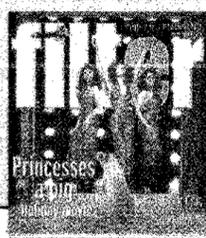


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Canton resident Erin Jesson, manager of the Bearclaw Coffee Co. in Westland, steams the milk to the right temperature for a "Milky Way," a latte made with chocolate, caramel and vanilla.

Joe to go: Bearclaw puts wheels on coffee

BY SUE MASON
 STAFF WRITER

The temperature outside was hovering in the low 20s, good weather for a nice cup of hot coffee, but sandal-clad John Sabo was at the Bearclaw Coffee Co. for something on the cool side - an iced mocha with caramel whipped cream. Just three weeks after the coffee shop opened its doors, Sabo is a regular, walking over from his apartment at least once a day for the drink. "I watched it through the whole (renovation) process," said Sabo, waiting for manager Erin Jesson to mix up his drink. "I came in the second,

third day and have been coming even since. "I used to go to the Beanery in the mall, but I like this, it's not as sweet." Sabo's comments are music to the ears of Lance and Cyndi Howey. Their goal is to give the "best service and best product" they can. "We're new around here and we have to earn our customers," said Lance Howey. "We try to give them the very best product. If they get something good, then they'll want to come back." Located on Wayne Road north of Warren, Bearclaw Coffee isn't hard to spot. A former ice cream stand, it now

looks like a northwoods retreat with its log siding and a more than six-foot tall wooden bear for a "lawn ornament." The coffee shop offers drive-through service on the outside and a small counter with stools and an upholstered chair for those who like to sit and sip on the inside. Employees of Northwest Airlines - Cyndi is on leave from her job as a customer service representative and Lance is an equipment service employee - the Howeys decided to try their luck. The company was founded by Debi and Doug Scroggins,



John Sabo of Westland is a Bearclaw regular, stopping in daily for a frozen chocolate mocha with caramel whip cream.

PLEASE SEE BEARCLAW, A5

Auditors urge study of city's water rates

BY SUE MASON
 STAFF WRITER

Now may be the time for city officials to follow up on an auditor's recommendation of a rate study in the Water and Sewer Division. The call for the study came during a meeting Monday evening in advance of an announcement by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department that the city's proposed rate increase for 2007 is 9.7 percent.

The city auditors recommended the study to look at possibly adding on a city rate increase as part of a review of the fiscal 2006 audit.

For several years, the city has held the line on adding its own charges to increase the DWSD has levied.

However, Michael Swartz on Plante Moran said that although the city shows a "significant positive cash flow, it may be time for a study." "If you don't look at rates, the working capital is going to keep settling," he said. "You have to look at the cost going forward and you also have to consider your capital outlay to maintain

the system." According to the Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, the state of the economy and the difficulties facing residents with increased costs for such things as health care have played into the city's decision not to add on to what DWSD charges for water. Calling it a "a hefty increase that's based on an arbitrary day, Cicirelli said. "We're being penalized for a particular day that we don't even know which one it is. I think it was a day in August."

The audit showed that the Water and Sewer Division took in \$17.8 million in revenue and spent \$18.8 million and its working capital dropped from \$7.1 million in fiscal 2005 to \$6.4 million in fiscal 2006.

Swartz pointed out that the city's new water and sewer bonds include a covenant that rates must be set at a level to cover anticipated operations, maintenance and debt service and that the covenant should be taken into consideration in developing the 2006-2007 budget.

"We haven't put a city

PLEASE SEE WATER, A5

Auditor: 'Fantastic job' holding down costs

BY SUE MASON
 STAFF WRITER

City officials received a pat on the back from auditors for a "fantastic job" of holding the line on spending while increasing the budget surplus.

"It was a very positive year and I compliment you (city council) and the city administration on what you have done," said Michael Swartz of Plante Moran. "You held the line on the fund balance, it's been hard to do and it's been necessary to do, but going forward, it will be even harder to do."

Swartz and Brian Camiller met with city officials Monday evening to review the audit which showed an increase in the General Fund balance by about \$790,000 because the police and fire retirement millage brought in more money than what was expended and "most importantly, most departments spent less than what was approved in the amended budget."

"The department heads did a great job of staying under budget," said Camiller. "The

city came in \$2.5 million under budget. It's not quite as good as last year, but it's still a fantastic job."

The audit recognized the city's efforts to control expenses in difficult times and the continuing improvement in "the quality and thoroughness" of its records.

According to Camiller, the general fund balance has increased \$2.1 million since 2002 when the city had a \$252,000 surplus. But the ability to maintain an adequate fund balance will continue to be affected by reductions in state shared revenue.

It makes up 17 percent of the city's General Fund revenue and has dropped from \$10.56 million in 2001 to \$8.7 million in 2006. Projections are for a meager \$2,000 increase in fiscal 2007.

"The level (of state shared revenue) will be stagnant," said Swartz. "The Single Business Tax replacement appears to be revenue neutral, but if it isn't revenue neutral, state shared revenue could be at risk."

The auditors also pointed out that the city's cable franchise fees could be wiped out

as the result of proposed legislation at the state and federal level. The State Senate voted almost 2-1 to approve the bill, which surprised Mayor Sandra Cicirelli.

"Our big concern is the contracts we negotiated and if they will be abrogated," she said. "We want to see the language in this bill."

While the mayor doesn't believe the city will lose all of the \$800,000 the franchise fees generate, she does expect the amount will be substantial.

She also acknowledged that the city will continue to face the challenge of living within its means, but praised her staff for their efforts in holding the line on expenses.

"Absolutely, they've done a good job, they're always looking for more ways to save money," she said. They work hard to do that and I give them a lot of credit."

She added that the city will continue to face the challenge of living within its means.

"I think we'll see more regionalization with the loss of revenue," she said.

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Reward aims to find person who set trap

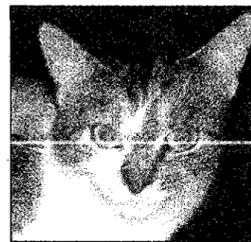
The Michigan Humane Society is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the person or persons responsible for setting an animal trap in the Hines Park area near Warren and Middlebelt in Westland recently.

The reward comes less than two weeks after Snickers the cat was found in the rear of Phillips Landscaping with its right front leg caught in the trap.

"Any way we can find the person who set this trap will benefit animals as a whole," said Stephanie Baron of the MHS. "It could have been any animal that got caught in that trap. Finding that person is going to benefit us and benefit all of the animals."

Westland Police believe that Snickers was trapped in the park where six traps have been discovered in the past three years.

Employees of Phillips Landscaping found Snickers. She was taken to the Berman Center for Animal Care in



Snickers

Westland and underwent surgery to re-fuse the bone in her leg. She is currently in foster care until she is well enough to be reunited with her owner, Tracey Beverly.

"We want to make sure she's healing properly," said Baron. "She's doing so good, so well. Everyone loves her at the Berman Center, she's such a sweet cat."

Anyone with information regarding the person or persons responsible for setting the illegal trap can call Westland Police at (734) 722-9600.

By Sue Mason

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Coming Sunday in Health



New vaccine prevents cervical cancer

AROUND WESTLAND

Food distribution

The city of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, for residents living north of Michigan Avenue.

Residents living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities on the third Monday of the month at St. James United Methodist Church at 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers pick up their food at the apartment building. Call the building manager for the date of the distribution.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Book group

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group at the William P. Faust Public Library will be poring over the pages of *Variable Star* by Robert Heinlein and Spider Robinson when it meets on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in

meeting room A. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Christmas play

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Westland has invited the public to a free Christmas play and dinner at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the church, located at 29066 Eton.

For more information, call (734) 721-2557. Transportation may be provided upon request.

Council to meet

The Westland City Council has scheduled a study session for 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, to discuss an office at Hunters West apartments that provides services for mentally and physically disabled residents.

Holiday music

The sounds of the season will echo through Westland Shopping Center with musical performances by local groups. The five-piece Phil Gram All Stars will perform classic holiday music 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the East Court, while 3 D's &

W, a barbershop quartet, will perform throughout the mall 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, and Friday, Dec. 15 and 22.

Also performing will be Our Lady of Good Counsel Choir Group 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 15, also in the J.C. Penney Court.

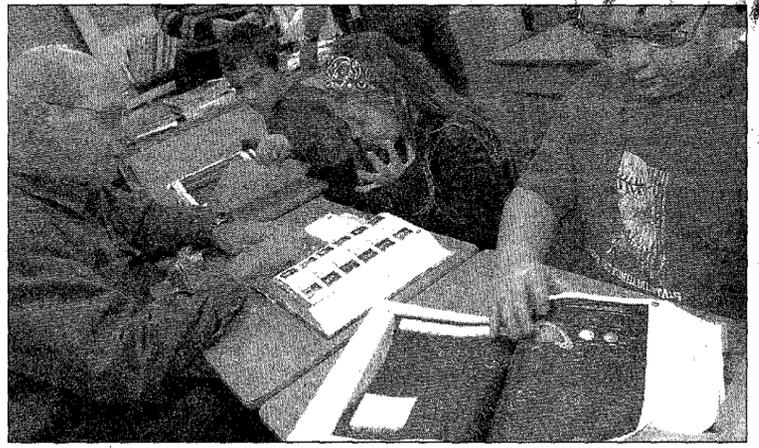
Youngsters can stop by and see Santa 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 11-14. Additional hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 16, 17 and 23 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

With the holiday shopping season in full swing, the mall will be open a variety of hours during the month. It will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 17, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 18-20, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 21-22, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 23 and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

The mall will be closed Christmas Day, but will reopen 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 26. It will return to normal hours - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - Dec. 27-30, then open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Euchre games

Friday Night Euchre/Pinochle Card Parties start at 7:30 p.m. at St. Bernardine Parish in Westland. Doors open at 7 p.m. No partner is needed. Admission is \$5 and includes refreshments, snacks and cash prizes. A 50/50 raffle also is available. The scheduled dates are Dec. 15, Jan. 7, 5, 12, 26 and Feb. 2, 9, 16. For more information, call (734) 427-5150.



Wayne Rotarian John Van Stipdonk looks over the new dictionaries given to Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School third-graders Ethan Leach (from left), Alexis Barsegian and Dylan Coffey.

Wayne Rotary gives power of words to 3rd-graders

Third-graders in the Wayne portion of the Wayne-Westland school district have a dictionary to help with their learning, thanks to the Wayne Rotary Club.

The club funded the purchase of dictionaries which were presented to students this week to schools within the Wayne city limits and to third-graders at Schweitzer Elementary in Westland which takes in students from Wayne.

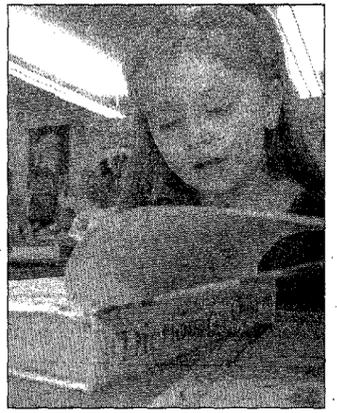
This is the second time the organization has purchased dictionaries for the students. They gave out 450 dictionaries between Thanksgiving and

Christmas last year.

Wayne Rotarians credit Nate Weiser with bringing the program to the attention of the club. A member for more than 50 years, he saw a small article about a club in California which initiated the project.

Weiser approached his fellow Rotarians who signed on to do the same literacy program for students in their city.

The *MacMillan Dictionary for Children* isn't only full of words and definitions, there are also sections that can help the students with such subjects as mathematics.



Third-grader Sara Johncox loves her new dictionary and "all the new challenging words to learn."

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CORRECTION

A photograph accompanying an article on not drinking and driving in Sunday's *Observer* had an incorrect caption. The woman who was representing the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance was Tamara Norrix and not Theresa Webster.

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Scheduled Meeting Date	Cut-Off Date	Scheduled Meeting Date	Cut-Off Date
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January 16, 2007 (Tues.)	January 5	July 23, 2007	July 6
February 5, 2007	January 19	August 6, 2007	July 20
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March 5, 2007	February 23	September 4, 2007 (Tues.)	August 24
March 19, 2007	March 9	September 17, 2007	September 7
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April 16, 2007	April 5	October 15, 2007	October 5
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Whiz kid

Wayne Memorial senior competes for Michigan Math Prize

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

While most students were enjoying a planned day off from school last week, Olivia LaFortune was taking a math test.

Not just any math test. It was Part II in the 50th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. LaFortune, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, was among 1,000 students selected to advance to second portion of the competition.

"I was really surprised when I found out I made it," said LaFortune. "There was 40 questions on Part I and I got 16 right. It varies each year as to the number of right answers to be a finalist."

The competition is offered by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America to encourage students to develop their interests and abilities in mathematics.

LaFortune participated because mathematics teacher Denise Bateson required it of her students. Part I, given on Oct. 11, was open to all students in Michigan high schools and featured multiple-choice questions involving topics from high school mathematics.

It's estimated that 14,000 students took Part I. LaFortune finished in the top 1,000 and advanced to Part II. She had one hour and 40 minutes to complete five problems without the help of a calculator. She was required to write out her answers, providing full justification and proof of her claims.

"Last year's questions were crazy hard, so I guess they won't be too different this year," said LaFortune in an interview last week.

The students with the top 100 scores in the two parts of the competition will be honored at an awards program in February. Approximately \$21,000 in scholarships, ranging from at least \$250 to \$2,600, will be given out.

Bateson, who has LaFortune as a student in her AP Calculus class, said the teen "has proven herself to be excellent." In a letter of recommendation for her college applications, she noted that LaFortune is enrolled in four AP classes and excels in all of them.

"In the 16 years that I've been an educator, I have found Olivia to be one of the top students," she wrote. "... She has proven herself to be hard working, highly motivated and very intelligent."

LaFortune, who has taken college classes during the summer, had praise for her teacher.

"Mrs. Bateson is a good teacher," said LaFortune, adding that the calculus class is "easy."



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne Memorial High School senior Olivia LaFortune has plenty to smile about after advancing to Phase II of Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Academically, LaFortune has a 3.98 grade point average that she expects to have a 4.0 by the end of the semester. She has been captain of the varsity swim team, a member of the volleyball team where she received an All-Conference honorable mention, and on the Student Council for three years, helping to plan social and community activities at the school.

She has received three departmental awards in Spanish and is a member of the Upward Bound program and the National Hispanic Honor Society. She also has received an academic letter every year she has been at Wayne Memorial.

LaFortune said her parents, Paul and Lecia, are very proud of her accomplishments. She has a brother, Ian, and a sister, Bree, who "are both smart, but not as good as me in school," she added.

While it could be construed that she's a math whiz by advancing in the Math Prize competition, her focus in college will be on becoming a special education teacher with a double major or minor in Spanish.

She has set her sights on Elon University in North Carolina. She's been there a few times and likes the university. She also has an uncle who lives in Elon.

"It has a gorgeous campus and a pretty good volleyball team and a good special education program," she said. "It's also three hours from the beach."

As for now, LaFortune is hoping to get her test results by Christmas.

"Being in the top 100 would be a good Christmas present," she said.

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Resident finds jewelry missing from his ransacked bedroom

Break-in

A resident of the 35000 block of University discovered a brown watch box, filled with more than \$700 in gold jewelry, missing after finding his bedroom had been ransacked on Dec. 10.

The man, who had been gone about four hours, said the culprit apparently entered the room through an unlocked window which he found open when he returned.

Police said the man has two large dogs which roam the house, but do not have access to the room.

Missing money

A resident of the Riverbend Apartments reported finding \$3,000 in cash and \$13,000 in jewelry missing Dec. 8. The man told police he had left his sliding door unlocked and came home to find the door open and his apartment ransacked.

Weapons charge

Bond was set at \$3,000 for an Inkster man who has been arraigned on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon stemming from a shooting in the area of the 6000 block of Yale Dec. 8.

Witnesses told police the man showed up at the residence with several other men to visit a woman. While there, he got in an argument with another male visitor and said he had a gun.

They also said the Inkster man had gone outside when

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they heard several gun shots. He then left the residence with his friends in a car that police stopped at Ford and Venoy.

The gun was found in the glove box of the car the man had been riding in and nine spent shells were found on the ground outside the residence.

Larceny

A Macomb Township man told police someone had cut the padlocks off the overhead rollup doors of a warehouse building on county property along Henry Ruff over the weekend, removing three weed whips and a 21-inch chainsaw stored there.

The equipment, which belonged to a landscaping company, was valued at \$3,500.

Robbery

A cashier at the Place Market on Venoy was robbed of \$240 Dec. 6.

According to police, the man approached the cashier and mentioned something about Christmas before asking her to give him all of the \$20 and \$50 bills in the cash drawer.

The cashier told police the man never mention or produced a weapon, but she felt uneasy because of the way he held his hand in his pocket.

Garage fire

It appears an extension cord used to operate a freezer was the cause of a fire that destroyed a garage in the 29000 block of Powers Dec. 7.

A neighbor discovered the fire around 2 a.m. when she took her grandson to the bathroom. She got her family outside and called the fire department, then woke up the people living in the house.

Fire investigators found no indication of arson and believe the extension cord which ran from the house to the freezer caused the fire.

Armed robbery

A man, wearing a black hooded coat and knit hat, made off with \$253 in a holdup of a store clerk at the Dollar General on Merriman Saturday afternoon.

The clerk told police the man approached with a bottle of shampoo and handed her a note stating that he had a gun and to give him the cash in the drawer after she had rung up the sale and had opened the cash drawer. She said the man also told her not to call anyone or he would shoot her.

An employee of the store who was in the parking lot saw a man meeting the suspect's description get into a dark-colored SUV and leave the parking lot at a high rate of speed. The store manager also said she received a call on the store phone from a man who told her she had "just got robbed," according to police.

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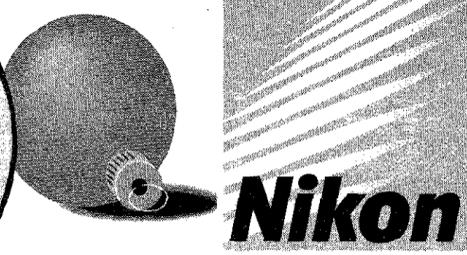
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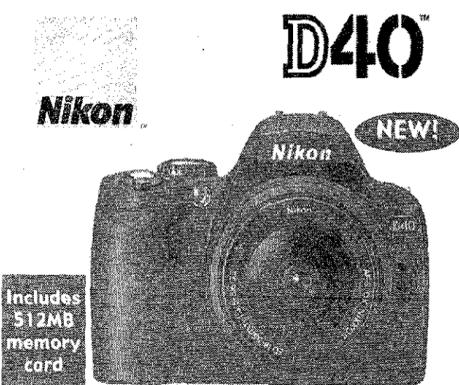
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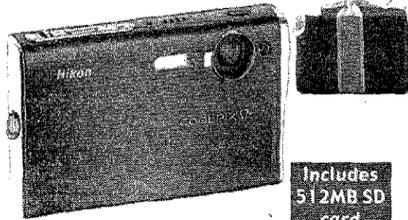
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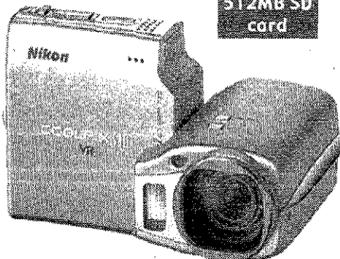
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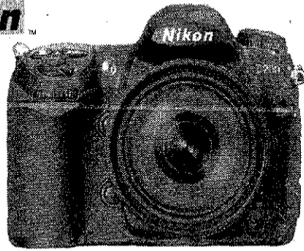
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BEARCLAW

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and according to Lance Howey, the idea came about during a fishing trip to Alaska where they saw a drive-thru coffee shop and thought it would be a good idea.

The Scrogginses, also NWA employees, bought a small place and opened a drink specialty place in the Ann Arbor area. It went over so well, they decided to open more and offer franchises.

The Howeys got involved last year and started looking for a place in Ypsilanti where they live. When they couldn't find one there, they turned to Westland where they discovered the former ice cream store. The couple decided it was the right spot.

"We have no stacking issues here," said Cyndi Howey. "We can get people in who don't want to spend 10 minutes doing something and get them out."

"We can handle walk up and drive through," added Lance Howey. "And we do have quite a few people who walk in and sit down. We have a lot of seniors who come in to talk, too."

Bearclaw offers café latte, mocha, cappuccino, espresso, hot chocolate, gourmet fresh roast coffee, chai and tea on the hot side and frozen latte and mocha, Italian soda, iced



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lance and Cyndi Howey are dividing their time between their jobs at Northwest Airlines and their new business, the Bearclaw Coffee Co. on North Wayne Road in Westland.

tea, bottled water and orange and apple juice for cool cravings. For 50 cents extra, customers can add a flavor like vanilla, almond, hazelnut, Irish cream and Sabo's favorite, caramel.

There's also a variety of smoothies and nutritional supplement drinks like ultimate blend, antioxidant blend and multi-vitamin blend.

And with a name Bearclaw, it's only right that the establishment offer its signature

Bearclaw pastry along with bagels, muffins, biscotti and Erin Baker's breakfast cookies.

Cyndi Howey is up at 3 a.m. each day to pick up the Bearclaws and bagels at the Bagel Fragel and bring them to the store. The pastry is proving to be a popular item. Last week a woman stopped in to get a dozen to take to her work.

"People love the Bearclaws, it's a good product," she said, adding that the breakfast

cookie is Weight Watchers approved.

Lance Howey admits that he never used to be a coffee drinker, it was his wife who stopped on her way to work to get a cup of coffee.

"At work, I spend \$10-\$12 a day on coffee," Cyndi Howey said. "I've drank it for a long time, but when Starbucks came out I became a coffee connoisseur. I love the flavored coffees, I love the chais."

Now, the Howeys are up to

WATER

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increase on water rates since I've been on council, that's at least five-six years," said Councilman James Godbout. "We've just been passing along the Detroit increases."

DWSD rates are based on a formula the department has followed since the early 1980s. According to George Ellenwood, the department's assistant director of public affairs, the formula is composed of 11 basic computations, with the primary drivers being distance, elevation and the community's peaking factor.

The peaking factor, he explained, is "determined by the maximum usage of a community on a given hour of a given day against the department's maximum usage."

The average rate increase will be 4.7 percent to suburban customers, ranging from the 29.1 percent hike in Plymouth Township to a 33.4 percent decrease in Lenox Township.

The Bearclaw Coffee Co. can be found at 8215 N. Wayne Road. Drive-thru is open 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Walk-up hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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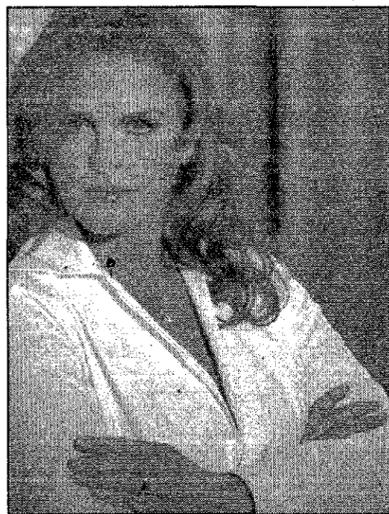
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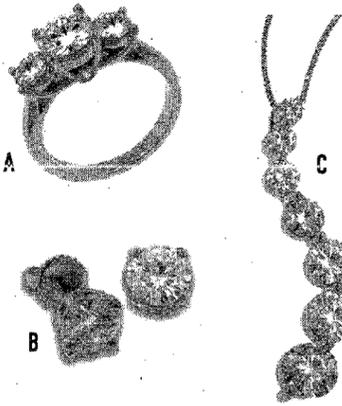
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OUR VIEWS

Give a gift they'll treasure always

Before spending too much time and money in the malls and down our city main streets to shop this holiday season, parents ought to pause a moment to think about a particular gift their children can really use.

It's so small, it often gets overlooked. But it's also so big, that it won't fit under a tree.

For your children, however, it's so important that they will keep it for life. The gift is the generosity of spirit, a life skill that needs to be learned as a child. It is taught through example and experience.

The "visions of sugar plums" children have these days are often expensive and numerous. But there is another side to giving, one that starts with caring and a clear-sighted understanding that, for some people, it takes more than sitting on Santa's lap to get basic necessities.

The impact of the generosity of spirit has more outcomes than the best-stocked toy store. With a sensitive nature, our children are gifted as quick learners, hugging tightly that lesson for a lifetime of use.

That truth is borne out by those old and young across our community. Many, many programs in our schools and around town offer ways for people to share what they can. Toys for Tots collection boxes, glove and mitten trees and the like can be found, if you take the time to give back.

Groups like the Westland Goodfellows and Salvation Army are seeing an ever greater this year, given the economic hardships that have befallen many among us. That a child's gift lasts a lifetime is seen in all those adults who work with the these various organizations to collect food or those who don't think twice about writing a check or dropping something substantial into the Salvation Army's red bucket.

The generosity of spirit is one gift continually found anew through compassion, but it must be acquired first.

Parents won't have to pay for it at the checkout, but our children are sure to treasure it always.

There's more than shopping this holiday

That holiday shopping is anything but jolly is part of the nature of the beast. Consider the predatory nature of shoppers trying to get an advertised item, which the store has maybe two in stock. And then there is the 40-foot tail of shoppers waiting to check out that whips around corners in the store.

But what if you could see a really interesting 40-foot tail, and not be part of it? No, you wouldn't be shopping; you would be taking a much-needed break from the holiday madness.

The only thing predatory about the Cranbrook Institute of Science exhibit, "When Crocodiles Lived," is the nature of beasts that lived 60 million years ago.

Now what do you think will impress you kids more — the most expensive gift you can afford, or some green thing with a tail longer than your house?

Taking a break from the shopping frenzy has its own rewards, from venturing out to such regional attractions as Cranbrook (39221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills) to a wacky museum of another sort in Farmington Hills.

Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum (www.marvin3m.com) is a one-of-a-kind venue for pinball and arcade memorabilia. From old movie posters to coin-operated oddities, kids can get an appreciation for your memories of a hometown summer fair. Admission is free. Call (248) 626-5020 for more.

If that sounds like fun, but you're looking for some holiday entertainment, there are a variety of activities accessible to everyone in southeastern Michigan.

For instance, Wayne County for the 10th year is again hosting its drive-through Lightfest. The five-mile route winds through Hines Park (enter at Hines Drive and Merriman Road) 7-10 p.m. daily through Jan. 1, except Christmas day. A holiday scene greets visitors at every turn in the road. There is a \$5 donation.

Reliving holidays of old is the charge of Greenfield Village (www.hfmgv.org) during its Holiday Nights, Dec. 15-17 and Dec. 19-23. The evenings start with carriage and Model T rides along paths lighted by lanterns, and end with fireworks in the bright winter sky.

In between are performances, such as a Fife and Drum Corps, food and a chance to visit with Santa.

If outdoor revelry sounds a bit too chilly, Meadow Brook Hall ([248] 364-6263) in Rochester will offer those throughout the region a chance to admire decorations on daily tours through Dec. 22.

Self-guided tours are available every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last guests will be admitted at 4 p.m. Candlelight tours featuring musical performances by local high school choirs take place 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. From a holiday tea to visits with Santa (that guy gets around), something is sure to provide a much needed respite from shopping.

Besides traveling to these regional venues, there are plenty of activities right here at home. With such a wealth of points of interest both locally and in the region, it would be a shame to spend all your time waiting in a 40-foot line.



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LETTERS

Mayor's responsibility

Once again the administration in Westland has amazed me. Never have I seen so many people pass the buck.

I tried to make an appointment for my son-in-law, daughter and two of my grandsons to go for lead testing at the Bailey Center (after being told that was the best thing to do). They told me (the Bailey Center) that they would not take appointments.

Well, it was certainly downhill from there. When we arrived, there wasn't enough help and the whole place was in disarray. We were there for two hours before being able to get out of there.

I saw the mayor coming upstairs and went to voice my complaints. She blamed it all on the county. Well, the last time I looked she was still our mayor and the running of this city was in her hands, so I put the blame for this squarely where it belongs, ON HER. She has NEVER in her term as mayor taken responsibility for anything that has gone wrong in this city. Get real!!!

She is going to be a JUDGE. Think about that!!!!

Worried About Our City,
Georgia Becker
Westland

Coleman should be impartial

President Mary Sue Coleman, you work for the taxpayers of Michigan and the University of Michigan. You make more money than the president of the United States. You make more than \$725,000 plus benefits a year and the president makes \$400,000 a year, works and all.

You should be impartial and have no opinion on affirmative action or at least not be able to express it in public.

When I worked for Ford Motor Co., I was on salary and I could not wear political pins or buttons or even express my opinion. You should do likewise. You get a lot of donations from people and organizations, and you should be impartial. You are discriminating against the white male only!

You need to go back to Iowa with your personal opinions. I hope you are not using college money on this lawsuit you are thinking about. You need more work to keep you busy.

The people have spoken. The people you work for. You need to think about a pay cut. And donate your spare time, which you seem to have a lot of, to causes like the Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.

Wayne Mirth
Westland

GM leadership is problem

The largest car maker in the world is in huge financial trouble, mostly of its own doing. GM is losing market share and has been losing market due to its market analysis. The responsibility lies solely with the current leadership at GM. They have been in charge for more than 15 years, and over this time GM has lost roughly 15 percent of the market.

The direction the company is driven to create high profits, regardless of the product, regardless of the consumer demand. This was exemplified through lower quality vehicles for years and moves toward larger inefficient land yachts, high-profit little-use vehicles that a preference for self-serving Republicans. The rest of the marketplace, the majority of U.S. auto purchases, was ignored.

All auto corporate leaders have complained about how rough the business environment and how competitive the auto industry are. Yet much of their current position is their own making. What is even more ridiculous is their inability to perceive of themselves as their undoing as the problem. And their problem may be their political party affiliation.

Today's Republicans have a sense of entitlement, unrestricted pay without responsibility of delivering to even an average level of service. If an entry-level employee performs at the level of the GM management team over the last 15 years, they would not last the 90-day probationary period before being walked to the door and terminated. But if the employee is Republican, all types of errors, mistakes and screwups are tolerated.

The response from low-minded Republicans is anyone implying profit does not come first does not understand business. But these Republicans could not be more wrong. The difference is subtle and the success of Honda, Toyota, Nissan and Hyundai demonstrate this quite well. The purpose of business is to provide a product or service and then determine the cost of the product and how the market will bear.

The difference is for a business to make a product or service which requires the voice of the customer and then build the product. Make products and deliver services people want and need. GM and many other U.S. businesses have been operated on the financial generating principle, how can we make more money, then look at the type of product necessary to make that profit.

If GM survives, in a few years, Republican supporters of the poor management will shout, "Look, this GM management has succeeded." The truth is, GM should have 30 percent of the U.S. market, and until that happens, GM leadership is a complete and utter failure.

There is a cliché used in business today that the employees should never settle for second best. Why do buyers and company shareholders put up with second best in the company leadership?

Frances Meese
Westland

Hearing was unfair

Recently, I was at the Westland Zoning Boards of Appeals meeting to get a pedestal type of fence variance in my front yard (32 inches high and 7 inches square) with a small chain in between to tie it together, the reason

being that I have had several incidents with cars running into my yard from an adjacent street. I was trying to protect my home.

I admit I was naive as to what I had to do at the meeting, as probably most people would be nervous for their first time.

All the paperwork was submitted, plus a petition from all the neighbors within 300 feet of my home who had no objections to the fence. Except for one neighbor that opposed it, for what reason I don't know, she wouldn't even talk to me. Several of the neighbors offered to go to the meeting with me, but I thought I'd be OK. I didn't want to bother them.

While waiting for the meeting to begin, one member came in and said, "I don't even know what's on the agenda." That scared me a little bit.

When they all got seated, the neighbor that opposed it dropped off a letter, which was her right, and left. Little did I know the first thing they asked for was if anyone in the audience was for the proposal. (Well, I didn't bring the neighbors.) The whole meeting revolved around the last-minute letter. The petitions I submitted from 22 neighbors who were for it was completely ignored, also copies of police reports from various accidents that were submitted.

I will have to say this, there were only two members of the zoning board who actually came to my house and assessed the situation, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. There are some members of the zoning board who are not doing their job, and I think they know who they are.

I would like to know when Westland residents lost their rights to be able to protect their homes or do anything with their property they pay taxes on. I think Westland has ordinance burnout.

I think I got an unfair hearing. I lost my case, but I hope this will help someone else that's trying to protect their property, or just trying to make some changes.

Dorothy Gagnon
Westland

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QUOTABLE

'Back then, there wasn't as much fear about the environment. Environmental issues were just becoming pronounced.'

- Mark LeSuer about a county former dump site behind Westland City Hall that he photographed while a student at John Glenn High School in the 1970s.

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Customs and names evolve, tree custom remains same

Most everyone has a story about one particular Christmas tree in their lives that was especially memorable.

While growing up, I chafed at the size of our family tree, which was always portly but no taller than my parents. So I was determined to change that when I was on my own, and what better way to find the perfect one than by cutting it down myself?

Though it was early in the season, there was a lot of snow, as I remember. My son and I trooped through an area tree farm, rejecting one and noting another as possible. I had two criteria — size and a straight trunk.

Finally, we found a gem. I should have known something was amiss when we had to take turns sawing it off just above the ground.

Both of us grasping the tree, we dragged it over to the car, which was a Ford Maverick at the time. Hmmm, I went to get help from the caretaker, who brought rope and two strong hands. "I don't think it will fit, ma'am," he said.

"It has to," I said. There was no way I would waste a tree, or make that two trees. Somehow, we got the tree on top of the car. It covered the trunk and extended over the front of the car. It's a good thing that home was nearby, because I could barely see out the windshield.

Once home, there were a couple of problems, starting with getting it in the house. I had to take off some of the bottom branches, but still, it was clear my eyes were bigger than the size of my living room ceiling.

It wouldn't fit, not even close, and what a shame. So it was back outside with the tree, losing needles along the way.

I looked at my young son and realized this was an opportunity. Off came the top of the tree, a section tall enough to provide my son for the first and only time with a tree in his bedroom.

Then it was back in the house with the main tree. It touched the ceiling, without being in a tree stand — the trunk was too big. Tired of hefting the thing around, I did the only thing practical: I leaned it against a corner of the living room, the wrong corner because we no longer could use the front door.

And there it stayed. It was a call from state Rep. Bob Gosselin a couple of weeks ago that conjured up these memories. Gosselin, who is term-limited in the state

House, in November won election to the 13th Oakland County Commission district. He had won election to the House on a campaign of fighting taxes and fiscal responsibility by the state. But constituents might remember him better for his campaign in the last two years to have the Ten Commandments in the State Capitol.

This time, Gosselin was calling to report that he had been successful in getting the state evergreen renamed. No, he wasn't talking about the genus of the species.

It seems that, for 15 years, the evergreen seen at this time of year was known as a "Holiday tree."

No longer. At the prompting of Gosselin, the bipartisan Michigan Capitol Committee, which includes a representative of the governor, agreed to rename the tree. Don't worry, it is now known as a "Christmas" tree.

"When you see a tree decorated and put up in December, you call it for what it is, a Christmas tree," he said. This is different from the Ten Commandments, which reflect a religion not shared by all.

According to a University of Illinois Web site, trees were used to celebrate winter before Christ's birth. The first decorated tree was reportedly in Riga, Latvia, in 1510.

The first tree to be sold in a lot in the U.S. was in 1851, according to the Web site.

It's been a long journey from pagan worship to today's celebration of the birth of Christ, and the significance of the tree has changed as well. While there is symbolism behind its use, there really is no doctrine associated with it. Nor does it exist with other religions, which have their own celebrations at this time of year.

So it is what it is — a Christmas tree. Whether symbols for those other religions and cultures should be displayed as well at the capitol is another question.

The University of Illinois Web site says that it takes seven to 10 years for a Christmas tree to mature, less time than it will take for people to resolve the issue of church and state.

But I always marvel during the holidays at my gigantic tree from years ago, and I wonder just how grand and glorious it would have grown had we not chopped it down. Perhaps it would have been tall enough to stand at the capitol.

Then again, maybe it would have considered the whole question of religious expression for the birds, the most ancient of uses for its boughs.

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Sandra Armbruster

LETTERS

Dear Westland:

Many people may not be aware of the legal terms "Public Trust" or "The Public Trust Doctrine." I recommend that everyone reading this research it. Watch our city and compare the law to what is happening.

Many details regarding the Maida Woods development have not been disclosed. One very important detail is that more than 20 letters were sent to the mayor and city and not one resident received a letter in response. Residents from Wayne and Canton received responses when they wrote their cities.

Residents in Westland don't want to live and play in a dumping ground. The number of brownfields in the city have not been disclosed because frankly it doesn't make for good publicity. Brownfields don't attract new residents. So, lies and illusion are created to conceal the environmental truth about this city.

And, in this city we even go one step further. We destroy the last remaining pristine areas too and our school board sells off beautiful wooded wetlands to fill the coffers. Was there ever a public hearing on the issue when Sassafras Trails, Patchin Elementary or Stevenson Middle schools?

What a selling point to attract future home buyers, "Come to Westland where we sell off our own educational nature preserves." Doesn't sound very attractive because it isn't. It's the ugly truth and the sooner we look in the mirror and deal with our own choices the sooner we can return to a city of truth and regain environmental balance.

The water we drink and the air we breathe are vital to our health and safety. This is why we have the Clean Water Act, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to name just a few of the governing agencies associated with helping to protect our natural resources. The issue of Wetlands is a very serious matter. Will the EPA have to sue our city again to get it to wake up?

The area of Maida Woods is the last wetland of its kind on Westland's far west side. That's it folks, thanks to no local ordinance or the "looking the other way" policy that has permeated this city. It is the last resource we have like this as a community in that area. The water also flows into the Lower Rouge River which is our water supply. This is very serious business.

When we lose our natural water areas, cover up all the streams and drains and dump toxins in our water the animals are adversely affected. In short, we kill our wildlife when we look the other way and approve site plans that destroy wetland areas, when we don't enforce our Tree/Woodland Ordinance, when we don't have a local wetland ordinance and when we don't fully test our water in Central City Park.

What happened across from City Hall? No buffer or greenbelt for the residential homes. A nice wooded area that would have helped to balance the unhealthy area behind city hall is all gone. Thanks for creating yet another ugly development. Oh goody, more rats for the residents in

that area to deal with.

Why did no one question this? Why did the site plan sail through without a deeper dive? Did we all get seduced by the 140 low-wage jobs? Was the thought of having yet another steak restaurant just too much to resist as we cannibalize the business from other similar restaurants in the area? Great planning. Also, Mr. Kehrer perhaps you should think beyond being sued and take a true look at the issue before you. People are tired of hearing the same rhetoric from you.

The pond in Central City Park is a wetland. The stream that runs through the park flows to the Rouge River. This is our water supply. We are supposed to be stewards of the environment. We are supposed to look after the animals. Where are our morals? The city is responsible for allowing brown water in Central City Park by not having it tested regularly. City officials are responsible if that water leaches into our water supply. City officials are responsible for violating the charter.

Planning choices and approvals are killing off all our wildlife, destroying our water supply and repeatedly cut down thousands of trees. Pro-development is fine as long as the environment isn't destroyed and the aesthetic beauty and health of our ecosystem isn't destroyed. We can be pro-development and pro-environment. Progressive communities create environmental plans. Where is ours? In fact, what is our position on the environment?

Let's get our priorities straight. No clean water and air and we all die.

J. Thomas Decker
concerned Westland resident

Hold Bush accountable

Whoever is responsible for a crime must be held accountable. In my opinion, the Bush administration has committed grave crimes against the Constitution and the American people.

First and foremost, I believe that the president has broken his oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. He has violated United States law and the Constitution by sanctioning torture, wiretapping American citizens and engaging the nation in an illegal war.

It is true that as a nation, after an election, we must move forward. But we also need to examine the past and learn from our mistakes. There must be an investigation into these serious matters. The facts, not opinions, not mine or anyone else's, must be heard.

We are a nation of laws, not men. We have come very close to destroying the Constitution and the precious protections it offers to us as American citizens and as human beings. Now we have, by the grace of God and by the brilliance of our nation's planners, been given another chance to step back from the brink and make sure this can never happen again.

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RESA superintendent says it's time to retire

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER



Marlene Davis

Marlene Davis says there is still "a lot of juice in the tank," but the time has come to retire as superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency and let someone else take up the cause of improving student achievement.

"I decided to retire because I have been doing this a long time. This is my 39th year in education, and I've done a lot of different jobs, played all the parts pretty much," she said.

Davis will step down as RESA superintendent on June 30, 2007. She became RESA superintendent in 2001, leaving her position as superintendent of Southfield Public Schools. She also served as a school superintendent in southern California, principal at several schools and teacher.

"I'm ready to move on to something where I am not the boss," she said.

RESA is Wayne County's intermediate school district. The districts were created by the state legislature in 1962 as an intermediary service agency between the state Department of Education and local school districts. The state has 57 intermediate school districts. RESA serves the 34 school districts in Wayne County.

enterprise is different, because you don't have school boards and you don't have parents. You're much more anonymous."

The mission for intermediate districts varies from district to district. Outstate, an ISD may serve several counties. In the population centers, an ISD serves one county. Some ISD operate schools and directly handle special education programs.

RESA provides administrative technology for all county school districts except Livonia and Detroit. They handle software, payroll, finance and student database. They provide technology, including Internet access for all the school districts and 60 districts outside of Wayne County. They help provide purchasing economies of scale for the districts. They also monitor special education programs, do student enrollment audits and interpret state and federal education programs.

"People call asking what to do, like with No Child Left Behind," she said. "We read it, we interpret it, we pretty much translate for local districts. Here's what you need to do and not do."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

At the heart of Davis' mission has been improving student achievement. RESA has a program with Detroit Public Schools to help troubled schools reach adequate yearly

progress.

She has mixed feelings about the federal No Child Left Behind law.

"The notion of No Child Left Behind is excellent," she said. "It has gotten the attention of the school districts. Where I disagree is in the excessive micromanagement of the details, and the failure to understand what real schools look like - schools that need help, schools where we do leave children behind. It's a challenging environment. There's no acknowledgment of that, it's just do it."

She also said the "penalties" prescribed to correct failing schools are unrealistic and haven't been imposed.

Davis is passionate about public schools. The Dearborn Fordson High School graduate said public school is often the one place where young people do feel a sense of accomplishment.

"In these schools, you see these kids, this is their oasis, this is where it's happening for

them," she said. "That is why public education is still at the heart of our country. We're the only ones who take everybody. That's what we have always done in public education, the great equalizer and homogenizer."

Davis said her biggest legacy at RESA has been to refocus the agency to better serve the needs of the school districts. She said one of the first things she did was send out a survey asking superintendents what they needed from RESA.

Davis still sees education as part of her new life in retirement.

"I'll work with gusto for Wayne RESA until June 30 and on July 1, I'll say now what," she said. "I suspect I'll be doing something, I'm not ready for the golf course. I suspect it will be in education, I love education and I'm good at it."

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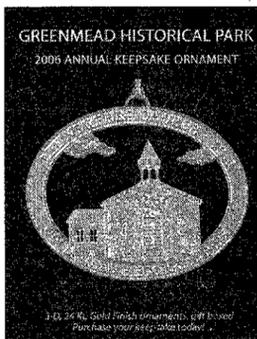
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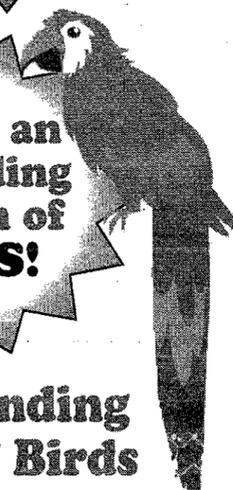
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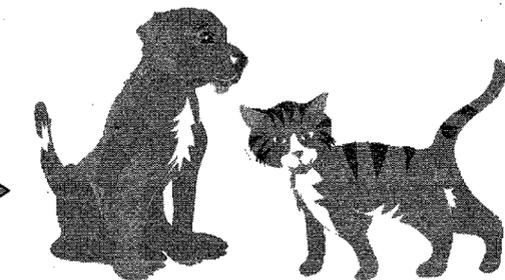
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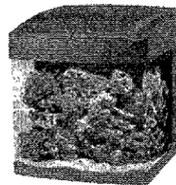
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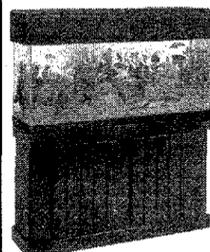
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resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. See what Girl Scouts has to offer. Call (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688).

New Year's Eve party

Urban Singles presents "Ring in the New Year," with live entertainment from Jimmy Howard and Company Sunday, Dec. 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the party goes until 1 a.m. The party takes place at the Livonia Elks, 3117 Plymouth Road in Livonia (between Merriman and Middlebelt). Tickets are \$60 per person and cover dinner and beverage. Dinner is served

at 7:30 p.m. Overnight accommodations will be available. Deadline for tickets is Friday, Dec. 22. For more information, call Linda, (734) 507-9173, or Mary Ann, (734) 654-0115.

BINGO

VFW Bingo

Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 Auxiliary has bingo 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There is a snack bar. The post has bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday at the same place. Call (734) 326-3323.

St. Mel Church

Bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

Shamrock Bingo

Bingo begins at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020.

K of C Bingo

Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 3117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3-3:30 p.m. Meats include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010

Crochet & Knit

A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "G" crochet hook. Those interested can sign up at the center's front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

Visually Impaired

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Participants share information and meet others.

Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

Hearing checks

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

Exercise

Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 50. The program provides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates simple dance routines with walking or jogging patterns and resistance exercises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Classes are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per person per class. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

Travel Group

The Friendship Travel Group meets 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month (unless a large event is scheduled) in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Programs include celebration of birthdays, door prizes, description of new classes or programs, speakers from tour companies, overview of day/ overnight trips and refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 Wayne Road at Cowan. For more information, call John Eibe at (734) 414-3401 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

Vietnam Vets

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the

U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even, if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA for more information.

Friends of Library

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The group also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

In Harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Civil Air Patrol

Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations. The Civil Air Patrol, which is the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is made up of civilian volunteers. To learn more about CAP or training as an air crew or ground team member, contact the Willow Run Composite Squadron (MI-260). Call Capt. Dane Hansen, deputy commander/recruiter, at (734) 485-3021 or visit the Web site www.members.home.net/capliberators/.

Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Zonta Club

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club to advance the status of women, meets every month on the fourth Monday at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. For more information, call Pat Harris at (734) 420-2920

Franklin PTSA

The Franklin High School PTSA is seek-

ing members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia MI 48150.

Tutorial program

A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Eating Disorders

Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. For more information, call (734) 362-8825.

TOPS

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 28 meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Weight-in is 6-6:45 p.m. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 655-1100.

Support group

A support group for people with chronic illness meets on Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland. The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-57

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show I-2 district classification where R-5 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

THE NORTH 650 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE CENTER OF SECTION 18; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH QUARTER LINE OF SECTION 18, SOUTH 00°09'40" EAST 1331.27 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF FLORENCE AVENUE, NORTH 89°55'39" WEST 1308.17 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°04'20" EAST 193.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00°04'20" EAST 650.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°55'39" EAST 65.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°04'20" WEST 650.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°55'39" WEST 65.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINS 0.970 ACRES. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

DESCRIPTION AFTER SURVEY:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE CENTER OF SECTION 18; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH QUARTER LINE OF SECTION 18, SOUTH 00°09'40" EAST 1331.27 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF FLORENCE AVENUE, NORTH 89°55'39" WEST 1308.17 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°04'20" EAST 193.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00°04'20" EAST 650.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°55'39" EAST 65.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°04'20" WEST 650.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°55'39" WEST 65.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINS 0.970 ACRES. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

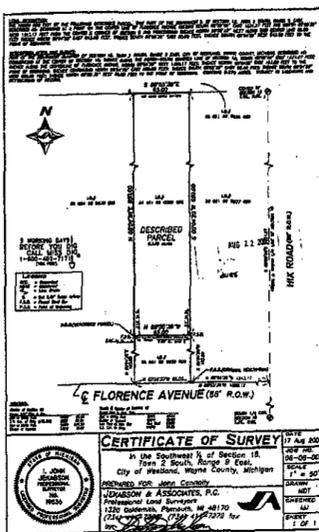
Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.



Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: December 4, 2006
Effective: December 14, 2006

Publish: December 14, 2006

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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-56

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND, WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-4 district classification where CB-3 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING S 89°32'40" E 200.00' AND S 01°42'20" W 60.01' FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 23; THENCE S 01°42'20" W 190.00'; THENCE N 89°32'40" W 139.99'; THENCE N 01°42'20" E 190.00'; THENCE S 89°32'40" E 139.99' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
Notice of Public Hearing**

A request for public hearing has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, for the following item:

Public Hearing for Proposed Review of the 1996 City of Westland, Michigan Master Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 4, 2007. A copy of the Master Plan is available for review at the Office of the Planning Department, 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, MI 48185.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Publish: December 14, 2006

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Please take notice that at its regular meeting of Monday, December 4, 2007 the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following schedule.

2007 - SCHEDULE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday	January 8, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	January 22, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	January 29, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	February 5, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	February 12, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	February 26, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	March 05, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	March 12, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	March 19, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	April 02, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	April 16, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	April 23, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	May 07, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	May 14, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	May 21, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	June 04, 2007	Council Meeting
Monday	June 11, 2007	Council Meeting
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DECEMBER

Detroit Choral Artists Perform holiday favorites under the direction of Donald Daniels 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$18, \$15 for seniors, free for students age 18 and under, and

available by calling (248) 626, 2515, ext. 109, or at the door. **Benefit concert** Great Lakes Lyric Opera and Beverly Hills United Methodist Church present a benefit concert for Mom's Place 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the church, 20000 W. 13 Mile and Evergreen, Southfield. Tickets are \$10, \$25 max for parents with minor children. To reserve tickets, call (248) 646-9777. Light refreshments afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. For more information regarding Great Lakes Lyric Opera, send e-mail to gllco@comcast.net. The concert is billed as Christmas entertainment for the entire family and features sopranos Erin Scheffler, Kim

Swan and Dina Kessler-Vaillancourt; mezzo-sopranos Patricia Willington, Lia Dexter, Rebecca Englehard, Karen Martin, and Nicole Stevens, and tenor Richard Krzeczowski, accompanied by pianist Edward Price. **Celebrate Christmas season** At Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, and 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, the Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists and drama team present Journey to the Manager, a musical drama. The nursery is available for children birth to age 3 for both dates. The 10:50 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve services include communion and end with a

traditional candlelight service, nursery available for children birth to age 3, at the church, 21260 Haggerty. For information, call (248) 348-7600. **Breakfast meeting** Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479. **Christmas drama** The Maple Youth Drama Team presents Three Wise Men and a Baby, a delightful, humorous version of the Christmas story 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at The Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills, 29200 Shiawassee, east of Middlebelt, one block south of Nine Mile. All are welcome. There is no cost for tickets but call (313) 535-9101 or send e-mail to dtaylor167@aol.com for reservations. **Christmas concert** Presented by the Friends of the Opera of Michigan and features Karin White, soprano, and Quinto Milito, baritone, accompanied by pianist Jeanne Muraski 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington. No charge. Donations are welcome. For information, call (313) 582-0997.

MAMA'S Coffeehouse Features Grammy Award winning singer songwriter Barbara Bailey Hutchinson who performs at 8 p.m. (open mic at 7:15 p.m.) Saturday, Dec. 16, (Luke Sayers opens), at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northwest corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Admission \$12, \$10 senior citizens and children age 16 and under. Call (248) 569-0965 for information. Call (248) 626-4650 to reserve an open mic time. **Concerts** Christmas Festival featuring the Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Teen Choir. The evening includes congregational carol singing and other Christmas favorites 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 16-17, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. For information, call (248) 374-7400. The concert is free. Bring your family, invite your neighbors and friends. No childcare Saturday. Childcare provided to age 4 on Sunday. **Choir cantata** "There is a Bethlehem," a Christmas cantata, will be performed 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. Call (313) 537-7480 for details.

ONGOING
Worship service At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330. **Adult literacy classes** Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you. **Ladies Bible studies** Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600. Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care). **Personal ministry** Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org. **Farmington Women Aglow** Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053. **Scripture studies** From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000. **TOPS** Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weight-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328. **Learner's Bible study** At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. **Church service** Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093. **Senior activities** Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories. **Church activities** St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro. The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. **Eucharistic adoration** The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331. **Worship services** All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470. **Unity of Livonia** Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760. **Shabbat services** The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974. **Bet Chaverim** Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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AURILLA "PEGGY" McCULLOUGH WILLIAMS
December 11, 2006, age 92. Long time resident of Birmingham, MI. Wife of the late Fred McCullough and Ralph Williams. Loving mother of Beverly Jean Powell, Jerry McCullough (Driska) and Fred McCullough. Dear grandmother of Michael, Clifford, Bradley, Matthew, Mark, Kathleen, Daniel, Amy, Joan, Laurie and Jeffrey. Also survived by 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Troy (248-362-2500). Memorial Tributes Gospel Baptist Christian School Scholarship Fund, 24861 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHomes.com



BARBARA L. MacNAB
December 10, 2006 Age 93 of Birmingham (formerly of Lawrence, KS). Wife of the late Rev. Robert MacNab and Edmund J. Dempsey. Dear mother of Patricia Love (Henrik) and Elizabeth Cummings (Roger). Grandmother of Michael, Jacob, Susanna, David, Julie, Jessica and Amanda. Great-grandmother of Sofie, Andrew and Annika. Former wife of Niels B. Knudsen. Family will receive friends Friday 3:00-9:00pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Funeral service Saturday 11:00am at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. Fourteen Mile at Lahser Rd., Beverly Hills, 48025. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the church. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DAWN RENEE HAUGAN ERNST
Dawn Ernst of Vero Beach, Florida passed away at Indian River Medical Center at 3:50 a.m., December 12, 2006. She was born September 12, 1927 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Alfred and Linnea Haugan. After many moves around the country the Haugans settled in Birmingham, Michigan, where Dawn graduated from Baldwin High School. She went to Michigan State College, where she was involved in student government and a member of Gamma Phi Beta. She met and married Richard Ernst; they have been married 58 years. Dawn and Dick lived in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan for 45 years. She was an active member of Orchard Lake Country Club and a charter member of the Village Womens Club, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. They enjoyed summer times on their island in Canada, bone-fishing trips in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and People to People golf trips. She moved to Vero Beach in 1993 and has been active at Grand Harbor, playing golf and bridge and continuing her work in ceramics. She is survived by her husband, Dick DeGay Ernst; daughter, Vicki E. Biggers of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; son, DeGay Ernst, of Portland, Oregon; grandsons, Bryan and Scott Biggers of Miami Beach and sister, Gail H. Holley of Tequesta, Florida. Memorial service will be held 2 p.m., Friday, December 15, 2006 at Strunk Funeral Home, 916 17th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. Friends may make contributions to American Heart Association, 2300 Centrepark West Drive, West Palm Beach, FL, 33409 in memory of Dawn Renee Ernst.

MARGARET STEINLAUF
Age 74, of Bartow, FL and former resident of Livonia, died Monday, December 11, 2006 at her home. Mrs. Steinlauf was employed by Livonia Public Schools for 35 years. She is survived by her husband Edward Steinlauf; daughters, Debra Medland, Elaine Jennings and three grandchildren. Services will be held at Whidden-McLean Funeral Home.

MAURICE L. BROWN Jr. (Morey)
63, of N. Miami died from kidney failure complications on 12/11/06. Funeral at Morris-Sutton, Windsor on 12/16 at 1:00 pm Tel. 519-254-8633



ERIC PETER TREMBLAY
suddenly December 11, 2006, in Rantoul, IL. Age 17 of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved son of Daniel and Diana. Dear brother of Lisa Ann. Loving grandson of Terry and Sandra Werrell and Gisele Tremblay (the late Albert). Also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 2-4, 7-9 PM. Funeral service Saturday 11:30 AM at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 6255 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Saturday at 11 AM. Memorial Tributes Habitat for Humanity. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHomes.com



ESTHER L. HIBLER
Dec. 13, 2006. Age 89 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of 63 years to the late John R. Loving mother of John D. (Amita), Connie, Jeanine (Bill) Rossbach, James P., Thomas (Elaine), Dr. Betty Hibler (Dr. Jim Olney), and Dr. Joseph (Nanette). Loving daughter of the late J. Alexander and Frances Downey. Loving sister of Norman, James, Albert, Ralph, Lucille, Janet, and the late Marion and Phyllis. Cherished grandmother of 15, and great-grandmother or six. Esther was loved and revered, for many years, by all who knew her. Visitation Thurs. 2-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. In state Fri. 10AM until 10:30AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd. (at Beck). Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Good Counsel-Blg. Fund. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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MICHAEL H. INGERSOLL, Sr.
Age 63, December 11, 2006. Dearest husband of Susan. Loving father of Michael Jr., Scott (Kimberly), and Shari (Jim) Krazel. Dear brother of Mary Ann Brown, Fred (Gloria), and the late Robert (Anne). Also survived by eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 2-8 pm at the Weise Funeral Home 7210 Park Ave., Allen Park (313 382-1150). Memorial Service Saturday 4:30 pm at the Allen Park Presbyterian Church 7101 Park Ave., Allen Park (313 383-0100). In memory of Mr. Ingersoll contributions can be made to the Allen Park Presbyterian Church.

SUSAN M. BAKER
Canton and Plymouth resident 1979-2003. Age 60 of Eden Prairie, MN, following 11 month battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by parents, Dr. Thomas and Lucille Walker of Riceville, IA, and survived by husband Russ; sons Jake (Orla), Tom (Laura) Baker, and brother, Tim (Linda) Walker. Susie grew up in Riceville, IA, graduated from University of Iowa and lived in Germany, Georgia, Ohio & Michigan, before moving to Minnesota in 2003. Susie was a devoted homemaker & member of the Plymouth Church of Christ. A memorial service will be held at the 1st Congregational Church in Riceville on Wednesday December 20th at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred: American Association of Cancer Research (www.aacr.org) or Lifeline of Hope International Orphan Aid and Adoption (www.lifelineofhope.org).

WALTER V. HAWKINS
Saline, MI, Age 78, passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at his home after a long period of illness. Walt was born June 12, 1928 in Detroit, MI. The son of William and Agnes Hawkins. On June 30, 1951 in Salem, MI he married Jenneane Innes and she survives. Walt began his career on the Ann Arbor Police Department on August 2, 1954. Throughout his successful employment, he fulfilled positions as Patrolman, Fill-in, Sergeant, Lieutenant and retired on June 30, 1984 as an Executive Major. Walt's favorite past-times include; coffee and conversation at Mark's Midtown; Coney Island, watching softball and spoiling his dog. Survivors in addition to his wife Jenneane include: one son Brian of Ann Arbor, on daughter Tracey and her husband Marvin of Maybee, MI and one granddaughter Charlotte also of Maybee, MI. Other survivors include one sister-in-law Peg Hawkins and several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2006 at the ROBISON-BAHNMILLER Funeral Home in Saline at 5:00 P.M. In Lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be made to Sojern's Syndrome Foundation or the Arthritis Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home, where friends may begin calling on Saturday, December 16, 2006 between the hours of 2:00 P.M. until time of service at 5:00 P.M.

WILMA JEAN ALLMAYER
Age 78, of Farmington Hills passed away on November 11, 2006. Beloved wife of Bruce, and loving mother of Linda (Ed), Larry, Mary (Mike), Karl (Mary), and Dale. Also survived by thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Born in Redford Township to the late William Walbridge of Livonia. She was a graduate of Redford Union Class of 1946. From 1964 to 1974 she was the general leader for the 4-H youth group, the Los Caballeros based out of Farmington. Wilma had traveled through all 50 states including driving to Alaska. Her travels also took her to Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and The Galapagos Islands.

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Advent service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 20, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Begins with a simple soup and bread supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holden Evening Prayer accompanied by our handbell choir. A pick your favorite Advent hymn sing precedes the service. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. **Advent worship** Service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. **Christmas caroling** 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at St. Mary's Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. A fun activity presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, and Single Place. For details, call (734) 531-9479 or (248) 349-0911. **Christmas Eve services** 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24; 4 p.m. Family Service with child care provided; 9 p.m. Choir Concert, 9:30 p.m. Festival Candlelight Eucharist, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361. **Christmas dinner** Noon to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760. Twelve-step meetings follow the meal for those who wish to attend. **Christmas Day dinner** Dinner for anyone who is alone or doesn't have anywhere to go on Christmas Day, dinner will be served 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25 (doors open at 1 p.m.) at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1616 Belton, Garden City. There is no charge for the dinner but reservations are necessary. Call Mary or John at (734) 425-3282 for reservations or more information. **World Peace service** 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, guest speaker is Robert Weir, Citizens for Peace facilitator for Western Michigan and author of Star of Hope, a biography of John McConnell, the founder of Earth Day, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760. **New Year's Eve dance** Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths. Tickets \$35 and available now. First 100 ticket holders will have the chance for a cash prize, drawing will be at the dance. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (313) 996-8644. **Singles New Year's Eve** Catholic Singles New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance catering to singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. For tickets and information, visit www.CatholicSinglesNYE.com or call Kathleen at (734) 657-7750. **Worship service** All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

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Schoolcraft board to tap trustee

Eight applicants are seeking appointment to a vacancy on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

The board will conduct applicant interviews at a special meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in the board room conference room (Administration Building) on campus, Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia. The meeting is open to the public.

The eight have applied to fill the unexpired term of Kevin McNamara, who was elected in November to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. McNamara, a Canton Township resident, had served as secretary of the Schoolcraft board.

The candidates and their expected interview times are:
 ■ James Fausone of Canton Township, an attorney with Fausone, Taylor and Bohn in

Northville (10:15 a.m.).

■ Joan Gephardt of Livonia, a retired elementary school principal and an adjunct professor at Madonna University (10:30 a.m.).

■ Joanne Lamar of Plymouth Township, a nurse manager with the Henry Ford Health Care System and a former member of the board of trustees of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (10:45 a.m.).

■ Sandra Larson of Livonia, an attorney in private practice in the Law Offices of Margaret Barton and Sandra M. Larson in Livonia (11 a.m.).

■ Charles McIlhargey of Plymouth Township, a member and former president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors (11:15 a.m.).

■ Roy Puckett of Livonia, a former member of the Livonia

Civil Service Commission and Livonia Employee Pension Board (11:30 a.m.).

■ Ronald Randall of Livonia, former registrar at Schoolcraft College. Randall retired in 2002 (11:45 a.m.).

■ Dr. Louis Reibling, former vice president of instruction at Schoolcraft College. Reibling retired in 2004 and is a Northville resident (noon).

State guidelines require that the appointee stand for election to the seat in the next school election, which will occur in 2007.

The Schoolcraft College district includes the school districts of Plymouth-Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and part of Novi. The board meets once a month and consists of seven members who are elected to six-year terms.



Workforce program

Emily Stover DeRocco, U.S. assistant secretary of labor for employment and training, was in Livonia Dec. 5 to discuss southeast Michigan's selection as one of 26 communities nationwide to participate in the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce, Innovation and Regional Economic Development (WIRED) initiative. The WIRED designation connects regions with federal resources to support workforce development, with a focus on advanced technology jobs. DeRocco spoke at a meeting of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce held at Schoolcraft College's VistaTech conference and training center.

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