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BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

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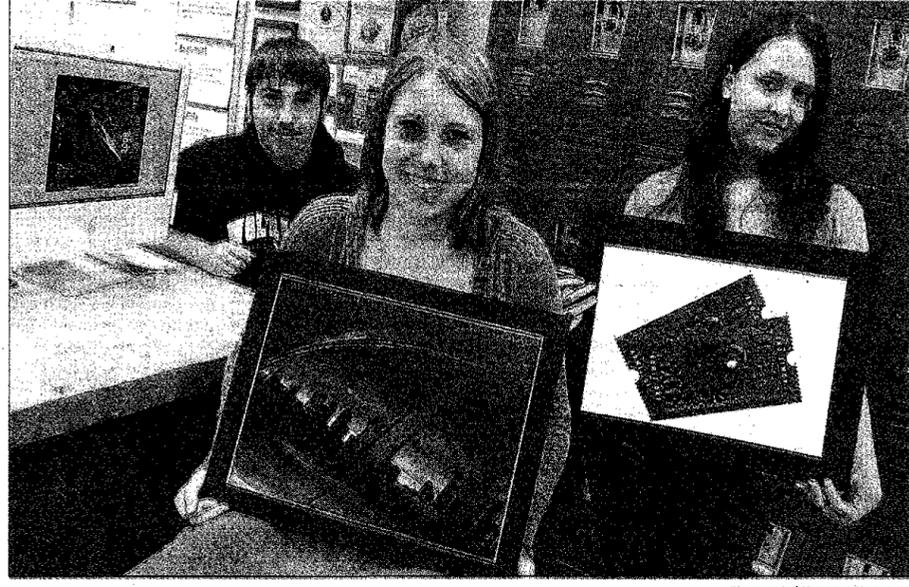
Classes will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 19 through April 22, and they are free. Citizens who complete the academy will earn certificates and a chance to ride along with a police officer for up to eight hours, Engstrom said.

The academy will be open to people age 18 and older who live, work or own a business in Westland. They will have to pass a background check on criminal history and their driver's license.

The police department has had citizens academies in the past, Engstrom said, "but we haven't done it in a couple of years."

To get an application, go online to <http://ci.westland.mi.us/pdf/academy.pdf>. Applications should be turned in by Feb. 1 at the police station, on Ford east of Newburgh.

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William D. Ford Career Technical students Emily Brown (foreground) a junior at John Glenn High School, Jesse English (left), a sophomore at Wayne Memorial High School, and Brittany Flora (right), a junior at Wayne Memorial, show off their winning North American International Auto Show posters.

Students show off auto show in posters

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The North American International Auto Show and winning are synonymous for Steve Paulsen. He's lost track of how many consecutive years students in his graphic design class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center have won awards in the auto show's annual high school poster contest.

And this year is no exception, with three students — Emily Browne of Westland, Jesse English of Wayne and Brittany Flora of Canton — walking away with \$1,250 in prize money for their designs.

"We found out we won just before Christmas," said Browne, a junior at John Glenn High School. "My parents, they were excited, it was like 'Oh, my God!'"

"I got to stop asking for gas money," added English, a sophomore at Wayne Memorial High School.

Browne received \$500 in prize money and two awards — Best Use of Color and a second-place award for the 11th-grade entries — while English received \$500 for his first-place finish among 10th-graders in the Designer's Best of Show-

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Traditional category. Flora, a sophomore at Wayne Memorial, earned \$250 for a second-place finish for Most Creative among 10th-graders.

"I was a little surprised," Paulsen said of the judges' decision. "I thought all of our posters were good. A few I expected would get something didn't. Obviously, when the number of entries go up, it's harder to keep winning."

This is the 20th year for the poster contest, which attracted 617 entries, encompassing automotive themes, from 88 high schools around the state. Among those entries were more than 10 from Paulsen's students. The three winners were all first-year students.

"I didn't know anything about Photoshop until I took this class," Browne said. "I tried it and was surprised I won."

Browne describes herself as a computer nerd who knows her way around a computer. She signed up for the class because it looked like fun and she'd get to be on a computer and not get in trouble.

"I get yelled at at home to get off the computer, I'm on it almost all day," she said. "I look at artwork and talk to friends."

Paulsen works with students, making suggestions to improve their entry. Browne, however, went with her original draft — the reflection of the Detroit skyline at sunset in a driver's side car window.

"I like colorful things," she said, adding that when she showed it to Paulsen, he liked it. She was excited, she said.

"She did all of the production, we

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Westland couple faces prostitution ring charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland couple was charged Friday with running a prostitution ring out of their Woodcrest Villa apartment on the city's north side.

Allegations against Davina Shirley Lloyd, 26, and Lanard Mack Henley, 24, surfaced after a 16-year-old girl came forward with her mother to tell police she had worked for the couple. The girl also had sexual relations with Lloyd and Henley, police Lt. Mark Engstrom said in court.

The charges came after an undercover officer arranged to meet a different prostitute, 18, Thursday night at the Fairfield Inn in Canton, Engstrom said. Authorities arrested the defendants on the scene and also seized a laptop computer that contained sexually explicit pictures of girls, he said.

Officers from Westland and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, working in the Metro Street Enforcement Team, learned that as many as 12 young women had been involved in the prostitution ring, which Engstrom said operated for at least a year.

The prostitution services had been advertised on Craig's List, an online network that features free advertising for jobs, housing, personals and other services, Engstrom said. Authorities called a cell phone that Engstrom said belonged to Lloyd.

Lloyd appeared shaken as she and Henley appeared Friday afternoon for an arraignment in front of Westland 18th District Magistrate Don Vandersloot. He ordered the defendants jailed in lieu of \$1 million cash bonds. Vandersloot entered not-guilty pleas for them and scheduled a Jan. 31 preliminary hearing to determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Lloyd told Vandersloot she was working two jobs and preparing to attend graduate school. She has had past run-ins with authorities for retail fraud and traffic tickets.

"I've been doing good. I've been trying to excel," Lloyd said in court.

Henley has had previous charges involving weapons and cocaine.

Henley was arraigned Friday on two counts of child sexually abusive activity and one count of transporting a girl for prostitution. As a habitual offender, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison, if he's

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Auditors warn Westland officials to brace for financial troubles

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Despite praiseworthy efforts to protect the city's \$2.3 million budget surplus, Westland officials will need to brace for financial troubles like escalating retiree health-care costs, declining water-sewer cash reserves, worsening building department revenues and

potential new cuts in state dollars, auditors warned.

Similar to its residents, Westland continues to struggle to cope with what many political observers now openly acknowledge is a Michigan recession — one that appears to defy an overnight fix.

"The thing I'm looking for right now is how to increase revenues," Mayor William

Wild said Monday, after city leaders engaged in talks with the Ann Arbor-based auditing firm Plante & Moran.

The latest audit showed the city's general fund surplus dipping \$6,000 but holding fairly steady for a third straight year at just over \$2.3 million, compared to a mere \$397,400 just four years ago.

"That should be viewed as

a victory for the city" given earlier projections of much deeper losses, according to a nine-page financial synopsis by Plante & Moran representatives Michael Swartz and Brian Camiller.

Auditors credited city departments for reining in costs and remaining well within their spending limits for the budget year that ended

last June 30. Still, ominous clouds continue to hover over Westland, forcing city leaders to contemplate some difficult measures.

For one, city officials learned that they may need to consider imposing water-sewer rate hikes that go beyond the usual increases passed on to consumers by Detroit. During the last year

alone, the local water-sewer fund's working capital plunged from \$6.4 million to just under \$4.1 million.

"We can't continue to bleed money in water and sewer," council President James Godbout said.

Councilman Michael Kehrer agreed and said, "Just by oper-

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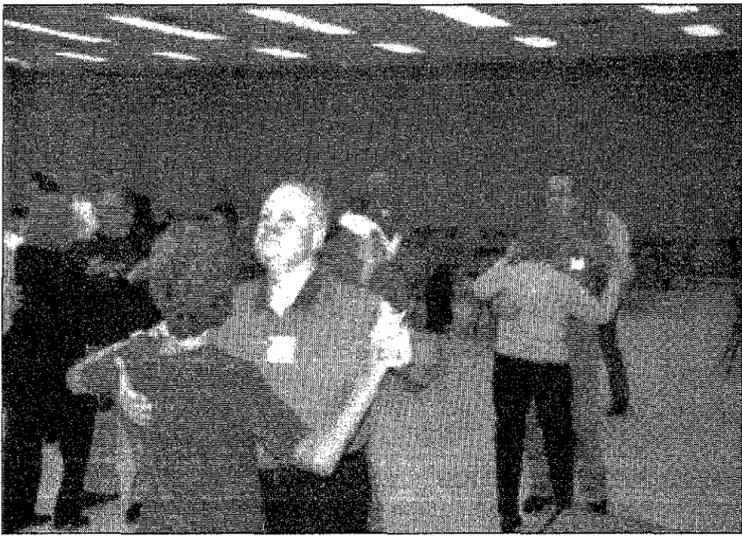
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Shall we dance?

Westland seniors are brushing up on their ballroom dancing skills at the senior Friendship Center. A dance class is in full swing 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. every Friday, said interim Director Barb Marcum. No partner is necessary. Ballroom dancing is seen as an easy way to exercise and socialize at the same time. With shows like "Dancing With the Stars" and movies like "Shall We Dance" with Jennifer Lopez and Richard Gere, Marcum said enthusiasm for ballroom dancing has returned. The classes are open to senior members over age 50 for \$3 a session.

AUDIT

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ating (the city's water system) we've been eating away at the fund balance."

With that said, city officials realize that a sharp increase in water-sewer rates could anger residents who already are struggling with their own rising costs, job losses and, in severe cases, mortgage-related foreclosures.

In their letter, Swartz and Camilleri warned that "the (water-sewer) rate structure must be revised in order to provide the system with enough cash to continue operating."

Councilman Charles Pickering has revived his earlier suggestion that the city could reduce its trash-disposal tax — a move he said could help to offset water-sewer rate hikes. Pickering said the city's sanitation fund has increased from \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million and could reach the \$2

million mark.

However, Godbout and others have warned that those dollars could be needed to start a curbside recycling program and to offset the city's potential share of cleanup costs for Central City Park, which contains lead and other contaminants.

Pickering countered that the city hasn't even been advised that sanitation fund dollars could actually be used for the park, which has been fenced off for a year.

Wild also cautioned that the city could need to use sanitation fund dollars due to concerns about whether Westland's trash hauler, Midwestern Sanitation Co., will survive its own financial problems. If not, the city could be forced to hire a higher-cost trash-hauling company.

In other financial matters, auditors warned that the city will need to plan for rising retiree health-care costs.

"For many communities, the funding of post-employment

benefits is the most significant financial challenge they will face in coming years," according to the letter by Swartz and Camilleri.

Yet another challenge facing the city is how to cope with an economy-driven, dramatic slowdown of new development, which has caused a drop in new-construction revenues. Some communities, such as Canton, have significantly scaled back their building departments.

Plante & Moran advised Westland officials in the letter that "the city may want to re-examine the cost structure within the building department."

On a positive note, auditors gave Westland high marks overall for its accounting and financial procedures, concluding that "the overall quality and thoroughness of the financial records for the city of Westland have continued to improve over the past several years."

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MLK Day

Westland city offices and 18th District Court will be closed in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In addition, the Westland City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22. The Bailey Recreation Center will remain open on Monday, and the open skating session at the Mike Modano Ice Arena will remain 7-7:50 p.m.

The city will hold its annual celebration in honor of Dr. King at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Westland's Annapolis Park Church of Christ, 30355 Annapolis Road, south of Michigan Avenue and east of

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Henry Ruff. The tribute will include winners of the poster contest, sponsored by the City of Westland and Westland's government access channel WLND-TV. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Spring craft show

Space is available for vendors and crafters for the Westland

Jaycees' spring craft show at the senior Friendship Center on Newburgh south of Ford 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Admission will be \$1 or two dry good items. Children age 12 and under will be admitted free. For more information, call Suesanna Towne at (517) 578-0511 or the Jaycee hotline at (734) 226-0400.

Free seminar

Dr. James Froelich, director of vascular medicine at University of Michigan Hospital will talk about preventing heart disease at a free seminar at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Forum Fitness Center, 34250 Ford, Westland. To reserve a seat, call (734) 729-7000.

POSTERS

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just sat down and talked about it and she came up with the idea," Paulsen said.

English doesn't remember how many times he changed fonts, sizes and colors in putting together a poster that featured a blue car with a reflection of Detroit.

"I changed the font so many times, it wasn't funny," he said. "I changed it so much that I don't remember what I used. I did about five or six drafts, but I'm glad I made the changes."

Flora did only two drafts. Her poster is two raffle tickets with the auto show name on them and a car in the middle. Her only change was scaling down the size of the car.

The prize money will come in handy for Browne, who plans to use it to buy a computer to do design work at home. Taking Paulsen's course has led her to plan for a career in graphic design.

English plans to spend some of his winnings and put the rest in savings. He said what he has learned in Paulsen's class has a lot to do with his future career plans.

"I want to be a video game designer. I love video games," he said.

Flora plans to save her money. She and her sister have just started saving money to get their own apartment.

Paulsen's students have a winning record with the contest. The first year, five or six students entered and almost all of them won because there were so few entries.

"This is the best contest for kids this age that I've found," said Paulsen, adding that he tries to teach the students how to be good designers. The reason is simple: "I know we've got a chance of winning, if they have professional designers judge it. That's helps us out because I stress professionalism."

In addition to the prize money, the three students received tickets to the auto show and plan to attend to see their posters. All winning entries are on display at the auto show and on its official Web site, www.naias.com.

The poster entries were judged by an independent panel of recognized members from the local art community, along with auto show staff.

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CHARGES

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convicted.

Lloyd was arraigned on charges of child sexually abusive activity, using a computer and the Internet for a crime, transporting a prostitute, pandering or inducing others into prostitution, and accepting earnings of prostitutes. Most of the charges against her are punishable by 20 years in prison.

The case began to unfold after the 16-year-old girl, a runaway, told her mother what she had been doing, and

the two of them went to the Westland police station in late December, Engstrom said. The girl told police that she had earlier met Lloyd in Detroit and had been asked to visit the Westland apartment, on Wayne Road south of Joy.

The 16-year-old girl has been turned over to juvenile authorities.

Several girls had stayed at Woodcrest Villa, and they would be driven for appointments with men who wanted to pay for sex, Engstrom said. The prostitute who was taken to Canton on Thursday night was to be paid \$125, he said. She has been cited for a misdemeanor of soliciting.

Some of the girls worked as prostitutes to pay off money they owed to Lloyd, Engstrom said in court. One prostitute told police she had been driven all the way to North Carolina to meet a customer, Engstrom said.

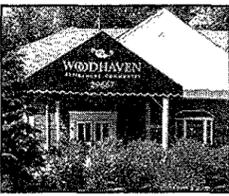
The 16-year-old girl was the only known minor involved in the prostitution ring.

Engstrom credited the work of Westland police Sgt. Robert Swope, Officer Randy Thivierge and Wayne County Sheriff Cpl. Kevin Reed on the case.

"They did great work," he said.

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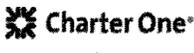
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1 of 2 candidates announces plans to seek re-election

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Residents interested in serving on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education have until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, to file nominated petitions.

Two four-year terms, currently filled by Cindy Schofield and Terrance McClain, will be filled in the annual school election, slated for Tuesday, May 6.

Schofield, a Wayne resident, plans to seek a third term, while McClain, also a Wayne resident, is "undecided."

Residents can file nominating petitions or pay a \$100 fee to



McClain



Schofield

have their names appear on the May 6 ballot. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, a qualified voter in the school district and a resident of the state for at least 30 days.

Nominating petitions are available at the Westland City Clerk's Office in Westland City Hall, 36001 Ford, west of Wayne

Road. A minimum of 40 up to a maximum of 100 signatures of registered voters in the school district are needed.

As of Friday, three people had pulled petitions for the election — Schofield, Robert Robinson of Westland and Christopher Szabo.

Schofield is currently the board vice-president, a position she has held for six of her eight elective years. She decided to run for re-election because "there are still things to be accomplished, especially at the secondary level."

"I think I can have input," she said.

A residential property manager, Schofield is concerned

about the changes needed to accommodate the state's new graduation requirements and the effect they could have on failure rates.

"I feel strongly that we need things in place to help our students succeed, and to do that we may have to think outside the box," she said. "I believe I have the history and background to help."

Schofield has had three children in the Wayne-Westland schools. Her youngest son will graduate from Wayne Memorial High School in June. She believes that having children in the district has let her see how policies affect children

and that even though her son is graduating, she will still have that connection.

"I feel I'll still have it with my friends who will let me know how the decisions we make affect students," she said. "If I didn't have that connection, I don't think I would be running again."

A minister at Annapolis Park

Church of Christ in Westland, McClain is completing his first four-year term on the board.

He was appointed to the school board in October 2003 and won a full four-year term in the June 2004 school election.

In an interview Friday, McClain said he would make a decision about seeking a second term this week.

Livonia Public Schools incumbents will run again

Incumbents Tom Bailey and Greg Oke both announced their intentions to run for second terms on the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education.

Two four-year terms will be decided May 6. The filing deadline for candidates is Feb. 13. No candidate has filed yet.

"I certainly care about this community," Bailey said. "I want to work for the benefit of everybody."

Oke, who was elected last

May to a one-year seat, said he will seek a full four-year term.

"I'm learning a lot. I'm learning a lot about the other board members and what each of them brings to the table," he said, adding that he is trying to work with every person on the board, not just Robert Freeman and Lynda Scheel, with whom he ran last year.

"I've been honored to serve for the past eight months," said Oke, who works as an assistant

principal at a Center Line middle school.

He said after a two-year focus on the Legacy Initiative decision to close and reconfigure schools, the board is moving on with other issues, such as energy conservation, improved building environments and curriculum.

Bailey, a lab specialist for BASF, said he wasn't always so sure about seeking a second term.

It wasn't politics, but health concerns factoring in the decision. As a potential carrier for a rare illness, he said he could be facing brain surgery. It turns out, he is not a carrier.

"I'm in good health. I want to work hard for this district," he said, adding that he doesn't mind the politics. He wants to address the state legislature on issues facing the district.

By Rebecca Jones

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Common school calendar awaits county approval

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Students in Wayne County's 34 school districts and 82 public school academies will have a lot more than reading, writing and arithmetic in common under a school calendar being considered by the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The five-member board will vote next month on a five-year countywide common calendar that would take effect with the 2008-2009 school year to com-

ply with a new state law. The Wayne County proposal, drafted by a subcommittee made up of superintendents from seven school districts, spells out which weeks school districts and public school academies can schedule Christmas, midwinter and spring breaks as well as two professional development days.

"I think there was a fair number of compromises among the districts, I think it's a good calendar for everyone," said Wayne-Westland

Superintendent Greg Baracy who helped draft the proposal. According to Wayne County Superintendent Christopher Wigent, the state believes that a common school calendar within a county will consolidate services and save districts money. It would also clear up scheduling conflicts between districts for county programs like the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"If that center closes for break, it throws off the scheduling for districts that are still in school," Wigent told the board.

The proposed common school calendar requires:

■ The winter, or Christmas recess be taken between Dec. 20 and Jan. 4, 2009.

■ The midwinter break be President's Day, Feb. 16, 2009. Districts would be allowed to add additional days for the midwinter break, but they

would have to be taken during the week of Feb. 16.

■ Spring recess be Good Friday and the week after Easter, except for 2010-2011. Because of a late Easter, the traditional break would have students returning to class on May 2. Instead, the break would be moved to the week before and include the Monday after Easter.

■ Two professional development days - one full day the week before Labor Day and a second on the national election day.

In Garden City, the district will have to adjust the professional development it offers prior to the start of school year. The focus has been on probationary teachers who need extra hours, with the program open to all staff. It'll now have to offer one day for all teachers. "Other than that, this calendar is very similar to what we have," said Superintendent

Richard Witkowski. "I don't see a problem with it. Obviously we have to have a calendar."

Wigent was unsuccessful in getting districts to shorten the winter break, dismissing students as close to Dec. 25 as possible and getting them back to school by Jan. 2 and move the spring break to the first week in April to coincide with breaks in neighboring intermediate school districts.

"The superintendents overwhelmingly were not for the first week in April, we heard loud and clear that that's not negotiable," Wigent said. "It's their way to maintain local control."

Admitting that one size doesn't fit all, Wigent said the law allows for waivers for schools where the calendar would create issues, such as those with a year-round program or those that observe other religious holidays.

"We stand ready to support

them in any way possible," he said. "We know that this common calendar doesn't meet everyone's needs. It remains to be seen how the state superintendent will view the waivers."

While the calendar would take effect with the 2008-2009 school year, districts with existing bargaining agreements would not implement the calendar until they expire. In Wayne-Westland and the Garden City districts, the teachers' contract expires this year, so the new calendar will be implemented in the fall.

"We'll have to make some adjustments to our existing calendar," Baracy said. "The February break will be a week earlier. There were concerns, but the districts have a calendar and it's where they want it."

"I don't see any major problems," added Witkowski.

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Hospital wellness programs focus on health

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Jan. 21

Get Up and Move at 10 a.m. This invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Step It Up at 6 p.m. Step It Up is an intermediate aerobic exercise and strength training program geared to help you move to the next fitness level.

Childbirth Education (third of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. This invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (third of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

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Wednesday, Jan. 23

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CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurance cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any

Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

Step It Up at 6 p.m. Step It Up is an intermediate aerobic exercise and strength training program geared to help you move to the next fitness level.

First Aid at 6 p.m. This American Red Cross class teaches how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Content includes bandage and splinting, bleeding, burns, poison, shock, wounds, seizures, fractures, diabetes, stroke, heart attack and heat/cold emergencies. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health & Education Center at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive a three-year certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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Step It Up at 3 p.m. Step It Up is an intermediate aerobic exercise and strength training program geared to help you move to the next fitness level.

Strength and Stretch at 2 and 5 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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will be received until **1:30 P.M.** local time on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 38745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

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120 Painting	143 Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, January 15th, 2008, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 489-1999. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.** The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2008 in the Media Center at Adams Middle School (38475 Palmer, Westland MI, 48486). The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project sites and to answer any questions that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

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Granholtm at Schoolcraft MLK event

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholtm will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 21, by participating in the Second Annual "Governor's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Youth Roundtable on Diversity and Michigan's Future."

The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. It will feature a roundtable discussion with a diverse group of Detroit area high school and college students on issues confronting Michigan's youth and what all Michiganders must do to help realize King's dream of equality and social justice.

"Dr. King was a champion of peace and tolerance and an advocate of service to our fellow man," Granholtm said. "His message of equality and opportunity for all resonates with strength here in Michigan as we work each day to uphold the ideals for which he fought so passionately."

Linda V. Parker, director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, will also participate in the discussion. Among the issues of concern the roundtable will focus on are the states' social, racial, and economic climate, as well as the future of Michigan.

WXYZ-TV Channel 7 news anchors Stephen Clark and Carolyn Clifford will be guest speakers for the event. This event is open to the general public, although only the invited youth may participate in the discussion.

State lawmakers invite comment at town hall event

The League of Women Voters' Oakland and Northwest Wayne County branches, in cooperation with Oakland Community College, will present a Town Hall Meeting with Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and State Senate Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, on Monday, Jan. 28 at OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The two-hour session begins at 7 p.m. in the campus' Smith Theatre. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The legislative leaders will respond to questions posed by audience members and a panel, comprised of Brian Dickerson of the *Detroit Free Press*; OCC political science professor Gerald Faye, and League of Women Voters Oakland Area President Eva Packard. Connie Ferguson, past president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, will moderate.

The League is a nonpartisan organization which encourages active and informed participation in government. Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to participate in hands-on work which safeguards democracy and leads to civic improvement.

For more information, call (248) 548-1097.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. Ample free parking is available in nearby campus lots.

State offers two options in college savings programs

Dear Rick: I just received an inheritance and I want to use the money to invest in my daughter's college education. She is 5 years old. I've heard you talk about two Michigan college savings programs. Which one would you recommend?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

The two programs offered by the state of Michigan with regards to college education are the Michigan Education Trust (MET) and the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP). They are different types of programs and one is not necessarily better than the other. It depends upon your situation.

In addition, they are not mutually exclusive. You can use both if you choose.

The MET is a pre-paid tuition program. Basically, you buy a contract for tuition in the future based upon today's rates.

You can buy as little as one semester of tuition or you can buy four years. The MET applies only to undergrad education.

There are different MET contracts based upon where the student goes to school. For example, you can purchase a contract for community college or for a four-year university. There is a different rate structure for different universities throughout the state. Tuition is more expensive at University of Michigan and Michigan State, so contracts for those universities are more expensive

than for other schools. However, just because you purchase a contract for one type of university doesn't mean that it's not usable at another university. There is an adjustment made so you don't lose out.

The MESP is an investment program. You can select from a variety of different portfolios in which to invest. Unlike the MET which covers tuition and mandatory fees, money from the MESP can be used for any qualified education expense tuition, room and board, books and required fees. In addition, where MET is geared for Michigan public schools, the MESP can be used for any public or private institution in the country. In fact, there are many international institutions where the money can be used. There is greater flexibility with

MESP when compared to the MET.

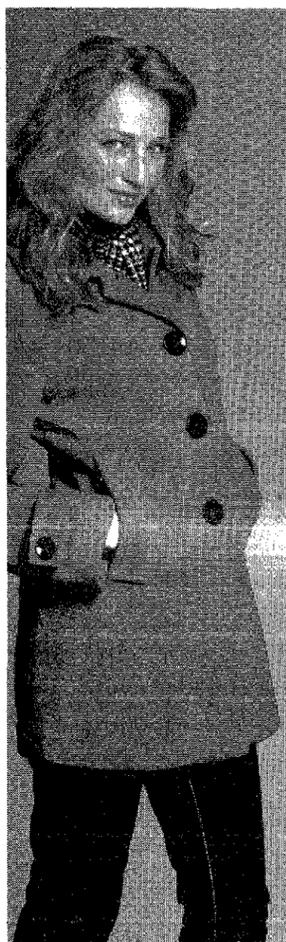
I like both programs and I think it is a matter of personal preference which one you choose. However, one thing to keep in mind is that the initial contribution is much lower in the MESP. You can open an account for as little as \$25. One benefit the MET and the MESP offer is you can deduct the contributions on your Michigan income tax return. A married couple can deduct up to \$10,000 while a single person can deduct \$5,000.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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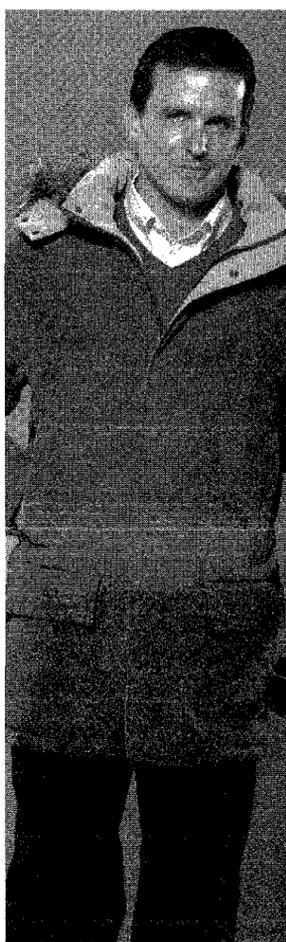
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Happy 2008! New Year can mean a new attitude, new you

BY BETHANY HARRIS
TEEN JOURNALIST

The New Year has come and with it a number of parties and celebrations. But what would a New Year be without making a resolution of some sort? It's safe to say that the majority of the world's population makes a resolution when they bring in the year. Losing weight, getting more involved in the community, and even making better grades are some of the more



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popular. Of course, it is also safe to say that the majority of people who make resolutions end up quitting by the beginning of February. "I think they're kind of cool," said Kelsey Terry when asked about resolutions. She's a sophomore at Garden City High School. "You make some-

thing and you get to stick to it. It's a good way to accomplish goals." When asked if she made a resolution this year, she said, "Yes, I did." And so far she's been keeping her resolution to read more books and plans to continue through the year. "I love to read and I think if you read more you learn more about different stuff." *How To Be a Wizard* is her current pick and she plans to get around to her favorite, the *Harry Potter* series. But you don't just have to read

books or lose weight or work harder. There are plenty of things you can choose to do and many activities available to participate in to make you a healthier or busier person in 2008. Are you having trouble keeping your resolution? Take a few steps to motivate yourself. Make notes to yourself or stick reminders around whatever may be tempting you to break it. If you want to eat healthier, try sticking a reminder note on that box of sweets you're always eyeing.

If you want to get out of the house more, get a calendar and fill in dates with activities so you don't stuck without something to do on a weekend. Don't be discouraged if you've already broken your resolution. After all, the year is only a few weeks old and there's plenty of opportunity to make a new you.

Bethany Harris is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

Many tools available for crime scene investigation

BY FAWNA CICOTTE
TEEN JOURNALIST

In this case, Santa Claus was murdered. Cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head. He was found by an elf, Shorty, around 8 a.m. There were three main suspects: Simon Sez, a toy maker, Timothy Deterra, a young male, and Shorty, a disgruntled elf recently demoted by Santa.

Fingerprinting is an important part of most investigations. Prints can link suspects to a crime scene, and even prove that a suspect held and used the murder weapon. In this case, we found Timothy's prints on the jingle bells found at the crime scene and in Simon's car. We also found his prints on the pop can found at the scene and on the inside of the shot-out window.



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The finding the prints prove that Timothy was there, inside of Santa's workshop and was also the one who broke into Simon's car, and most likely the one who stole the Jingle Bell

Shooter from Shorty.

Blood is another important element of an investigation. First you have to determine whether the substance is blood. The tests pick up the hemoglobin in blood and can sometimes give false-positives, so it's best to perform several before sending a sample to the lab.

Blood typing is done using anti-serums. When an anti-

serum is placed on blood, the blood will begin to clot.

The study of toxicology is very useful in solving crimes. By performing tests on substances, you can determine whether they're illegal, and even match something a suspect is known to have in their possession to the substance found at the crime scene. One way of finding out what kind of substance is present is a spot test. In spot tests, substances will react with these four liquids in different ways, and this is how we can tell which substance something is. For example, Benedryl will turn dark blue when it comes in contact with cobalt thiocyanate.

Another test that can be performed is a chromatography test. A small dab of color from the item is placed on a piece of chromatography paper above a pencil

line. The paper is then placed in a beaker with a small layer of water in the bottom so that the bottom of the paper is just barely in the water. The water will then climb up the paper, separating the colors along the way so that they can be matched to known chromatography results from items.

During our investigation, we used spot testing to determine if Shorty's Benedryl was real (it was) and what the substance on Santa's beard was. We determined that it was powdered sugar from doughnuts, like the kind that Timothy ate all the time. We also tested the two candies found at the scene against Shorty's M&Ms, and determined the candies matched.

These two results placed both Shorty and Timothy at the scene. During the course of our team's

investigation, we found the crime was committed by Timothy Deterra. The motive was revenge because Timothy's grandmother was run over by a reindeer, and Timothy himself was on Santa's naughty list.

The crime began when Timothy shot out Simon's car window with the Jingle Bell Shooter he'd stolen from Shorty days before in hopes of distracting Simon and luring him away from Santa's workshop. After that, Timothy returned to Santa's workshop and shot into the building with the shooter. He missed Santa and had to go inside and finish the job. Timothy fought with Santa, and during the struggle got the white powder from his doughnuts all over Santa. After a short struggle, Tim bashed Santa in the head with the Jingle Bell

Shooter. Timothy then stepped in the blood and had a soda before walking to the window and looking out to check on witnesses. We determined that Simon had not committed the crime because his shoe prints were absent from the scene, and his prints were only found outside the building. We determined that Shorty was not the killer because of the powder found on Santa and the fact that his shoe prints were only seen walking away from the crime scene. This meshes with Shorty's story that he found Santa dead in the morning. We reasoned that Shorty dropped the M&Ms at the scene when helping Santa check the lists. Also, Shorty reported his gun missing days before the crime.

Fawna Cicotte is a senior at Wayne Memorial High School.

Origins of yule are multifaceted

BY TYLER VOSGERCHIAN
TEEN JOURNALIST

These days it's almost impossible to separate the modern myth of Santa Claus from the monolithic, economy-fueling, juggernaut that is Christmas. And while everyone thinks they know, or at least have an inkling of the figure's history, most of them are dead wrong. The origin I'm referring to is of course the real life historical figure of Saint Nicholas who was born in 270 A.D. and lived in what is now the modern-day



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Turkish city of Abtalya. It is said that the Saint was a very devout Christian, who after inheriting a large fortune, turned his assists toward philanthropy.

He is attributed with many good deeds, the most famous of which would be the story in which Saint Nick helps a man who was too poor to pay his three daughters' dowries. According

to the tale, the man was either too proud to accept charity, or Saint Nick too modest to take credit, so Nicholas made his donations anonymously by throwing sacks of gold through the window, or in some versions the Chimney.

But the Christmas story is older than Saint Nick, and definitely older than his tale. Christmas is actually an amalgamation of many different Roman, and Germanic pagan traditions, many of which out-date Christianity as a whole by a large margin. Nearly every agrarian culture has a winter

festival of some sort, usually centered around the Solstice, a sign of renewal. These festivals could last almost two weeks, and were filled with various forms of drinking, gift-giving, and debauchery.

The most debacherous of course would have to be the Romans' take on the concept, Saturnalia, a festival attributed to, you-guessed-it, the Roman God Saturn (Known among the Greeks as Chronus). Saturn was an agricultural god, so the solstice symbol remains in tact. Saturnalia was a marked by feasting,

feasting, and more feasting, with gambling and orgies on the side. The Romans would forgo their togas in favor of more colorful garments, and in some households the Slaves and masters would switch places, just for the day. This Festival later evolved, thanks to Emperor Aurelian, into a feast dedicated to the Sun, and the myriad of sun gods popular in Territory under Roman control. Again set on the solstices, which according to the Julian Calendar, was the 25th of December.

Other Pagan celebrations would come in the form of the Germanic Yule. A feast dedicated to Thor in which a Oak Log was kept constantly ablaze for as long as 12 days

(it's no coincidence that there are 12 days of Christmas), every ember that resulted was thought to be representative of a hog to be born in the following year. In addition, a hog would be ritually slaughtered, a tradition that lives on in the form of a Christmas Ham.

Christmas is truly a holiday of many faces, today, nearly every country adds their own particular quirks to the Christmas tradition, as did the Pagans in the days before Christianity even existed. I for one am just glad the Church decided to supplement those feasts and holidays instead of erasing them from the records of time.

Tyler Vosgerchian is a junior at Livonia Churchill High School.

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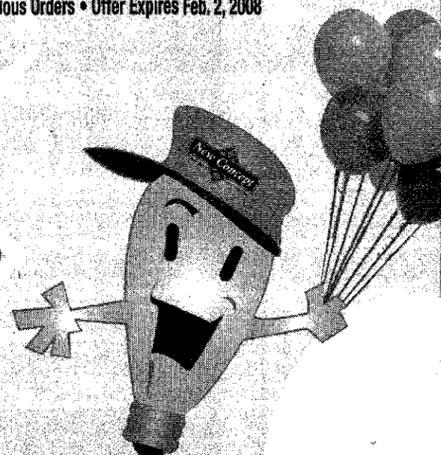
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No limits: Garden City teens appreciate variety of music

BY NICOLE MARTINDALE
TEEN JOURNALIST

Whether it's the hot beat of the latest rap song or the rapid strum of a guitar accompanying a rock band, you will seldom find a teen that does not enjoy listening to some form of music. But what kind of music dominates the population at Garden City High School?



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Some categorized the type of music they listen to as being more of a lifestyle. Gregory Morgan, a senior at GCHS, says, "I like rap music because that's what I grew up around."

Kelli Abrahamian, also a senior at GCHS, prefers a type of music that has been transforming for decades. "I like Punk Rock because it never died and it will never die. It's the way I live my life."

Reading this, you can truly see that music is far more than just sound. It has been pondered

for ages how music can touch the soul in the way that it does. Some people feel such a connection that they enjoy any and every type of music.

Aaron Horton, a senior at GCHS, makes his point "I like any music that has a meaning to it. Like some country tells a love story."

Besides the music teens listen to outside of school, many educators have taken it upon themselves to take great steps at keeping music inside the classrooms. Foundations like Save the Music and Lift Every Voice continue to teach faith and hope through music, and give teens and children all across the globe a reason to love school and continue to show the special abilities they possess. It doesn't matter if you're underprivileged or if you are a star student. Music speaks through us all and lets our ideas be known. So what would the world be like without music? Apparently, teens don't intend to find out.

Nicole Martindale is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

Athletes find sports helps them win

BY EMILY CRUSE
TEEN JOURNALIST

Sports. Not just a couple hours at the old dirt field in midsummer anymore. Sports used to be just a fun pastime. Not anymore, grant it, it is still mostly for fun. But now young people are starting to play for other reasons as well. Alex Johnson a student at Garden



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City High School who plays soccer says, "Besides for fun I also play for possible college scholarships." When asked, teens said that college scholarships was one of the main reasons for playing their sport. Figure Skater Alyssa Begermann says "They do not offer full ride scholarships for figure skating, but smaller ones are available." Alyssa can also credit her job, and volunteer hours to her sport.

Sports can bring so much to a young person's life. For

example, friendships, leadership skills, teamwork skills, a sense of pride and accomplishment, exercise, and much more.

Larisa Lovelace is on the Garden City High School girls basketball team and she says "It helps me deal with high pressure situations and help me make effective quick decisions."

The Institute for the Study of Youth Sports in Michigan researched and found that young people who play sports actually do better in school and have better social skills. Dominic Esparza, a 15-year-old hockey player, says that his sport is great, he gets to meet new people and have a competitive way of life.

Friendship is yet another major sport benefit. Most teens that were questioned said more than 50 percent of their friends are from their sport or sports team. Curtis Ford, a 16-year-old hockey player, says that a whopping 90 percent of his friends are from hockey.

I know what you're thinking, you have just talked about the

benefits. Well, that is because sports are basically all beneficial but for something it is not. Devan Dodge is on the Garden City High School Pompon team and she says "Sometimes I regret it because it takes up so much of my time and I am going to have joint problems."

Also Tyler Arban, a soccer player, says "soccer does affect my school work because when I get home late and I am usually exhausted, but I still do well in school."

So about 15 percent of teens asked said they regret playing their sport in any way. This shows that in most teens lives the sports in their life are definitively beneficial for them. Sports also has shown in some cases to be a deterrent of delinquent behavior. The benefits of sports are endless as well as the amount of young people joining and playing on sports teams. The reasons for playing sports might have changed but they will always be a favorite pastime among young people everywhere.

Emily Cruse is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

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Athletes, educators mull grade requirements

BY KAITLYN BRANG
TEEN JOURNALIST

Should the statewide grade point average requirement for high school students to play sports be raised to 2.0? This is a question that many school districts are asking. Right now the Michigan High School Athletic Association allows school districts to set their own requirement.

The debate: Is it fair that one district has a 2.0 grade point requirement and that other schools have a mere 1.0 and is all right for participation be tied to grades at all?

Students who do not make the schools grade point requirements are not allowed to participate on a team. Some districts allow coaches to decide if these students are allowed to practice with the team. So it follows that schools with a higher requirements are apt to lose more players to the rule. In a recent *Detroit*

Free Press survey of 45 school districts they found that about half use the state's minimum standards. Only six of the districts require a C average, but five of those allow students to fall below a 2.0 grade point average as long as improvement is shown.

Both sides of the debate feel very strongly. On the side of higher standards, it is felt if students really want to play sports, they will study hard. School is about grades first, sports second. After school "extracurricular activities" are just that, extra. By allowing kids to participate in the extras if they have failing grades does not prepare them for the real world. You are not doing them any favors by allowing them to participate while not making them more complete people.

On the other side of the argument, some say sports are a motivator for students who might otherwise drop out. They say athletes with poor grades often get better under the leadership of coaches. Those on the border might not take harder courses. Should the parents of these kids be

deciding if they would allow their kids to play with failing grades?

Whatever your position, the question on whether the MHSAA should step up the standards for the entire state is being debated. Some coaches question whether schools with lower academic standards for athletic eligibility have a better advantage. Should the playing field be leveled? Should the decision be taken out of the hands of each school district? Dave Smith, former coach of Garden City High School freshmen softball team, believes the decision should stay with the school districts.

Whether the MHSAA makes the change or not, 2.0 is not that hard to achieve. Whatever your extracurricular activity may be, if you're willing to spend three hours a day practicing, you should be equally willing to spend an hour or two a day studying. Being a student athlete is a special achievement. And like stated in *Coach Carter* athletic participation is a privilege not a right.

Kaitlyn Brang is a junior at Garden City High School.

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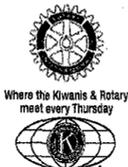
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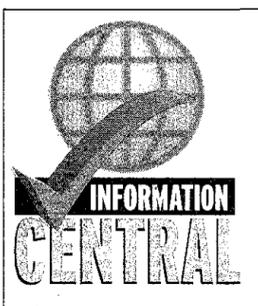
Called the "Black Eden," Idlewild is one of the oldest and most famous African American resort communities in the United States. It is located in Yates Township in the rural northwest-ern area of Michigan.

Founded in 1912 during the time of strict racial segregation, the community served as an escape from discrimination for professional middle class African Americans who lived in large urban cities.

During the height of its popularity from the 1920s to the mid-1960s, Idlewild became an intellectual center. Many activists and members of Marcus Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association and W.E.B. DuBois' NAACP, as well as numerous businessmen and women took advantage of the market at that time and bought up much of the property to develop into night-spots and a business center.

Many famous performers, such as Louis Armstrong, B.B. King, Sammy Davis Jr., Aretha Franklin, Jackie Wilson, Della Reese, and the Four Tops, came to Idlewild early on in their careers. Outside of the community, these entertainers still had to submit to segregation.

After the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Idlewild experienced an economic decline. With many more options available, black entertainers and professionals were no longer re-lated to institutions, such as Idlewild. Along with many other establishments



In the black community, Idlewild faced a large loss of patronage as African Americans turned to businesses and other public accommodations that had previously denied serving them. During the early 1990s, Idlewild experienced the start of a rebirth. Several new developments in services and building renovations to the community brought the return of the young people who were born and raised in Idlewild, as well as a migra-tion of a new generation of profes-sionals.

In July 2007, Gov. Jennifer Granholm established the Idlewild, Michigan Transformation Initiative that is being supported by \$93,875 in federal and state grants to attract new investments and economic growth. In December, the Governor created the Idlewild Centennial Commission to plan activities celebrating the

100th anniversary of the founding of Idlewild.

Despite the many challenges Idlewild faces today, the revitalization effort is still striving to maintain its unique sense of community unity and solidarity.

To learn more about Idlewild, pick up "Black Eden" by Lewis Walker and Ben C. Wilson or "Idlewild" by Ronald J. Stephens at the Public Library of Westland. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

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Gary Mull (middle), with wife Sandy, shake hands with Westland Youth Athletic Association President Jack Proffitt after winning a Pontiac G6 from Red Holman Pontiac through a WYAA raffle.

Family wins Pontiac G6 in recent WYAA raffle

Gary Mull had the winning ticket for a new Pontiac G6 in a recent raffle sponsored by the Westland Youth Athletic Association.

Mull and wife Sandy picked up their car in December during a ceremony at Red Holman Pontiac, which donated the car for the WYAA raffle. The Mulls learned from WYAA officials that their taxes on the car also would be paid for them.

The Mull family only had

to pay for insurance, title and plates to drive away their new car.

WYAA President Jack Proffitt recently announced the winners. He is president of one of the area's largest nonprofit organizations, which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The raffle raised money to help pay for programs, such as basketball, baseball, slow-pitch softball, fast-pitch softball,

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WYAA officials have credited the city of Westland, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Red Holman Pontiac and Dick's Sporting Goods as being among the WYAA's supporters.

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By Elena Lombari

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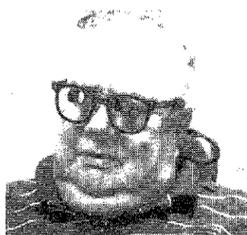
Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

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Mr. Charles Willim, age 81, of Taylor came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer, age 70, of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision as 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

Dr. Smith also advises patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to prevent further vision loss. Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "I strive to help patients resume doing what matters most to them. Meeting patient goals with suitable solutions ultimately improves independence and quality of life."

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OUR VIEWS

Winter weather is no reason to stay inside

After a bit of a hiatus, Old Man Winter is back with a vengeance this weekend. The balmy weather looks to be gone for a while, leaving many of us yearning for spring. Such is life in Michigan.

However, there's no need to mope around the fireplace wrapped up in a blanket. Winter is what you make it, and in Michigan winter really can offer some wonderful experiences. All you have to do is bundle up and get out there. There's plenty to do if you look around.

For example, the Plymouth Ice Festival, which takes place in downtown Plymouth next weekend (Jan. 25-27), is celebrating its 26th anniversary. The free, family-friendly event featuring unique ice sculptures typically draws about 500,000 visitors to Plymouth's charming downtown. It is the oldest, largest ice-carving event in North America.

If you are a little more active, our state and our region offer plenty of winter activities, especially if there is a little snow on the ground.

Numerous parks in the area have great sledding hills for the kids and adults alike, including Waterford Oaks County Park, which features "The Fridge," a toboggan run that plunges down a 55-foot vertical drop then carry riders almost 1,000 feet at speeds greater than 30 mph. If that sounds too scary, a kiddie sledding hill is adjacent to The Fridge at this Oakland County park.

There are also plenty of sledding opportunities at the Huron Clinton Metroparks. In fact, the 13 parks in the system have plenty of winter activities, including cross country skiing. Ten Metroparks provide seasonal cross country ski trails, and five of those parks rent ski equipment. Winter is also one of the best times to see nature at the Metroparks, whether you are skiing the trails or hiking with a camera in hand.

Of course, you can't really sled or cross country ski if there is no snow on the ground. That's usually not a problem at the state's many downhill ski resorts, where there's usually plenty of snow. *Ski* magazine named Michigan the Midwest's Top Ski Destination, so you shouldn't have any problem finding a slope to match your skill level. While most of the slopes in the southern part of the state are small hills, if you head north, you can find some that are far more challenging.

And if that's not fast enough for you, you can always try your hand at snowmobiling, one of the most popular winter activities in our state. In fact, Michigan has more than 6,000 miles of maintained and interconnected snowmobile trails that touch just about every corner of the state. So don't let Old Man Winter keep you inside. There's just too much to do out there.

Social Security and women

All Americans need to understand at least the basics of the Social Security program. For women, there are reasons it can be especially important. Women tend to live longer than men and are more likely than men to get Social Security survivors benefits; probably have a greater financial need for Social Security retirement benefits, and collect them for a longer period of time; and are more likely to be affected by some Social Security provisions, such as changing their surnames after marriage or divorce.

Women can find helpful our special Web page "For Women" at www.socialsecurity.gov/women. On the left side of the page is a listing of "roles" that a woman may play in life, such as working woman, beneficiary, bride and widow. When you click on one of these roles, you are taken to Social Security information of interest to you. For example, "new mother" leads you to links on getting a Social Security number for your newborn, benefits for children and more.

On the right side of the Web page is a listing of Social Security programs — retirement, survivors and disability — as well as links to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare programs.

This link is one that many working women will find helpful because it takes them to Social Security's financial planning Web site at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. They can use the calcula-

tors to test different retirement ages or different scenarios for future earnings amounts. It also provides some detailed financial information about how marriage, widowhood, divorce, self-employment, government jobs and other life or career events can affect Social Security. It includes a link to a non-Social Security worksheet to help visitors decide how much is need to save and invest for a comfortable retirement.

In addition, Social Security offers a booklet, *Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know*, a handy reference tool for any woman who needs a basic understanding of how the Social Security retirement, survivors and disability programs work. It also includes information about the Social Security program, if they become widowed or divorced. And it addresses other Social Security issues that a woman may encounter, such as how to change her name or get Social Security numbers for children.

Free copies of *Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know* are available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10127.html or can be ordered by calling toll-free (800) 772-1213, or by TTY at (800) 325-0778.

Frances Heimes-Savickis
Public Affairs specialist
Social Security

Right To Work is right

Those telling you to not sign petitions to place Right To Work on the ballot are

union lackeys.

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Of course "forced union dues" are used to support political causes, causes which many union members may oppose so, of course, the "free-thinking" unions don't want you to vote for this.

Ed Johnson
Royal Oak

What's the world coming to?

Shortly after returning from a trip to do volunteer work before Christmas, the sign we put on our front lawn saying only "Peace" and the magnetic ribbon on my vehicle saying "Support the Troops — Oppose War" both disappeared.

We found out that this was not an isolated incident, as several of our friends reported their signs promoting peace were also stolen about the same time. Although the theft is petty, I find it deeply disturbing that someone would steal signs promoting peace just before Christmas. What is our world coming to?

Richard Abdo
Livonia

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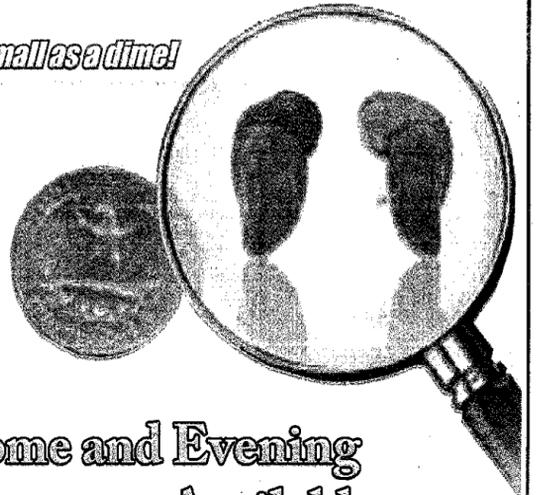
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Caught in a web

Lutheran Westland's Abi Gieschen attempts the baseline shot, but is blocked by Clarenceville's Ashley Hall (left) and Jenna Burgess. Gieschen had eight points as the Warriors rolled to a 63-30 win. See more girls basketball on page B2.

Survivor school John Glenn eludes Rocks for Lakes Division victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Talented basketball teams can often learn more about themselves during a walk over hot coals than they can from a cake walk.

Once-beaten Westland John Glenn, which has tasted its share of frosting this season, learned a lesson in the importance of playing hard for 32 minutes during Friday night's closer-than-the-final-score-would-indicate 70-62 escape over Salem.

The Rockets improved to 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division while the Rocks slipped to 4-7 and 2-4, respectively.

The Rocks played like the 11-1 team over the opening quarter-and-a-half as they executed almost flawlessly while building a 33-20 advantage.

But fueled by a revived defensive effort, the Rockets used a 19-2 run through the latter stages of the first half and opening moments of the second to secure their third consecutive road triumph.

"Tonight's game was a lot like Tuesday's win over Churchill," noted John Glenn coach Dan Young. "Our energy level wasn't what it should have been early on, and Salem dominated us for 13-and-a-half minutes of the 16 minutes in the first half."

"Defense and rebounding the ball got us back in the game. We finally started getting some energy defensively and it led to a better flow on offense."

"Salem's gotten better than the first time we played them (a 17-point Rocket win on Dec. 20). I give them a lot of credit - they were the better team for most of the first half."

After mounting their impressive second-quarter

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Please see **HOOPS, B2**

Sidelines

Glenn job posted

The Westland John Glenn High School varsity football head coaching position has been officially posted.

Interested candidates can apply at www.wwcsd.net; or contact Glenn athletic administrator Brian Swinehart via e-mail at swinehart@wwcs.k12.mia.us.

Livonia ice show

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its 21st bi-annual ice show "On the Radio" at 7 p.m. Friday, March 14 and 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at Edgar Ice Arena, 3384 Lyndon (north of I-96 between Stark and Farmington roads).

Tickets go on sale beginning Monday, Feb. 25 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Tickets are \$4.75 (children 12-and-under); \$7 (seniors 55-and-up); and \$8 (adults).

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

LJAL Hoop Night

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball team will stage an Livonia Junior Athletic League Night on Friday, Jan. 25 when the Patriots host Canton.

All LJAL players only need to wear their jerseys to be admitted free. Tickets for adults is \$5.

The junior varsity game starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the varsity game at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com.

WYAA registration

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball and softball will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Jan. 19 through March 29 at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road and south of Warren).

The WYAA, celebrating its 50th anniversary, will offer baseball programs for T-Ball (ages 5-6), Coach-Machine Pitch (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-19).

WYAA softball programs included: slow-pitch (local travel), ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18. A competitive fast-pitch program is also offered for ages 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-and-under. Call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

LJAL registration

Registration for Livonia Junior Athletic League baseball and softball will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 and 28, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (just south of Schoolcraft).

The program is open for all boys and girls who are residents of the City of Livonia, or reside in the Livonia Public Schools district.

Franklin scores Western Division win vs. Plymouth

Livonia Franklin evened the score Friday in its 47-41 girls basketball win at Plymouth.

The Patriots, who fell 47-46 to the Wildcats in a Dec. 20 meeting, used a 14-4 third-quarter run to improve to 10-3 overall and 4-2 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"It was a great victory for us," said Franklin first-year coach Dave McCall, whose team trailed 27-25 at halftime. "In the third quarter we forced some turnovers, got several steals and it turned things around."

Junior Brianna Taylor led a balanced Franklin attack with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Twin sister Brittany Taylor contributed eight before fouling out, while Nicole Emery and Ashley Price each added seven points.

Jessica Stailey also popped off the bench to score six and recorded some key defensive steals along with Emery and

WLAAL GIRLS HOOPS

Samantha Floyd.

"They did a good job up-top on our 2-3 zone," McCall said of the trio.

Junior center Shaakira Haywood led the Wildcats (6-7, 3-3) with a game-high 23 points, while Kelsi Robinson contributed nine.

W.L. NORTHERN 50, CHURCHILL 49: Walled Lake Northern (9-4, 5-1) won a cliffhanger Friday, edging visiting Livonia Churchill (3-10, 1-5) by a point in a WLAAL-Lakes Division game.

The host Knights had a 16-point lead late in the third quarter, but they kept missing free throws in the second half; conversely, the Chargers made most of theirs to close the gap.

Northern hit 6-of-19 free throws overall; Churchill was 17-of-25 at the foul line, sinking 14-of-21 in the second half.

Katie Hoekstad scored 13 points; Charli Coram, who made three triple baskets, and Karleen Herbst added nine apiece for the Knights.

Northern was ahead at halftime, 24-13, but it was outscored by Stevenson in the second half, 36-26.

Churchill's leading scorer was Chelsea Manasian with 14 points.

Lindsey Graciak and Kia Griffin also had nine apiece for the Chargers.

"The second half we were outstanding in terms of effort and energy," Churchill first-year coach Chad Jenkins said. "We never gave up. We were down 33-16 with five minutes to go in the third quarter. The second half we were so patient offensively and defensively we played so hard."

W.L. WESTERN 68, WAYNE 44: Melanie Wilkerson scored 21 points Friday as Walled Lake Western (12-1, 6-0) rolled over host Wayne Memorial (3-10, 0-6) in a WLAAL-Western Division encounter.

Alison Foche added 12 for Western, which had a 22-point second quarter and took a 36-28 lead into halftime. The Warriors led at the end of three, 54-36.

Trenia Barbee collected 23 points and Nastassia Goines added 14 for the Zebras.

SALEM 57, JOHN GLENN 32: Three players scored

in double figures Friday as the WLAAL-Lakes Division leading Rocks (11-2, 6-0) rolled past host Westland John Glenn (5-8, 2-4).

Chelsea Davis paced Salem with 16 points, while Sara Stone and Alaya Mitchell each added 15.

Brittany Brown led the Rockets with nine. "As well-coached and much talent as they (Salem) have, the biggest factor is that they probably outrebounded us three-to-one," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "They got second, third and fourth opportunities."

Salem was 9-of-16 from the foul line, while Glenn was 10-of-14.

W.L. CENTRAL 63, STEVENSON 40: On Friday, host Walled Lake Central (8-5, 4-2) jumped out to a 42-16 halftime advantage en route to the WLAAL-Lakes Division victory over Livonia Stevenson (3-10, 0-6).

Central's Kelly Costello led all scorers with 13 points, which included four triples. Porsche Dudley added 14 and Brooke Gustafson 10.

Sarah Smith had nine points for Stevenson. The Vikings made 15-of-27 free throws, while Stevenson was 7-of-16 from the line.

Hnatuk parts ways with Wayne

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Craig Hnatuk's run as Wayne Memorial varsity football coach ended abruptly last Monday afternoon.

The fifth-year coach confirmed Tuesday night that he submitted his resignation in writing after posting overall record of 20-26, including one playoff berth (2003).

That leaves the Wayne-Westland Community Schools without varsity football coaches at both high schools.

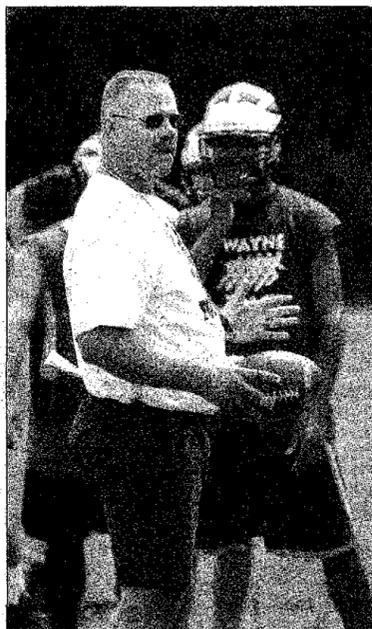
In December, John Glenn dismissed Todd DeLuca after four seasons with an overall record of 17-20 and one postseason playoff berth.

"I thought about it at the end of the season, and I felt it was overly important that we make the playoffs and also make a run," said Hnatuk, whose Zebras finished 5-4 overall in 2007. "My principal (John Albrecht) and I've got a lot of issues, and some things were brought to my attention by more than one person that I've got to do well."

Hnatuk said he met twice with Albrecht about his status.

"During the season I was given the assurance I was O.K.," Hnatuk said. "Unfortunately it did not work out. I felt I put forth the time and effort to try to win. He (Albrecht) said he'd give me one more year. The analogy I'll use is that I always felt like I was driving through a speed trap. I had brakes put on, but no matter what I

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STAFF PHOTO

Craig Hnatuk resigned after five seasons as Wayne Memorial varsity football coach. He took over for Floyd Carter in 2003 and finished 6-4 in his first season. He was 20-26 overall with one playoff berth.

9-1 Clarenceville impresses again

Lutheran Westland first-year boys basketball Brandon Bekius could only sit back and applaud his opponent Friday night as his host Warriors were no match for Metro Conference leader Livonia Clarenceville, falling 72-41.

"They have athletes who can flat-out score," said Bekius of the Trojans, who improved to 9-1 overall and 4-0 in the Metro Conference. "We did not match up well. Rebounding and turnovers were an issue."

Junior guard Jamie Stewart continued his red-hot scoring with 25 points and 11 rebounds. Senior point-guard Lonnie Fairfax chipped in with 20 points.

"We played great defensively," said Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry, whose team led 19-5 after one quarter and 39-15 at halftime. "We picked them up 94 feet and we must have had 25 steals."

Eric Shoats and Ryan Rakovalis tallied 11 and 10, respectively, for the Warriors (1-7, 1-5).

CALVARY 57, HURON VALLEY 41: Jon Wiedmann was a one-man wrecking crew Friday, scoring a game-high 29 points to lead Ypsilanti Calvary Baptist Christian (6-4, 3-2) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division win over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-7, 0-3).

Wiedmann buried a pair of triples for the victorious

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Cougars, who broke away from a 6-all first-quarter deadlock by outscoring the Hawks 15-4 in the second period.

Kyle Tacia, a junior center, paced Huron Valley with 14 points.

Both teams shot poorly from the foul line - Huron Valley (5-of-12) and Calvary (8-of-15).

HURON VALLEY 61, STEINER 31: Sophomore guard Bryan Gruenewald and junior center Kyle Tacia each scored 10 points Thursday to lead host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-6) to a non-conference win over Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner (1-8).

Spike Cowing scored 15 for the Storm, who hit only 9-of-28 free throws and trailed 33-12 at halftime.

The Hawks made 9-of-11 free throws.

HNATUK

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did, I was still going to get pulled over anyway."

Despite possible player defections to nearby schools (including Inkster High) and a low roster number of sophomores on an O-9 JV squad, Hnatuk said he was committed to coaching next year. He squashed rumors that players had initiated a petition for his removal, that he didn't do enough to promote college scholarship opportunities for his players, and that his assistants were unhappy.

"I told the seniors I'd be back, I gave my heart-and-soul to those kids," he said. "This is the second hardest thing I've ever had to do other than getting up and having to speak at my grandfather's funeral."

Albrecht said he and Hnatuk "met informally."

"He and I talked, and I talked about some of my concerns," said the Wayne principal, who will become Wayne-Westland's Executive Director of Student and Legal Affairs this July 1 (replacing the retiring Bill Camp). "Yes, I was surprised that he stepped down. I was given an envelope which stated he had given up the position. I haven't spoken to him since."

When word leaked out Monday that Hnatuk had stepped down, *The Observer* contacted Wayne athletic director Greg Ambrose about the coaching resignation.

"I cannot confirm or deny it," the Wayne A.D. said. "I'll be sending out a (press) statement by the end of the week."

Albrecht, meanwhile, said he would like to fill the vacant varsity football coaching position "as soon as possible."

"I talked about it with

my athletic director (Greg Ambrose) and we're going to design a process with Human Relations, along with John Glenn, to come up with a uniform (hiring) process," the Wayne principal said. "I would hope to have a coach by mid-February."

"We've posted it and we're looking for somebody dedicated to do the right things for kids and develop a program the community can be proud of."

Hnatuk also said he met after the season with Wayne-Westland Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gregory Baracy to talk about his coaching status.

"He (Baracy) was a major supporter of Wayne Memorial football and myself," Hnatuk said. "But there was no idea about the issues and hoops I had to go through the last couple of years."

Hnatuk, a Glenn High graduate and longtime assistant for the Rockets under Chuck Gordon, took the Wayne varsity reins in 2003 from Floyd Carter. He finished with a 3-2 record against his alma mater.

"It was a difficult decision," Hnatuk said of his resignation. "There were a lot of tears because I felt something was taken away from me. Maybe I'm too 'old-school' and hard core. I think we were a credible program and that we were well coached. It's something I worked on diligently, but I often felt like I was on an island by myself."

"I feel like I was going through a divorce. I got tired of waking up at 4:30 in the morning the last two weeks and wondering: 'What's happening?' It got to be very stressful. But life is too short to be miserable."

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Blazers' 2nd-half rally sinks Marian

Talk about Mrs. Jekyll and Mrs. Hyde.

That was the story Friday night as Catholic League-Central Division girls basketball leader Livonia Ladywood stormed back from a 19-9 halftime deficit to beat host Birmingham Marian, 43-33.

Alison Szczypka scored a game-high 15 points to lead state-ranked the Blazers, who improved to 11-2 overall and 6-0 in the Central.

Triples by Alison and Caitlin Szczypka, along with Mary Fitzgerald, triggered a 19-3 Ladywood third-quarter run.

"We played passive the first half," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "We didn't get our first field goal until two minutes

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were left in the second quarter.

"The third quarter we made a 17-0 run. We picked it up defensively and it carried over to the offensive end. We just played with more emotion and energy."

Jenna Anastos chipped in with nine points for the Blazers, who made 10-of-13 free throws and hit 36 percent from the floor (14-of-38).

Michelle Lindsey paced the Mustangs (9-4, 3-3) with 10 points, while Anina Ciccerone added seven.

On Dec. 18, Ladywood won the first meeting between the two teams, 50-47, in overtime. LUTH. WESTLAND 63, CLARENCEVILLE 30;

Becca Refenes, a 6-foot-2 junior center, scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds to power Lutheran High Westland (9-1, 6-0) to a Metro Conference victory Friday at Livonia Clarenceville (6-7, 3-3).

Junior guard Allyson Yanke added 17 points and four steals, while Abi Gieschen chipped in with eight points for the Warriors, who bolted out to a 36-16 halftime lead.

"It was one of our best executed halves," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Everything was working for us. We played a zone (defense) to take away some of their driving opportunities and they (Clarenceville) missed some good looks."

Clarenceville, only 2-of-10 from the foul line, got a team-high 13 points from Cheney Kemp.

HURON VALLEY 34, CALVARY 24; Lauren Adlof's nine points and 16 rebounds

carried Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-4, 3-0) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division win Friday over visiting Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy.

Nicole Schaffer added eight points, while teammate Nicole Smith pulled down nine rebounds for the victorious Hawks, who made an 18-8 halftime lead hold up.

Jamie Thurmond scored six for the Cougars, who were only 5-of-15 from the foul line.

STEINER 47, HURON VALLEY 25; Laura Burnett scored a game-high 16 points Thursday to spark Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner to a non-conference win at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-4).

Huron Valley fell behind 27-7 at halftime making just 3-of-21 shots inside the key.

Lauren Adlof scored 10 for the Hawks, who made 3-of-7 free throws to Steiner's 7-of-11.

Abney comes alive as Zebras get past Walled Lake Western

Wayne Memorial got untracked in the final quarter Friday to earn a hard-fought 57-52 boys basketball victory at Walled Lake Western.

Senior guard Martez Abney keyed the fourth-quarter surge by scoring all 12 of his points to spark a 21-14 run as the Zebras improved to 9-2 overall and lead the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association at 6-0.

Senior guard Mike Lee, who finished with a team-high 15 points, nailed a triple along with Abney to help erase a 38-36 third-quarter deficit. Abney then hit 5-of-7 free throws.

"That's the best Martez has played in awhile," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard, whose team his 15-of-18 free throws (83.3 percent) and beat Western

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in the first meeting between the two teams, 56-51.

John Hill, a senior forward, chipped in with 14 points.

Mitchell Varcellino led the Warriors (5-6, 2-4) with 13 points, while Dramel Hogan added nine.

Western was 8-of-12 from the foul line.

CHURCHILL 60, W.L. NORTHERN 57; Andrew Vagnetti scored a game-high 23 points, including two key free throws with only 10 seconds remaining Friday to boost Livonia Churchill (8-3, 5-1) to a WLLA-Western Division triumph over visiting Walled Lake Northern (0-11, 0-6).

Vagnetti, a senior guard, made 4-of-6 shots from three-point range and grabbed a key rebound late off a missed free throw while the Chargers were protecting a one-point lead.

Churchill fell behind by as many as 11 in the second period before going on a 14-2 run and taking a 34-33 halftime

lead.

Senior center Ryan Rosenick added 17 points and 18 rebounds for the victorious Chargers, who hit 11-of-16 free throws.

Junior guard Leroy Jackson and sophomore center Marshall Harris tallied 17 and 10, respectively, for the Knights, who made 9-of-15 shots from the floor during the first half, including 5-of-6 from beyond the arc.

STEVENSON 45, W.L. CENTRAL 41; A 19-7 third-quarter run propelled Livonia Stevenson (4-7, 2-4) to a WLLA-Lakes Division win Friday over visiting Walled Lake Central (5-6, 3-3).

Junior guard Brian Rowe scored 13 points for the Spartans, who trailed 27-15 at halftime before outscoring the Vikings 30-14 in the second half.

Pat York chipped in with nine, while Kendal Snow and Gary Cobb added six each.

"I feel our defensive effort sparked our offense in the second half," said Stevenson first-year coach Mike Allie, who singled out the play of Ricky Chrzasz, York and Snow. "We got a cou-

ple of crucial steals in the fourth quarter which led to some easy buckets."

Derrick Mitchell and Cody Rzezniak tallied 14 and 13, respectively, for the Vikings, who made 14-of-21 free throws.

Stevenson made 15-of-23 from the foul line.

PLYMOUTH 51, FRANKLIN 48; Navraj Sandhu's triple from the top of the key with 25 seconds remaining proved to be the difference Friday as the Wildcats (3-8, 2-4) pulled out a WLLA-Western Division triumph at Livonia Franklin (3-8, 2-4).

Brandon Roberts, who clinched the victory with a lay-up with only six seconds remaining, tallied a game-high 19 points for Plymouth, which outscored the Patriots 15-11 in the final period.

Sandhu chipped in with 11.

"It was a great shot, we had it well-guarded," Franklin first-year coach Jeremy Rheault said of the game-winning shot.

Ryan Matthey led Franklin with 17 points, while Jeffery Poole added nine.

"Defensively we were much better tonight, but turnovers and free throws (8-of-14) hurt us," Rheault said.

Crusader women lose WHAC test

Despite a late charge, host Madonna University was unable to rally past Cornerstone University in Wednesday night's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball matchup.

The Crusaders (7-11, 2-2 in the WHAC) trailed 28-22 at halftime and made a valiant effort in the second half - connecting on 16 of 39 field-goal opportunities (41 percent). But it wasn't quite enough to offset Cornerstone power forward Brooke Carter's 14-point, 15-rebound night.

Another Golden Eagles' forward, Tami Thalen, led the victors (13-7, 4-0) with 15 points.

It also didn't help that MU made just two of 18 from beyond the three-point arc (11 percent).

On the plus side for Madonna, senior forward Caryn Inman had an excellent all-around game for the Crusaders. She led her team with 17 points, 11 rebounds and six assists.

Chipping in with 13 points and eight rebounds for MU was freshman wing guard Tabatha Wydryck.

Tallying eight points each were junior forward Christie Carrico (who also collected seven boards) and senior guard Cali Crawford.

SCHOOLCRAFT 71, WAYNE COUNTY 60; In an MCCA-Eastern Conference game Wednesday at Old Rosary Gym in Detroit, Janelle Harris scored 14 points to lead a balanced scoring attack as visiting Schoolcraft College (14-2, 7-0) got past host Wayne County Community College (3-10, 1-6).

Shana King added 12 and Antoinette Brown contributed 11 points for the Ocelots, who jumped out to a 20-5 lead and held a 34-19 halftime advantage.

King also grabbed 10 rebounds, while Heidi Warczynski dished out six assists for the Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 6 in the latest NJCAA Division II poll.

Tonaye Smith and Ashley Clabon scored 13 and 12, respectively, for Wayne County.

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ter lead, the Rocks were plagued by pressure-induced turnovers that often led to easy baskets at the other end for Glenn.

Salem turned the ball over just four times in the first 12 minutes, but it committed 15 miscues during the game's final 20 minutes.

"We knew Glenn wasn't going to lie down," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "The first time we played them they had a 17-0 run over a seven-minute span, so we knew what they were capable of doing. You have to sustain your composure against good teams like Glenn. We did for the most part, but it got away from us in the middle of the game and toward the end."

"I told the kids after the game, though, that I'm very proud of the way they hung in there. John Glenn knew it was in a game tonight."

The game was tied as late as the 3:46 mark when Salem's Joe Posler canned a pair of free throws to make it 56-44.

The Rockets took the lead for good in their next possession when Stefan Marken, who has been battling the effects of strep throat, swished a triple from the deep corner.

Glenn's Austin Anderson and Posler traded baskets before Marken converted an old-fashion three-point play to put his team ahead 64-58 with 1:39 left.

The never-say-die Rocks cut their deficit to 64-62 on a Grant Stone jumper and a steal and layup from Ross Davis, but John Glenn closed it out by scoring the final six points.

Earl Hardison paced the warriors with 20 points. Keshawn Martin added 16 thanks to a 10-for-10 night at the charity stripe and Anderson chipped in with 11.

Marken hit just 3-of-10 field goals, but six of his nine points came during crunch time.

Stone had a stellar night for the Rocks, netting 23 points and four boards. Davis added 12 points and eight rebounds; Posler netted nine points and six caroms while Jesse Painter contributed eight points.

John Glenn drained 22-of-26 free throw attempts (84.6 percent) and 21-of-45 field goals (46.6).

Salem was 8-of-15 from the line (53.5) and 25-of-58 (43.1) from the field.

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Madonna U men earn road victory

The Madonna University men's basketball team made a 36-28 halftime lead stand up Wednesday night with a 70-67 road victory over host Cornerstone University at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Wayne Memorial High and Schoolcraft College product Cedric Sims led the Crusaders, now 11-8 overall and 3-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, with 19 points and nine rebounds.

The junior got plenty of help from Cleveland, Ohio native and Indiana Tech transfer Jon Battle, who posted his third double-

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double of the season with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Battle also nailed all seven free throws. Senior forward D.J. Bridges (Canton) added 11 points and five rebounds in 32 minutes. MU also got nine points from Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) and eight from Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson).

Matt Kingshotl paced Cornerstone (8-12, 2-2) with 22 points. Caleb Simmons added 21.

The Crusaders, a three-way

tie for first with Indiana Tech and Aquinas College, return to WHAC play beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday at the MU Activities Center to taken on Siena Heights University. The game will be aired on the Crusaders' Internet Radio Network.

WAYNE COUNTY 84, SCHOOLCRAFT 43; It was no contest Wednesday as host Wayne County Community College (8-8, 5-2) cruised to an MCCA-Eastern Conference victory over Schoolcraft College (2-14, 2-5) at Old Rosary Gym in Detroit. Ryan Matthews scored 17 points in a losing cause, while Anthony Wafer contributed 13 for the Ocelots.

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BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS
FARMINGTON-HARRISON 19
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 11
 Jan. 15 at Town 'N Country Lanes
 Farmington-Harrison scorers: Scott Hinger, 233-164-397; Alan Singer/Alex Singer, 217-179; John Clarahon/Tyler Vange, 166-217; Robert Schlotz, 217-X; Brandon Birmingham, 231894-425.
 Regular games: 1064-9041-968 (13 points).
 Baker games: 163-206-369 (6 points).
 Clarenceville scorers: Austin Bentley, 160-191-351; Phillip Heidler, 117-X; Garret Hinzman, 123-160-283; Robert Iori/Jason Bentera, 170-165; Chris Diaz, 174-198-372.
 Regular games: 744-911-655 (7 points).
 Baker games: 144-207-351 (4 points).
 Clarenceville's dual match record: 14 (Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference).

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 22
NORTH FARMINGTON 8
 Jan. 15 at Town 'N Country Lanes
 Glenn scorers: Kyle Hamlin, 187-233-420; Gordie German, 214-214-428; Ryan Herzog, 182-175-357; Derrick

Ammons/Eric Tomasson, 169-166-325; Justin O'Hara, 217-184-401.
 Regular games: 969-972-1941 (18 points).
 Baker games: 246-141-387 (4 points).
 N. Farmington scorers: Sean Miller, 233-213-446; Alex Novak/Cody Purcell, 168-180; Steve LaPierre, 178-156-334; Ryan Turner, 173-155-328; Marshal Vortriede, 189-183-372.
 Regular games: 941-881-828 (2 points).
 Baker games: 206-22-409 (6 points).

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 27
FARMINGTON-HARRISON 3
 Jan. 15 at Town 'N Country Lanes
 Clarenceville scorers: Kati Cummins, 137-138-275; Amanda Bailey/Elizabeth Sinclair, 137-157; Kayla Barber, 179-169-348; Sara Brown, 221-212-433; Danielle Maples, 126-189-315.
 Regular games: 800-865-1665 (17 points).
 Baker games: 161-177-388 (10 points).
 Farmington-Harrison scorers: Tabetha Chapman, 176-160-336; Alison Bosnik, 180-155-335; Chelsey Cooper,

93-X; Kallyn Richardson, 144; Karla Ziemba, 153-172-325; Kristin Clarahon, 158-165-313.
 Regular games: 760-788-1548 (3 points).
 Baker games: 143-140-283 (0 points).
 Dual match records: Clarenceville, 5-0 (Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference); Farmington-Harrison, 2-2 (WDBC).

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 27
NORTH FARMINGTON 3
 Jan. 15 at Town 'N Country Lanes
 Glenn scorers: Amanda MiralTur, 158-165-324; Katy Harris, 142-141-283; Dorika Hinkle, 157-166-323; Alysson Kassa/Amber Kirzysanek, 149-178; Victoria Eisey, 187-141-320.
 Regular games: 793-792-1585 (17 points).
 Baker games: 160-175-335 (10 points).
 N. Farmington scorers: Rachel Webberman/Alli Kadler, 96-111; Eryn Hong, 133-146-279; Melissa Bizer/Danielle Lebadie, 122-120; Caryn Roberts, 135-134-269; Jennifer Maples, 201-231-432.
 Regular games: 687-742-1429 (3 points).
 Baker games: 135-142-277 (0 points).

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DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 111
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 72
 Jan. 17 at Franklin
200-yard medley relay: 1. Franklin (Scott Ansteth, Brandon Larkins, Nick Anthony, Shane Shelton), 1:52.03; 2. Western, 1:59.67; 3. Shelton, 2:03.84.
200 freestyle: 1. Shelton (LF), 54.54; 2. Scott James (LF), 2:06.51; 3. Josh Wood (WLW), 2:07.09.
200 individual medley: 1. Anthony (LF), 2:13.52; 2. Larkins (LF), 2:16.95; 3. Rizart Stafa (WLW), 2:23.09.
50 freestyle: 1. Jason Sherbel (WLW), 24.68; 2. Tyler Lee (LS), 25.77; 3. Sean Wilson (LF), 25.79.
1-meter diving: 1. Frank Henius (LF), 168.15 points; 2. Scott Klein (WLW), 148.15; 3. Mark Robbins (LF), 62.70.
100 butterfly: 1. Anthony (LF), 58.46; 2. Ansteth (LF), 1:03.12; 3. Stafa (WLW), 1:06.9.
100 freestyle: 1. Shelton (LF), 54.54; 2. Sherbel (WLW), 56.88; 3. Lee (LF), 57.94.
500 freestyle: 1. James (LF), 5:38.18; 2. Wood (WLW), 5:47.7; 3. Zack Rashid (WLW), 6:16.24.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Wilson, Lee, James, Joe Michniewicz), 1:45.55; 2. Western, 1:46.64; 3. Western, 2:01.23.

100 backstroke: 1. Andrew Garcia (WLW), 1:04.9; 2. Ansteth (LF), 1:05.71; 3. Myles Davis (WLW), 1:13.61.
100 breaststroke: 1. Larkins (LF), 1:09.84; 2. Ben Ferrari (WLW), 1:14.46; 3. Wilson (LF), 1:20.2.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Michniewicz, Anthony, Shelton, Larkins), 3:45.52; 2. Franklin (Lee, Brett Woods, James, Ansteth), 4:10.35; 3. Western, 4:17.05.
Franklin's dual meet record: 3-0 overall, 1-0 WLLA-Western Division.
DOUBLE-DUAL MEET RESULTS
Jan. 17 at Livonia Stevenson
TEAM SCORES: Ann Arbor Pioneer 101, Stevenson 85; Pioneer 146, Salem 40; Stevenson 149, Salem 37.
FINAL RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Michael Cruce, Ryan Scott), 1:41.4; 2. Pioneer, 1:42.45; 3. Stevenson (Bryan Bielicki, John D. Loria, Scott Geverink), 1:49.07.
200 freestyle: 1. Robert Nichols (AAP), 1:49.82; 2. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 1:51.25; 3. Charles Turlo (LS), 1:52.91.
200 individual medley: 1. Peter Keeler (AAP), 2:01.56; 2. Cruce (LS), 2:03.11; 3. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 2:06.7.

50 freestyle: 1. Kyle Hermann (LS), 23.24; 2. Nik Mrdalj (AAP), 23.55; 3. Grant Cole (AAP), 23.43.
1-meter diving: 1. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 189.40 points; 2. Nick Nemetz (AAP), 189.20; 3. Kevin Smith (Salem), 175.80.
100 butterfly: 1. Nichols (AAP), 55.28; 2. Luke (LS), 55.58; 3. Geverink (LS), 58.08.
100 freestyle: 1. (tie) Hermann (LS) and Mrdalj (AAP), 50.44 each; 3. Aeren Marecki (LS), 52.18.
500 freestyle: 1. Cruce (LS), 4:53.37; 2. Gauthier (AAP), 5:07.02; 3. Max Boyea (AAP), 5:09.08.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Mrdalj, Cole, Thomas Magner, Gauthier), 1:31.7; 2. Stevenson (Scott, Jerome Pesta, Marecki, Hermann), 1:32.66; 3. Pioneer, 1:36.04.
100 backstroke: 1. Keeler (AAP), 55.38; 2. Luke (LS), 55.9; 3. Adam Seroka (Salem), 58.23.
100 breaststroke: 1. Wingett (LS), 1:03.57; 2. Sida Chen (Salem), 1:04.1; 3. Gregorka (Salem), 1:05.98.
400 freestyle: 1. Pioneer (Magner, Mrdalj, Keeler, Nichols), 3:21.21; 2. Stevenson (Cruce, Turlo, Marecki, Hermann), 2:22.8; 3. Pioneer, 3:32.49.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-2 overall, 1-0 WLLA-Lakes Division.

Patriots bring home team crown

The Livonia Franklin wrestling team raised its overall dual-match record to 17-2 by going 5-0 in last Saturday's South Lyon team tournament.

Franklin defeated the Milford 'B' team (72-12), Temperance Bedford 'B' (60-6), Coloma (39-25), Ann Arbor Pioneer (78-6) and the host Lions (62-12).

"This wasn't as tough a tournament as we expected," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "Last year it was actually pretty competitive, but a lot of teams pulled out. The teams weren't super tough, but there still a lot of high caliber kids there."

Undefeated wrestlers on the day for the Patriots included 189-pounder Dan Woodall, who raised his record to 30-1; Justin Jacobsen (125), Matt Hintz (135), Elvin Ferreira (152), Don Stratz (160), Garrett Hay (171), Cody Hay (215) and Mike Modes (285).

"A lot of guys haven't wrestled in a few weeks and they were a little rusty coming out of holidays, so it was a way to get back into the swing of things," Chiola said. "I was able to move the lineup around and a lot of

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the guys still got some good matches."

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 70
PLYMOUTH 12
 Jan. 17 at Franklin

171 pounds: Garrett Hay (LF) pinned Derek Davey, 3:07; 189: Dan Woodall (LF) p. Alex Winn, 4:29; 215: Cody Hay (LF) p. Anthony Pomerson, 4:20; 285: Mike Modes (LF) p. Brian Chandler, 2:23; 103: Steve Tuyo (LF) p. Jim Ahearn, 3:05; 112: Jared Pieknik (LF) p. Bret Echols, 0:27; 119: Justin Jacobsen (LF) p. Nick Rizzo, 1:27; 125: Steve D'Annunzio (P) p. Adam Tweedy, 0:41; 130: Dylan Spicher (P) p. Chris Shihadah, 1:57; 135: Matt Hintz (LF) p. Anthony Favot, 3:49; 140: Brandon Billau (LF) p. Ahmad Fawaz, 0:54; 152: Elvin Ferreira (LF) p. Rob Barackman, 3:02; 160: Don Stratz (LF) decision Vince Rizzo, 160.
Franklin's dual meet record: 18-2 overall, 3-0 WLLA-Western Division.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 34
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 19
 Jan. 17 at John Glenn

189 pounds: Brian Ziemba (LC) won by major dec. over Jon Meyer, 12:1; 215: James Kelly (WJG) dec. John Shekell, 8:7; 285: Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) dec. Mark Parrish, 3-2; 103: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) pinned Jacob Meadows, 2:51; 112: Josh Austin (WJG) dec. Matt Heckels, 12:10; 119: Keith Roberts (LC) dec. Mark Thompson, 8-6; 125: Jeremiah Austin (WJG) p. Brian Fortney, 3:20; 130: Jared Stehens (WJG) won by major dec. over Jon Bannoura, 18-5; 135: Nick Shak (WJG) dec. Adam Rowe, 7-5; 140: J.P. Gaffke (LC) dec. Dan McCallih, 2-1; 145: Zaid Ammarj (WJG) dec. Gramos Palaska, 9-4; 152: Dan Smalls (LC) dec. Jeff Adams, 7-1; 160: Gary Lawrence (WJG) p. Jacob Keledjian, 2:32.
Dual meet records: Glenn, 13-5 overall, 3-0 WLLA-Lakes Division; Churchill, 11-4 overall; 2-1 WLLA-Lakes Division.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 37

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 33
 Jan. 17 at Stevenson

119 pounds: Hunter West (WLN) dec. Michael Fobar, 3-1; 125: Tom Myszock (LF) pinned Clayton Hughes, 2:42; 130: Ryan Pichla (WLN) p. Mitch Gonzales, 1:51; 135: David Pichla (WLN) dec. Anthony Mainella, 7-0; 140: Charlie Kokenakes (LS) dec. Mark Waun, 9-4; 145: Chase Cabbie (LS) won by void; 152: Raz Markosian (LS) won major dec. Patrick Roeser, 16-4; 160: Keith Thalacker (WLN) dec. Andrew Schramm, 12-7; 189: Josh Ruggles (WLN) won by disqualification over Emanuel Onwumene; 215: Zach Leinonen (WLN) p. Ken Foisy, 3:41; 285: Austin Micallef (LS) p. Billy Caid, 1:43; 103: Jake Hellza (WLN) p. Ash Alhaj, 1:17; 112: Adam Moeyer (LS) won by void.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 10-5 overall, 2-1 WLLA-Lakes Division.

TRI-MEET MEET RESULTS
 Jan. 17 at Plymouth Park Inter-City Baptist

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 57
INTER-CITY BAPTIST 16
215 pounds: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) won by void; 285: Matthew Neal (C'ville) won by void; 103: Brent Gilman (C'ville) won by void; 112: Coy Silanpaa (C'ville) won by void; 119: double void; 125: Jake Ruth (C'ville) pinned Tim Hutchinson, 1:06; 130: Steven Courtney (C'ville) p. Michael Keenan, 0:25; 135: Cody Silanpaa (C'ville) p. Eric Rusnowski, 1:23; 140: Micah Stampler (C) won by major decision over Tony Brandt, 9-1; 145: Patrick Walker (C'ville) dec. Dillon Doran, 14-10; 152: Derek Robbins (C) p. Dakota Mott, 4:50; 160: Eric Richardson (C) won by void; 171: Joe Hutchinson (C) p. Tim Slesinski, 2:20; 189: Travis Edwards (C'ville) p. Curtis Smith, 1:00.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 66
ROMULUS SUMMIT ACADEMY 4

285 pounds: Matthew Neal (C'ville) won by void; 103: Brent Gilman (C'ville) won by void; 112: Coy Silanpaa (C'ville) won by void; 119: Jake Ruth (C'ville) won by void; 125: Steven Courtney (C'ville) won by void; 130: double void; 135: Tom Sergeant (RS) won by major decision over Cody Silanpaa, 21-9; 140: Patrick Walker (C'ville) won by void; 152: double void; 160: Derek Robbins pinned Adam Dudley, 14:0; 171: Tim Slesinski (C'ville) p. Jonathan Elias, 0:30; 189: Travis Edwards (C'ville) p. Quentin Livingston, 1:31; 215: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) won by void.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 13-7 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 21
 Clarenceville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 22
 Agape at Lutheran Westland, 5:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25
 Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Clawson, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
 Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 22
 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
 Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood at H.W. Regina, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24
 Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 6 p.m.
 Clawson at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25
 Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
 Mercy at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 22
 Ladywood vs. Plymouth-Canton-Salem at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 23

Churchill vs. Anchor Bay, Franklin vs. Northville at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24
 Franklin vs. Woodhaven at Ice Box, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25
 Stevenson vs. G.R. Forest Hills Eastern at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
 Ladywood vs. B.H. Kingswood at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.
 Churchill vs. W.L. Northern at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Jan. 23
 Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 5:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland, Luth. North, Luth. N.west at Harper Woods, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24
 W.L. Western at Wayne, 6 p.m.
 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
 Observers Inv. at Churchill, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Jan. 22
 Stevenson at Dexter, 6:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24
 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 20
 Livonia Red-Blue at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24
 Livonia Red-Blue at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Jan. 24
 (at Drakeville Lane)
 Clarenceville vs. John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
 Wayne vs. N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS FIGURE SKATING
Monday, Jan. 21

Ladywood at Team Competition at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 23
 Franklin, Northville at Stevenson, 6 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
 Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
 News-Herald Inv. at Grosse Ile, 10 a.m.
 Bedford Invitational, noon.
 Brighton Invitational, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 27
 Catholic League Championship, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 21
 Madonna at Rochester College, TBA.
Wednesday, Jan. 23
 Madonna at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
 Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 23
 Schoolcraft at OCC-Highland Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
 Concordia at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
 Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan. 20
 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 2 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25
 Whalers vs. Oshawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
 Whalers vs. Peterborough Petes at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 25
 Ignition at Chicago Storm, 7:35 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 27
 Ignition vs. La Raza de Monterrey at Compuware Arena, 4:35 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS

JOHNSON (Garden City): 5. Alex Kemp (Salem), 140; 1. Brent Winekoff (Canton); 2. Brandon Smith (Franklin); 3. Jacob Losen (Belleville); 4. J.P. Gaffke (Churchill); 5. Trevor O'Conner (CC).
145: 1. Steve Coak (Belleville); 2. Shea Hasenauer (CC); 3. Raz Markosian (Stevenson); 4. Zaid Ammarj (John Glenn); 5. Gramos Palaska (Churchill).
152: 1. Steve Kemp (Lutheran Westland); 2. Dan Smalls (Churchill); 3. Elvin Ferreira (Franklin); 4. Chad Scraggs (Belleville); 5. Derek Robbins (Clarenceville).
160: 1. Stefan Gatt (CC); 2. Jeremy Eplay (Salem); 3. Curtis Castleberry (Churchill); 4. Gary Lawrence (John Glenn); 5. Don Stratz (Franklin).
171: 1. Ziad Kharbush (Stevenson); 2. Scott

Brown (John Glenn); 3. Brian Ziemba (Churchill); 4. Rodger Kropp (Canton); 5. Mike Nordby (Garden City).
189: 1. Matt Aubrey (CC); 2. Dan Woodall (Franklin); 3. Vince Daroffi (Plymouth); 4. Emanuel Onwumene (Stevenson); 5. Roger Roper (Belleville).
215: 1. Joe Kinville (CC); 2. Dan Wanshon (Canton); 3. Matt Greenman (Stevenson); 4. Karre Cigan (Belleville); 5. Cody Hay (Franklin).
285: 1. Mike Martin (CC); 2. Mark Parrish (Churchill); 3. Luke Konsitzke (Canton); 4. Austin Micallef (Stevenson); 5. Emmanuel Fields (Belleville).
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Winter blues

Seasonal affective disorder: a timely topic of discussion

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It's an age old tradition to talk about the weather, but when gray skies and cold temperatures affect sleep and energy levels it's time to take action. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a pattern of depression for which treatment may be as simple as sitting in front of a light box depending on whether the person has a severe or mild case of the blues.

Experts from the University of Michigan Depression Center discuss the disorder and answer questions about the latest research and treatments 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Plymouth District Library.

The presentation is part of the center's Bright Nights series of public forums on depression continuing through April 22, at the Ann Arbor District Library's downtown branch. For more information, visit www.depression-center.org.

The Jan. 29 program in Plymouth offers an overview of SAD by Dr. Melvin McInnis followed by a panel discussion with Dr. J. Todd Arnedt, a psychologist and director of the University of Michigan Behavioral Sleep Medicine program, and Dr. Neera Ghaziuddin, an assistant professor of psychiatry. McInnis directs the Depression Specialty Clinic at the U-M Depression Center and the Heinz C. Prechter Bipolar Research group, and is the Thomas and Nancy Upjohn Woodworth Professor of Bipolar Disorder and Depression.

McInnis would like to see other physicians become involved in the panels to raise awareness about SAD and mood disorders in general. "Seasonal Affective Disorder is the same as symptoms of depression - people feel sad, in a low mood. It's difficult to concentrate. There's an inability to enjoy yourself, a pre-occupation with death or suicide," said Dr. Melvin McInnis. "With less severe forms symptoms include diminished energy, low interest. People take longer to get their work done. One of the symptoms is people sleep longer. If individuals suspect they have a depressed mood they should talk to their primary care doctor, go to different Web sites and learn about depression and



Dr. J. Todd Arnedt demonstrates the use of a light therapy box at the University of Michigan Depression Center.

DEPRESSION: SEASONS AND REASONS

What: Presentation and panel discussion on Seasonal Affective Disorder
When: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29
Where: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
Cost: No charge. Space is limited so advance registration is suggested. Call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

use the screening tool on the Web site (www.depressioncenter.org).

"The lifetime prevalence of depression is 10- to 20-percent. One-third may have a pattern to their disease. A good percentage of people, probably 1/3 of the population, has a dip in their energy level and mood, but I wouldn't go so far as to call that illness. It's not unusual for that to happen. People do things to counter that - go to the gym, take a winter break to the south, use a light box in the morning. There are a number of strategies individuals can use to counter that. We have a number of light boxes to loan out to see if they'll help."

Dr. Norman Rosenthal was the first to describe SAD and pioneered the use of light treatment as a National Institute of Mental Health

researcher. His book, *Winter Blues*, was published in 1998.

"Seasonal Affective Disorder came to our attention in the early to mid 90s when the Rosenthal literature started to appear," said McInnis, a psychiatrist for 20 years. "Light therapy is a specialty light box with a higher intensity light, 10,000 lux, and usually used for 30-minutes in the morning and sits an arm's length from the individual. Within about two weeks of using the light we'll know if that intervention will be effective or not. Frequently what happens it's helpful but doesn't carry the day. It's one of a multiple pronged approaches to depression along with medication or psychotherapy."

As director of the U-M Behavioral Sleep Medicine program Dr. Todd Arnedt is trying to discover the link between sleep disturbances and depression. U-M researchers are investigating every aspect of depression from the cause to which treatments work best. Visit www.umengage.org for information on studies. People without depression are needed to participate as well.

"Oversleeping seems to come with SAD," said Dr. Todd Arnedt, a clinical assistant professor in the U-M psychology and neurology departments. "Studies seem to show

patients responding to light therapy, people who do it more in the morning might respond better than those who do it in the evening. It moves the circadian timing system backwards so they can be sleepy earlier, be awake earlier. SAD might have a delayed circadian rhythm (or biological clock)."

Books and materials on SAD and depression will be available before and after the presentation in Plymouth. Ellen Stross, adult services librarian in Plymouth, encourages the public to browse the 616.85 call numbers at the library or visit www.plymouthlibrary.org for links to credible sources.

"Part of the mission of the center is to bring depression out in the open," said Ellen Stross of Ann Arbor. "We (as a public library) are in a position to raise awareness. The Bibliography in the program will list related informational materials including Web sites. There are books on it if you're living with someone with depression or for someone who's living with it. We have a lot of pamphlet materials by governmental agencies, books on suicide prevention, depression in seniors and those living with chronic illnesses."

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Excess weight may distort prostate test

Frank from Madison Heights e-mails saying that his doctor wants to repeat a prostate cancer test because his weight may be affecting the results. Is this possible?

Frank, it could be. A new study finds doctors reading the results of blood tests may be fooled into thinking obese men are disease-free. Researchers studied more than 14,000 men who had undergone treatment for prostate cancer. They found those with a high body mass index had a higher blood volume and lower PSA



Peter's Principles

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concentrations, which is used to detect prostate cancer. The concern is some men could have a total amount of PSA in their blood to signal prostate cancer, but since obese men have so much more blood, doctors are getting a false negative reading. Men, this is another reason to shed those extra pounds and get on a nutrition and exercise plan.

Tom from Waterford e-mails and says as he gets older he is having a hard time remembering things. Is there anything he can do to boost his memory?

Tom, you may want to add some fish to your menu! Researchers studied more than 2,000 men and women. They found those who frequently ate fish scored better on memory, visual conception, motor skills, attention, orientation and verbal fluency tests. Experts say the more fish the study participants ate, the bigger the benefit. They believe it is the omega 3 fatty acids in the fish that are good for the brain. But they are now doing more research to see if there are other nutrients in fish which are helpful.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Keep your family safe this winter

The Michigan State Medical Society is urging homeowners to make sure the only thing coming out of their heating ducts this winter is warm air.

Many common household appliances can produce excess carbon monoxide (CO). Appliances that are potentially CO sources include furnaces, gas dryers, gas water heaters, space heaters, gas ranges, and any other fuel-burning appliance.

CO is a potentially deadly colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. Winter months are the most common time for CO poisoning. Symptoms include headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Unfortunately, CO is completely undetectable without a properly installed CO detector. CO poisoning mirrors symptoms of several other disorders and is therefore difficult to detect without a CO detector. Carbon monoxide detectors range in price from \$20 to \$60 and can be purchased from most hardware and home improvement stores. The detector alarm goes off when the level of CO reaches specific levels in various time increments.

"More than 15,000 trips to the emergency room could be prevented each year in the U.S. by simply installing a carbon monoxide detector," said Dr. AppaRao Mukkamala, a Flint radiologist and president of the Michigan State Medical Society. In addition to the ER visits, more than 100 people die from unintentional CO poisoning each year in the U.S.

Inspecting the flame in gas burning appliances is the quickest way to detect a problem. Blue flames indicate normal gas emissions. Orange flames indicate a problem. In addition to the orange color, several other warning signs could be present. Moisture on the windows, loose masonry on chimneys, rusting or water streaking on a vent or chimney, and loose or missing furnace panels are all signs that a carbon monoxide risk could be present.

To prevent CO poisoning check all fuel-burning appliances, install CO detectors throughout the house near each sleeping area, never use charcoal in the house, and never use a gas range, oven or dryer for heating. Following these simple steps can help keep your family safer this winter.

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Lung cancer workshop

Deadline to register is Friday, Jan. 18, for the American Lung Association of Michigan workshop 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Weisburg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. No charge. To register, call (248) 784-2000. The updated workshop will be presented by Dr. Antoinette Wozniak of the Karmanos Cancer Institute and includes information on current lung cancer treatments, strategies for symptom/side effect management and tools for survivorship. Lung cancer patients, friends and family members are welcome. Free booklets about lung cancer treatment and care provided.

Fibromyalgia lecture

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Please RSVP if you plan to attend a few days before the lecture to smo23915@aol.com or call (248) 344-0896. Admission \$5 to help pay for cost of room. April Vallarand, Ph.D. from Wayne State University School of nursing, will speak on medications for chronic pain/fibromyalgia including the newest medications available for Fibromyalgia. This is an opportunity to ask questions on the medications you may be on or thinking of asking your physician to prescribe.

Grand opening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital physician, Nabil Suliman, is opening Premier Medicine by offering free cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure checks, refreshments, giveaways and a chance to meet the staff noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 5958 Canton Center Rd., Suite 200, north of Ford, Canton. Premier Medicine is a primary care provider that also offers urgent care services. The physicians are also available to make home-bound visits for those unable to reach the office. For information, call (734) 454-5454 or visit www.premiermedicine.com.

Divorce support group

Legal aspects of divorce 7-9 p.m. Tuesday,

Jan. 22, with Laura Reyes Kopack, attorney with Brashear, Tangora law firm, Kopack presents an overview of the process of divorce including information on property settlements, custody, child support, visitation, spousal support, etc., in the Women's Resource Center (Room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Thyroid cancer support

The support group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends, and meets monthly. The next group takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy, MI 48065. For more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759. This support group is a local chapter of a National non-profit organization <http://www.thyca.org>.

Organic foods workshop

The difference between organic and conventional foods with Dr. William Karl, D.C. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. To reserve a seat, call (734) 425-8588.

Blood drive

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Costick Center, 28606 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Register online at www.redcross.org and enter Costick Center or call (248) 473-1800 to make an appointment. The Red Cross will be doing double reds collections. To encourage donations there will be Dunkin' coffee and hot chocolate coupons for participants and a raffle for a one year lease on a 2008 Mercury Mariner Premier with additional chances to win \$200, \$50 and \$25 gas cards.

Joint replacement seminars

To educate the community about joint replacement options Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

Radiothon

To benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan with JJ & Lynne,

morning talk show hosts of 94.7 WCSX Classic Rock radio, begins 6 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, and continues 15-hours. Jim Johnson and Lynne Woodison have supported the agency with Radiothon, raising nearly \$2.9 million to date for CLF, a 55-year old, independent foundation providing information, financial assistance and emotional support to Michigan families facing the challenges of leukemia and lymphoma.

A group of Detroit-area leukemia or lymphoma survivors will tell their stories during Radiothon to raise money for the foundation that helped them cope during their ordeal with cancer. Opportunities to bid on unique experiences, items or auction packages such as sitting in the WCSX studios with JJ & Lynne or hearing your MyTunes playlist on the air are available on designated dates throughout the month of January. Radiothon events, including a guitar jam at Oakland Mall, the assortment of auction items and packages and information, including how to make a donation or bid on one of the great auction packages, can be found at the WCSX Website, www.wcsx.com.

Diabetic lecture

Help for the Diabetic: Learn how to make lifestyle choices, including diet, exercise and general health, presented by Carrie Ciaramitaro, RN, a diabetic nurse educator 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 100 Romeo St., Rochester. Call (248) 651-6188. Free.

Sharing & Caring

Reducing cancer risk one meal at a time with registered dietician Betty Boscarino, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in Classroom 3-4, Area D on the ground floor at Beaumont Troy. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. All are welcome. For more information, call (248) 551-8586. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting.

Think trim classes

Give up dieting and find out why willpower or deprivation never work. Instead, change your thinking about food and learn how

to develop a healthy approach to eating and exercise. You won't have to give up the foods you love and you will acquire skills to be trim and healthy for a lifetime. Classes take place 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township (\$29); 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 26 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia (\$27); and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham (\$24). Presented by Lorraine Stefano, A.C.S.W. For details, call (248) 828-7333 or visit thinktrim.com.

Free yoga classes

Astarte Yoga is offering free weekend classes in honor of Yoga Awareness Day (Jan. 26), at Astarte Yoga, 21894 Farmington Rd., Farmington. For information, call (248) 427-0550. The sessions take place 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 (Level 1-2); 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 1); 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Gentle); 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 2), and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 (Level 1).

Childbirth education class

Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. There is a fee and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information or to register. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. These classes are based on the Lamaze Method and include exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. Classes also include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role.

Blood drive

The Red Cross blood drive takes place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

Churchill posts 9-0 mercy win against Salem; Franklin falters

State-ranked Livonia Churchill made quick work Friday of host Salem with a 9-0 boys hockey victory at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Garrett Mienier scored a pair of goals for the No. 3-rated Chargers (Division 1), who improved to 13-2 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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The game lasted just two periods as Churchill jumped out to a 7-0 lead after one and invoked a running clock just 4:21 into the second. Nathan Milam and Cody Atkins each added a goal and assist for the Chargers. It was Milam's 31st of the season.

Mike Woynick, Keith Yackley, Nick Harakas, Kody Strong and Josh Proben also tallied goals for Churchill. Goaltender Aaron Crouse had to make just six saves in earning the shutout. RIVERVIEW 6, FRANKLIN 4: Evan Sawicki tallied a pair of goals, including the game-winner from Tony Pattenaude and Mike Harden with 6:10 left in the final period Friday to give the visiting Pirates (12-4) the non-league

victory over Livonia Franklin (4-10) at Edgar Arena. Four of Riverview's six goals came off power plays. Zach Bachnak's goal with 2:13 remaining sealed the win for the Pirates. Nick Testy and Pattenaude also scored for Riverview, which led 2-1 after one period. Eric Volk and Dave Muller each scored a pair of goals for Franklin. Assists went to Tyler Barnes, Alex Wypych, Jacob Wirgau and Jordan Chisholm.

Riverview outshot the Patriots, 29-25. Franklin goaltender Austin Mesier made 23 saves the loss. G.P. NORTH 2, LADYWOOD 0: Katie Latimer scored a pair of goals, including an empty netter with only seven seconds remaining to give Grosse Pointe North (12-1-1, 10-1-1) the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win Thursday over host Livonia Ladywood (7-6-1, 7-4) at Plymouth's Arctic Pond. Latimer scored what proved to be the game-winner in the opening period. Ladywood netminder Michelle Wyniemo made 24 saves in the loss, while North counterpart Rachel Lentz stopped all 16 Blazer shots to post the shutout. STEVENSON 8, N. FARMINGTON-HARRISON 2: R.J. Kierdorf and Cole Rochowiak each tallied a pair of goals Wednesday to lead top-ranked Livonia Stevenson (13-0) to a non-league win over visiting North Farmington-Harrison (5-5-2) at Edgar Arena. Mike Voran and Ryan Baratonio each chipped in with a goal and two assists for the victorious Spartans, who led 4-0 after one period and 5-1 after 30 minutes. John Vella and Joe Byrne also collected a goal and assist each, while

Ian Curran contributed two assists. Adam Phillips scored both goals for North-Harrison. Stevenson netminder Pat McHugh, who made 12 saves, improved his record to 10-0. "It was another good start to a game for us," Stevenson first-year coach David Mitchell said. "When the puck moves like it did for most of the game tonight, we give ourselves a pretty good chance to be successful." CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 2: Clark Albers and Ryan Lash each scored a pair of goals Wednesday to lead the Chiefs past host Livonia Franklin (4-9, 0-4) in a penalty filled WLA-Western Division game at Edgar Arena. Brandon Pump gave Franklin a 1-0 lead at 2:36 of the first period from Alex Wypych, but Canton evened it at 1-all on Lash's first goal at 9:45. Albers connected twice in the second period before Franklin's Dan Ostrosky pulled the Patriots to within, 3-2, at 7:09 of the second period off an assist from Jordan Chisholm. Third-period goals by Lash and Mark Barath gave the Chiefs, who scored all five on power-play efforts, the victory. Franklin took a total of 19 penalties, including one game misconduct, while Canton was whistled for a total of 11 penalties.

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Picking up the pieces

Advice on how to cope with loss and grief

BY ASHLEY J. TROMBLEY
TEEN JOURNALIST

Everyone knows what it is like to lose someone close to them, be it a parent, grandparent, sibling, friend, or even a pet. The sting of death and the grief that comes after it are some of life's unifying emotions; everyone, no matter your age, race, religion, everybody will endure the grieving process.



ashley j. trombley

But there is some good news. The loss of a loved one does not have to forever be a blight on your life. It is possible to bridge the seemingly endless gap left in your heart. And there are many ways to go about doing so.

To learn everything I could about grief and how to manage it, I sought the counsel of two hospice Bereavement Coordinators. The first was Jane Olivier of Frankenmuth Michigan's Hospice of Hope; second, Rebecca Hyman of Angela Hospice in Livonia.

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE?

It is easy for a young child and even some teenagers to feel somewhat overlooked after a loved one dies. "It is important for the adults in the situation to be mindful of what the child is going through," Hyman says, "as well as their own grief." Olivier agrees, suggesting that the children be let to take part in the services, if they are willing.

But while it is important that children and teenagers are involved in the proceedings, it is wise to guard against certain things. If a parent dies, the remaining parent should try not to shoulder the child with the deceased's household duties. If Daddy dies, little Johnny does not automatically become the man of the house.

LETTING IT OUT

Because each person is different, each person has a unique way of expressing their feelings. Some, especially teenagers, aren't too keen on showing their emotions at all. And that's OK. When my own grandmother passed away three years ago, I had great difficulty sharing how I felt with others. Honestly, I still do. But getting your emotions out in the open doesn't always mean talking about them. There are a myriad of other options. Here are a few:

1: Journaling — This particular activity has helped me greatly. Just getting the words down onto paper can release a lot of the tension that is caused by keeping everything bottled up inside for so long.

2: Scrapbooking — Making a special book of memories is also a useful approach. Assembling a photo collage of your loved one can make you feel a little closer to them and help you cherish the times you spent together.

3: Exercise — Physical activity can also aid in relieving stress. But don't overdo it! All of the above are positive alternatives to shutting everyone and everything else out.

A LISTENING EAR

For some, it is merely a matter of having someone to talk to about how they feel. A professional grief counselor, clergyman, close friend, or other trusted figure can provide stability in such a dark time. It is important to remember, however, that being able to give support and give answers are two completely different things.

CAMPS AND WORKSHOPS

Should a grieving teenager or child want to get involved with a support group, there are several possibilities. One or two come to my mind right away.

Camp Hope is a three-day, two-night kid's grief camp run by Frankenmuth's Hospice of Hope.

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Wayne High teens don't protest over security cameras

BY ERICA PERDUE
TEEN JOURNALIST

This past summer, the amount of security cameras in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district was practically doubled. Not only were new cameras added, but the software was upgraded just before the school year started as well. "There is a lot of clarity (in the cameras), it is basically equivalent to HD (high definition)," said Wayne Memorial Principal John Albrecht on the new software.

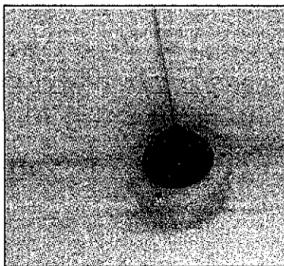
"Cameras are a part of our lives, they are everywhere ... but just recently came to school settings," said Dr. Gregory J. Baracy, superintendent of the WWCS. Security cameras have been in various public places for quite some time, but now are in many public schools as well.

The big brother effect has always left some with concern, senior Chase Kelly said, "They creep me out a little bit. It's a big eye in the sky." On the contrary, senior Michael Solarz said, "They don't bother me, most of the time I don't notice they're there."

WWCS school board President Lorne "Skip" Monit said, "Cameras aren't there to spy on you. They are there to protect you and keep the bad people honest."

WWCS started installing cameras in their buildings in the 2000-01 school year. There are 17 buildings in the district, all with cameras (seven elementary, four middle, two high, Vocational Center, Tinkham Adult Education, Transportation Department, and the Buildings and Grounds Department).

There are also two cameras on all buses, "which is a big benefit," said Monit, "No one can be expected to drive and maintain



PHOTOS BY ERICA PERDUE

The hallways at Wayne Memorial High School include surveillance cameras.

the safety of their vehicle at the same time."

There are no cameras in the classrooms, but in the hallways, cafeterias and gymnasiums. Cameras are located at the entrances to each building and around the outside of the building are rotating cameras, which oversee the parking lots, as well.

"(The cameras) monitor who comes in and leaves (the buildings) and identifies individuals that shouldn't be in the buildings," said Baracy. The cameras are all in color and can easily describe features of a person if needed.

Freshman Brandon Harnos said, "I like (the cameras), they aren't anything bad, I feel safe."

According to Monit, "The cameras deter destruction and defacing of property." He added that they monitor any kind of aggression and also monitor inappropriate activities in schools. He continued by saying, "the cameras are extensive enough to get a great picture of everything that happens."

Wayne Memorial Assistant Principal Sandra Morante said, "We get a lot of information (from the cameras). When people lie, it is shocking to see that it didn't happen like they said."

The cameras can be accessed from the school building and from other buildings.

Wayne Memorial sophomore Halee Lankton said, "I think secu-



Students at Wayne Memorial High School don't have major problems with surveillance cameras that were installed, although the cameras have sparked controversy at other high schools.

Some students still have mixed feelings, but there are no signs of any degrade in the amount of cameras, it has become a ritual included in their everyday education.

Most students and faculty in the district are becoming used to the cameras. The faculty in Wayne Memorial specifically seems to be quite fond of the security cameras.

Some students still have mixed feelings, but there are no signs of any degrade in the amount of cameras, it has become a ritual included in their everyday education.

Erica Perdue is a senior at Wayne

Teen volunteers like 'making a difference'

BY MELISSA PENNINGTON
TEEN JOURNALIST

Volunteering, doing selflessly for others and for the environment, or even simply helping out a friend. Volunteering is the driving force behind millions of organizations in the United States and every year it seems teens are taking an interest. Helping raise money for charities and caring for others.

The Garden City High School Key club, funded by the Garden City Kiwanis, makes a big difference in our community here in Garden

City. They raise money for various charities and twice a week a small group of students go to the Burger school for autistic students and try to make the day brighter for some of the kids there.

The students who take time out

of their days to do volunteer work enjoy helping others and preserving their community.

Teens who try to make their community a better place show a strong character and willingness to work hard in everything, not just their sports or other after school activities. This displays a soundness of personality and, in most cases a genuine concern for their community and the people that live in it. This makes them much more appealing in the eyes of boards of admission for universities.

It looks good to everyone, potential employers, colleges, scholarship programs etc. Teens who volunteer are seen as a potential asset to any organization. But more than that, volunteering gives many teens a sense that they are doing something important. That sense of accomplishment drives them to achieve more. Seeing teens doing good for others also seems to dispel some of the stigma surrounding today's teens.

The archetypal teenager, full of

angst and causing trouble is one slowly but surely being replaced by a new view of teenagers. One that is hopefully much more positive than in recent years past.

Volunteering can serve a dual purpose, helping other people and helping oneself at the same time. Seeing a look of gratitude on the face of someone you've helped. Or the smile of a kid you've spent a half an hour playing games with, gives teen and adult volunteers alike a feeling of pride. To be able to look at the result of something positive that they have made possible is an unparalleled thrill. But it also makes teens think, if these people need help, if this environment needs cleaning, who else in the world needs help? And what else can they as teens do to provide it? It's teens that volunteer who will be the leaders of tomorrow. And it isn't just teenagers getting in on the act either, the K Kids (Also Kiwanis sponsored) at the elementary schools are as big a help as their older counterparts. Kristi Marshall, a junior at

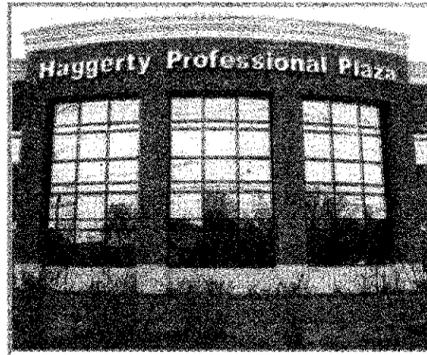
'I like to see all the kids every week and it's great to know that they look forward to seeing me too. I feel like I'm really making a difference to someone.'

KRISTI MARSHALL, Garden City High student who volunteers at Burger

Garden City High School, goes to Burger School twice a week to play with the students and says, "I like to see all the kids every week and it's great to know that they look forward to seeing me too. I feel like I'm really making a difference to someone."

Be it helping people, animals, or the environment, teen volunteers make a big difference. There are millions of problems for the world to solve, and while teenagers can solve them all, volunteering seems to be a great starting point.

Melissa Pennington is a junior at Garden City High School.



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Mayor's wild about Westland, young people

BY CAITLIN BURNS
TEEN JOURNALIST

Recently I had the honor of meeting the mayor of the city of Westland, William Wild.



caitlin burns

He graciously allowed me to visit his office and interview him about his goals for the community for the year ahead.

We discussed the fact that recent events such as the poor marks given to the high schools, business closures and over 400 foreclosed homes have tarnished the city's image. Mayor Wild told me that he will do "everything" he can to help the school district since school performances affect a family's decision on which community to live in. In order to help businesses in Westland he is introducing a

local preference ordinance to give Westland businesses a better opportunity to conduct business with the city and give them a competitive advantage in the bidding process. He also plans to use this as a "marketing tool" to attract new business to our community.

He is also developing a marketing campaign to sell Westland as a "great American City." In dealing with the problem of home foreclosures, Mayor Wild is putting a task force together to try and assist home owners who are in danger of losing their home. A matter of great concern to many residents is the Central City Park issue. Mayor Wild assured me that remediation will take place this summer and "hopefully" by this time next year our beloved park will be reopened.

Mayor Wild was also willing to answer questions of a more personal nature. Wild is a graduate of John Glenn and



CAITLIN BURNS

Westland Mayor William Wild is on the job at City Hall and beyond.

the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He told me in his spare time he enjoys spending time with his wife and two young children. The Wild family enjoys swimming in the Bailey pool in the summer and hockey in the winter.

These next few years with Mayor Wild look like they will be great years for Westland. Hopefully our city will move forward with growth and prosperity.

Caitlin Burns is a senior at John Glenn High School.

Friends, jobs, homework fill down time

BY KIM POMA
TEEN JOURNALIST

There are 24 hours in a day. Not counting the weekends, a teenager spends about seven of those hours a day in school.

Add in about seven more hours for sleep, and that leaves 10 hours. Ten hours for a teenager to do whatever they wish.

How does a teen spend those 10 hours? Why not ask them?

High school is hard. There are tests to study for, homework to do, and report cards that usually coincide with nervous stomachs. So, when teens come home from school, all they want to do is chill out. For Jessica Hewitt is a freshmen at Garden City High School, she likes to "hang out with my friends and go on myspace."

Some students have after-school jobs or clubs that keep them busy. Sport teams also take up time and energy. The main thing that keeps them busy is homework. Some teachers give homework every single day! Jessica Halliwell

and Amber Boyt are juniors at Garden City High School. They do their homework and hang out with each other.

So, when students aren't doing homework, they are hanging out with friends. According to Justin Hickey, a senior at Garden City High School, all he does is "go on the computer and hang with my friends." So life after school is sometimes pretty boring.

Homework, friends, and computer time seems to be the top things to do.

Hayley Wenson is a sophomore at Garden City High School. When she comes home from school, all she wants to do is, "hang out with my friend Patrick Pencola."

"We watch TV, eat food and play video games, or I usually take a nap or do my homework," she said.

Hanging out with friends seems to be the perfect way to relax after a seven hour day at school.

Robin Kassis, a sophomore at Garden City High School, uses her time wisely.

"I hang out with friends, do my homework, and watch my soap operas," she said. "I go on the computer and do stuff for Student Council, too."

Not all teenagers feel this way. Some join clubs, such as Key Club or even a foreign lan-

guage club. Others have jobs as places like McDonald's or KFC. Many join sport teams, such as football, basketball and soccer.

Then there are the few who volunteer their time to help other people.

Alex Freeman, a junior at Garden City High School, spends his time after school, "going to Douglas Elementary and helping out in the office."

As you can see, not all teens worry about what to do after school. Those with jobs somehow balance their workload and those with after-school activities are able to get their work done and be there for whatever team or club they joined.

After school is a time many treasure. It's that time where they come home, eat, play video games, hang out with friend. A time to do homework and get ready for the next day. A time to just chill out and relax their brain, so they are ready for the complex math problems and complicated foreign languages.

Those 10 hours are the most important time for any teen during the week, and they spend it exactly how they wish.

Kim Poma is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

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High school dropouts get 'reality check'

BY JESSICA LAMONTAINE
TEEN JOURNALIST

When the freshman class of 2008 came into John Glenn they came in numbers greater than 600. Now, nearly four years later, we have lost about a third of our class size. That's



Jessica Lamontaine

over 150 students! Why are high school dropout rates so high these days? Surprisingly enough, the PERCENTAGE of national high school dropout is at one of the all time lows, rates from the '70s and '80s range in the teens, the last published survey (from 2005) is only at 9.5 percent. That still means a huge amount of our population is going about their lives without a diploma.

Graduating should be one of the top things on your mind this time of year if you're a high school senior. With the first semester drawing to an end and days left in the "senior count-down" dwindling into double

digits, people are getting antsy.

"I've already gotten my senior pictures done, ordered my cap and gown and I'm almost finished planning my grad party," said Glenn senior Kristen Briese, adjusting her Class of 2008 sweater and smiling. "I am so ready to get out of here."

Some of the original class of 2008 aren't as happy, or lucky.

"I think the thing I'm going to miss the most is not going to be able to take my senior trip with all my friends," said 2006 dropout Danyelle Jones.

What motivates kids these days to give up on school? Is a cap and gown not as enticing to us as it was to our parents and grandparents?

According to PBS.org, one of the main reasons kids nationwide drop out are because "their classes aren't interesting enough." Now maybe it's just me, but if your classes were "too boring" for you, wouldn't you go switch your schedule with a guidance counselor?

"I did it for the money," said Jones. "I started working at Burger King, after I dropped out of Cambridge for the first time and they were giving me

hours and it just worked out." Jones is now working part time at a receptionist and has plans to attend Tinkham later this month.

Not all teen dropouts are motivated by the money. Nicole Kitson left Glenn and started to attend Tinkham before becoming pregnant and dropping out all together.

"The baby is more important than anything," Kitson said. "It's all about Dustin now, maybe when he gets older I can finish getting my life in order."

Older generations fondly recall the presence of a truancy officer, now kids are just allowed to not come. Is an officer really necessary to motivate high school students to finish up their last four years of "required" education?

Once a student has dropped out of a "regular" high school, alternatives become available. In our part of Michigan alone there are "alternative schools," adult ed centers, JobCore recruiters and trade schools. Looking to get your G.E.D because you messed up receiving your diploma? The G.E.D credit test can be taken at Tinkham.

"Going to an alternative

school was better than regular high school, I felt less pressured and there was a much more open environment," said Jones, who has quit mid-marking period at Cambridge three times so far.

Studies have found that kids who don't continue their education through high school are more likely to stay in poverty, participate in crime and receive government assistance. One study found that 90 percent of all Texas inmates had been high school dropouts! Other results state that a dropout will earn about \$9,000 less a year than the average high school graduate.

American teenagers don't realize how lucky they are, students in other countries have school on Sundays or until 5 at night. Some places have no desks and dirt floor and still the kids there are so happy to be able to learn and go to school.

Students across the city, state and even nation are throwing their education out the window at an alarming rate. When will our teens get a reality check?

Jessica LaMontaine is a senior at John Glenn High School.

GRIEF

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2007, over 30 kids attended.

WORDS OF WISDOM

As my investigation drew to a close, I asked both women if they had any nuggets of advice for a teenager who is going through the grieving process.

"Be honest with yourself and with your loved ones," Hyman advises. Olivier agrees. "The most important thing you can do is to get the feelings out."

Having lost someone close to me, the best thing I can say to my peers: You're not alone in your feelings ... there's always someone else who is going through the same thing. Reach out, and don't be afraid to be reached.

Ashley J. Trombley is a junior at Garden City High School. This article is dedicated to the memory of Jeremy Santana, who attended Garden City High, and to his family.

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Dr. Karissa L. Jagacki
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Laboratory studies are often helpful. Instances of inflammation, certain markers such as the sedimentation rate and C-Reactive Protein show rising numbers. This change along with multiple swollen joints would confirm that inflammation is the source of pain.

At times, even after evaluation, your doctor may remain uncertain if impairment or inflammation is dominant. In that case, he may undertake a therapeutic trial. That means he would add medication, treat you vigorously and closely monitor your response. A failure to respond would call for pulling back from therapy rather than adding more medication.

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Wild game dinner supports good causes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Tino DelSignore seems humbled when asked about the initials of the foundation he administers. CDS stands for his initials and the grandfather he's named after, Costantino DelSignore. The foundation's annual Wild Game dinner was started as a fund-raiser for the church of the elder DelSignore supported near his home in Fonte D'Amore, Italy after it suffered damage during World War II. In the early years the event was held in conjunction with the Italian American Club of Livonia. When the club decided to hold its own dinner dance, Tino DelSignore con-

tinued the Wild Game Dinner, giving the money to the Karmanos Cancer Institute in honor of his friend Anthony Leopardi who died of the disease at age 36. This year's event takes place 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$70 and include an open bar until 11:30 p.m., hors d'oeuvres, family style dinner, live and silent auctions, and a casino night. For information, call (734) 462-0770 or visit www.cdsfoundation.net. Tickets can also be purchased at Laurel Manor (39000 Schoolcraft) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. In addition to the cancer institute, proceeds go to the St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Cancer Center, Angela Hospice Home Care, Botsford Hospital Foundation, and the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund. "We had the same group of guys form a committee," said Tino DelSignore. "We had 41 gentlemen show up to the last meeting. We have more and more people supporting the cause. We've raised over a quarter million dollars so far. It's all you can eat, all you can drink. It's a good cause. "This year I'm excited because the laws have changed on gambling for nonprofits. We're going to have a casino night. It's like going to one of the casino's in town and there's a cash payout." lchomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2145

Talent wanted for Jan. 30 show

Can you sing? Do you have a funny story to share? Then Craig Alan is looking for you to perform 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Join hosts John Thiede

and Alan for an evening of amateur talent, improvisational theater, comedy, and the opportunity to win prizes. Singers, story tellers and poets are sought for the Albert's Has Talent show. Those that wish to perform

should arrive one half hour prior to showtime or contact Alan at (734) 546-5207. Winners are judged by audience favorite. Alan performs magic and mind reading at Albert's on the Alley 9-11 p.m. every Friday.

ENGAGEMENTS



Smith-Dalton
Chuck and Julie Smith of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristie Lynn Smith of Redford, to Derek Dalton, son Charlene Dalton of Belleville and the late Donald Dalton. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Thurston High School. She is employed at Ford Motor Co. The future groom is a graduate of Thurston High School. He is employed by Ajax Paving Industries. No wedding date has been set.

Pistor-Schwab
Wilbey and Linda Pistor of Garden City and Pamela Hall of Englewood, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Hope Marie Pistor, to Bryan Charles Schwab, son of Denise Schwab of Dearborn and the late Ronald Schwab. An April 2008 wedding is planned for St. Raphael Church, followed by a reception at Plymouth Manor.



Perrell-Renner
Bruce and Terry Perrell of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth T. Perrell, to Colby S. Renner, son of Robert and Linda Renner of Tecumseh. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Redford Union High School and received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Michigan in 2006. She is currently a student at the U-M College of Pharmacy and will graduate in 2009. She is employed by Kroger Pharmacy in Milan. The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Tecumseh High School and received a bachelor of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan



University in 2007. He is currently a manager of bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Ann Arbor and a corporate trainer. A May 2008 wedding is planned.

Jannausch-Bruce
Sandy and Jim Jannausch of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Jannausch, to Douglas Bruce, son of Robert and Ruthann Bruce of Canton. The bride-to-be is a registered nurse. The future groom works in the construction industry. A fall 2008 wedding is planned for St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Birmingham.



Davies-Wheeler
Paul and Wilma Davies of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Davies, to Michael Wheeler, son of Dale and Diane Wheeler of Westland. The bride is attending Arizona State University, graduating this spring. The groom is pursuing a career in law enforcement in Phoenix. A wedding is planned for June 21, 2008, at Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village followed by a reception at Laurel Manor.



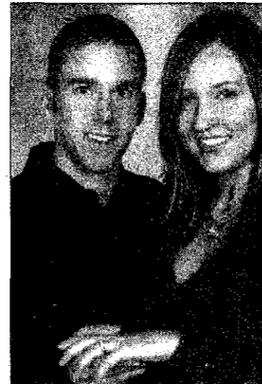
Male-Oswandel
Leonard and Elaine Male of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda Joy Male, to Douglas James Oswandel, son of Kenneth and Virginia Oswandel of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of Washtenaw Community College. She is a photographer in New York City. The future groom is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. He is Island Def Jam director of field marketing in New York City. A wedding is planned for



May 31, 2008, at the St. John Center Chapel in Plymouth.

Young women sought for Court of St. Brigid

The Scholarship Program sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit. Educational scholarships will be awarded to the winner and her court. Eligible for the program are girls, ages 17-22, who are Irish and Catholic. For application and more information, call Maureen Kelly at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detroitirish.org. Deadline for application is Friday, Feb. 9. The Court of St. Brigid will be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 17, in Detroit.



Nasal-Mathis
Sandy and Frank Nasal of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer M. Nasal, to Bradley W. Mathis, son of Ed and Debbie Mathis of Garden City. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University and is employed by Crossmark Merchandising. The future groom is employed by AAL Apartment laundries. A February 2008 wedding is planned for Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn.



Dilworth-Schofield
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Shoope and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Dilworth of Dallas announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Curry Dilworth, to Joshua David Schofield, son of David and Cindy Schofield of Wayne. The bride to be is a 2006 graduate of Abilene Christian University and is employed as an account executive with NBC-Universal in Dallas. The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 2005 graduate of Abilene Christian University. He is employed at graphic and Web designer with Visualweb in Dallas. A March 1, 2008, wedding is planned for Dallas, Texas.



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ADA E. BLACK
January 16, 2008, age 97 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Wayne A. Black. Dear mother of Wallene (Louis) Poteau, Gerald "Jerry" (Susie) Black and Jaynie Black. Grandmother of Kim (Mike) Foster, Kyle (Monica) Poteau, Kris (David) Wilson, Susan (Chris) O'Neal, Sally Black, William Nichols, Jr. and Joseph Nichols. Great Grandmother of Caleigh O'Neal, William Gavin, Elijah First, Anna, David and Morgan Sija. Sister of Lillian Arthur, Carrie Yates, Ruth Pack, Evelyn Spitzer, Dewey and Ralph Luper, the late Faye Black, Mozelle Bagwell, Pauline Pugh, Paul James and Clarence Luper. Service Monday 11 am at the UHt Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Sunday 1 - 9 pm. Memorials would be appreciated to Community Hospice or Rose Cottage. Please visit and post a tribute at: www.uhth.com

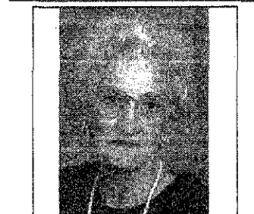
CLEON CROSBY McLAUGHLIN
Was born on October 25, 1945 in Lawrence, Michigan. He was the oldest son of Charles and Wyva McLaughlin, at the time of Paw Paw, Michigan. After growing up and graduating from high school in Michigan, Cleon enrolled in General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) in Flint, Michigan. He received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from GMI in 1967, and went on to complete a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1969. After obtaining his degrees, he was stationed at Fort Knox during the Vietnam era. Upon completing his service in the Army, Cleon returned to Michigan and would maintain residency between Flint and Bloomfield Hills. He had a long, lucrative career in the automotive industry that included positions in engineering and sales. His work afforded him opportunities to see the world, as he made trips to Australia, Italy, China and Japan among other places. He retired from Mayne-McKenney, Inc. of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 2007. Cleon remained active in various sports and outdoor activities. Badminton was a regular activity for Cleon, as he participated in clubs in Michigan and played in tournaments across the country. He also enjoyed outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting and water sports. Planning for his retirement, he purchased a house on Lake Hartwell in Lavonia, Georgia where boating became a regular activity. He also enjoyed traveling, and simply spending time with family and friends. Cleon passed away on January 11, 2008 in Marietta, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Wyva McLaughlin, and sister Julia Johnson. He leaves to cherish his memory: sister Alisa Runyan and husband Michael; sister Lilla Ballew and husband Brian; brother Calvin McLaughlin and wife Jacqui; son Chris McLaughlin and wife Jeannette; daughter Dione Swann and husband Eric; grandchildren Sarah Swann, Jason Swann, Connor McLaughlin and Jonathan Swann; additional family, friends and colleagues. A private service with family and close friends will be held at 10 am on Saturday January 19, 2008 at the HM Patterson & Son Funeral Home Chapel - 1157 Old Canton Road in Marietta, Georgia. In addition, a memorial service for friends and colleagues will be held in Michigan the afternoon of January 26th in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Cleon's memory to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by H.M. Patterson & Son Funeral Directors 1157 Old Canton Rd. Marietta, GA 30068, 770-977-9485

BARBARA IRENE BLOCH
Age 65, of Westland, January 18, 2008. Beloved wife of Gerald. Dear mother of Kevin (Kathy) Bloch, Pamela (Gary) Jurick, Timothy (Kim) Bloch, and Rebecca (Ryan) McNamee. Loving grandmother of Stephanie, Timothy, Andrew, Jordan, Regan, Page and Peyton. She is also survived by her sister Carol (David) Mondro. Funeral service is Monday at 7:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Monday 1:00 - 9:00 PM.

BILL ASELTYN
Age 76, January 15, 2008. Mr. Aseltyn passed away from cancer. He was a graduate of St. Mary, Redford. He retired from American Motors in 1984 with 30 years of service. He was an avid fisherman and gardener and a car aficionado. He was also a political activist and supporter of gay rights. Loving husband of Dolores "Laura". Loving father of Kathleen (Mark Brautigan), Mary (Dave Guimond), and Bill (Jeff Stryken). Dear grandfather of five and great-grandfather of two. Visitation Thursday, 2-9pm O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-1800. Instate Friday St. Joseph Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon 10:30am until Funeral Mass 11:00am. Memorial donations to IHM Retirement Fund, 610 W. Elm Ave., Monroe, MI 48162 or St. Joseph Hospice. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JACKIE PATRICK MCKINLEY
Age 77, January 14, 2008. Beloved husband of Mary. Loving father of Daniel (Melissa) McKinley and Michele (Bob Murt) McKinley. Services were held Friday at Fisher Funeral Home, Redford, MI. Memorials to the VA Hospital would be appreciated.

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MARTHA HELENA (nee Weidner) VARNER
Of Berkley, MI, January 15, 2008. Age 85. Beloved wife of the late Orrie Blair for 52 years. Dearest mother of Carolyn (James) Scharret, Twighla Juszak, Veva (the late Roy) Salacinski, Heather (Richard) Sprague, Frederick Varner and Evan (Patricia) Varner. Cherished grandmother of Lisa, Rachel, Erica, Ryan, Robert, James, and preceded in death by Elizabeth. Also survived by great grandchildren Jacob, Sarah and Lilibet. Dear sister of Vernon (Jean) Weidner, Evelyn (the late Wayne) Shaulis and Glen (Virginia) Weidner. Preceded in death by brothers Samuel, Frederick, Paul, Ervin and Donald. Also mourned by Dorothy Kaufman (sister-in-law) and Robert Dean Varner (brother-in-law) and many nieces and nephews. She was a master quilter, honored officially by the Mayor and City of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1982, designated as one of their "Traditional Folk Artists." Two of her quilts served as a backdrop for the Carter-Reagan Presidential Debate that was televised from Cleveland in 1980. These same two quilts also traveled around the world with the Peoples and Cultures Folk Art Exhibit that originated in Cleveland. She created over 500 quilts during her lifetime and won many awards for her handiwork. She resided in Berkley for over ten years. Prior to that, she was a resident of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for over 30 years, a resident of Ferndale, Michigan for 14 years, and had also lived in her home state of Pennsylvania for over 20 years, residing near Somerset and Johnstown. Funeral service was held Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church. The family appreciates memorial contributions to The American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076 or Peace Lutheran Church, 17029 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Southfield, MI, 48076. view obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



EARLINE D. TISON
Age 83, January 15, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Dixon Tison, Alanah (Ted) Keese and Tena Rodriguez. Cherished grandmother of Ashton and Amber. A funeral service was held Friday, January 18th at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington. Memorial tributes to Meals on Wheels, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. www.thayer-rock.com

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Dinner dance supports Arc work

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County, a grass-roots nonprofit charitable organization, holds an Annual Dinner Dance each year to raise funds to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families. The 2008 Arc Northwest Annual Dinner Dance, which includes a family style dinner, open bar, live music performed by Mass Transit and dancing, will take place 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets are \$55 per person, \$40 per person with a developmental disability. For tickets or to make a contribution, call (313) 532-7915.

ANNIVERSARY



Hunters celebrate 50th anniversary

Gordon Hunter Jr. and Catherine (Vesloski) Hunter of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Hunters were married Jan. 25, 1958, in Singac, N.J. They have lived in this area for more than 40 years.

They have three daughters, Heidi Hunter of Dewitt, Mich., Cindy Hunter of Northville and Judy Hunter of Gainesville, Fla. The couple have four grandchildren.

Gordon Hunter is retired from Fireman's Fund American Insurance Co. Catherine Hunter was employed by St. Mary Hospital and the American Red Cross.

The Hunters belong to Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia.

A midsummer family gathering is planned.

Event raises funds for developmentally disabled

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Carolyn DiComo has a number of reasons for promoting the Italian American Club's annual dinner dance in Livonia, not the least of which is the food.

The Jan. 27 event benefits the residential St. Louis Center for people with developmental disabilities. In return for their support, guests will be treated

to a sit-down dinner preceded by a Culinary Extravaganza with appetizers and desserts provided by area restaurants, delis and specialty shops.

Tickets are \$50 for the dinner dance at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 Five Mile in Livonia. Call Gianna Prokop at (866) 990-IABC of Joe Yekulis at (734) 475-8430. Deadline for reservations is Jan. 18.

The day begins at noon with Mass followed by a social gathering, the Culinary Extravaganza, then the sit-down dinner at 2:30 p.m. The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan performs arias at 3:30 p.m. The afternoon ends with dancing to live music from 4-6 p.m.

"The food - you'd have to stay there for a week to eat everything," said Carolyn DiComo who's been a member

of the club with her husband Don for 20 years.

Besides the food, DiComo admires the work of the St. Louis Center.

"I had a brother with disabilities and this wasn't available years ago," said DiComo. "This is a very caring residential community run by an Italian order of priests."

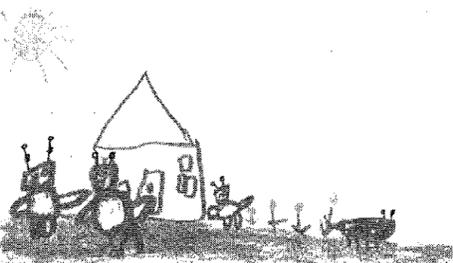
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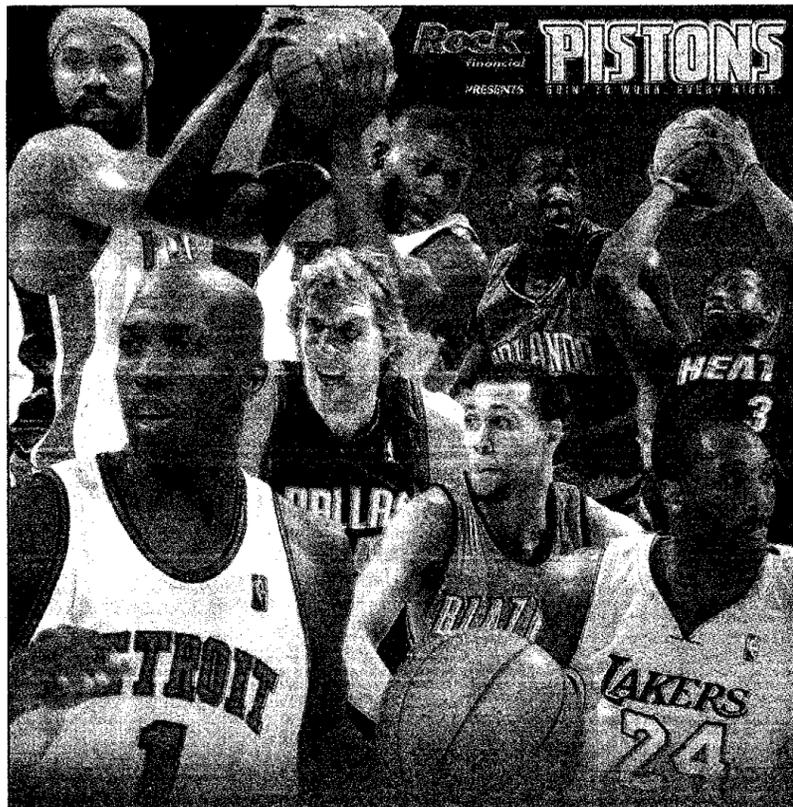
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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Employers hire more people in January, when they have new budgets, than any other month. Get off your duff! Find out what doesn't work and do what does.

ROADBLOCKS

Do you doubt the season? A recent survey of 2,000 workers by Rasmussen Reports Inc., for Hudson, a division of the New York City-based global staffing company Hudson Highland Group Inc., finds that 21 percent of workers (up six percent over last year) are expecting declining work prospects. Be contrarian. Discouraged job seekers diminish your competition.

Psychic toll may be the most debilitating aspect of a job search; so minimize it by being efficient. Research what you want to do and decide. Don't apply here, there and everywhere with abandon, hoping that someone, somewhere will unlock your professional identity.

How can you know what you're looking for if you don't know what it is? Sit down on a peaceful day and commit to: — writing the ten work activities you're most willing to do;

— identifying the one you could stick with under the worst possible circumstances; and
— listing five or six tasks you could do related to that bottom-line skill.

Next, be discriminating about companies. Challenge yourself to identify the five key characteristics of the company you'd like to hire you. Then, research companies on the Web, in the library, in the newspaper and through friends and contacts, until you have a list of, say, 20 to explore. Your job hunt begins now.

Avoid self-deception by thinking that you're really job hunting when you're merely flirting with venues that don't require direct contact with people. These usually hinge upon advertisements of all kinds — newspaper, Internet and trade publication — an essential part of a search, but not its sole component, and only the beginning. People give you information that you won't find anywhere else.

PASSAGE

Your main objective is to stand out. New York City's Jackie Stone used uncanny imagination to open doors in 2001. She approached the head recruiter — a live body — at Google by sending her resume, and, more importantly, some cookies in the shape of dollar signs. Their centers read, "I can help make you money!" She received a call from the company, interviewed successfully and won an offer. Then there's Donna Maria Johnson, CEO of Indie

Business Media L.L.C., in Charlotte, N.C., who was a litigator with no employment law experience. Responding to a newspaper ad, she sent in her application to a P.O. Box. "I received a perforated, stamp-signed letter back," she says. "I didn't have the name of a person; so I knew that only a computer had seen my resume. I called the company and found out who the hiring person was and called him. He didn't take my call."

"I didn't leave a message," she continues, "lest I be considered a stalker. I found out who the vice president in the department was and prepared a brief cover letter for him, stating that I was the person for the job and that the job was also perfect for me. I overnighted the letter to him, even though the company was located in the same city as I was."

The phone rang the next day. The boss of the hiring manager reported to the vice president. "The vice president had hand-carried my resume and cover letter down to her office the day he received it," she explains, "with a note: 'Interview her.'" One day later, Johnson interviewed. The following week, the offer came.

Today Johnson tells people that stalking isn't the answer, and neither is other "weird behavior." She advocates branding, especially in terms of developing Web presence that you can control, where you "speak for yourself." Begin



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with reserving a domain — ideally, your name.com, even if you don't have the time or resources to set up a page today. Both Stone and Johnson succeeded by knowing what they wanted and approaching employers directly.
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Oil Change Technicians

10 Minute Oil Change experience or will train. Full &/or part-time. Apply in person: 34680 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. 1/2 mile W. of Farmington Rd. 248-476-1313

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Wanted for small sales organization located in Belleville, MI. Candidate should have exp. in all aspects of accounting including journal entries and reconciliations. Candidate should be willing to participate in general business activities as well. Pay based on exp. Email resume to: info@trillarsales.com

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Full or part time. Benefits. Exp. helpful. Call Farmington Hills Nursery School after 10am, (248) 478-3110

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TUTOR WANTED

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Entry level position. General office duties. Birmingham location. Send resume to: Assistant Position, PO Box 1750, Birmingham MI 48012

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Some computer exp. preferred. Bilingual in Spanish helpful. Full-time with benefits. Fax resume to: 248-440-6226

LEGAL ASSISTANT

Southfield law office seeks full time, exp'd Paralegal. Experience in Bankruptcy a must. Successful candidate will have the ability to work independently. Please fax resume to: 248-352-8270

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Part time position at property management/development firm in Livonia. Multi task, computer, emphasis on accounts receivables, data entry. Fax resume: 734-261-5494 or email: germanomgt@aol.com

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Property mgmt. Exp. in working with tenants. Mail resume to: Owner, PO Box 85530, Westland, MI 48185

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The Subaru Tribeca has a revised grille and more powerful engine for 2008.

When the Subaru B9 Tribeca made its debut two years ago, critics bashed its awkward-looking three-point grille and odd B9 prefix.

So for 2008, Subaru redesigned the front end and dropped the B9 designation with hopes to sell more units of the midsize crossover.

Now known simply as the Tribeca, a few other changes come with the rechristening, such as a larger engine and new rear styling to match the Chrysler Pacifica-esque front end.

The 2008 Subaru Tribeca is available in base and Limited trims. The \$29,995 base model comes with 18-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, a tilt steering wheel, power front seats, full power accessories, cruise control, a CD/MP3 player with auxiliary input jack, a 7-inch display screen and keyless entry.

Opting for the Limited, which comes with a \$37,795 MSRP, gets you a moonroof, roof rails, leather seating, upgraded speakers, an in-dash CD changer, HomeLink, front seat heaters and memory for the driver seat.

Standalone options include satellite radio, a remote-start system, a navigation system with rear parking camera and on seven-passenger models only, a rear-seat DVD entertainment system.

An optional 50/50-split third-row seat increases the Tribeca's occupant capacity from five to seven.

Five-person Tribecas have 38 cubic feet of cargo room, and folding the back seat flat raises the total to 74 cubic feet. The seven-seat Tribeca has only 8 cubic feet of space behind the third row, which can fold flat into the floor when not in use.

With the split backrest you can carry long items like skis with two people sitting on either side of the cargo.

As for comfort, the second-row seats slide forward and backward nearly 8 inches, but lack the legroom needed by taller adults. The third row is just for show. It is way too cramped for anyone but small children, or girls who order nothings but

water and salads with no dressing at fancy restaurants.

Up front, the cabin features a wraparound cockpit decked out in metallic finish. This is complemented by the electroluminescent gauges and center-mounted information display that lights up well at night.

The Tribeca is the only SUV on the planet with a horizontally opposed engine, which is a V6 spread flat. This design is intended to lower the Tribeca's center of gravity, translating to improved stability in fast cornering.

The engine is a 3.6-liter 6-cylinder that produces 256 horsepower -- an increase of 11 horsepower over 2007. The sole transmission is a 5-speed automatic with a manual shift mode.

The tandem allows the crossover to tow up to 3,500 pounds when properly equipped and that makes it competitive for its class.

The gas mileage ratings are low compared to competitors at only 16 miles per gallon in the city and 21 on the highway. But the Tribeca is smaller than most other midsize crossovers, allowing it to maneuver around town with ease. Subaru's standard all-wheel-drive is another strong point, especially in Michigan weather.

However, the Tribeca's soft rear suspension allows a fair amount of body roll around corners.

On the safety front, every 2008 Subaru Tribeca comes with anti-lock brakes with brake assist,

traction control, stability control, front-seat side airbags, full-length side curtain airbags and active front head restraints.

A rollover-sensing program that redirects power and braking if a rollover is imminent provides added safety.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration tests, the Tribeca scored a perfect five-star rating for both front- and side-impact protection. It also received the top rating of "good" in frontal-offset and side-impact crash tests conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Overall, the 2008 Subaru Tribeca remains a solid performer in the crossover segment.

But for larger families who need a third row that people can actually sit in, comparable vehicles to test for yourself to see whether they're better for you include the Mazda CX-9 and Toyota Highlander. Kevin Koloian covers the auto beat from Detroit for Avanti News Features.

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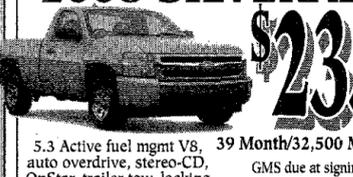
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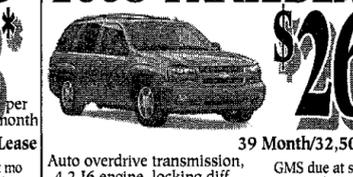
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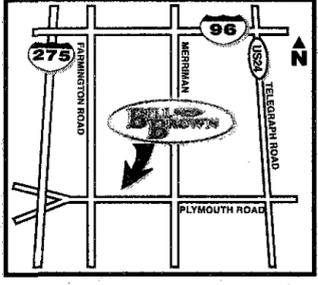
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