be mailed to the Canton Community Foundation, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, Canton Township, MI 48187.

Another option is to go to cantonfoundation.org, click on the Donate button and scroll down for Select a Fund tab.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tail Waggers drive

Tail Waggers is calling all animal lovers to participate in its Winter Fund Drive. The group's goal is to raise \$25,000 between Jan. 1 and March 31 so that it can continue to provide wellness services at an affordable rate. Here's how your donation can impact an animal's life:

» \$10: Will supply a bag of pet food for the Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program

» \$25: Will vaccinate a cat with the Feline Indoor Package

» \$50: Will vaccinate a dog with the Canine Core Package or three individual vaccinations

» \$100: Will spay and/or neuter, and microchip a dog or cat or provide financial assistance for owners with multiple pets.

Donations will help the group continue to carry out its mission of "Helping People Help Animals." Financial contributions can be made by mail to: 28402 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154; online at <http://www.tailwaggers1990.org/donate.html>; or by phone at 734-855-4077.

Hula classes

Times/Dates: Wednesdays, starting Jan. 20 (10-week winter session)

Details: Instructor Fran Price offers a Hawaiian "Hula" dance class in which students will enjoy exercising and having fun while learning the culture of the Hawaiian Islands. The beginner/family class runs 6-6:55 p.m. (cost is \$50 for adults; \$25 for children under 8). The adult intermediate and advanced classes run 7-8:30 p.m., at a cost of \$75. There is a material fee of \$5.

All classes are conducted at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. For

more information and to register, call 248-547-3109 or email fran-price@wowway.com

Widowed Friends

The Friends of Widowed Men and Women present the following events:

» Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Joy Manor Banquet Center, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Cost is \$55 pre-paid includes Premium Buffet - Open bar, Champagne Toast at midnight. Doors open at 7 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing to Dr. Pocket. RSVP with check and get email by calling Marie Nagy at 734-728-6967 by Dec. 5.

» New Year's Eve Dinner/Dancing \$33

pre-paid includes appetizers, plated dinner, dessert, tax and tip. Cash bar. Music/Dancing by the Showcasesmen. RSVP with check by Dec. 21 and get mailing address by calling Carol Olsen at 313-562-3080.

Livonia Town Club

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May.

Details: December's program features David Passalacqua, musician/accordion player. It's a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction. Enjoy informative speakers, bingo, a fashion show, music and more. Contact Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

Future Zebras



COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

The Wayne Memorial High School boys varsity basketball team hosted an Elementary Night on Tuesday during their game against Livonia Stevenson. They invited K-6 grade students from all of the Wayne-Westland schools that feed into Wayne Memorial to attend a basketball game for free. This was an effort to get students excited about coming to Wayne Memorial. The elementary students were encouraged to wear blue and gold to show their Wayne pride. Special activities included halftime activities, prize giveaways and photo opportunities with the coach and basketball players.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-37 December 15, 2015

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. A presentation of the FY 2015-16 Budget was given by Plante & Moran. Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on January 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., at **Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road**, to consider a request for continued use of a storage trailer at Services to Enhance Potential, 35000 Van Born Road.

The property is located in a B-3, Business Extensive District Zone. The applicant is requesting a variance as neither Section 1258.02, Permitted Principal Uses, nor 1258.03, Permitted Accessory Uses, of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, allows trailer storage in this area. The text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday) Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Zoning Board will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PROPOSED BUILDING ADDITION TO FIRE APPARATUS MAINTENANCE GARAGE

Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on **January 12th, 2016** at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the Mechanics Garage at the Fire Station 6, 37876 Plymouth Road, Michigan (734) 466-2357 at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Request for Proposals will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.**

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the proposal must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed proposals in response to this request will not be accepted.

All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PROPOSED BUILDING ADDITION TO FIRE APPARATUS MAINTENANCE GARAGE**, name of bidder and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any proposal does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

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Local office donates hundreds of toys for Toys for Tots

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Toys for Tots assistant area coordinator Robert Foster has been involved in the organization for 20 years and has picked up lots of toys this year. The haul he saw Monday in Livonia from the efforts of Staples and Brother printers was one of the biggest he's seen.

"This is going to be No. 1 on the list," the Inkster resident said.

Employees at the Staples call center on Laurel Park Drive near Six Mile in Livonia gathered Monday for a luncheon to celebrate the holidays and to help donate toys for Toys for Tots. It was an effort done with several of the 150 employees at the center with financial backing from Brother printers, whose U.S. operations are based in New Jersey. Brother donated money for every printer sold for the past month. Combined, the companies were able to donate more than 500 toys to the agency just in time for Christmas this week.

Employees have gone out all month shopping for toys, which have collected in a corner of the office near senior vice president Kevin Moss's office. There, several boxes containing dolls, games, soccer balls and other toys have made it more difficult for him to walk by.

"The path to my office is narrow," he said.

The idea to combine efforts between the two companies came earlier this year, said Bill Smith, a senior director of sales at Brother. He said his company reached out to Staples and worked with them to help raise the funds to purchase the toys for Toys for Tots, which will be distributed all across the Metro Detroit area this Christmas.

He said the two companies have collaborated on giving back to the community before, working at Staples' other call center in Florida this spring to help get children print up Mother's Day cards for their mothers. Giving back, Smith said, is an important part of being in a community.



Caleb is a happy guy and a fan of Batman.



Marine Lance Corporal Jeremiah Hoover offers a gift to Alexis.

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"It's kind of like putting your money where your mouth is," the South Carolina resident said. "I don't think we do enough of that stuff."

That effort was shown Monday, as Staples invited a few families to its office to celebrate Christmas and give some gifts to their children. Several children received various toys, including a Batman action figure and Barbie doll materials.

Lance Cpl. Jeremiah Hoover, a member of the Marine Corps Reserves, was on hand to help pass out gifts to several children. The Northville resident, who brought a toy for some of the youngsters in attendance, said he remembers receiving gifts from the Marines when he was younger, and decided to sign up to help hand out gifts to children this year as well.

"I hadn't done it before," he



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Tom Duran, a Westland resident, wore his suit that he claims he purchased from Macy's but more likely is from Don Cherry.

said. "I've attended some of these events when I was younger and I thought it would

be really nice to do."

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- Safe country and security from terrorism
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All!



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Livonia Democratic Club
Holiday Party



Plymouth Democratic Club
Holiday Party



Left to right: Anil Kumar; US Rep. Brenda Lawrence;
11th District Chair Pam Jackson

THE LIST

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Dear Santa, I think you have lots of toys to make or buy. how you travel so fast and get all the toys in time. I think you are going to get a nap when you get to your home. Did you know that Christmas it's my favorite season. Today Dash is in the shelf is our elf in the classroom and the other day in the classroom he was sitting next to cookie monster. This is a letter just for fun here's not going to be the things I want. Merry Christmas!

Alexa

Dear Santa, I want a very good Christmas and i want a idomanis rex a T rex toy a megunode g 15 and I like when you say ho ho ho ho ho!

Dominic

Dear Santa, I love all the reindeer but roodof is 1 of my favrit deer. Mare Christmas to you ho ho ho!

Benjamin

Dear Santa Claus, You are amazing. I think your elf is cool. How do you travel all around the world in one night? You are very jolly and your elf you are so cool. I love your reindeers so much. I love you. I love you so much I this love you so much.

Chloe

Dear Santa, What dos Albert do when he is with you? How many elf's are there? How do you get around the world?

Ethan

Dear Santa, I do not think I was bad this year. I was pretty good if I do say so may self. I do not know how you do it. This year can you get me a water slide. Outside in the summer I got bord. Does Buddy I live with you? How many cookies do you eat in a year?

Kinsley

Dear Santa, Santa, can I ask a question? How do you travel around the word in just one night? Do you want me to leave you snacks?

Luci

Dear Santa, I want a Lego dimension. I want black high tops. I want minecraft store world.

Grant

Dear Santa, I want for chasmas is some ca-taocrkrs and I want a unbratu becules my mom wuid want to git me one and I mab one more pra-sit we Haforol.

Alex

Dear Santa, You are amazing how do you do it? I love you. Thanks for the presents. I like that's Christmas is real. How do you like my elf on the shelf Bobby? Did you know Christmas is my favorite season. You are all the good things. I hope I don't get cole for Christmas for fighting with my brother and other things. Today in the classroom dash was in a back sit with a glob in side. I'm not going to say what I want for Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Eliana

Dear Santa, You are a great person sorry if you got burnt last Christmas. Can you get me card games bored games and table games. Happy Christmas.

Isabella

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Lego Minecraft set. But, I have a question, How do you do it in one night? Anyway, How is it going in the north pole? Good probely.

Cameron

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a art set. But I have a question for you how do you do it in one night but it is kind of weird to me because you know if we are sleeping and awake any way how is it going I the north pole are you really real. Was my dog good because he does not have lots of toys any way a other thing I want is a bord game which is pie face.

Ellie

Dear Santa, Santa can

tell the elft to make to make toys ho.

Calvin

Dear Santa, You travel around the world so fast I think you should get a present for Christmas On Christmas Eve I will send my elf home with A gift.

Garrett

Dear Santa, I think that it is awesome! that you have your own magic slay. And you are a amazing guy and you are vary nice. And you are lucky that you have your own flying dears. And it looks like you haft to make presents the hole December. And you give them to the good kids but not the bad kids because bad kids get cole for crist-mas.

Rane

Dear Santa, You are amazing! How do you travel all around the world in One night?

Brandon

Dear Santa, You are a little chubby but you still do it some how you fall or run down the chimney so fast! is Rudolph real? I know what I want for chrismas! Here is some of them, teddy bear, elf on the shelf, mini santa doll that is all well most of the things I want for chrismas. Sorry if to-night I don't have any chips ahoy cookies maybe I can give you my mamas cookies! I wish I could meet you Kalya my friend said that she would pick me up with your sleigh? I wonder if she will. An ways write back! P.S. thanks for sending dash!

Caiden

Dear Santa, What I whot for cristmas is a Tdirot tigrs postr. And I whot now Ops3 games. and I whot is a now pokemon cars. And I whot is a cupyootr. and I what is eife to have a smiling cristmas. And I whot spoopr smart bros for 3ds for me and nick. And I whot a muck so me and chir can talk whan we are playing a game togethr. And I whot my family to come together and I whot the star wase rabrs dvd and I whot a grat crist-mat. Bye.

Aiden

Dear Santa, I don't wont that much this year. I allrety told you I wont a peppers jersey. That is all I want because I don't want to drive the elfs craseye. That is all for this year. And I've been good this year. And I have a question do the riandeer have magic or jus the slaye have magic?

Raymond Morris

Dear Santa, I love you ... I wish my elf would hide in my room again next to my toys. I'm not sure what I want for Christmas yet but, I do want a real dog for my toy dog. (I want the dog to be a girl.) We live in Michigan (I like Michigan State). I want to thank you and your elfs for working so hard. My elf's name is Bleec. He's a boy.

Chelsea

Dear Santa, You are very nice. You are the best. Do you have Rudolph as a raindear? if you do have Rudolph as a rain dear does he have a rednose? How much raindear do you have eight raindear? It's really cool that you live in the north pole. It's cool that you give us elf's. My elf is naned Jack but try not to touch my elf jack.

Luke Serina

Dear Santa, will you please let my randma and papa come over for christmas. Please make my though's come true. I believe in Christmas! I will make your sleigh bells ring. But Santa just warning you come up siars to make shure that i'm asleep. I'm the kid that's little. All your elf's can come too. I'm a deep sleeper. And here's a tip for your raindeer ... DONT GET FOOD ON MY RUG! Get me cool presents.

Emma Spisak

Dear Santa, I hope you can bring my uncle back from the Army. Because I miss him a lot. And if I forgot to tell you, thak you for giving toys



Youngsters can now use technology to get their wishes across to Santa.

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ech year. Will you ples give my mom a dras her size, and can you give mrs mayne a 2 big sock momkey, ples and thak you.

Riley Kimble

Dear Santa, I hope you can tell my Uncle Eddy and ant Corey to come. And for Christmas I wan't you as a stuffed person. And can you make stuffed animals of your eight ranndeers. And I think you are the niceist to me and my family. And me and my brother and sister think you are frendley to us.

Gaby

Dear Santa, I hope you have a good flying trip all over the naberhood going down chimmys with your christmas spirt filling those's stockings and presents under all the Christmas trees. Thank you for all the presents you given me and please give my dad a Michagan State note book and a steeler t-shirt, and me a minecraft iron sword, skate broad, xBox One, Monopoly jr. hal05, starwars battlefront, fallout 4, the halo master chief colliction, lego halo mega blocks, lego mincraft themine and say hello to Mrs. Claus would you? PS can you please leved a elf for me and can I call it jr. elf and the book the elf on the shelf?

Cass

Dear Santa, I would like a new barbie dream-house for this Christmas. And Santa I would love absolutely love a new computer from you. And best thing ever is that I would ... I would love fantastically love for you to come to my house for Christmas. I like how hard you work every day. And also tell Santa when I wake up tell him I said good morning and every night tell SAnta I said good night. Oh there's one more thing and it is something I want to the elf's and Santa and it is mery Christmas to all!

Caleigh Ryan

Dear Santa, I want to no if you can get me a elecrec wheel? becus mine gos glow. And I wold also like a toy ondra the gient toy. And I would like a shadow toy because he is my favrit sonic guy. And I want a bunch of ex and meennhol prime. Pokemon cards. I rely rely want them. And I wdol like a michigan stat football and basketball to. And a Michigan Stat football hulmet to becus you no I love sports.

Cameron Huntley

Dear Santa, I have one thing I want for Christmas. it may be hard but I wood like if you could bering my cousin in the army home. I wood like to ask you if you now any good Christmas movies or do you ever get scurd and do you let the elf's go on your Christmas run with you or do you play mincraft or do you now joevz from mincraft, or the callmevic from mincraft. So I need to ask you if you ever go to the south pole and play with the pinguins.

Keirn Middleton

Dear Santa, I want my hole family to be there. And my sister Delaney to act my age. And I want a bow and arroe but a good one that does not hurt. Especially the new game Star Wars battle frunt! And if your elvs can make it, then Hunger game toys! I'll also lilke if

you got my mom and dad presents too. PS I want to thank your elvs four working so so hard making all those presents.

Jack O'Dowd

Dear Santa, Please Santa can I have some bedows and bedow gems and take yuor time. I am pashint Santa and I love the presits you giv me.

Ella French

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is the world championship Pokemon card deck with the primal groudon and mabey a ten pack with lycor a tin eather one.

Alex Salmon

Dear Santa, Please Santa please give me a remote control hilor-coopder and the new masteryodai.

Nathan Benjamin

Dear Santa, I hope I've been good this year and hear the things I want for Christmas: a reindeer, surprise gift, a miceraphone, gitar, bangers, fleet, drowns, laptop, weving loon, a fish, a bunny, a cat, a pupay surprise, camara and a iPod. Can you bring your elfs for milk and cokes? Because thay workt so hard making all of the toys.

Kayla French

Dear Santa, Pleees pleees Santa bring

me a lot of presints that ar on this. Irst a elf pet, an elf stuff animl, a life sipiy of lemans, more acshin figyores, four my clecshin wings that acshly whorke a pet seeck-ochowh. PS does this is four a elfs come to my hose with Santa on Chris-mas eev.

Logan

Dear Santa, I want to thank the elves for making the toys for the kids and me. And can you bring my uncle back to the family. All I want for Christmas is my family together?

Cole Welch

Dear Santa, On Christmas I would like if you could give me thease things. First I would like a set of starcraft toys. Second I would like my own phone. Third I would like you to get me a mini Michigan State helment. Fourth I would be delited if you could get me a drone.

Nathan Cordle

Dear Santa, I love you Santa because you give me some presints but if I do not get some preints. You have a charey nose. You know when I am bad you know when I am sleeping you know when I am awack. You are the prsin that come and give all of the chichildrin three pesints. You are the

best prsin I could see in my lif. You make me laf.

Charlotte

Dear Santa, I thank you for alll got last year and all your elfs. Jesse was a very nice elf so can you be extra good to him. And last year my cousin might have tuched him. But it was only one tuch not lilse three or ten not like that just one. So I all ready asked the backup Santa I think thats what it is called. Santa please be nice to Jesse I will love it if you will.

Jonah Marian

Dear Santa, Thank you for getting my auncl to come back from Florida. And thank you for the elf on the shelf. I am so thankful for being with my family on Christmas day. Thank you for all of the prestins under the tree. all of those are enough for me. Thank you elfs for making the toys for all of the boys and girls. I remember when you got us a Xdox 360. I believe in Christmas and you. Thank you Santa Claus, thank you.

Madilyn Shippe

Dear Santa, I wood like you to make eveyone happy. I don't want that much stuff. I want a t.v., Amarian gril doll stuff and some other things please. My elf cupcake has a Christmas tree. You don't have to worry about me. I will be happy if I olny have one little present. I will always be happy. But what I want most is for eveyone to be happy. I want to be with my family please. I will leve you cookies and milk. I hope you can do that. Thank you.

Jaelyn Little

Dear Santa, Can you give me a miniesle and a rainbow water paint with pink plese? I hope you have a grat time dlivering, preints this yaer. Santa, will you my mama a dimend ring with emerld plese? Tangk you if you get my leter. PS Is Lovey able to come back eveyr yaer?

Michael Lancaster

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Wellness center offers many weight-loss options

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Healthy Living: We have an excellent weight loss program, lots of option — depends on clients need, we do customize our program for laser weight loss, spot reduction laser treatments, meal replacement weight loss, herbal weight loss and HCG weight loss.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Healthy Living: Medically supervised programs. In-home doctor is available, monitoring the patients from their initial visit to the goal day and

HEALTHY LIVING

Business name and address: Healthy Living and Wellness Center, 15645 Farmington Road in Livonia.
Your name and title: Asha Manoharan, office manager
Business opened: 2002
Number of employees: 5
Your business specialty: Nutritional, weight loss consultation, laser treatments; laser smoke cessation treatments.
Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Business phone and/or website: 734-464-7600, Ext. 4; 24/7 number is 734-548-1080; www.healthylivinglivonia.com

followed by maintenance programs.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?

Healthy Living: Lots of our medical office



The Healthy Living and Wellness Center is located at 15645 Farmington Road in Livonia.

patients needed this help at the beginning, so we opened just for our own patients in 2002. In 2012, we decided to extend the service to the public. There are lots of our own

patients who got benefits with our programs, their chronic condition under control and many of them reduced their medication intakes or completely cut out the medi-

cation by following our programs.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in Livonia?

Healthy Living: Dr. Krishnan is the CEO and

she started her career in Livonia about 28 years ago. This is part of her regular practice to help her own patients at the beginning and extended to the public.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Healthy Living: There are lots of experiences being part of this business. Whenever the clients come back and say how happy they are because this program saved their life, etc., will give me more confidence to extend my service to more people. We are a service-based business, that is our motto. As every other business we have/had ups and downs but I really enjoying this business.

Tough choice: Retirement or child's college education?

As many of you read this, you are getting ready to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas.

Despite the holidays, the world continues and, in that regard, I saw a new report that is disturbing. I've written in the past about student loans and how they can be a financial drag on students when they graduate. What this new report didn't deal with is the amount of student debt that parents are incurring and how it affects them.

According to a new report, more than three million parents have more than \$70 billion in outstanding loans for



their children's college education. A little more than half of these loans are in deferment, meaning no payments are currently due but interest continues to accrue. In fact, on many of these loans, interest is accruing at nearly 8 percent. Unfortunately, the amount of student debt incurred by parents continues to grow and many parents, in an effort to help their children, are creating for themselves a severe economic problem. Too many of these parents are either going into default on their loans or — as many pay off the

debt — they're doing so at the cost of their retirement.

One of the hardest questions I deal with in counseling people deals with the balance between retirement and a child's or grandchild's college education. For many, they have to make some very tough decisions. Do they help finance their child's college education or do they protect their retirement?

It is always difficult when you have to make a financial decision between two worthy causes. In those situations, I generally tell parents that their retirement comes first. Obviously, it's not that I think a child's college education is not important, because I think it is; I just believe when it

comes to financing your retirement, there are a lot fewer options than there are in funding a child's college education.

When it comes to your retirement, if you don't have the resources, your options are somewhat limited. If you have a house, you may be able to do a reverse mortgage or maybe you can continue to work. On the other hand, when it comes to financing a college education, loans for the student are more available and there are other ways for them to reduce the cost of college, such as going to a community college for the first couple of years or even going to a college closer to home so you don't have additional room and board. The bottom line, you can be creative when

it comes to financing a college education; unfortunately, you don't have the same options when it comes to retirement.

I know for many parents this has got to be a heart-wrenching decision. I recognize that, but you need to understand that you will need significant resources in retirement and if you don't have them, it can cause problems for you and your family. For those parents who do have to make this decision, I recommend you have an adult conversation as soon as possible with your child to discuss the problem.

I wish I had a perfect solution to this problem, but I don't. This is one of those times you have to think primarily of your-

self. You should also keep in mind the problems that it will cause the family if you do not have the resources to retire.

Student debt across the country is now more than a trillion dollars and growing. It is important that if you have outstanding debt on behalf of a student, you look for ways to reduce the debt. After all, for those of you with interest accruing at nearly 8 percent, the longer you wait, the tougher it will be.

Good luck!

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

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-38 December 15, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Administered Oath of Office to the new City Council members. Presentations: Lifesaving Award to Michael Robertson; John Valchine Awards to Amanda Battenfield, Justin Boljesic, Keith Fauls, Armondo Garcia and Deandre Sanders; Wayne Main Street's 2015 Volunteers of the Year Cynthia McClure & Carolyn Marnon; Certs of Appreciation for the volunteers and sponsors of the Holiday Night at the Museum Event on Dec. 5, 2015; Goodfellows. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Dec. 1; spec. mtgs of Dec. 8 & 10; Bid award Police recording system; appoint mayor as del to CWCSA; budget amends 2015-6 for recording equip/JAG grant; 2015-7 for police car; 2015-8 for gen. fund variances; TCO #611, rescind TCO #110; property acquisitions under Refusal Tax Foreclosure, reject one property; fee for snow removal; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On December 1, 2015 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am 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:

Year	Make	Model	Year	Make	Model	Year	Make	Model
2010	PONTIAC	G6	1G2ZA5E00A4154538	2002	FORD	TAURUS	4D	1FADP55U2G283753
1992	JEEP	WRANGLER	2J4FY19P6NJ535400	2000	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	2D	1G2NW12EXYM821649
2006	SUZUKI	FORENZA	kl5jd86z36k308540	2000	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	4D	1G2WK52J1YF305771
2002	FORD	TAURUS	4D	1997	FORD	ESCORT	4D	1FALP13P2VW263270
2000	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	2D	2004	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	4D	1G1ZS52F64F243629
2000	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	4D	2002	DODGE	RAM	PU	1D7HA16KX2J170710
1997	FORD	ESCORT	4D	2002	HYUNDAI	SONATA	4D	KMHWF35H92A602932
2004	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	4D	2002	PONTIAC	MONTANA	SW	1GMDX03E12D316244
2002	DODGE	RAM	PU	2002	FORD	TAURUS	4D	1FADP55U12A258657
2002	HYUNDAI	SONATA	4D	2007	BUICK	LACROSSE	4D	2G4WC582171208676
2002	PONTIAC	MONTANA	SW	2003	FORD	ESCAPE	SW	1FMYU02113KC99175
2002	FORD	TAURUS	4D	1999	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	4D	1G2NE52T5XM938644
2007	BUICK	LACROSSE	4D	1999	SAAB	93	CN	YS3DD78N2X7052111
2003	FORD	ESCAPE	SW	2000	CHEVROLET	PRIZM	4D	1Y1SK5280YZ414465
1999	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	4D	2000	MERCURY	MOUNTAINEER	SW	4M2ZU86P8YUJ46949
1999	SAAB	93	CN	2003	CHEVROLET	TRACKER	SW	2CNBJ734236935928
2000	CHEVROLET	PRIZM	4D	2001	MAZDA	TRIBUTE	SW	4F2CU08131KM26575
2000	MERCURY	MOUNTAINEER	SW	1996	FORD	MUSTANG	CN	1FALP45X7TF152287
2003	CHEVROLET	TRACKER	SW	2000	OLDSMOBILE	ALERO	4D	1G3NK52T2YC432944
2001	MAZDA	TRIBUTE	SW	1999	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	4D	1G6KD54Y9XU750626
1996	FORD	MUSTANG	CN	2001	GMC	JIMMY	SW	1GKDT13W012221817
2000	OLDSMOBILE	ALERO	4D	1999	BUICK	LESABRE	4D	1G4HP52K0X425963
1999	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	4D	2001	BUICK	REGAL	4D	2G4WB55K511295951
2001	GMC	JIMMY	SW	1987	FORD	F150	PU	1FTDF15N3HNB11506
1999	BUICK	LESABRE	4D	1990	TOYOTA	COROLLA	4D	1NXAE91A4LZ094636
2001	BUICK	REGAL	4D	1999	FORD	ESCORT	4D	1FADP13P8XW227003
1987	FORD	F150	PU	2002	KIA	SEDONA	SW	KNDUP131726121034
1990	TOYOTA	COROLLA	4D	2000	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	2D	3C3EL55H7YT279281
1999	FORD	ESCORT	4D	1994	FORD	RANGER	PU	1FTCR15X7RPC54873
2002	KIA	SEDONA	SW	2001	CHEVROLET	ASTRO	VA	1GNEL19W11B134569
2000	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	2D	2004	TOYOTA	4 RUNNER	SW	JTEZU14R040036847
1994	FORD	RANGER	PU	2005	INFINITY	Q45	JNKBF01A05M100077	
2001	CHEVROLET	ASTRO	VA	1992	FORD	CROWN VIC	4D	2FACP74W4NX115408
2004	TOYOTA	4 RUNNER	SW					
2005	INFINITY	Q45	JNKBF01A05M100077					
1992	FORD	CROWN VIC	4D					
2000	GMC	2500	PU					
1994	FORD	MUSTANG	1FALP45T5RF155212					

***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.

** The below listed vehicle's ownership is unknown and will be sold at a public auction no sooner than 30 days from this notification if ownership is not determined**

2004	TOYOTA	4 RUNNER	SW	JTEZU14R040036847
2005	INFINITY	Q45	JNKBF01A05M100077	
1992	FORD	CROWN VIC	4D	2FACP74W4NX115408
2000	GMC	2500	PU	1GTGC24U2YE178053
1994	FORD	MUSTANG	1FALP45T5RF155212	

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Billboards draw well at kidney foundation fundraiser

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan held its annual Kidney Ball earlier this month to raise money for the programs they use to service more than 50,000 Michigan residents with kidney related issues every year.

The foundation raised more than \$600,000 for their programs in a ball that included hundreds of silent auction items and a baker's dozen of high-end live auction items. Those live auction items raised \$92,000 featuring items such as a ticket and hotel package to the NCAA Final Four in Houston, two different

vacations to Italy, a Red Wings suite, a Tigers suite, 2016 Detroit Lions season tickets, two special chef dinners and a package for high-performance driving instruction in Nevada.

However, the item that raised the most money for the Kidney Ball? A package of digital billboards donated by Farmington Hills-based International Outdoor Inc. that went for a combined total of more than \$27,000 to benefit the NKF.

Why did the billboards go for such a high price?

"Savvy business execu-

tives know and understand that billboards are an important part of the marketing mix and complements other advertising messages," said Randy Oram, president of International Outdoor Inc. "This was something they could use for their company."

Statistics from the Out-of-Home Advertising Study by Arbitron show that OOH media viewership is high and billboards are the most viewed OOH Media. Additionally, the average time spent commuting is more than 20 hours per week for the average adult.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Best senior living

Westhaven Manor announced its selection as a 2016 Best of Senior Living Award Winner on SeniorAdvisor.com, the largest ratings and reviews site for senior care and services in North America.

Winners of the SeniorAdvisor.com Best of 2016 Awards represent the top tier of senior living providers, based on the online reviews written by seniors and their families. This exclusive designation places winners in the top 1 percent of senior care providers according to the consumer.

The annual SeniorAdvisor Best of Awards celebrates the best of the best in senior living and home care across the United States and Canada. Of the nearly 100,000 providers currently listed on SeniorAdvisor.com, just over 1,000 were recognized with this award.

Westhaven Manor is one of the only winners in Westland and regularly receives highly positive reviews from their families.

Honorary degree

Florine Mark, president and CEO of The

Weight Watchers Group Inc., received an honorary doctoral degree from Oakland University

Department of Health Science. Mark also served as the commencement speaker for the university's School of Health Sciences.

For more than 30 years, Mark has been an inspirational leader promoting nutrition and healthy lifestyles through her business endeavors, civic engagement, community partici-



Mark

pation and philanthropic contributions.

While she may be best known for building The Weight Watchers Group into the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International, Mark's work touches many other organizations and causes. She serves as an adviser and board member for more than 35 committees and civic organizations, including the American Heart Association, Detroit Institute for Children, Business Leaders for Michigan and the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan. *Crain's Detroit Business* named her one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Detroit.

Mark shares also her knowledge and inspiration through a weekly radio show, "Remarkable Women," which airs on stations across Michigan. She can also be seen on the "Ask Florine" segment on WDIV Local 4 News.

OUR VIEWS

Drunken driving message bears repeating

Area police are stepping up patrols this holiday season to combat drinking and driving. Their basic recommendation? Make it none for the road.

While the holiday season brings celebrations with family and friends, it also brings an increased number of festivities that may include alcohol. Leaders of Mothers Against Drunk Driving want to make sure everyone's holiday ends in cheerfulness, not tragedy.

As MADD's longest-running public awareness campaign, Tie One On For Safety asks adults to display a red ribbon on their vehicles to remind others to plan ahead and designate a non-drinking driver before holiday celebrations begin.

This season, MADD and Nationwide, national presenting sponsor of Tie One On For Safety, conducted a new online survey showing the growth of designated drivers throughout MADD's 35-year history.

Here are some encouraging results:
» 75 percent of respondents say they have been a designated driver in the past year, showing significant growth from 1989, when 35 percent of participants in a Roper survey reported being a designated driver.

» Women were slightly more likely to serve as a designated driver (76.92 percent vs. 71.87 percent).
» Eight out of 10 males (81.58 percent), ages 21-34

have served as a designated driver.

» 71 percent of respondents have used a designated driver in the past 12 months, an increase of nearly 10 percent from 2013, when 63 percent of adults surveyed in a 2013 MADD public opinion survey said a designated driver had driven them home.

» 94 percent of respondents said that a designated driver is a person who hasn't been drinking at all.

MADD also surveyed respondents on their attitudes toward using ride share services, like Uber, as a designated driver:

» Just a few years after these services launched, 23 percent of respondents already associate the term "designated driver" with ride sharing.

» 31 percent of respondents under the age of 30 reported using a ride share service to get home after drinking.

» Nearly half (48.7 percent) of respondents ages 21-34 stated that ride share services were very valuable or extremely valuable.

To encourage party goers to designate a non-drinking driver and plan ahead for a safe ride home, MADD and Uber are teaming up to make it easy for party hosts to purchase Uber rides for their guests.

Through Jan. 1, Uber will donate \$10 to MADD for every ride home purchased through

UberEVENTS+MADD. Whether it's a company holiday party or a family dinner, UberEVENTS allows for party hosts to secure their guests a safe and reliable way home. Learn more at UberEVENTS+MADD.

Give guests the gift of safety with UberEVENTS+MADD. If not using Uber, traditional cab services — or allowing guests to spend the night rather than drive home in conditions dangerous to themselves or others — can be a godsend.

Also, remember to serve non-alcoholic drinks to your guests at holiday gatherings. There are plenty of tempting non-alcoholic drink recipes online that are sure to please. These don't look much different from drinks with alcohol, so these guests won't feel isolated; at any rate, never single out such a guest and make him/her feel self-conscious for not imbibing.

Remember, too, that some people have alcoholism issues and be sensitive to their needs this holiday and all year. Have plenty of options for them at parties that don't include alcohol and understand if they need to leave a gathering early.

Let's all get home safely from our holiday celebrations and face the new year eager for new challenges and the treasures of family and friends.

LETTERS

Public schools vs. charters

A *Detroit Free Press* study found that, at best, charter schools do no better than comparable public schools academically. Ditto Stanford University in a study that covered 26 states and 95 percent of charters nationally. In most states, public schools outdo charters. In Michigan, Gov. Snyder's EAA is a failure in every respect.

Milwaukee has had

voucher schools for 24 years and they have never done better than public schools. The United States Department of Education ranks Milwaukee's schools among the very worst urban schools in the country.

Chile was schooled in vouchers and choice by none other than Milton Freidman, the father of vouchers. Chile is no longer financing private schools with public money.

Sweden has had priva-

tization and choice for 30 years. They rank below the United States on international testing and are in the process of changing to a public school system.

On the other hand, on a recent PISA international test that measured problem solving, U.S. public schools did better than average despite a higher degree of debilitating poverty. The U.S. beat Norway, Spain, Ireland, Israel, Poland and others.

To sum up, Phil Power, former owner and publisher of *Observer and Eccentric* newspapers, now the honcho of The Center for Michigan, asks why we should financially support charters that do not educationally outperform traditional public schools. Charter schools, vouchers and the EAA, as they presently exist, should be complete-

ly shut down.

Al Churchill
Livonia

Can't beat ISIS?

The United States spends more on its military budget than the next 10 countries combined (i.e., England, France, China, Russia, Israel, Canada, etc.) and yet we can't beat ISIS?

We have billion-dollar aircraft carriers, nuclear weapons, that can't beat Isis? Why are we wasting our money on the military budget if we can't beat them? Spend that money on Social Security, education, mental health care, etc.

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

Climate change real

Please, please, stop the irrational, biased climate change denial. We need to move the discussion to solutions and stop delaying action. Our children and grandchildren will thank you.

The deniers continue to throw the same old weak lies at the public because it has worked to sow doubt. But think about what the deniers are saying. They are saying that the vast majority (97 percent) of thousands of highly skilled scientists from countries all over the world, from different cultures, from different universities, from differ-

ent corporations, have all conspired to lie about climate change or are flat out wrong. Clearly that is not rational. And keep in mind that the science is not that complicated.

We are releasing at least 30 billion tons of carbon into the atmosphere every year that was previously stored underground for 300 million years. This greatly affects the atmosphere, it's that simple.

If the downside of the delays caused by the deniers wasn't so damaging, their efforts to convince the public of a conspiracy might be funny, but it's just sad.

Steve Hoin
South Lyon

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2016 FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING DATES

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO BE HELD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 13, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 14, 2016:

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fast start sparks Chiefs to victory over Marlins

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nothing like an eight-point burst to open a contest, and that's what Canton's varsity girls basketball team enjoyed Monday night against Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Chiefs, sputtering at times on offense this season, went up 8-0 in the opening four minutes and never trailed en route to a 42-31 non-conference victory. All players saw minutes and nine of them scored at least two points.

"This was a game they got after it," said Canton head coach Rob Heitmeyer, whose team improved to 4-2. "They played more disciplined basketball, I thought it was telling when we went out on the 8-0 run at the beginning of the game you just sensed these girls really wanted to come in here and play well against a good, friendly rival in Mercy." Conversely, Marlins head coach

Gary Morris said it was tough trying to stop Canton junior forward Erin Hult (13 points) while also getting more consistency at the offensive end from a largely inexperienced squad (2-3 overall).

"From my perspective, we've got a fair number of new varsity players and the pace, you got to cut harder and faster, wait for screens," Morris said. "Our struggles have been more at the offensive end."

"Our kids fight hard, I think we compete pretty hard. But we definitely have to get better offensively."

Mercy's top scorer Monday was junior guard Jackie Bauer, with 10 points (all in the first half, however).

"(Bauer's) been our leading scorer through the first games and I'm sure she was tonight," Morris added. "But we need other people to step up and



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Going up for a shot Monday night is Canton's Erin Hult (No. 4), while Farmington Hills Mercy's Jordyn Schluter (No. 24) and another player close in.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE HOCKEY UNVEILED



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Schoolcraft College club men's hockey team captains (from left) Sheldon Varhol, Andrew Lindsay and Brendan Barger were instrumental in getting the team on the map for 2015-16.

THE OCELOT ICEMEN COMETH

Schoolcraft launches hockey team thanks to trio's perseverance

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Yeah, it's after 11 p.m. on a weekday evening at Redford Ice Arena, but for Andrew Lindsay and 18 other hockey players, there's no place they'd rather be.

That's because they are part of Schoolcraft College's first men's hockey team — albeit as an independent club program.

It was Lindsay who was the instigator behind the new team, with serious help from Brendan Barger and Sheldon Varhol. The three are co-captains as excitement builds on and off the ice for Schoolcraft hockey.

Perhaps even more excited is the coach of the Ocelots, Rob Lindsay. He was a longtime varsity boys hockey coach at Trenton (where Andrew also played) who also helmed Alabama-Huntsville's team in NCAA Division II before retiring a decade ago.

"They (players) love it, the kids are really enjoying the experience," said coach Lindsay, leaning against the boards while his team went through drills. "They didn't have an opportunity to go anywhere else, so they're here playing."

"We cut seven players, we have a pretty good team. Every kid here can play."

By and large, the players have varsity high school or AAA travel team experience. In other words, this venture isn't recreational hockey.

Word of mouth

Andrew Lindsay started talking up the possibility of Schoolcraft hockey with classmates in September and by October the college's director of student activities gave the go-ahead.

Things didn't take long to cook. About 15 guys came out for the first tryout, but after word of mouth kept building, the turnout doubled for the second tryout.

"I had class with Andrew, it was Ancient World History," Varhol said. "And it was all up in the air. I went up and talked to him. I was kind of shocked at first, at first I thought he was joking to be honest with you."

Defenseman Taylor Struna (Livonia Churchill) helped get uniforms designed (blue-and-gold color scheme featuring Schoolcraft in block letters above the Ocelots' logo), and it soon was "game on."

The opening game was against the Ferris State club team, with Andrew Lindsay scoring the first goal in program history.

"It was my second shift out there," he recalled. "I buried the puck, got a pass from Sheldon Varhol and sniped the goalie. That was the best experience so far."

Then, on Dec. 5, the first Schoolcraft home game took place, with forward Lindsay setting up the win-

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Rockets surge to Wayne County title

John Glenn grapplers pin defeat on county rivals

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Fueled by four individual weight-class champions — and several key contributors who chalked up valuable non-first place points, Westland John Glenn's wrestling team reached the stratosphere at Saturday's Wayne County Championships, which were hosted by Wayne Memorial.

The Rockets piled up 186 points to out-soar co-runners-up Dearborn Heights Annapolis and Southgate Anderson, both of whom registered 144 points. Rounding out the top five were Belleville (119) and Salem, which hit the century mark.

"All the kids who wrestled contributed, for the most part," said John Glenn head coach Bill Polk, when asked about his team's formula for success. "We had some kids in the trenches who didn't win their bracket, but picked up some important points for us."

"Due to injuries and other things, we had nine sophomore starters on Saturday. We had a few JV kids wrestling and we had to bump a couple up, and most of them did very well."

Leading the charge for the Rockets were weight-class champions Kyle Borthwell, a 103-pound freshman who cruised through the brackets to improve his record to 13-1; defending Division 1 103-pound state champion Mikey Mars, who took the 112 crown rather handily; 135-pound champion John Siemasz, who is primed for a big year after getting derailed in the post-season last year by an injury; and 215-pounder Ja-Waun Peete, who is greatly improved from last season, Pok emphasized.

"It's like night and day for Ja-Waun," Polk said. "He really committed himself to getting better over the summer. He probably got 50 or 60 matches in and it shows."

Other Observerland teams competing were Livonia Franklin (ninth with 80 points), Livonia Churchill (10th with 72), Plymouth (11th with 65), Canton (14th with 53) and Wayne (15th with 52).

Led by 189-pound third-place finisher Demetrius Field, Salem had nine grapplers place in the top-eight.

"We started off slow, but we really picked it up in the later rounds," Salem head coach Jeremy Hender-

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crusaders unable to hang on against Aquinas

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

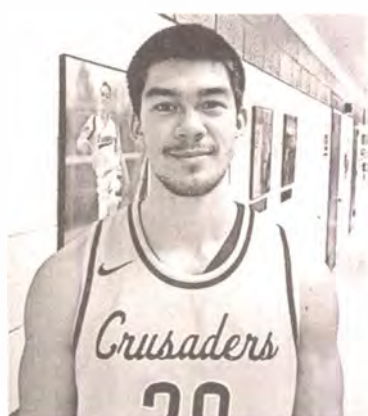
For most of the way Saturday afternoon, the Madonna Crusaders had Aquinas where they wanted them.

But the visiting Saints started muscling their way to the glass at both ends of the gym during the second half, and surged from behind to grab a 77-69 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball win.

"They outworked us to the ball," lamented Madonna head coach Noah Emenhiser, whose team's record dipped to 4-10 overall and 2-6 in the WHAC. "We didn't do a good job keeping them off the glass, they really beat us to loose balls and second chances in the second half towards the end.

"We played pretty good defense on the first shot, but we just couldn't keep them off the glass, especially 33 (Kail Venema), he did a great job down the stretch getting to the offensive rebounds."

Sparking the Crusaders



Chris Dierker, a Salem alum, scored 22 points Saturday for Madonna.

with a strong two-way game was 6-foot-7 sophomore forward and Salem High School alum Chris Dierker. He scored 22 points to lead Madonna, chipping in with seven rebounds and two steals.

"He's a good player, especially when we can put him in situations where we can use his strength and athleticism and he's knocking down that

15-foot jump shot," said Emenhiser, about Dierker. "But we just have to have a more-complete team effort, all the way around."

Other Madonna contributors were guard Khalil Malone (12 points, only four in the second half), guard Nick Owens (11 points) and senior guard and Salem alum Tyler Stewart (eight points).

Leading Aquinas with 20 points was Zac VanBeek, with Jake Bullock (17 points, seven rebounds) and Venema (13 points, five rebounds) keying the Saints' late surge.

Madonna made only one of nine three-point shots during the second half while the Saints connected on five of nine treys — prompting a big momentum shift.

Aquinas also outrebounded the Crusaders 27-17 in the second half (and 45-35 for the game).

Feeling confident

"I feel like I've had more confidence playing, over the past couple years," Dierker

said. "That redshirt year (2013-14) helped a lot, to get me used to the college game."

Dierker said it is "really frustrating" to let a late lead slip away.

"It's been like that a lot of games," Dierker said. "We play them close and then we'll have one stretch where it goes wrong. We just need to look on the positive and keep building from that."

Madonna led 41-35 at halftime against the No. 24-ranked Saints (who improved to 10-5, 6-1 with the victory).

The Crusaders maintained a lead (or were tied) until Zac VanBeek's layup with 5:20 left put Aquinas up 63-62.

The lead see-sawed for a couple minutes, with clutch buckets by Clarke Lamb (putting the Crusaders up 64-63 with 5:09 left) and Dierker (tying the game at 66-66) helping the Crusaders stay in the game.

But the Saints went on an 11-1 run to take control; Madonna's final two points came on a last-second layup by Stewart.

Emenhiser said the team has been hampered by stretches of inconsistent play all season.

"It's not always down the stretch," Emenhiser said. "But we've had our five-minute lapses sometimes earlier in the game, sometimes late in the game."

"We just haven't been consistent enough to play great for a full 40 minutes every night, that's something we're battling to do and get better at."

He nodded about how it would have been "a fantastic win" to finish off the Saints. "Unfortunately, we let the opportunity slip away."

SCHOOLCRAFT 77, GENESEE 73: Rallying in the second half after trailing 32-30 at the intermission, the visiting Ocelots' men's basketball team prevailed Saturday to improve to 10-2 overall.

In double figures for Schoolcraft were Canton alum Davon Taylor (13 points, seven rebounds), Juvon Clark (12 points) and Tyler Johnson (11 points).

SCHOOLCRAFT 83, NIAGARA 77: On Friday at Niagara Community College, the Ocelots improved to 9-2 overall with this men's basketball victory.

Scoring 16 points each for Schoolcraft were Dre Black (Westland John Glenn) and Tyrone Hamby while Tyler Johnson added 15.

Leading the Ocelots in rebounding was Davon Taylor (Canton) with eight. Schoolcraft built a 48-30 halftime lead and held off Niagara's second-half push for the win.



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Farmington Hills Mercy's Jenna Schluter (No. 14) works her way through Canton players Brianna Finn (left), Natalie Winters and Shamyia Butler (No. 15).

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score points for us."

Hult scored 10 points in the first half, spearheading Canton's 22-12 halftime advantage. In the second half, however, the Marlins paid extra defensive attention to her.

And when Hult was whistled for her third personal foul early in the third quarter, she had to sit on the bench for a few minutes.

Yet, the Chiefs did not get flustered, although Mercy did cut the deficit to 27-23 after two buckets by senior guard Katie Bryce (six points) and a field goal by senior guard Jordyn Schluter (eight points).

Helping get Canton's lead close to double digits again were hard-nosed junior forward Shamyia Butler (six points) and junior guard Brianna Finn (five points), each making shots in a short span to make it a 31-23 game with 3:07 to go in the third.

"They love to be on the floor," said Heitmeyer, talking about the timely offense from Winters and Butler. "Winters is one of those kids that you're never disappointed in, because she finds ways to defend well, she helps get us into our offense, gets all her teammates

involved.

"Butler's another one of those kids that just finds open space, and she exploits it."

Keep playing hard

It was 33-23 soon thereafter, following a basket by senior guard Natalie Winters (eight points).

"I thought we just had to come out the second half and keep it up, keep up the good work, play defense," Winters said. "Mercy's always a good team to play, they're a good team."

"We knew they were going to come out and pressure us, we just had to be smart and keep up the intensity with them."

Morris said part of his team's game plan was to keep close tabs on Hult and Finn, making sure they did not get too many uncontested looks.

"But we didn't always do that," he noted. "She (Hult) shot it very well throughout the entire game. We tried some different things against her, but she really shot the ball well."

Canton closed out the victory with a 9-6 edge in the fourth quarter, a stanza where the Chiefs' defense continued to pester the Marlins and take care of the glass at both ends.

The Chiefs outrebounded Mercy by a 25-12 margin with

junior forward Madison Wolfbauer leading all players with 12 boards.

A steal by Winters led to a bucket by junior forward Raquel Church and another steal, by junior forward Marissa Templeton, led to a jumper from the side of the key by Winters — who scored six of her points in the second half.

A trey by Mercy's Schluter and a layup by junior forward Katie Coe (four points) trimmed Canton's lead to 37-30 with under four minutes to play.

But all that did was get the Chiefs going again. Hult's jumper kicked off a 6-0 run that sealed the victory.

PCA 26, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 19: Visiting Plymouth Christian Academy (3-2) led 10-4 at halftime Dec. 15 and broke open the MIAC girls basketball game with a 13-3 third quarter.

Strong defense propelled the Eagles, with Paige Perkey and Lydia Chapel each registering four steals.

Juniors Aliyah Pries and Chapel scored 11 and 10 points, respectively to "give us the 1-2 punch we needed in the paint to escape with the win," PCA head coach Rod Windle said.

Pries led the Eagles with seven rebounds; Taylor Mistele and Jordan Reed helped out with five boards each.

BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Trojans build team around senior duo

Clarenceville shows promise with win over RU

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Senior captains Mitch Kubiak and Quentin Banks will have greater roles to play this season as the leaders for the Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball team.

The 6-foot-3 Kubiak will have to play in the post, being the tallest player the Trojans have. He's a good defender and rebounder, averaging six boards a game.

"We look for Mitch to take more of an offensive step," second-year coach Tony Paciero said. "He was more of a support player last year, and more of the focus will be on him offensively this year."

"Mitch had a good summer, working on his shot and ball handling, and we look for him to have a good year."

Banks is a 5-foot-11 point guard who averaged nine points and five assists in his first season of organized basketball.

"We look for him to push the ball and dictate the game," Paciero said. "We're very confident with the ball in his hands."

The other returning player is Djibril Diabate, a 5-11 small forward who can jump out of the gym and is a good rebounder, Paciero said.

"He had a good summer and improved his game offensively," he said. "He took a big step forward this year and will contribute to the starting lineup."

Justin Burton is another small forward who can score from just about anywhere on the floor. The 6-1 junior had a good season on the JV team and was ready for a spot in the varsity starting unit.

"He's a physical player who likes to post up and get to the rim," Paciero said.

The fifth starter is Cassanova Copeland, a 6-foot guard and a transfer from North

Carolina who adapted quickly to his new team and teammates.

"We look for him to be a shooting guard," Paciero said. "He has an outside shot and can get to the rim. We hope he and Justin fill the void left by Jermell (Johnson, an all-area player who averaged 25 points last season)."

Handling and scoring the basketball will be more of a team effort instead of Johnson, who is at Olivet College, dictating the game, Paciero added.

The Trojans, who lost seven seniors from their last team, have six other newcomers. They include guards Ty Lakner, Marcus Dulka and Bobby Jaber, 6-1 forward Ramon Moore, 6-1 post Brandon Byrd and 6-2 forward Cam MacIver.

Moore is playing organized basketball for the first time, but he's long and very creative, according to Paciero, who said Byrd is a talented player in the low post.

Paciero was eager to see what MacIver, a good shooter, could do in a varsity game, and he added Jaber "is probably the hardest-working guy in our gym. He's does stuff most guys won't do. He'll get on the floor or take a charge."

The Trojans, who were 5-14 last season, went into the holiday break on a positive note.

After losses to Lutheran North and Waterford Kettering, Clarenceville defeated Redford Union in its last game, 66-62. The season resumes Tuesday, Jan. 5, against visiting Grosse Ile.

"We won five of six on our way out (of the last regular season) and took a good Detroit CMA team to the final buzzer in the tournament," Paciero said.

"There's no lack of effort or commitment on this team, which impressed me this summer, and we're hoping all that hard work pays off."

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

North Farmington barrels past Falcons in boys hoops

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

North Farmington jumped to 23-8 lead after one quarter Friday and rolled to a 76-39 win over visiting Farmington in boys basketball.

The Raiders led 38-18 at halftime and outscored the Falcons in the second half, 38-21.

Josh Hogans scored 17 points to lead North. Jacob Joubert and Alex Narden supported that effort with 15 each. De'on Jenkins, Sasoun Tcholakian and David Ford added seven points apiece.

Jordan Graham tallied 13 points and Alex Manassa 12 for the Falcons (0-4), who had 29 turnovers.

"Any time you turn the ball over against a good team like North Farmington (it doesn't

bode well)," Farmington coach Terrance Porter said.

"We beat ourselves. They had a lot to do with it. We didn't handle their pressure well, in a nutshell."

Hawks top Cougars

Harrison played a solid, all-around game Dec. 15 and turned back a late push by host Warren Michigan Collegiate for a 69-65 victory.

Adrian Pattah paced the victory with 22 points. Trevon Dixon scored 16, Russell Campbell 14 and Tommy Williams nine.

"Our energy and our effort was very good," coach Stefan Wilson said. "It was good to see us play at a high level for a sustained period of time."

David Hunter had five rebounds and Williams four. Michael Martin had four "big"

blocks, according to Wilson. Pattah also had four assists. Harrison was 17-of-25 at the foul line.

"Mike's energy at the defensive end off the bench really picked us up," Wilson said. "He was very aggressive in the paint."

"I was impressed by how we played with poise down the stretch. In the last couple of minutes, we played very smart. We were strong with the ball and made some free throws to keep it a two-possession game."

"Michigan Collegiate is one of the most athletic teams we're going to see all year."

'Cats claw Falcons

Mark Watts tossed in 28 points to lead Detroit Allen Academy to a 73-63 win over Farmington on Dec. 15.

Jason Williams Jr. scored 17 points and Danny Pittman 11 for the Wildcats, who were 12-of-18 shooting free throws.

Farmington had 20 points from Marcellus Williams. Jordan Graham netted 16 and Malik Williams 11. The Falcons were 18-of-25 at the line.

"Several times we had it down to a one- or two-point deficit and didn't finish plays whether it be a basket or a missed free throw," Farmington coach Terrance Porter said. "We never could get the lead."

"We competed with one of the top teams in Class C. We just didn't make enough plays to win the game. We have to do a better job of finishing easy opportunities."

Knights top Hawks

Harrison was behind the whole game Dec. 11 and lost to

Walled Lake Northern in the Oakland Classic at North Farmington, 69-51.

Tommy Williams scored 15 points, Russell Campbell 12 and Trevon Dixon 11 for the Hawks, who got as close as three points in the second half. Campbell had four rebounds and Dixon four assists.

"We came out extremely flat to start the game," coach Stefan Wilson said. "We did play hard and battle back; we just ran out of gas. I love the effort, but we have to put four quarters together."

Trojans get first win

Quentin Banks scored a game-high 30 points to lead Clarenceville to a 67-63 victory over Redford Union on Friday. Mitch Kubiak added 13 points for the Trojans (1-2).

USA HOCKEY

Bellows returns, but NTDP falls 5-1 to Dubuque

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The USA Hockey National Team Development Program welcomed back Kieffer Bellows into the lineup for Saturday night's home game against Dubuque.

But the return of Bellows — who was cut Friday from the USA Hockey Under-20 World Junior Championship roster after training camp in Boston — did not help Team USA avoid a 5-1 loss to the Fighting Saints before just under 1,000 fans at USA Hockey Arena. Still in World Juniors camp

are NTDP players Clayton Keller and Chad Kryz; they are in the second round of the USA Hockey roster selection process, which should wrap up by Christmas Eve.

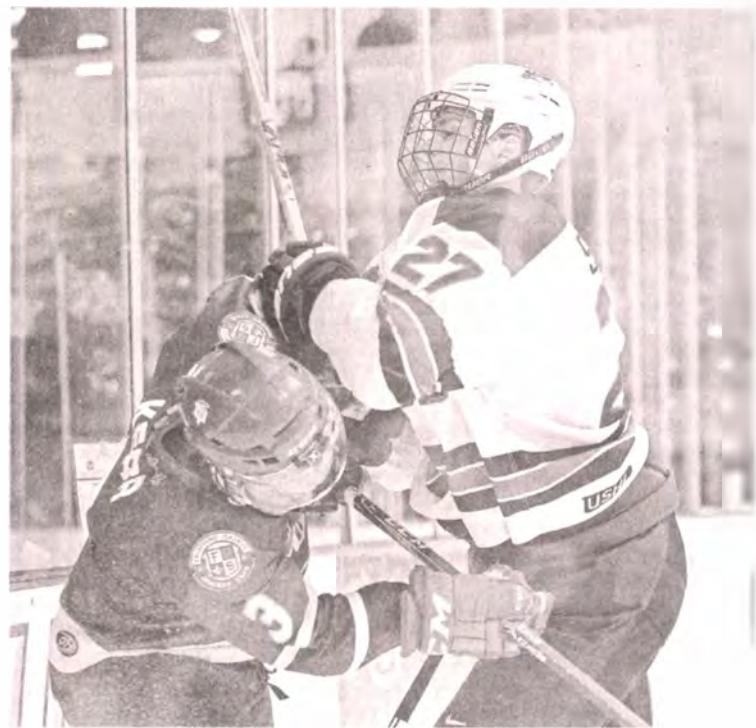
Bellows did chalk up an assist for the NTDP against Dubuque, on a power-play goal by linemate Joey Anderson at 7:03 of the third period. That followed five unanswered goals by the Fighting Saints, however, including two in the opening period and three in the second.

Also assisting on the Anderson goal was defenseman Adam Fox.

Stopping 27 of 32 shots for the NTDP was Joseph Woll, while Jaxon Castor turned aside 28 of 29 shots for Dubuque, the first place team in the United States Hockey League with a 17-8-0-0 record. The NTDP (including the Under-17 and Under-18 teams) fell to 9-11-1-1.

The teams also squared off Friday, with Dubuque winning 4-3. Ryan Lindgren scored two goals for Team USA with the third by Nick Pastujov.

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NTDP forward Keenan Suthers (right) lays a hit on a Dubuque player. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



RENA LAVERTY | SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College has a men's hockey team this season, playing out of Redford Arena. At the helm is Rob Lindsay (front row, fifth from left), longtime high school and college coach.

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ning goal by linemate Brandon Buckenberger with 19 seconds left for a 4-3 win over the Michigan Wild.

"A lot of people didn't think it was real," Lindsay said. "... I said we're starting a hockey team, (but) most people had no idea. They had no idea we had a program.

"But at tryouts we had about 30 guys come out. A lot of them were great players, and we put together a great team. When I got my dad on board, that really helped.

"I called him that second, as soon as I got approval through school, I called him on the phone and said 'Dad, do you want to be a coach again?' He was like 'What are you talking about?'"

Andrew added that being on a team coached by his dad is a "surreal" feeling.

"There's nothing better than being able to team up with him once again," he said. "I learned everything from him since I was three years old."

Not going anywhere

With a beaming smile, Rob Lindsay concurred about landing a dream gig.

"I'm going to stay around, I love it," he said. "I'm back in the game. Yeah, I'm going to stick with it."

He emphasized that scholarships have nothing to do with Schoolcraft hockey, only that student-athletes must be registered in at least three classes and also make sure to pay an ice bill that is about \$100 per month.

"One thing that makes this so great is I thought my career was over," said Barger, a defenseman from Novi. "I thought high school was it, juniors (Notre Dame Fairfield in Conn.) was it. And then he (Lindsay) approached me about the team and then the dream kind of came back alive."

Is it ever. During the mid-December practice, Barger skated around the ice wearing a GoCam strapped to his chest, part of a promotional video about the team being filmed by Schoolcraft Media Center.

"They did some filming at our home game," Barger said. "Hopefully they'll get it on the website, but since we're still a club team they can't do that yet."

"But the good thing about the Schoolcraft Media Center is they record all the USA Hockey games, the NTDP. And so they're going to (show) our promo video during intermissions."

The place to start

Although the Ocelots' ice-men are cutting their teeth this winter against club teams from Ferris State, Lawrence Tech as well as Junior C squads in the Midwest Junior Hockey League, the big picture is about someday becoming an NCAA D-III team.

"All the Division III and Division I teams started out as club teams," Rob Lindsay said. "You got to start somewhere,

SCHOOLCRAFT HOCKEY FACTS

What: Schoolcraft College's first men's hockey club team is playing as an independent this season.

Coach: Rob Lindsay is at the helm. He previously coached at Trenton High School and at University of Alabama in Huntsville, a Division II program.

Captains: Andrew Lindsay, Brendan Barger and Sheldon Varhol are sharing captains' duties for 2015-16.

Roster: The Ocelots' debut hockey team includes forwards Derek Klisz (Garden City), Varhol (GC Stars), Lindsay (Trenton), Lucas Garcia (Jr. Coyotes AAA), Mitchell Leporowski (Dearborn Divine Child), Corey Dooley (Southgate), Brock Bacher (Divine Child), Chris Sisco (Allen Park), Brandon Buckenberger (Southgate Senators), Mitchell James (Livonia); defensemen Barger (Novi, Notre Dame Fairfield), Jordan Ohngren (Walled Lake Western), Dillon Knight (Plymouth Sharks), Taylor Struna (Livonia Churchill), Adam Balok (Michigan Elite Brigade AAA), Vincent Ryckman (Michigan Ice Dogs Jr. A); goalies Gerald Kropf (Saginaw Valley State), Nick Carnevale (Howell) and Ryan Adams (Allen Park Cabrini).

Home games: 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 vs. the Detroit Fighting Irish; TBD Friday, Jan. 8 vs. LSSC; 4:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 vs. LSSC; 8:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 vs. Ferris State (club team); 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 vs. Ferris State; 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 vs. Ferris State. All games are at Redford Ice Arena on Beech Daly, south of I-96.

you start as a club team. As things get better and better and your team gets stronger, then you step it up. Play tougher competition.

"I think the first step is Division III here. That's my goal. I just hope the school's goal is that, too."

In January and February, Lindsay said he will scout high school players at various showcase events.

"We didn't have enough time to really recruit players this time," Lindsay stressed. "I couldn't go to any showcases, I didn't know they were going to have a team last year."

"So we'll be hitting the showcases at Trenton, and there's another one in Chelsea, getting some pretty good players trying to recruit them into Schoolcraft."

And Andrew Lindsay plans on skating again next year for his dad and for Schoolcraft College.

"I didn't do this for myself, I did it for everybody around me," the younger Lindsay said. "I know the school needed this. It's going to increase enrollment. These guys love being here and I do as well. It's just humbling being able to lead a group of guys."

Based on the enthusiasm and commitment level from everybody connected with the first wave of Ocelots' hockey, the efforts of enterprising young men Lindsay, Barger and Varhol will pay off for years to come.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Franklin icers stymie Canton

Churchill, Ladywood also post wins

Ed Wright and Dan O'Meara
Staff Writers

What a difference a couple of years have made for the Livonia Franklin hockey team.

The former KLAA dormat is currently ranked No. 8 in the Division 2 polls and owner of a 7-2 record following Friday night's 4-0 triumph over Canton.

Patriot Chase Wallis maintained his Sidney Crosby-esque scoring pace by scoring two goals for the winners.

Nick Salisbury added a goal and an assist, Brendan Nutting a goal and Brendan Whitney picked up a helper along with Zack Nelson, Jaret Evans, Trevor VanVliet and Cory Linsner.

Freshman goalie Jake Penny was outstanding between the pipes, turning away 22 Canton shots. Isaac Salinas was credited with 44 saves for the Chiefs.

"We've had a very productive first couple months of the season," said Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon, who has engineered the Patriots' turnaround. "We'll slow things down over the holidays, re-energize and return with a purpose in January."

Franklin returns to action at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, against Livonia Churchill.

Blazers rebound nicely

Livonia Ladywood improved its record to 5-1-1 with a 6-2 victory over Grosse Pointe North.

After North scored first, the Blazers answered with five consecutive goals to put a freeze on the lead.

Ladywood junior Sydney Malek tied the game at the 13:20 mark of the second period with junior Colleen Lynch and freshman Maelyn Thayer picking up assists.

With 5:39 left in the middle period junior CeCe Werner would find the back of the net with juniors Katie Hayward and Mikayla Pearson assisting to put the Blazers up for good, 2-1.

The winners' third-period goals were scored by Sydney Pilut, Hayward, Pearson and Malek. Thayer notched three points for the Blazers.

Churchill wins

Jordan Venegoni and Tyler Haydu scored first-period goals and Nolan Cioch netted a pair of lamp-lighters in the second period to lift the Chargers to a 4-2 victory over Bay City.

Josh Friend, Daniel Dawes, Joe Wozniak, Vengoni and Cioch recorded assists for the winners, who were bolstered by a strong performance from goalie Andrew Broyles (19 saves).

Falcons stumble

Farmington will have nearly a month to regroup and get ready for its next game, following a 7-0 loss Saturday to Rochester United at the Onyx Ice Arena.

The Falcons, who were 0-for-4 on the power play, were shut out for the first time this season.

Max Watson made a dozen saves and Hunter Firestone 14

saves for the Falcons (7-5), who are idle until Saturday, Jan. 16, when they play Berkeley.

Farmington ran into a hot goaltender and was dealt a 3-2 loss Dec. 16 by visiting Bloomfield Hills. The Falcons out-shot the Blackhawks, 46-17.

Jason Petras scored the Falcons' first goal at 5:23 of the first period with assists by Joe Majoros and Cam Noseworthy.

The Blackhawks scored the next three, however. Farmington's Jordan Hoke netted a power-play goal with 6:07 to play in the third period. Majoros and Joe Carbone assisted.

In the D3 Hockey Challenge Dec. 12 in Gaylord, the Falcons fell behind 3-0 in the first period against Grand Rapids Christian and lost, 5-3.

Farmington made it 3-2 with goals by Hoke (from Tanner Neill) and Carbone (from Petras and Majoros).

But the Eagles took another two-goal lead before the Falcons got a third goal from Petras with help from Majoros and Nick Callis early in the third period.

Flyers grounded

After a scoreless first period Dec. 16, Lake Orion took a 3-1 lead after two and defeated Farmington Hills Unified, 5-1.

Brandon Glasser scored for the Flyers, who are 1-4 in the OAA Red Division and 2-6 overall. Andrew Nathan picked up an assist.

Will Thornton scored twice for the Dragons. Conner Graham, Joe Briskey and Drew Casey had one goal and one assist apiece.

PeeWee Storm capture Capital Cup



The Westland Hockey Association's PeeWee Storm captured the championship in the Capital Cup in Lansing in November. Pictured are (back row from left) coach Jeremy Kielytyka, coach Steve Hill, coach Tom Allen, (second row from left) Hayden Kielytyka, Bryce Falk, Alex Carroll, Ben Thirjung, Max Messner, Lucas Falk, Brandon Lefevre, Harry Dembowsky, (front row from left) Zander Lacroix, Bazel Wolf, Mark Beebe, Kendell McFarland, Logan Piendzia, Mike Puda and Tyler Allen.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rocks outlast pesky Patriots

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It took a while longer than Bob Brodie would have wanted, but the Salem varsity boys basketball team finally broke into the win column Thursday.

After opening the 2015-16 season with losses to Ann Arbor Skyline and Livonia Churchill, the Rocks hung on for a 67-54 win over Livonia Franklin that Brodie said was much closer than the final score indicated.

"We led wire to wire, (but it was a) close basketball game the entire way," Brodie said.

"It wasn't until the end when the (margin) spread a little bit. They were forced to foul us a little bit and we knocked our free throws down."

Brodie said both teams made 17 turnovers during the scrappy Kensington Lakes Activities Association contest at Salem, "but that was due to the aggressive pressure."

He added that "it was good to come around with our first win," especially with the Rocks getting set for the annual Salem Holiday Tournament (Tuesday and Wednesday).

As has been customary so far this season, Salem senior

center Kenny Topolovec had a big night. He tallied 21 points and 15 rebounds against the Patriots.

Helping the cause with 19 points was junior forward Cameron Grace, while junior guard Camren Barden contributed 12 points.

Scoring 12 points each for Franklin were Mark Mettie and Jackie Hughes.

Salem led 12-9 after the first quarter and maintained leads of 28-24 at halftime and 41-36 after three quarters.

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GRAND VALLEY STATE SOCCER

Local connection fuels winning formula

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Grace Guibord has been a part of three straight NCAA Division II women's soccer national championship runs at Grand Valley State.

Meanwhile, former Northville High teammate Gabriella Mencotti has been part of the ride for two with the Lakers.

For goalkeeper Emily Maresh, also from Northville, it was her first rodeo and the 2015 season was quite a ride for her as the Lakers finished 23-1-1, capped by a 2-0 victory over Columbus (Ga.) State in the Dec. 5 final at Pensacola, Fla.

"It was just amazing to play with those girls and the talent that this team has was just incredible to play with," Maresh said. "That was one of the main reasons why I committed to Grand Valley, too, because it was kind of close to home and I knew so many of the other girls. Knowing Gabrielle (Mencotti), Alexis (Mencotti) and Guibord was definitely so comforting. Obviously, I was scared going into college, but having them there the whole way with me was amazing. They were so helpful with everything."

Guibord, a junior midfielder, finished the year with two goals and three assists, but brought so many intangibles to the table.

"She played with a really high consistency throughout the year, which she really struggled with as a sophomore," Grand Valley second-year coach Jeff Hosler said. "She was an integral part for us and does a lot of the dirty work in terms of ball winning and tackling that doesn't see a lot of headlines, but she was a vital part as well as anybody in the success we had this year."

Guibord attributed the team's success to the tight-knit atmosphere on and off the field.

Different journey

"Every year has been a different journey," Guibord said. "First year, we had Dave DiIanni (now at Iowa) as coach, the second year was Jeff (Hosler) and the third year was Jeff. The team chemistry over here has always been good. That's one of the reasons why I came to Grand Valley, was how great the chemistry of the team was and the environment (Hosler) provided. It's exceeded my expectations, for sure."

"This year has been different. We've had our ups and downs — our first game being our first down that we experienced. We didn't perform to the best of our ability in a couple of the games and (Hosler) got on us because he knows what we're capable of."

In the season opener against Quincy, Grand Valley was stunned 3-0 as Maresh made her inaugural start. The loss proved to be an eye-opener for the freshman.

"Obviously, the season did not start the way she would have wanted or prefer, giving up three goals in the season



Northville High's Emily Maresh (top) was the starting goalkeeper for Grand Valley's NCAA Division II national soccer champs.



Riga Farmer

opener," Hosler said. "She did a really good job of staying resilient, focusing on the training that she had been getting on a daily basis. And really, as the stakes got higher, her level of performance was raised in the postseason."

In the NCAA quarterfinal match-up with Central Missouri, Maresh had a signature moment by saving three penalty kicks in a 2-1 shootout victory.

"I think that was the moment I said, 'Wow,' and it was great to be a part of this team," Maresh said. "Obviously, I wasn't super-comfortable at the beginning of the season. I was scared to be in the game, but this team had so much confidence in me."

Maresh finished the year with a 19-1-1 record, including 13 shutouts. She had a 0.48 goals-against average and an .873 save percentage.

"She's definitely a character," Guibord said. "We love her. She didn't have many challenges during the regular season in the GLIAC, but she definitely came up big in the playoffs, especially saving three

PKs in the (quarterfinal) game. She's definitely a voice in the back line and it's crazy that she's a freshman who stepped into that role, but she definitely filled those shoes."

Mencotti, a 5-10 sophomore, also proved to be a force on the front line as the team's third leading scorer with 10 goals and nine assists.

"After a while, it started to get better and then really started to mesh well," she said. "We knew if we kept working hard, we were going to go all the way to the finals. Thankfully, that's what we did."

Hosler said Mencotti's willingness to accept different roles on the team proved to be a bonus.

"Gabby had another solid year for us," he said. "I think it was difficult for her, because of the number of positions we asked her to play. We were constantly moving her around and having a versatile player like her, with the skill set that she has, is a tremendous advantage. It made it difficult for her to find a rhythm at times this season, both playing as a winger and a center forward and as a midfielder, which are all very different positions. She did a great job of acclimating to it and there's no doubt she's a dangerous player. Very gifted offensively, with the ability to take players on and score from distance."

Gabby's sister Alexis, a red-shirt sophomore defender,

missed the entire season after undergoing surgery for a torn ACL in the spring.

"Even though she couldn't make an impact on the field in training or matches, she just has great leadership qualities, (someone) who demands and respects the most out of herself and those around her, Hosler said. "She helped keep people sharp. She helped keep them focused on those expectations. And I think her leadership is really important to our success."

But she was there for the national championship ride as a supporting teammate.

Blazer alum stars

Yet another unsung hero on Grand Valley's run to the title was freshman forward Samantha Riga, a Plymouth native who finished the year with nine goals and five assists in 25 matches. The Livonia Ladywood graduate made 10 starts.

"Sam had a major obstacle in order to get ready for the fall season," Hosler said. "She had to shut it down during her high school season in April due to an injury and it really sustained throughout the whole summer. She wasn't able to do anything to prepare for our season. She had her first on-field training with a ball in August, so she was really behind the eight-ball there, but she did a good job of playing catch-up, worked really hard. She tried to be as effective as she could and she scored some really big goals for us."

Riga scored twice in the NCAA tourney opener against Quincy and had three goals in three GLIAC tourney games.

"She really came up big and understood that she can perform at that level," Hosler said. "We got a lot out of her as a freshman, because it's a major adjustment to this level. She did a good job to get ready on short notice and was a big contributor for us this year."

Ex-Chief shines

Yet another asset to Grand Valley's title run was sophomore defender Maria Farmer, a Canton native who played at Plymouth. Farmer appeared in nine games for the Lakers.

"(Farmer) is a great teammate, works really hard," Hosler said. "She worked really hard between her freshman and sophomore year to get herself more physically fit and prepared for this level. She didn't see the minutes as the season progressed, but didn't let it affect her attitude and still bought into the culture of winning and doing what's best for the team."

For Guibord, it would be a remarkable feat to win four national championships in four years. But 2016 will be a new journey, even though all six area players return.

"We kind of battled hard and worked our butts to accomplish what we did this year," Guibord said. "We have to come in next year with a whole new mentality and a whole new routine."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

North girls roll to fifth hoops win

Double-double by Cherney sparks Raiders

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Sophomore Sam Cherney's double-double of 18 points and 12 rebounds paced host North Farmington to a 65-20 victory over Farmington in girls basketball Friday.

Alexa Dotson had 14 points and four assists for the Raiders (5-2). Karlie Cummins, who had a dozen rebounds, and Kelly Lusk contributed seven points apiece.

Lusk also had three assists and three steals. Tasia Rimson led the Falcons (1-5) with nine points. The Raiders led 36-8 at halftime.

"It was a good effort by the Raiders," North coach Jeff Simpson said. "We were a little shorthanded with injuries, and Kierra (Crockett) was out of town. The bench stepped up for the Raiders, and I was really happy with how they played. It was a great effort overall by everybody on the Raiders team."

North had a tough loss Tuesday to unbeaten and host Clarkston in an OAA crossover game, 39-36.

The Raiders led 18-15 at halftime, but the Wolves, who play in the Red Division, pulled ahead at the end of three periods, 28-26.

Crockett had 18 points, six rebounds and five steals. Alexa Cherney and Sam Cherney scored six points apiece. Sam also had nine rebounds.

Maddy Beck posted 15 points and Kayla Luchenbach 12 for the Wolves (6-0). Clarkston was 10-of-13 at the foul line and North 3-of-9.

"It was a hard-fought battle, but we came up on the short end," Simpson said. "It was a good game for us. We just didn't finish at the end."

"Free throws were the difference; we didn't convert when we had the opportunity. It was a valiant effort on the road against a really good team."

Trojans take loss

Foul trouble put Clarenceville at an early disadvantage Monday and contributed to the team's 43-24 loss to host Whitmore Lake.

The Lady Trojans were led offensively by Myla Hoskins, Michaela Nesler and A'Sha Whittaker with nine, eight and seven points, respectively.

Clarenceville is idle until Friday, Jan. 8, when it plays Annapolis.

WRESTLING

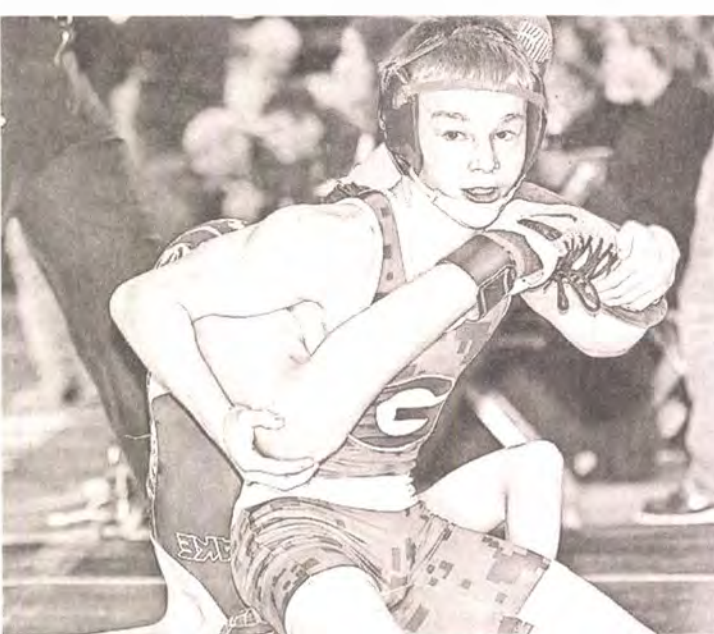
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son said. "To have that many guys lose early, pick themselves up and wrestle back and take fifth as a team really shows the heart of this team."

"It's not only the guys that place high that score a lot of team points, all the fifths, sixths and sevenths really pay off on the team-point race. And to place fifth at a tough tournament with the area teams, I am really proud of the guys right now."

Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza continued his dominating streak, winning the 145-pound bracket with a second-round pin of Plymouth's Dylan Dwyer.

Wayne County Wrestling Championships Saturday at Wayne Memorial
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 186 points; 2. (tie) Dearborn Heights Annapolis and Southgate Anderson, 144; 4. Belleville, 119; 5. Salem, 100; 6. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 99; 7. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 96; 8. Woodhaven, 93; 9. Livonia Franklin, 80; 10. Livonia Churchill, 72; 11. Plymouth, 65; 12. Riverview, 63; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 63; 14. Canton, 53; 15. Wayne Memorial, 52; 16. Hamtramck, 50; 17. (tie) Grosse Ile and Wyandotte Roosevelt, 38; 19. Flat Rock, 32; 20. Dearborn Divine Child, 23; 21. (tie) Dearborn and Romulus Summit Academy, 22; 23. Northville, 4; Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Detroit Loyola, Detroit U of D Jesuit, Grosse Pointe South, Highland Park, Lincoln Park, Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Thurston, Romulus and Trenton did not wrestle.
103 pounds: 1. Kyle Borthwell (WJG) won by tech. fall over Alec Balogh (SA), 18-3; 3. Mujahid Ahmed (DF) pinned Kyle Thompson (RV) in 4:36; 5. Tarik Shahout (DC), dec. Nate Gaubatz (S), 10-3.
112: 1. Mikey Mars (WJG) won by tech. fall over Isiah Berry (P), 17-0; 3. Ethan Englehart (LC) pinned Chris Markaj (B), 3:57; 5. Jacob Lanzini (GI) won by major dec. over Jacqueline Parks (SA), 10-1.
119: 1. Logan Palshan (SA) won by major dec. over Cameron Wyka (DEF), 10-2; 3. Josh Mussen (LC) dec.



Westland John Glenn sophomore 112-pounder Mikey Mars, pictured during last year's successful run at the Division 1 103-pound state championship, handily won his bracket at Saturday's Wayne County Championships

Cam Shaughnessy (S), 3-2; 5. Isaac Lefler (WJG) pinned Sammy Lyman (B) in 3:06.
125: 1. Donte Rivera-Garcia (SA) dec. Xavier Graham (W), 5-2; 3. Nick Daniels (WM) dec. Harrison Samoy (C), 3-1; 5. Justin Manuel (DHA) won by major dec. over Hassan Makled (D), 15-6.
130: 1. Chris Brown (B) pinned Wasam Kaseem (H) in 5:34; 3. Justin Winnie (C) dec. Hassan Alhussain, (DHC), 4-0; 5. Jacob Emery (W) dec. Bradley James (SA), 7-1.
135: 1. John Siemasz (WJG) won by major dec. over David Knapp (DHA), 9-1; 3. Jack DeJock (WM) dec. Jared Fress (DEF), 3-2; 5. Kyle Emery (W) dec. Drew Lindsay (S), 6-2.
140: 1. Abe Ajami (DF) dec. William Marano (DEF), 3-2; 3. Jeremy Nelson (LF) dec. Payton Benetate (WJG), 6-4; 5. Bruce Haslitt (S) pinned Ammar Alabalidi (DHA) in 3:45.
145: 1. Nathan Atienza (LF) pinned Dylan Dwyer (P) in 5:27; 3. Stahj McCoy (H), dec. Austin Ayison (DDC), 5-0; 5. Mike Wickowski (GI) won by major dec. over Russel Gaubatz (S), 10-0.

152: 1. Caleb Brown (B) dec. Dustin Gross (DHA), 3-1; 3. Yousef Danaoui (D) dec. Zac Leck (LC), 3-0; 5. Genaro Accerano (WJG) dec. Seth Dunn (S), 5-3.
160: 1. Brandon Garcia (RV) dec. Hunter Grasso (W), 11-4; 3. Hiram Robinson (WR) dec. John Hicks (WM), 10-5; 5. Keyion Smith (B) dec. Justin Beasinger (DHA), 3-2.
171: 1. Alecander Moore (SA) won by major dec. over Kasseem Salameh (DHC), 14-6; 3. Shane Conn (RSA) pinned Ryan Myre (FR) in 47 seconds, 5.
175: 1. John Allen (DEF) won by major dec. over Andrew Garza (LF), 13-3.
189: 1. Jon Cox (DHA) dec. David Fuqua (DEF), 1-0; 3. Demetrius Fields (S) dec. Malek Mansour (DF), 4-0; 5. Josh Jarvis (DHC) pinned Josh Dodd (W) in 3:28.
215: 1. Ja'Waan Peete (WJG) dec. David Tooley (B), 11-8; 3. Evan Begeman (RV) dec. Jeffrey Jones (FR), 7-1; 5. Joe Fortin (LF) dec. Tyler Moore (S), 6-0.
285: 1. Ali Wahab (DHC) pinned Avery Casey (WJG) in 1:34; 3. Josh Retting (LF) pinned Umar Nasir (DHA) in 1:44; 5. Joe McCourt (SA) pinned Anthony Callaway (WM) in 14 seconds.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

56TH ANNUAL OAKLAND COUNTY WRESTLING TOURNEY Dec. 19 at Lake Orion

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 330 points; 2. Clarkston, 264.5; 3. Oxford, 255; 4. Walled Lake Central, 190; 5. Rochester Adams, 175; 6. Waterford Kettering, 154; 7. Orionville Brandon, 145.5; 8. Rochester, 127; 9. Holly, 120.5; 10. Waterford Mott, 113; 11. Novi, 98; 19. South Lyon, 87; 20. White Lake Lakeland, 85; 34. South Lyon East, 36; 36. Milford, 27 (39 schools).

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
160 pounds: Sam Addy (Adams) decisioned Kyle Masters (Clarkston), 9-4; **third place:** Hadyn Kinjorski (W.L. Central) dec. Josh Brooks (Rochester), 12-5; **fifth place:** Bobby Keyes (Troy Athens) dec. Devin Trevino (Oxford), 5-1; **seventh place:** Miles Filippis (Royal Oak) won by injury default over Tyler Modock (Lake Orion).
171: Nate Vandemeer (Clarkston) won by technical fall over Shermood Dabney (St. Mary Prep), 16-0; **third:** John Staron (Troy Athens) dec. Cade Dallwitz (Holly), 5-1; **fifth:** Patrick Liess (W.L. Northern) dec. Anthony Tuppins (Adams), 8-4; seventh: Ethan Erin (Oxford) dec. Efrain Ortiz (Pontiac), 9-5.
189: Tyler Morland (Detroit CC) won by tech. fall over Kobie Davis (Ferndale), 17-2; **third:** Byron Schlickemeyer (Oxford) dec. Nate Hayes (Clarkston), 7-5; **fifth:** Bryant Thickstun (Lakeland) pinned Denny Matthews (Lake Orion), 2:03; **seventh:** Tyler Koch (Stoney Creek) dec. Demarco Howard (Rochester), 11-9.
215: Wyatt Harden (Oxford) p. Cooper Smith (Novi), 3:22; **third:** Jacob Uingling (Troy) dec. Dylan Yaldo (N. Farmington), 13-9; **fifth:** Jackson Ross (Detroit CC) dec. Collin Dallwitz (Holly), 7-4; **seventh:** Donovan King (Farm.) p. Brandon Jones (Rochester), 4:57.
285: Nate Truivine (Clarkston) p. Brendon Thompson (Lake Orion), 0:37; **fifth:** Corey Conrad (Kettering) dec. Harley Susalla (Clarkston), 9-6; **seventh:** Kyle Gray (Avondale) dec. Max Katsiroubas (Mott), 5-0.
135: Ben Freeman (W.L. Central) won by tech. fall over Aidan Pierobon (Stoney Creek), 18-3; **third:** Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Sasha Wilson (Rochester), 12-4; **fifth:** Colin Takata (Grove) dec. Malike Parker (Pontiac), 4-3; **seventh:** Garrett Tyrrell (Oxford) dec. Amarae Kittles (Brandon), 7-0.
140: Alex Hrisopoulos (Oxford) p. Anthony Gonzalez (Kettering), 0:43; **third:** Jake Anderson (Adams) dec. Joe McGrath (Detroit CC), 6-3; **fifth:** Jacob Rygielski (Clarkston) p. Blair Boerke (Seaholm), 2:50; **seventh:** Dan Stallard (Holly) dec. Luke Evangelista (South Lyon), 11-10.
145: Bryan LaVeorn (Brandon) p. Nick Costanzo (W.L. Central), 4:21; **third:** Tyler Johnson (Detroit CC) dec. Trent Myre (Oxford), 6-3; **fifth:** Caleb Edmond (St. Mary Prep) p. Jake Race (South Lyon), 1:25; **seventh:** Kevin Price (Stoney Creek) won by default over Alec Bills (Clarkston).
152: Tim Hagelin (Kettering) p. Cobrin Moore (Mott), 1:07; **third:** Aiden Waugh (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Jalen Adams (Hazel Park), 17-6; **fifth:** Chris Lade (Lake Orion) won by default; **seventh:** Jake Calvano (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Kade Eble (Adams), 16-5.

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DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Family service is Christmas Eve

Contact: 313-532-8655

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Dec. 24 and 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Contact: 734-464-4433; scolette.net

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 31

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Worship service

Contact: 313-532-8655

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Dec. 31

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: The church also will hold 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Jan. 1

Contact: 734-464-4433; scolette.net

JANUARY

EXERCISE

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

Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Joe Mason leads a 12-week session that focuses on balance, timing, coordination, strength, flexibility, stretching, abdominal and back exercises. \$84 for the series or \$10 per class drop in

Contact: 734-455-5910

WOMEN'S EVENT

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Authors Lynn Donovan and Dineen Miller are guest speakers at an event for women who are "spiritually mismatched" in their marriage or have loved ones who are non-believers or are not mature in their faith. The conference will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Tickets are \$30, available at <https://spiritualmismatch.eventbrite.com>

Contact: 734-421-0472

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

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

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

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

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

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

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

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Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where

men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery

helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14

Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church

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Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Ashlyn McCann will make it easy for you to “like” her performance in a one-act play next month at the Village Theater in Canton. The 17-year-old Plymouth High School senior will tackle the role of Facebook during a teen-driven production called *Social Mediation*. “It’s kind of like an AA meeting for social media,” said McCann, explaining the play’s plot. “She (Facebook) goes to the meeting because she doesn’t have any friends and she wants to make more friends.” McCann is among a handful of cast members who will portray social networking websites including Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tinder, Pinterest, YouTube, and Facebook, when a teen theater project called TeenLab365 stages

the play Saturday, Jan. 9. TeenLab365 is the newest twist to TLC Productions’ biennial playwriting and performing project, StageLab24. The two projects culminate in public performances, but their creative processes are polar opposites. The adults chosen to create and stage 10-minute one-act plays during StageLab24, will take their works from page to stage in just 24 hours, Jan. 8-9. They’ll work in collaboration with a director who will audition actors, cast the show and stage the new work. Approximately 14 TeenLab365 members have worked together since February under the leadership of Kristen Heitmeier, local actress and director. They’ve brainstormed story ideas, shaped ideas into a script, envisioned costuming, talked about sound and lighting, auditioned actors, cast the show and are rehearsing *Social Mediation*.

Teen production

Heitmeier, who acted at StageLab24 in 2014, its inaugural year, approached TLC Productions with her idea of a “teen-driven and teen-centric show from start to finish.” “We were able to settle on a teen version. I’m grateful to TLC Productions for not only bringing great original theater to the stage, but for this opportunity and for being so open minded,” she said. “I love working with kids and taking something, an idea, and seeing it to fruition on the stage. I thought, how neat would it be to create an opportunity for kids with different talents and interests in different parts of theater. They could pick the area they love or are interested in exploring further.” Although everyone brainstormed ideas for the play, a group of designated writers turned those ideas into a script, finishing their work in summer. The group auditioned actors in October, cast the

show, and discussed production needs.

“It’s very much an ensemble cast and crew,” said Heitmeier, whose Northville home became TeenLab365 headquarters over the past year. “I like to think that if you do theater the right way, it should be a standard that everyone feels part of one collective team.”

Parent-friendly

Heitmeier calls *Social Mediation* “relevant, clever and relatable to everyone.” She said the writers took care to make sure all audience members will understand the play’s nuances.

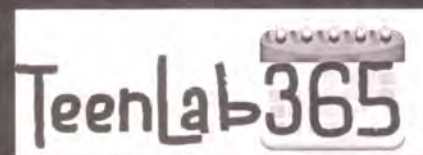
“There is a message at the end that I think both kids and parents will relate to. So many of us are focused on social media right now,” she said.

McCann bounced a few character ideas off her mother and in the end decided to play Facebook, a social media network with 1.55 billion monthly active users, as “excited” and eager to make friends.

“She is excited to be at the meeting. She doesn’t have a lot of friends and there are all these people there,” said McCann, explaining that teens today tend to spend more time on Twitter and Instagram than Facebook.

“I tend to play evil characters. It’s fun to go with being excited.” The public performances of StageLab24 and TeenLab365, along with an original new work by TLC Productions, start at 8 p.m. Jan. 9, on the main stage at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15. Call 734-394-5300 or visit tlcproductions.org.

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GET OUT!

Irish music, old-time folk blend at The Ark

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Irish tunes will combine with a lumberjack song or two and folk at the 19th annual Crossroads Ceili, Dec. 26-27 at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

“This this year I’m introducing some American old timey musicians,” said Mick Gavin, a Redford resident who coordinates the celebration and plays fiddle in the Crossroads Ceili Band. He plans to include Ben Luttermoser and Rachel Pearson from the local bluegrass group, Behind the Times, in the program this year. Luttermoser plays guitar, bass and sings, and Pearson plays fiddle. They both also play bass and sing.

“We are good friends and have been hanging out together and exchanging songs and tunes. They are very good musicians and very folksy. They play in Detroit and at Blackthorn (Pub) in Holly. They play all over.”

Also new this year is Randy Gosa of Milwaukee, Wis., who is a friend of Gavin’s son, Sean, and a member of the group, Myserk. Gosa will



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Rachel Pearson and Ben Luttermoser of Behind the Times will perform at the 19th annual Crossroads Ceili in Ann Arbor.



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Randy Gosa will join the Crossroads Ceili Band for its annual two-day concert at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

perform Irish tunes with the Crossroads Ceili Band, although Gavin also hopes he’ll also sing a lumberjack song.

“He has a recording of songs of the lumberjacks in the lumber camps from years ago in Michigan and Minnesota. He plays banjo, guitar and bouzouki and also sings,” Gavin said.

Gosa collaborated with Brian Miller, a musician from Minnesota, on *The Falling of*

the Pine, a recording of songs and dance tunes from lumber camp bunkhouses throughout the Great Lakes.

“Hopefully we’ll get him to do a song,” Gavin said.

Returning favorites, in addition to Sean Gavin, flutist and uilleann piper, are Crossroads members, Mick Gavin’s son Michael Gavin, Colleen Shanks, Kelsey Lutz and Mick Gavin. The MacLeod and Rankin families will play

Scottish music from Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Championship Irish step dancers also will perform.

Tickets are \$15 with a dinner show combination for \$25 available from the Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, or from Conor O’Neill’s, the Irish restaurant next door to the Ark. Dinner/show combo must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Gavin at 313 537-3489 or the Ark at 734-761-1800.

Mark your calendar for Jan. 23 when Gavin and his fellow musicians present square dancing at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

“We have a new spin off on our music and our dancing,” Gavin said. “We’ve formed the Detroit Square Dancing Society. We’re crossing traditional American square dance with Irish step dancing. Eventually, we want to have square dancing one a month. I see a great future for this.”

Gavin said the suggested donation will be \$10, although he won’t turn anyone away because of the cost.

“If all you can throw is \$5 into the bucket, that’s fine.”

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1

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

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Jan. 4

Location: Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: Don and Kay Masini will present a PowerPoint program called Art Critics and Surrealism. The event is free

Contact: 313-231-3939; threecitiesartclub.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Jan. 31

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: “Dream Creatures” is a mixed media solo exhibition featuring the works of Took Gallagher

Contact: 734/394-5300

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *The Martian*, \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 8 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 9

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

Details: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, \$5.

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

HISTORY

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Current exhibit: A Red Ryder Christmas Story draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, *A Christmas Story*, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Red Ryder BB guns were sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of

Plymouth

Contact: 734-455-8940

LIGHTS

WAYNE COUNTY LIGHTFEST

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31. Closed Dec. 25

Location: Enter at Hines Drive and Merriman in Westland and exit near Telegraph in Dearborn Heights

Details: Drive-through light show features nearly 50 lighted displays. Fee is \$5 per vehicle

Contact: parks.waynecounty.com; 734-261-1990

WILD LIGHTS

Time/Date: 5:30-9 p.m. Dec. 21-23 and 26-31

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

Details: Admission is \$9 in advance and \$11 at the gate for ages 2 and older. Parking is \$6 per car. Features illuminated sculptures, holiday entertainment

and activities, ice carving and arts and crafts. Buy tickets online at detroit-zoo.org/events/wild-lights

Contact: 248-541-5717

MUSIC

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at Lahser and 13 Mile, in Beverly Hills

Details: The Shanghai Quartet performs contemporary Chinese works as well as classical Western pieces and music from the film *Raise the Red Lantern*. Tickets are \$32-\$64 general admission and \$16-\$32 for students

Contact: CMSDetroit.org

CHAMBER SOLOISTS

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: Suren Bagratuni, Aaron Berofsky and Pauline Martin will perform.

Single tickets are \$30. Students, under 25, with identification pay \$10

Contact: ChamberSoloistsDetroit.org; 586-944-5353

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and a special guest, Jan. 3, Joel Mabus and Ray Kamalay, Jan. 9. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

SPECIAL EVENTS

CIRCUS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31

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

Details: Detroit Circus performs aerial antics on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing and eating, stilt walking and stilt

acrobatics. Tickets are \$20

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

Hayrides, sleigh rides

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Dec. 26 and 27

Location: Kensington Metropark Farm Center, Milford

Details: Rides are wheelchair accessible and are pulled by a team of draft horses or tractor. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per senior, 62 and over, and \$3 for children, 3-12. Children 2 and under ride for free

Contact: 810-227-8910

MAGIC ACT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26

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

Details: Aaron Radatz, Las Vegas magician and a Michigan native, will perform a one-man show of magic and comedy with a holiday flavor. Tickets are \$18-\$24

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

Blend indulgence and nutrition with hazelnuts



GETTY IMAGES

With family gatherings and New Year's resolutions, this is the time of year where the holiday and wellness seasons find themselves on a collision course. The key to fully enjoying both seasons is finding treats that balance great taste with nutritional value.

Hazelnuts, which are widely known as the culprit behind the irresistible flavor of chocolate hazelnut spreads, are one way to consciously enjoy the season. Rich in vitamins and dietary fiber, and naturally cholesterol and gluten free, hazelnuts

can amplify a variety of foods and flavors for an indulgence-meets-nutritious experience.

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Turkish hazelnuts add extra vitamins and fiber to recipes, creating nutritious but indulgent snacks, desserts, sides and entrées.

Find more hazelnut inspiration at hazelnuts-fromturkey.com.

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CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT BANANA BREAD WITH HAZELNUT CRUMBLE

Serves: 12
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 60 minutes

Bread:
2 cups flour
¾ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup butter, unsalted
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 ½ cups bananas, mashed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup milk
¼ cup chocolate hazelnut spread

Crumble
1 cup hazelnuts, toasted and roughly chopped
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup flour
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup butter, unsalted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with nonstick spray. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt. In a separate large bowl, cream sugar and butter together. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each egg is added. Add mashed bananas, milk and vanilla and beat until well combined. Add flour mixture, beat at low speed just until flour is incorporated. Don't over mix. In a small microwave safe bowl, add hazelnut-chocolate spread and heat for 15 seconds. Stir to evenly mix heated spread. Add 1 cup of the banana bread batter to the warmed spread and stir until well mixed. Spoon spread mixture alternately with plain banana bread batter into the prepared loaf pan. Swirl batters together with a knife. Bake 50 to 60 minutes. Cool in pan for at least 15 minutes and then remove loaf from pan and place on a wire rack to cool completely.

Crumble: Put the toasted hazelnuts and sugar in a food processor and pulse until the nuts are well chopped, but not overly so. Add the flour, salt, and cinnamon and pulse again, to mix. Remove the lid and scatter the butter over the dry ingredients. Pulse until the mixture resembles medium-fine crumbs. Empty the crumbs into a large bowl and rub them between your fingers to make large, buttery crumbs. Refrigerate until needed.



ROASTED BEET SALAD WITH HAZELNUTS AND RICOTTA SALATA

Serves: 8
Prep time: 45 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes

5 ½ pounds beets, roasted
1 ½ cups olive oil
6 cloves garlic
1 cup hazelnuts, roasted and chopped
½ cup lemon juice
1 shallot, diced
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
8 ounces arugula
4 ounces ricotta salata, shaved
Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large roasting pan, toss the beets with ¼ cup of the oil and the garlic and thyme; season with salt and pepper. Cover tightly with foil and roast for about 1 hour and 15 minutes, until the beets are tender. Let cool, then peel the beets and cut them into different sized wedges, chunks and slices. Meanwhile, spread the hazelnuts in a pie plate and bake for about 12 minutes, until fragrant. Transfer the nuts to a kitchen towel and let cool slightly, then rub them together in the towel to remove the skins. Coarsely chop the nuts. In a medium bowl, whisk the lemon juice with the shallot and mustard and let stand for 10 minutes. Gradually whisk in the remaining 1 cup of olive oil and season the dressing with salt and pepper. In a large bowl, toss the beets with half of the dressing and season with salt and pepper. Arrange the beets on a platter and sprinkle the chives and hazelnuts on top. Scatter shaved goat cheese over the salad and serve, passing the additional dressing and cheese at the table.



HAZELNUT CHOCOLATE ENERGY BARS

Serves: 15

1 cup dates
¼ cup cocoa powder
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup hazelnut butter
¼ cup honey
1 cup hazelnuts, toasted
1 ½ cups rolled oats
½ cup semisweet chocolate chips

Place dates in food processor and mix until small bits remain and form ball. Add cocoa powder and salt and process. Heat hazelnut butter and honey until warm. Pour into food processor along with remaining ingredients. Pulse until well mixed. Transfer to lightly greased and foil-lined 9-by-9-inch pan. Using spatula, pack mixture into tight square. Freeze to set for 15 minutes. Remove and cut into 15 bars. Store in airtight container or bag in fridge to keep fresh, or in freezer for longer term storage.



MUSHROOM SOUP WITH SMOKEY HAZELNUT BRITTLE

Serves: 12
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Brittle:
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon corn syrup
½ cup hazelnuts, toasted
¼ teaspoon smoked flaky salt
¼ teaspoon smoked, spicy paprika

Soup:
3 tablespoons olive oil
½ cup shallots, minced
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 pounds mushrooms, mixed, sliced
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
½ cup hazelnuts, toasted and roughly chopped
6 cups stock, chicken or vegetable
½ cup heavy cream
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Chopped parsley
Hazelnut oil

Make the brittle: Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Mix sugar, water and corn syrup in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook, without stirring and brushing down the sides if crystals form, until it turns a golden brown. Stir in the hazelnuts, salt and paprika and pour onto the baking sheet. Let cool and break up into coarse pieces. Make the soup: Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the shallots and garlic and cook until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the mushrooms, season with salt and pepper and cook until softened, about 5 minutes longer. Remove 1 cup and reserve for garnish. Add the hazelnuts and wine and simmer until wine has reduced by half, about 5 minutes. Stir in the broth and bring to a boil. Simmer 15 minutes, then puree very well with an immersion blender. Stir in the cream and season with Worcestershire and additional salt and pepper. To serve, ladle into bowls and top with small pieces of brittle, reserved mushrooms, chopped parsley and a drizzle of hazelnut oil.

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