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IN BRIEF

Appointments OK'd

The Westland City Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Normie Brazier to the Westland Planning Commission and the appointment of Mark Neal to the Westland Library Board.

Brazier, who has served on the Westland Planning Commission since February 2002, has been appointed to a three-year term that expires Feb. 19, 2014. She also serves on the Westland Disability Concerns Committee and the Wild About Youth Task Force.



Brazier



Neal

Neal's appointment to the Westland Library Board is to fill a term that expires Feb. 6, 2016. He replaces Eddie Rice, who asked not to be re-appointed. He also serves on the Police & Fire Civil Service Commission.

"Normie Brazier and Mark Neal are both longtime residents who hold a great passion for our city and the knowledge they will bring to these positions will be a tremendous asset," stated said Mayor William Wild who made the appointments.

Bargain books

Today is the last day of the Friends of the Library used book sale at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a bag and fill it up with as many great books as you can for only \$4. In honor of Valentine's Day, romance books will be on sale for only 10 cents.

Sale hours at noon to 3 p.m. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Wings thing

Join the Westland Wild Wings as they seek a win against the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in a hockey game will be played Saturday, March 12, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

The puck drops at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Kids under age 3 are free. Seating is limited to 800, so don't be slow in getting tickets. They're available at the mayor's office in Westland City Hall, the Bailey Recreation Center and the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available for this event with a range of levels and cost. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski at (734) 722-7620 or by e-mail at rkosowski@cityofwestland.com.

Proceeds of the event will go to fund improvement to the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Council considers water-sewer rate hike

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland's combined water-sewer rate would increase just over 14 percent March 1, if a proposed rate change is approved by the City Council on Feb. 21.

When the water-sewer rate ordinance was introduced last week, some residents wanted a more than \$2.1 million bill for cleaning flooded

homes in June to be split out from the water-sewer rate. It's been proposed that the fund pay the bill from Belfor over four years.

Resident Burke Rock repeated his criticism that there was no written contract with Belfor, which had crews that cleaned approximately 750 flooded homes. The city attorney has found that Mayor William Wild acted within his authority under the city charter by hiring the firm on an emergency basis

following the heavy rains that flooded homes.

"There is nothing about Belfor in it (the rate ordinance). It's very Machiavellian. It's no different than earmarks from the federal government," said Rock. "I ask the council to have a back bone. Take out Belfor. There are too many issues. This is very serious. We didn't have the money to pay for this."

CLEANUP COSTS

Residents Mark Rodriguez and Donna DeWitt also questioned paying the flood cleanup bill through the water-sewer rates.

"It's been mentioned several times that it is probably improper to add this to water-sewer rates," said DeWitt. "You should deal with the two issues separately. It won't delay anything by

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Middle school spelling bee winner Sydney Watson is congratulated by English teacher Michelle Langa (left), middle, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy and her principal Sandra Brock from Franklin Middle School.

TOP SPELLERS

The Upper Elementary Spelling Bee finalists were:

- Adams - fifth-graders Nakiah Bendolph, Jonathon Robiehaud, Nate Tamm and Austin Webb and sixth-graders Nicholas Adamson, Gabrielle Hall, Zoie Mull and Yasmin Flint.
- Marshall - fifth-graders Sabrina Yuchasz, Noah Riopelle, Travis Humbach and Jayla Phillips and sixth-graders Destinee Humphrey, Ben Biber, Victor Holloway and Aadaeze Ogbuaku.

The Middle School Spelling Bee finalists were:

- Franklin - seventh-graders Sergio Canete, Katarina Cavins, Sarah McLeod and Sydney Watson and eighth-graders David Gaedke, Jordan Khalaf, Taylore Johnson and Chris Kiosner.

- Stevenson - seventh-graders Adriel Hardwick, Brendan Byers, Valerie Vuljaj and Jordan Williams and eighth-graders Monet Jackson, Jessel Vitto, Luke Vasher and Shelby Fielding.

How well do you spell?

Students put command of words to the test in annual bee

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's not a word you'd expect Sydney Watson to use in normal conversation, but that wasn't important Thursday morning as the Franklin Middle School student correctly spelled algorithm to win the annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee.

"I knew how to spell all of them," said Sydney, a seventh-grader. "It feels great to actually win, I've never made it to the district bee before this."

Sixteen seventh- and eighth-graders from Franklin and Stevenson Middle School squared off in the annual spelling bee, held at Adams Upper Elementary School in

Westland. Sixteen fifth- and sixth-graders also competed in the upper elementary spelling bee. Ben Biber, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary, won the competition by correctly spelling the word inferno.

"It's cool, but there was a lot of practice involved," said Ben. "Last night my Dad took me through every word on the list, it's 16 pages long." "He was cramming in his seat," said his mother Mary, adding that "I'm ecstatic, I'm so proud of him. He wanted to do so well. He gets kudos for doing so well."

This is the 31st year the district has sponsored the spelling bee, named for Earle Chorbagan, who at the time as assistant principal at Adams, proposed a district bee after

a region-wide spelling bee was discontinued in the 1970s.

And for the first time in three decades Biber and Watson will represent the district at the *Detroit News* spelling bee on Feb. 26 in hopes of advancing to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

BEE QUICK

The district used words lists provided by Scripps and saw the bees end quickly. The upper elementary went just four rounds with a majority of the students eliminated in the first round on words like desperado, oregano and temporal. Runner-up Sabrina Yuchasz, a fifth-grade at

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Marshall Upper Elementary sixth-grader Ben Biber (center) strikes a victorious pose with his dictionary and his mother Mary Biber and Marshall Assistant Principal Bobby Kelly after winning the spelling bee.

Baracy: Change in scoring tests is 'drastic'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School districts are bracing for what one school superintendent is calling a "drastic" change in scoring on the state's standardized tests, beginning next school year.

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy is using drastic to describe a decision by the state Board of Education to raise the bar for passing the state's standardized tests — the MEAP given to elementary and middle school students and the Michigan Merit Exam taken by 11th-graders.

"The new cut scores are going to be a huge challenge for all school districts to deal with and to explain to their communities why the proficiency rate dropped as a result of this new ruling," said Baracy. "Our biggest concern is how we're going to explain so drastic of a change. So many schools in the state will be impacted as student proficient rates drop. It's going to be unexplainable."

The state board approved the plan to raise the passing scores on

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THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent believes the changes in scoring for state standardized tests is "too much too quickly."

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Owner pleads no contest to pit bull attack charges

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been sentenced to three years probation and is not be allowed to own animals after pleading no contest to charges that his pit bulls attacked and injured a local woman in August.

On Wednesday, Geoffrey Moore, 37, entered a no contest plea to two counts of dangerous animal causing serious injury before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Talon. A four-year felony, the charges come under state law which defines a dangerous animal as one that bites or attacks a person or causes death to another dog.

In addition to the probation and no animal ownership, Moore also was sentenced to pay any and all restitution that is not covered by the victim's homeowner's insurance, fines and costs.

In the Aug. 29 incident, two

pit bulls owned by Moore, were reported to have attacked a 39-year-old Westland woman as she walked on Dorsey at Oceana. The woman received approximately 52 stitches to repair injuries to her upper arm.

The woman told police she walked past the home on Oceana where the dogs were staying and heard growling and barking. She quickly walked away but the female pit bulls followed.

A neighbor assisted the woman and the dogs fled. One returned home and was found by police when they arrived. That dog was described as being aggressive with the officers and was shot at the scene. The second dog ran away and wasn't located until the following day. It was held in rabies quarantine for 10 days at the Michigan Humane Society and then euthanized.

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Zebra Tracks



Who will it be?

Patrick Lafferty (from left), Shane Wilson, Charles Kuder, Brandon Harnos, Corey Stewart and David Saka are members of the Wayne Memorial High School Cominghome Court. The masculine version of Homecoming, one of the young men was crowned as king and reigned over this weekend's Cominghome festivities.

Council OKs Life Remodeled agreement

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plans for a local church to build a home in Norwayne for a low-income family are moving forward.

A partnership agreement with Life Remodeled, a nonprofit based at Ekklesia Church, was approved by the Westland City Council last week.

Under the agreement, the city will provide a lot at 32231 Oscoda Court where an existing home will be demolished and a new home will be constructed by Life Remodeled. The property had been obtained by the city through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

"We are a church that believes in serving the community. We love people as they are — we're not trying to say they must believe this," said Chris Lambert, a pastor at Ekklesia which meets at John Glenn High School. "We want to make a difference in one family at a time."

Being taped as a reality television show, Life Remodeled plans to construct the new home in seven days with volunteers working round the clock. The low-income family that would lease or buy the home would also receive money management and life skills training as part of the program.

Some residents questioned the speed at which the home would be constructed and also the need to demolish the home. It was reported that the home, acquired as abandoned and blighted, had a black mold program that would be too expensive to rehabilitate.

"This is a lot like Habitat for Humanity in the guidelines they will use. The (house) payment cannot exceed 35 percent of their income," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis.

Volunteers will also be supervised by professional and all of the construction will be done to meet construction codes.

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Upgrades improve warning siren's voice quality

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Upgrades that will add digital voice quality to local emergency warning sirens should be completed shortly.

Westland received a regional grant of more than \$100,000 through the Urban Area Security Initiative to upgrade each of the 10 emergency sirens in the city.

"We'll have 16 pre-recorded messages for tornadoes, severe weather, snow emergencies, boil water — the standard ones," Westland Fire Assistant Chief Scott Neal said. "There will be a larger pool of uses for this system than there was

before. It's digital voice, not analog, so there is a sharper voice."

The digital system, which also allows for live messages, will let residents hear the audio messages more clearly. The existing emergency warning system has voice messages, too, but Neal described the sound quality as being similar to the voices of adults in animated *Peanuts* programs.

Additionally, a state-of-the-art control system will be installed into the police dispatch center, which is the location of the current system. This will interface with the current 800 MHz radio capabilities to provide seamless

communication in the event of an emergency.

"This is much more functional with the controls — it's 21st century and up to date. It will all be integrated into dispatch. It will be easier to activate," Neal said. "The current system is underutilized, it's antiquated."

About 90 percent of the city should be able to hear the digital voice alerts, which aren't as loud as the sirens, Neal said.

"We didn't add poles, so the coverage area won't change. There may be some further out areas that can hear the sirens, but not the voice," he said.

The siren locations are Ann Arbor Trail at Bristol; Edward Hines at Hawthorne; Wayne at Nankin Boulevard; Laramie at Sorrel; Hambleton at John Hawk; Marquette, west of Newburgh; Hubbard, between Glen and Hazelwood; Palmer at Harvey; Palmer at Sarah Lane; and Middlebelt at Powers.

The installation is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks. Once the system is installed, testing for audio warning and voice quality will take place and continue at noon the first Saturday of each month.

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RATES

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separating these issues."

The wholesale water and sewer rates haven't been finalized yet but Westland is expecting a 10 percent water rate increase from Detroit and a 15 percent hike in sewer rates from Wayne County.

That's in addition to a nearly tripling of fixed-rate costs the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department began adding to bills last year in response to lower water usage. That fee will go from \$5 to \$14.45 per bill.

The city is also working to add \$500,000 annually to the water-sewer fund cash

reserve. Currently the fund effectively has no cash and owes money to the general fund.

Auditors Plante Moran had noted that the water and sewer fund is an enterprise fund, which means it should be self-supporting and relying on transfers from other funds.

"The flood event was obviously a sewer event. It's a cost of the fund," said auditor Michael Schwartz of Plante Moran.

LOWER BOND RATING

The poor financial condition in the water and sewer fund resulted in Moody's lowering the city's sewer and water bond rating, once the highest quality Aaa, to Ba,

which is described as having "speculative elements and are subject to substantial credit risk." The downgrading to Ba came before the \$2.2 million cleanup bill was incurred and could force the city to pay higher costs when borrowing for large capital projects in the future.

"The bond rating reduction was due to concerns about the fund's ability to meet its obligations," said Schwartz. "This (rate increase) is a step in the right direction."

The rate increase to build up the water-sewer fund balance is one issue that Councilman Bill Johnson said he supports but the Belfor bill is a separate issue.

"There is too much profit in the bill. The city is paying for

the expenses and Belfor gets a big profit," said Johnson. "I support this as it is. I want Belfor separate. The city can negotiate on that bill."

Council members voted to introduce the rate increase ordinance on a split vote with opposition from Johnson and council members Christine Bryant and Michael Kehrer.

After the vote, resident Robert Fforeich said that he was disappointed with the council members who didn't vote to delay introduction of the rate ordinance.

"What happens if there is another problem? Will you come back again when there are 1,000 homes flooded?" he said.

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Library staff taps Cooper as Employee of Year

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Noted for her "can do" attitude, Kristy Cooper has been recognized as 2010 Employee of the Year at Westland's William P. Faust Public Library.

A reference librarian, Cooper was responsible for building the library's new website from scratch, having taught herself the new Drupal content management system, interim Library Director Marilyn Kwik said.

"Rarely was Kristy seen without at least two laptop computers within her reach at all times," Kwik said. "The outcome of this dedication is an easy-to-navigate website that provides a collaborative setting, which encourages more staff communication with the public, and a feature valued by most everyone — online program registration."

Library staff members selected Cooper to be recognized for outstanding contributions toward achieving the library mission.



Reference librarian Kristy Cooper has been named the 2010 Employee of the Year at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Councilwoman Meriem Kadi, president of the Friends of the Library, presented a certificate recognizing Cooper at a recent council meeting.

"I'll do the elections for the split precincts. Now all Westland residents will vote at Westland precincts," said Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof.

• Livonia Schools voters in Precinct 16 will now vote in November school elections at their regular polling place at the Holiday Park.

• Half of Precinct 31 in the Garden Public City Schools will now vote in the odd-year May school elections at their home precinct at Hayes Elementary School instead of going to Henry Ruff Elementary School in

"You work very hard and I'm very proud of you," Kadi said.

In addition to her reference duties, Cooper was cited for helping with all aspects of the library's operations. She facilitates the Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group, Documentary Movie Night and instructs several computer classes each month. Cooper is also adult volunteer coordinator, having resurrected the volunteer group.

Cooper is also working to start a literacy group and conversational English as a Second Language class, Kwik said.

"Kristy is a wonderful mentor and coach to a lot of the library staff. We're really grateful for her contributions," Kwik said. "This is a very important recognition. The staff came together and decided you (Cooper) represent the characteristics that represent the library."

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Schoolcraft College offers electric car charge stations

Coulomb Technology, the world leader in electric vehicle charging station infrastructure, recently installed four ChargePoint Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia. Each station has the capacity to provide 120V Level 1 power or 240V Level 2 power, providing the potential for eight vehicles to charge simultaneously on campus.

Use of the ChargePoint Charging Stations at Schoolcraft is free and open to the public. Users can access the charging station with a credit card or a ChargePass card account.

"Our location, especially our proximity to I-275, and significant traffic on our campus make us an attractive location for providing stations," said Richard Weinkauff, vice-president of Instruction for Schoolcraft College. "We not only have thousands of students and hundreds of employees on our campus every day, we host a lot of outside groups for meetings and events at the VisTaTech Center throughout the year."

The ChargePoint Network, which Schoolcraft is a part of, provides real-time information for electric vehicle users on availability of charging locations via the internet on a computer or mobile device. Once they are hooked up to a station, they can get immediate information on the charging status of their vehicle as well.

Leadership role

In addition to the college's strategic location, Schoolcraft's leadership role in supporting development of electric vehicle technology is another advantage. For the past two years the college has been the host site for the Michigan Electric Vehicle Show and Rally. The show features nearly 100 electric and hybrid vehicles of all shapes and sizes, from scooters to transport vans to pickup trucks, and passenger cars. This year's event will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

"Our programs in electronic technology, metallurgy, welding and fabrication, and computer-aided design teach skills that are highly portable between sectors of the manufacturing industry," said Weinkauff. "Events like the Electric Vehicle Show and Rally and new technologies like the Charging Stations demonstrate Schoolcraft College's commitment to supporting the technology, electrification infrastructure and educational needs of Michigan's future."

Building on the success of the existing manufacturing technology programs and knowledge the college has gained through partnerships with various local companies in the growing battery, hybrid and alternative fuel fields, Schoolcraft will be launching a new Battery Technology Certificate program this fall.

"Schoolcraft is committed to being a partner building and investing in the electric

transportation infrastructure, which includes appropriate training in new technologies," said Weinkauff.

NATIONWIDE NETWORK

The ChargePoint charging stations were installed at Schoolcraft College as part of the Coulomb Technology's ChargePoint America program. Plans for the program include installing 4,600 stations in nine regions of the United States by October 2011. The nine regions include Austin, Texas, Los Angeles, Calif., New York, N.Y., Orlando, Fla., Sacramento, Calif., San Jose/San Francisco, Calif., Bellevue/Richmond, Wash., Washington, D.C., and Detroit.

A \$15 million federal grant will allow Coulomb Technologies to install the stations and work together with its distribution and industry partners to evaluate the demand in various locations for future planning. Schoolcraft's stations are located in the North Parking Lot at the first entrance off of Haggerty near the VisTaTech Center and in the center of campus in the Center Parking Lot between the Bradner Library and the McDowell Center.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile Roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Election consolidation leads to precinct changes

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Due to school election consolidation, some Westland voters will have a change in their polling places.

Livonia Public Schools has changed their school board elections to the annual November elections, which means those residents will no longer have May elections.

The Wayne-Westland and Inkster school districts will continue to have annual May elections while Garden City Public Schools holds odd-year school elections.

Garden City.

• Half of Precinct 28 in the Inkster school district will vote at their home precinct at the Church of Christ for May school elections instead of going to Baylor-Woodson School in Inkster.

The boundaries for all the affected will remain the same and each precinct will be autonomous, Schoof said, with only the location of the school polling place changing.

Affected voters will be sent new voter registration cards, Schoof added.

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"The benefit is having another set of professionally trained eyes looking at patients and making sure their rehabilitation is heading in the correct direction," said Jackson. "The goal is to try and get them back home. Some may be long-term patients and we're trying to get back to their baselines. Meetings allow the rehabilitation team to get together so everyone is on the same page."

Jackson sees patients individually and makes sure nothing interferes with their treatment plan. Frequently, he discovers medical issues and alerts the primary physician.

"Patients with hip fracture are learning to walk again and take care of themselves," said Jackson. "Stroke patients have reduced or diminished use of one side of their body. Patients with amputation need to learn to walk again. We're frequently in facilities more than any other physician. We see where patients are making progress, lagging behind and make suggestions to therapists."

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Project ACE holds College Goal Sunday

Volunteers at the Project ACE Resource Center in Wayne will help college-bound Michigan students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA as part of the statewide College Goal Sunday on Feb. 13.

The center will be open from 2-4 p.m. It's located inside ETD Michigan Works! WIA - Youth Office at Metro Place Mall, 35425 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.

College Goal Sunday is a collaborative effort of the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association, and EduGuide. The program was created to increase the number of students who continue education beyond high school and earn

post-secondary degrees. The FAFSA is required of any student seeking financial aid including grants, loans, and many scholarships. Last year, more than 1,900 students received assistance at College Goal Sunday events.

"It is critical that high school seniors and their parents are aware of these College Goal Sunday events," said Bryan Taylor, president of EduGuide. "Students must complete and file a FAFSA in order to secure financial aid and should file by the March 1 priority date to ensure eligibility for federal and state programs."

Statistics show that students who complete and submit FAFSA forms are more likely to go on to college. On College Goal Sunday,

financial aid experts will be available to guide students and their parents through each step of completing and filing the FAFSA. Students under 23 years of age are encouraged to attend with a parent or guardian. Parents and students should bring their completed 2010 Federal tax return (1040), if possible, or their W-2 and 1099 forms.

Prizes will be awarded during College Goal Sunday events, including a \$1,000 scholarship, three \$500 scholarships, an iPod Nano, and a Dell laptop computer.

Additional support for College Goal Sunday was provided by the C.S. Mott Foundation, the Lumina Foundation for Education, and the DTE Energy Foundation.



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Competing in the middle school spelling bee were Luke Vasher, a Stevenson eighth-grader (from left); Sergio Canete, a Franklin seventh-grader; Jordan Khalaf, a Franklin eighth-grader; Valerie Vuljaj, a Stevenson seventh-grader, and Sydney Watson, a Franklin seventh-grader.

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the state assessment tests to better reflect a student's college and career readiness. It was one of several measures the board approved to "dramatically move Michigan education forward."

Cut scores are what the state uses to determine whether a student is proficient in the core subjects of mathematics, science, English language arts — reading and writing — and social studies. The change will take effect in for the 2011-12 school year.

"Our goal is a performance-driven education system where Michigan's students advance at

grade-level or faster, and graduate from high school with the skills needed for post-secondary learning without needing remedial work," said state board President John Auston. "Our recommendations lay the foundation for this results-driven system in Michigan."

However, schools around the state could see proficiency rates plummet an estimated 60 percent or more under the new cut scores. In Wayne-Westland, schools have been scoring in the 80-90 percentiles on the state tests.

The change also will jeopardizes schools meeting Adequate Yearly progress under the National No Child Left Behind Act.

"It seems we're always playing catch-up to new guidelines

that the MDE (Michigan Department of Education) hands down," said Baracy. "This is too much too quickly. It should have been more graduated. How do you explain such a drastic drop overnight?"

Baracy stressed that the district supports rigor and relevance in the educational program, but "one shoe still doesn't fit all feet."

"We need to provide as many opportunities as possible so all of our students can be successful in life," he said. "I'm not sure this system can possibly take in the whole child. I'm concerned about labeling and classifying students in this new system. It could add to the problems."

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BEE

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Marshall, saw her dream of winning dashed when she stumbled on the spelling of vendetta.

The middle school bee lasted 10 rounds with runner-up Valerie Vuljaj, a Stevenson seventh-grader, eliminated after misspelling consensus. Valerie, however, will represent the district at the Detroit bee if Sydney is unable to attend.

Franklin Principal Sandra Brock and English teacher Michelle Langa were with Sydney, who called her parents, Erin and Wayne Watson, after her victory.

"I was crying like she was my own daughter," said Langa, who coordinated the classroom and school spelling bees. "She had to do a lot on her own (outside of school)."

"I studied a little her and there," said Sydney. "I was a little bit nervous yesterday. I went to bed early and usually get up early, but this morning I overslept."

Ben spent the days leading up to the spelling bee practicing the Slovakian words. He didn't look at the words with Greek origins which were among those used at the bee.

"I spent most of my time on the really hard words, these weren't that hard," he said. "I'm a pretty good speller, but last year I got knocked out in the school spelling bee."

GIFT OF WORDS

All of the students received certificates and dictionaries, while the winners also received an electronic dictionary and thesaurus and a one-year subscription to the online edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

And both bees started with a warm-up round that included



Gabrielle Hall, and Adams Upper Elementary sixth-grader (from left) stands to spell her word as Marshall Upper Elementary fifth-grader Sabrina Yuchasz and sixth-grader Ben Biber wait their turns.



Nate Tamm, a fifth-grader at Adams Elementary School, pauses to think before spelling his word.



Stevenson Middle School's Monet Jackson was among the eighth-graders competing in the annual spelling bee.

the "most toughest words we could find" — words like dog, floor and house.

"You're already good spellers, you're already winners," said Bill Swartz, the district's director of media services, who helped pronounce words for the students. "This isn't like *American Idol*, there will be no solos, no singing."

Missing for this year's competition was Chorbaganian, who was ill. Filling for him in presenting the plaque to Sydney was School Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"I want to congratulate

each and everyone of you," said Baracy. "You truly are our brightest and our best."

The regional spelling bee will be at the Charles H. Wright African American Museum in Detroit. The winner of that bee will advance to the 2011 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in June.

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Roush fires up battery charger production

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rick Snyder joined other dignitaries Friday to kick off the beginning of Roush Manufacturing's production in Livonia of the first electric vehicle home charging stations.

Roush will manufacture residential and commercial charging stations inside Roush's Building 28, located near Levan and Plymouth roads in Livonia for ECotality, a California-based company that specializes in clean electric transportation and storage technologies.

The Blink Level 2 charging stations are the brainchild of a partnership that began in July 2010, when ECotality decided to partner with Roush, which occupies 16 buildings in Livonia.

Roush, known for its automotive plastic injection molding and racing technology, decided to move into electric vehicle technology to continue to diversify, company officials said.

"With all the turmoil in the industry, you can lay down and die, or you can reinvent yourself," Evan Lyall, CEO of Roush Enterprises, said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday morning.

Lyall said Roush now has entered into markets of consumer and entertainment products, along with its traditional industrial base. "It will drive jobs for Michigan; it will drive jobs for Roush," Lyall said.

'GREAT SUPPORT FROM LIVONIA'

Lyall said the Livonia-based business has "great support from the city of Livonia and a great relationship with Wayne County." Roush has received tax incentives over the years.

Snyder said Roush symbolized the reinvention that is needed in Michigan and what can happen with technological advances. "Roush has a great



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Evan Lyall, CEO of Roush Enterprises, Gov. Rick Snyder and Don Karner, president and CEO of ECotality, cut the ribbon Friday at Roush Manufacturing.

legacy in autos and in racing, but now Roush is developing in the life sciences, clean energy and technology like the product that is here today," Snyder said.

County Executive Robert Ficano reminded the audience about the old bumper stickers from the 1980s reminding "the last one out of Michigan to turn out the lights."

"They were wrong then; they are wrong now," Ficano said.

Ficano commended Roush for its transformation. "When you have a collaboration between government and business and they are on the same page, you can make a difference," Ficano said.

The Blink charging stations form the centerpiece of

an infrastructure network ECotality is deploying as part of the Electric Vehicle Project backed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

GOVERNMENT MATCHED BY INDUSTRY

The project is funded by the DOE through a federal stimulus grant of \$114.8 million, made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. "Each one of these dollars is matched by industry," said Patrick Davis, program manager with the U.S. Department of Energy. That brings the total value of the project to approximately \$230 million.

ECotality has conducted 1,200 residential assessments

to date, and also has conducted site assessments for deployment of more than 1,500 commercial charging stations — what the company called key steps leading to the installation of the charging stations.

Don Karner, president of ECotality, said the company wanted to make the electric car infrastructure part of daily life and compared charging an electric car to charging a cellphone. "After you have it for a while, it becomes something you do," he said.

ECotality will oversee the installation of commercial and residential charging stations in 17 cities and major metropolitan areas in six states and the District of Columbia.

ECotality officials said the

home charging stations offer several advantages over conventional charging stations, including advanced energy-monitoring capabilities that allow homeowners to optimize their energy usage and charge their vehicles when rates are lowest. The Blink Network charger interface is the hub where users can receive information about their electric vehicle and Blink Home Charging Station, including charge status, statistics and history.

Garrett Beauregard, senior vice president of engineering for ECotality, said that the interface will allow consumers to obtain information on their battery and battery chargers at retail locations. "You will

be able to log in and see if a charger is available at a grocery store, and whether you can reserve it," Beauregard said. The technology also offers the potential to offer coupons at local retailers with chargers and cheaper charge rates from utilities during non-peak hours, Beauregard said.

50 UNITS BUILT EACH SHIFT

Roush plans to build 50 units a day on one shift, 100 on two shifts up to a potential for 250 a day, according to Richard Trotter, executive director of Roush Manufacturing.

In building the chargers, Trotter said Roush is using a flexible manufacturing approach in self-contained modules for a quick reconfiguration if necessary. "We maintain our process capability," Trotter said. The assembly system makes for an easy setup or expansion if needed, he added.

Denise Voegele of Livonia works on that assembly. Voegele was laid off for nine months after working at Roush for four years, but was called back to work on this new project.

"It's real exciting," Voegele said. "The electric chargers enabled me to come back. It's been great to be back and it's real exciting."

Voegele had thought about going back to school for a job in the medical field, but she also has a son who started college so she had hoped to return to work. She is optimistic about the new technology.

"I'm hoping it's a big seller," she said.

Mayor Jack Kirksey said Roush "continues to reinvent themselves."

"They are always ahead of the curve," Kirksey said. "They anticipate what is going to happen and use the lead time to position themselves. Strategically, there are very few companies like Roush, and I'm proud that they have their presence in Livonia."

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Film studio set to hire more staff

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new film and television studio now in operation in Livonia and will be shooting two films and a television drama later this year.

Philippe Martinez, a film producer, announced the projects inside the Maxsar Digital Studios at 38099 Schoolcraft, just west of Newburgh.

The studio, which has ramped up its operations over the past year, is located inside a 60,000-square-foot facility that was once an automotive machine and mold operation for Roush Industries. The studio campus consists of one building containing administrative and creative offices, the shooting stage equipped with a green screen for computer-generated imaging and filming and a third building for set construction.

Martinez has invested \$1.6 million into the existing buildings and creating the studio campus and \$10 million in equipment, personnel and computer-generated film hardware and software.

Michigan allows for a 40-percent refundable tax credit for film production, and an additional 2-percent credit for filming in Livonia, one of the state's eligible "core communities."

Martinez, who has produced more than 30 motion pictures with actors ranging from Richard Gere to Michelle Pfeiffer, said Maxsar Digital Studios currently has a staff of 50 employees who will be shooting three projects in 2011.

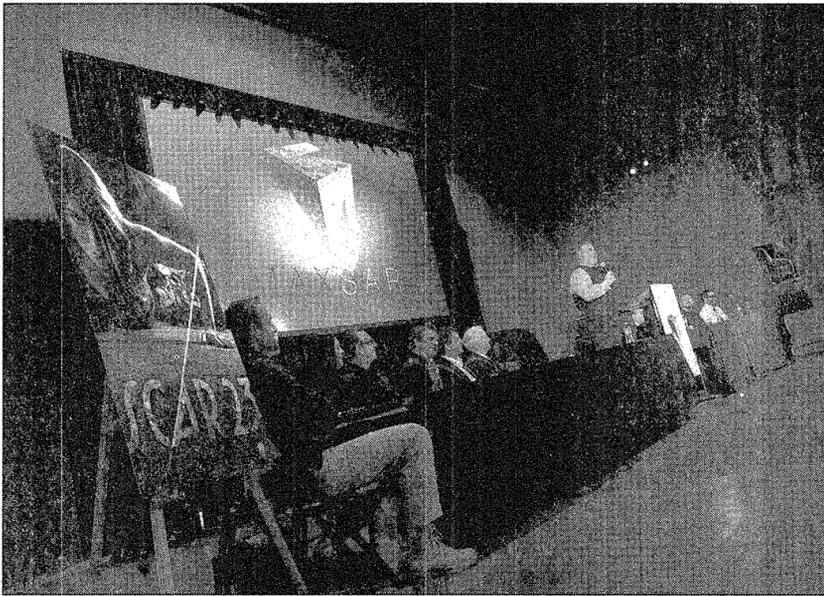
Martinez said *Bag Monkeys* will be shot starting March 23 at Detroit Metro Airport's closed terminals. Principal photography will begin in late spring on *Scar 23*, a futuristic sci-fi action film starring Rochester resident Antoinette Nikprelaj.

A Detroit-based television drama, *Off Woodward Avenue*, will be shot in late summer.

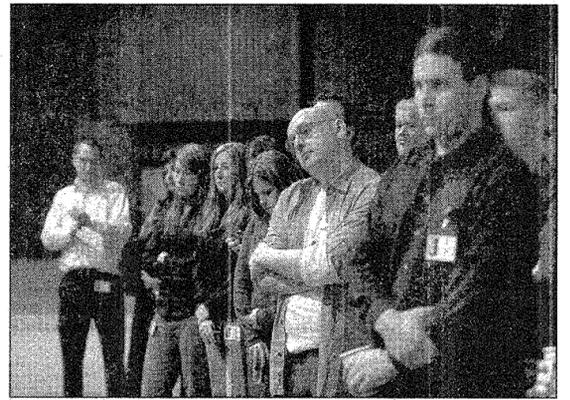
The studio has projected that it will staff 100 employees by the end of the year. Many of the 50 currently working there have Michigan ties or grew up in the state.

A 1950S-STYLE STUDIO

Martinez described the studio as a 1950s-style studio, meaning that several divisions create and develop the film. Maxsar Studios shoots footage on the sound stage, while Philippe Martinez Productions conceives, develops and writes in its



Philippe Martinez talks about the new studio, located inside a 60,000-square-foot facility that was once an automotive machine and mold operation for Roush Industries.



The studio has hired about 50 people, including many who grew up in Michigan or have ties to the state. Another 50 employees are expected to be hired before the end of the year.

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in-house writing department. The film is returned to Maxsar for editing and post-production; then the finished product is given to Cinepro Pictures for distribution.

"Everything is under one roof," Martinez said. He said the studio is not the biggest studio, and quickly added: "We don't want to be the biggest studio."

Will French, president of Film Production Capital, said the film industry is decentralizing. At one time, editing equipment used to be immovable, but today's cameras fit in the palm of a hand, he said. "Hollywood's film industry is down 40 percent," French said. "That business is going to states with tax incentives."

Scar 23 will be the first computer-generated film shot entirely in Michigan. "This is exactly the kind of development that will help Michigan retain that work," French said.

French said the incentives are necessary for the next two, three or five years. "We don't know the political lay of the land, but the film industry is watching," French said.

Martinez spoke of the "extraordinary" Chrysler Super Bowl ad with Eminem and how people in the Detroit area are talented.

PEOPLE HERE 'HAVE GREAT TALENT'

Martinez moved to the area

a year ago, and it was snowing, he said. "I'm from the south of France, where it doesn't snow," Martinez said. "It was hard, but you meet people and you meet people with great talent. Little by little, the idea of making movies with people from here started to draw them."

He spoke of Lee Ehlers, a Novi High School graduate, who wrote *Bag Monkeys*. Ehlers was working in Long Beach, Calif., looking for a break when one of his scripts reached Martinez. *Scar 23* was written by longtime sci-fi writer and Dearborn resident Stevie Robinson.

Nikprelaj of Rochester, who has minor roles in *Just Go with It* and *Pirates of the Caribbean IV*, will be the lead actress in *Scar 23*. Martinez showed a short video of footage of Nikprelaj training and some of the computer-generated backdrops in *Scar 23*.

Martinez said the company made big investments and is providing jobs, so it was important that the incentives continue.

"It's time to make sure that we can create new jobs," Martinez said. Institutional investments are needed to continue production, he said.

"When film producers come to Michigan, they make a long-term commitment to Michigan," Martinez said.

Martinez said he would produce the movie whether the tax

breaks occur or not. "But the reason we are shooting here is because of the tax incentives," Martinez said.

French said 41 states, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C., provide tax incentives. Michigan, Louisiana, Georgia, New Mexico and Massachusetts provide the top incentives. French points to New Mexico, which went from 25 to 15 percent, to what happens when states cut their incentives. "Virtually everyone planning to go to New Mexico now is looking somewhere else," French said. "Stability with programs like this is absolutely the most important thing."

MAYOR: STUDIO IS 'NICE FIT'

Mayor Jack Kirksey welcomed the facility to Livonia, calling it an "important industry" in the city. "One of the important things to remember is (Martinez) has a great commitment to hiring Michigan people in this activity," Kirksey said.

Kirksey said later that Livonia's location was "second to none" with easy access to the freeways and Detroit's Metro Airport. He said the city was willing to help in "any way we can" for the company, but was limited in terms of tax incentives.

After the press conference, Kirksey said the studio was a "nice fit" in the vacated buildings. Kirksey said the company

and the film industry need the state tax incentives to continue the work in Michigan. "Part of the problem is the people who make the decisions (state lawmakers) haven't had a chance to experience what we did today," Kirksey said.

"Philippe absolutely embraces them," Kirksey said of the incentives. "His strategy is to keep moving on what was started through the incentives. He's a business person and it has to make good business sense."

Martinez said earlier it would be cheaper to shoot his film in Europe.

Kirksey said for the incentives to work, there has to be a return to taxpayers. "If anything needs to be done, you have to look at the ways that incentives are offered," he said. "You have to make some conditions, in that companies are using Michigan people, using Michigan companies."

Kirksey believes the Maxsar studio operators are more likely to be successful because they are more realistic than the owners of the Allen Park studio that closed last year after receiving a tax incentive to locate in Michigan.

"With Allen Park, there was so much talk of the potential of L.A. moving to Michigan," Kirksey said. "That was a huge capital investment, but the capital investment here has been more realistic."

Maxsar officials said several employees have purchased homes in the area. At least one of them grew up in Livonia.

CHURCHILL GRAD LANDS JOB

Lauren Harmon, junior sales associate with Cinepro, graduated from Churchill High School in 2005. She was

hired in November 2010, just one month before she graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in public relations and marketing.

"I was having a hard time finding a job in Michigan," Harmon said. She even flew to Portland, Ore., to look for work in November just days before she landed the interview in her hometown.

Harmon is part of the sales and marketing of the finished films. She will be attending the Cannes Film Festival in France, the Berlin Film Market and the American Film Market, according to Megan Brown, one of the partners with Maxsar.

"I love it," Harmon said of her job. "I couldn't be more grateful here and I enjoy coming to work every day."

Harmon said she would have looked outside the state if she had not landed the job with the studio. "I probably would have had to work part-time to find a job in my field," she said. "It's really a hard time to find a job."

John Tissavary is head of post-production and president of the Northville Post, another division of Maxsar responsible for editing and finishing the films.

Tissavary did not grow up in Michigan. He moved from California to Novi, and understands why Michiganders return to the less expensive cost of living and their Midwestern values.

"The minute they heard of the opportunity here, they jumped," Tissavary said. "They've come back and settled, and they appreciate having a good lifestyle."

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Westland's Wild joins mayors in meeting with president

Westland Mayor William Wild recently joined 200 of the nation's mayors at the 79th Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C.

During the conference, Wild participated in a meeting with President Barack Obama and HUD Secretary Shawn

Donovan at the White House. "The mayors have been asked to update the president of the status of Main Street as the economy begins to show signs of recovery," said Wild.

The mayors used the meeting as an opportunity to urge the president to fully fund the popular Community Development

and Block Grant Program, to continue the successful Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and to promote both programs as effective conduits for job creation and preservation, Wild said.

"The mayors pushed the president for increased local

transportation investments and help in reducing unfunded federal mandates and preemptions," he said.

This was Wild's second meeting with the president. He attended a meeting last January in the East Room at the White House with a delegation of the nation's mayors who

advised President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden on the ripple effects of the Wall Street bailouts on residents of main street America.

"President Obama addressed the mayors as a candidate in Miami and promised that with his administration that mayors and cities would have a friend

in the White House. These types of information gathering meetings have delivered on that promise," said Wild.

Much of the discussion during the three-day conference centered on addressing joblessness in the nation's cities and promotion of successful job creation initiatives.



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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Euchre tournament

Garden City High School's Project Graduation is holding an Euchre Tournament Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman. Check-in starts at 6:15 p.m. and the tournament at 7 p.m.

There will be prizes for the top five highest point totals, pizza, pop and 50/50 and gift basket raffles throughout the evening. The cost is \$20 per person. Players must be 21 years and older. No children are allowed. Seating is limited to the first 200 registrants. Pre-register at rjg.euchre@yahoo.com.

Cougar Day

The Sports Venue Bar and Grill is showing its support for Garden City High School football by hosting Cougar Day 2011 Saturday, Feb. 19.

Sports Venue will donate 10 percent of all proceeds to the football team. There also will be 50/50 raffles, a bake sale,

basket raffles and My Trivia Live 7-9 p.m.

Check out Sports Venue on line at www.sportsvenue-barandgrill.com or in person at 6327 Middlebelt at Maplewood. For more information, call (734) 525-3134.

Saturday Night Light

Garden City Presbyterian Church is inviting everyone to come in out of the cold and enjoy the warmth of great music and friends at another free family concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19.

The monthly Saturday Night Light will feature a return performance by Chuck Tocco with guests Sarah Dalton and Rufus Harris. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

The church is on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

Open House

St. Raphael Catholic School, located on Merriman just north of Ford in Garden City, is holding an Open House for

current and potential new students and their families 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

The theme of the open house is "The St. Raphael Family ... Thriving in Faith and Unity." Students will showcase their contribution to the topics through special posters that will be on display throughout the event.

Prospective new families will get a firsthand look at the facilities, meet the teachers, ask questions, and obtain materials about the school. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

To learn more about St. Raphael Catholic School Open House, call the school office at (734) 425-9771 or visit the website at straphael-gc.org

Rehab banquet

Garden City Hospital will hold its annual Cardiac Rehab Banquet Saturday, March 19, at Laurel Manor on Schoolcraft west of I-96 in Livonia.

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The banquet will be 5-11 p.m. Tickets are \$48 per person. For more information, or to reserve a seat, call (734) 458-3248.

Casino Trip

Garden City High School Project Graduation is sponsoring a trip to the Greektown Casino Saturday, March 19.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes \$20 in playing money at the casino, transportation to and from the casino, door prizes, refreshments, 50/50 raffle and bus bingo. Be at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, at 2:45 p.m., busses will leave at 3 p.m. and return at approximately 9 p.m.

Contact Sheila Wolney at (734) 644-5815 or at swolney@gmail.com for tickets and more information. Checks should be made payable to GCHA Project Graduation.

District coffee hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

Residents who have any comments or concerns can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold district coffee hours Monday, Feb. 14, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland.

The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day. Vendors are available. For more information, call Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 or Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867 or contact them by e-mail at kholenbeck@twmi.rr.com or skopcak@comcast.net.

Surplus food distribution

Federal food commodity distribution to Westland residents has been scheduled for February. Residents of Westland liv-

AROUND WESTLAND

ing south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. For information, call the church at (734) 729-1737.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and should call their building manager for their distribution day. Greenwood Villa residents also will pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of February, the commodities will include apple cranberry juice, cream corn, macaroni, frozen pork patties, pear halves, shredded mozzarella cheese and possible additional items. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

The food program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

Special Olympics

A bowling fund-raiser for Westland Special Olympics will be held 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Registration is noon to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person or \$3 for Special Olympics athletes including three games of no tap, none equals strike bowling. There will be a 50/50 raffle, optional jackpots and basket raffles.

To pre-register, call Nancy at (734) 489-3050 or Glenda at (313) 561-3484.

Bible talks

Bible Talks will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Presenting, in simplicity, the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, no collections or literature. Everyone is welcome.

VFW events

The Romanowski VFW Post 6896 in Westland is hosting a Game Day with a Hawaiian theme is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26. Admission is \$5 per person. The games will include Euchre, Corn-Hole, Scrabble, Scattergories, Risk, Bunco, Pictionary and Wii Bowling. Bring an appetizer or snack for the snack table. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 6:30 p.m. The Sgt. Romanowski Post is at 28945 Joy, Westland.

AARP Tax Preparation

The Westland Friendship Center is now taking appointments for anyone in the community who wishes to have their taxes prepared free of charge. The center is an E-file site only. Appointments are necessary.

Generally, the tax return service offered through AARP is for simple returns. Those individuals with lengthy returns, many rental properties or investments are encouraged to have a CPA or professional firm complete their returns. There is no age or income requirement. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

Taxes this year will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call for an appointment. Unfortunately, the preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question regarding a return must be taken by a staff person, and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #275A, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Scriptway Pharmacy, 1207 S. Wayne Road, Parcels #063-01-0007-000 and -0009-000, East Side of Wayne Road, South of Avondale, Sam Salem



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., March 1, 2011.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION - AGENCY PLAN 7/1/2011-6/30/2012 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The Westland Housing Commission (WHC) is developing the fiscal year 2011 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Agency Plan reflects the goals and objectives of the WHC and the administration of housing and community development programs. The Agency Plan is available for public review for a period of not less than 45 days at the Westland Housing Commission, Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Submit written comments to the WHC. The comment period will end on April 8, 2011.

The WHC Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to obtain citizen comments on the Agency Plan on March 15, 2011, 5:00 pm, at the Dorsey Center. The Agency Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than April 20, 2011.

Joanne Inglis, Director
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CITY OF WESTLAND - ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2011-2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM Public Service Announcement

The City of Westland anticipates receiving an estimated \$1,117,367 of federal CDBG funds and \$350,382 of HOME funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012. The City is preparing the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, which details the City's proposed housing and community development needs and how the City proposes to use the 2011 CDBG and HOME grants.

PROPOSED USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

2011 CDBG Program funds (estimated \$1,117,367):

- City Projects - 140,995
- Rental Rehabilitation Program - 60,000
- Emergency Homeowner Rehabilitation - 45,000
- Acquisition/Demolition Blighted Structures - 50,000
- Code Enforcement - 171,000
- Various Public Service Activities: - 256,000
 - Senior Programs, Youth Assistance
 - Community Policing, Domestic Violence
- Grant Administration - 394,372
 - Commodity Food Program Fair Housing Initiative

2010 HOME Program funds (\$350,382):

- Housing Acquisition & Rehabilitation - 138,779
- Homebuyer Assistance - 51,570
- Housing Rehabilitation - 124,995
- Grant Administration - 35,038

Other Program Administration:

- Section 8 Housing Voucher Program
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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - 2011-2012 Action Plan

Public Hearings: March 15, 2011, 5:00 p.m., Westland Housing Commission; April 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Westland City Council. Submit written comments to the Department of Housing and Community Development at 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186, until March 20, 2011. Copies of the Consolidated Plan and Proposed 2011 Annual Action Plan are available for review at the Department of Housing and Community Development during normal business hours.

Joanne Inglis, Director
William R. Wild, Mayor, City of Westland

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Trio plans tribute to Depression-era music pioneer

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fans will gather in Plymouth next week for a tribute to a man whose name is synonymous with American folk music.

Woody Guthrie came out of Dust Bowl-era Oklahoma and Texas to travel the country, writing and performing songs that documented — and celebrated — the struggles of ordinary people during turbulent times. He had a short career and a life marked by illness and family tragedy, but his music has an enduring influence that can be heard today in everyday folk players and legends like Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan.

"People today still do Woody Guthrie songs," said Mike Mullen, president of the BaseLine Folk Society, a Plymouth group dedicated to performing traditional acoustic and folk music. "His music lives on, and we wouldn't be doing what we're doing without the music of Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger."

FAR-REACHING INFLUENCE

Guthrie died in 1967 at age 55; Seeger, who was an associate of Guthrie's beginning in 1940, is 91.

Mullen, who lives in Northville Township, said Guthrie, along with The Almanac Singers and Seeger, defined folk music in the 1930s and 1940s.

"His (Guthrie's) songs have a huge influence in the folk boom" of the 1960s, Mullen said. Guthrie's best-known song, *This Land is Your Land*, typically closes events at BaseLine and folk concerts across the country, he said.

BaseLine, which is in the middle of its second season of concerts at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, will focus on Guthrie at its next open-microphone event, Saturday, Feb. 19. Headlining will be The Folk Laureates, a trio put together by Mullen and asked to present the tribute.



The Folk Laureates — Scott Ludwig (left), Cathy Fitzpatrick and John Delle-Monache — pay tribute next week to Woody Guthrie during a performance at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The Folk Laureates — Cathy Fitzpatrick, John Delle-Monache and Scott Ludwig — met through BaseLine, and all have performed, individually, at its coffee house-style concerts.

"Now we have to blend and sing with each other, and it's a big transition," Fitzpatrick said on a recent snowy afternoon.

The trio met at Ludwig's house in Canton Township for one of its last rehearsals before the show. They spoke of Guthrie's influence on folk music, his identification with the down-and-out and marginalized in society and his "incredible life of tragedy and song," as Ludwig put it. (Guthrie's sister Clara died in a fire, his mother was institutionalized and illness and an injury cut short his career.)

BIG BAND TO ELECTRO-POP

Ludwig, a retired high school band director and music teacher, is the most

musically accomplished of The Folk Laureates. Originally a drummer, he played in a jazz quintet years ago, had a folk trio, The Aficionados, while in college, played in the Big Band style and, with Max Crook, was part of an early electronic pop duo, The Sounds of Tomorrow. A compact disc of the duo's recordings is available on amazon.com.

Crook is best known for performing on, and co-writing, Del Shannon's 1961 hit *Runaway*.

"We built some of our own stuff," Ludwig said of the electronics he and Crook used in their musical experiments. "Stuff that didn't exist yet."

Ludwig more recently wrote and recorded a song that was played on the *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*. "That was my biggest audience so far," he joked.

Ludwig, who is vice president of BaseLine, plays guitar, banjo and mandolin with The

Folk Laureates.

Delle-Monache, of Northville Township, a former radio personality, said he's influenced by early Eric Clapton, early Paul Simon and the Beatles, as well as classic folk groups like Peter, Paul and Mary, The Brothers Four and the Kingston Trio. He plays guitar with The Folk Laureates, and, on one song, banjo.

Guitarist Fitzpatrick, of Northville, also listed Peter, Paul and Mary as a big influence, along with her late brother, Chris Thomas, who sang and played guitar. Both Fitzpatrick and Delle-Monache have written their own songs.

'WORRIED MAN' AND MORE

The Folk Laureates have



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been performing, pretty much on a weekly basis, since September, shortly after Mullen suggested the Guthrie tribute. They plan to play nine songs, most written by Guthrie, some popularized by him, during their half-hour on stage.

"We picked the songs that

FOLK PERFORMANCE

What: BaseLine Folk Society show

When: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19

Where: Plymouth Community Arts Council building, 744 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, south of M-14.

How much: Admission is \$5; refreshments will be served.

Note: Musicians wishing to play in the open-microphone portion of the evening can sign up 6:15-6:45 p.m.

probably most people would recognize," Delle-Monache said.

They include *Sally Don't You Grieve*, a young man's plea to his girl as he heads off to World War II; *Worried Man Blues* ("It takes a worried man to sing a worried song,"); and *Deportee (Plane Wreck at Los Gatos)*, which expresses outrage over the way the loss of Mexican migrant farm workers, in a 1948 plane crash, was shrugged off by the larger society, and over the way migrants were treated in general.

The event will also feature a couple of songs by host Rick Pitts, president of the East River Folk Society, and performances by up to eight people or groups during an open-microphone segment.

While many performers and fans are middle-aged people who were part of the folk music boom of the 1960s, BaseLine does attract some young people, and players with new, original music.

"The thing that we're trying to preserve is the acoustic, folk message of the people's music," Delle-Monache said.

Added Fitzpatrick: "It comes from the heart, and that's what the music is all about."

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McNamara chairs youth issue panel

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Saying the brunt of county budget cuts has fallen on children, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara will chair a new Youth Services Committee amid hopes of protecting programs aimed at helping troubled youngsters and rescuing them from a potential life of crime and jail.

McNamara, D-Canton, said county and state funding for a wide array of youth programs and services already has been slashed from \$225 million to \$200 million within the last two years, and he fears deeper cuts could loom as the county continues to face declining revenues.

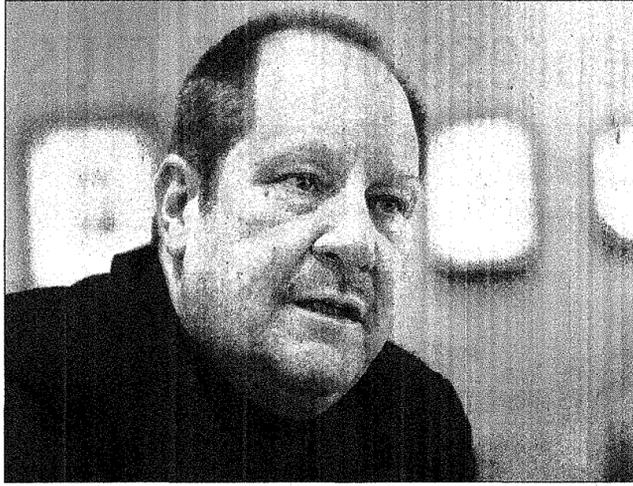
"I think it's important to get in front of this problem before we lose good programs," he said Thursday.

McNamara is spearheading the Youth Services Committee in hopes of finding cost-effective ways to protect foster care, Head Start, alternative work programs, youth-assistance services, Growth Works, indigent child care, court-diversion efforts and the juvenile justice system. He said the safety net designed to protect children's health and safety is at risk.

McNamara said the vast majority of local youths who get in trouble succeed at reversing their behavior if they get the early intervention and help they need for truancy, drug and alcohol use, loitering, retail fraud and other problems.

Jim Hand, a youth probation officer at 35th District Court in Plymouth, said first-time offenders benefit from diversion programs such as a so-called teen court — a jury of peers in Plymouth-Canton schools that can impose counseling, community service and other punishment. Youths who stay out of trouble keep their record clean.

"It makes a huge difference," Hand said. "If you don't have these



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara hopes to protect youth programs but make them more cost-effective as he chairs the new Youth Services Committee.

"For every \$1 we save the state, I'd like for the county to get half of that back."

KEVIN MCNAMARA, county commissioner

kinds of programs, it's possible for children to slip through the cracks."

Hand said taxpayers ultimately pay less money for diversion programs and other proactive efforts than they would if unruly behavior is ignored, potentially leading to incarceration in juvenile facilities and, eventually, adult prison.

McNamara said Canton, Plymouth and several other Wayne County communities already benefit from a multi-pronged effort by local police, court probation officers and Growth Works to assess problems and find the appropriate help for youngsters.

"They get tag-teamed by these people," he said.

Those efforts cost as little as \$65 a day for a troubled youngster, compared to a price tag he said can potentially reach \$600 a day for a teen who ends up in the juvenile justice system.

McNamara conceded that, amid declining revenues, youth programs compete for funding alongside Wayne County jails, the prosecutor's office and other critical departments and services. But he said taxpayers can face a more costly tab if youth problems are ignored.

Gov. Rick Snyder, in his first State of the State address in January, said

communities need to find smarter ways to combine their resources and provide a wide array of services at all levels of government.

Last year, some county officials had indicated support for trimming five juvenile justice care management organizations, or CMOs, to two, with a projected savings of \$9.6 million. However, the county ultimately backed away from the proposal.

That plan — and others — could potentially be revisited.

McNamara said he envisions the newly formed Youth Services Committee finding ways to protect youth programs while trimming spending in Wayne County by millions of dollars, through efforts such as placing nonviolent youth offenders on tethers and streamlining the way more serious offenders are housed.

"I'm literally looking at finding \$10 million in savings," he said.

However, McNamara said for every \$1 the county slashes from its youth-services budget, it loses \$1 in combined state and federal funding — a situation he said only deepens problems for youth programs. He hopes county officials can reach an accord with the state.

"For every \$1 we save the state, I'd like for the county to get half of that back," he said.

That way, he said, spending still could be trimmed, yet services and programs could be protected.

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Nontraditional relationship raises estate planning issues

Q: Dear Rick: I have been divorced for over 10 years. I have had a significant other for the last four-five years. She is also divorced and between us we have four adult children. We consider ourselves married. In fact, most of our friends think we are married. However, because of legal issues with her divorce it doesn't make sense for us to get married. The house we live in is mine and it does not have a mortgage. Recently, we started talking about some difficult issues. She does not get along with my adult children and has asked me to transfer half the house to her. I don't have a problem doing this, however, I was told by a friend that to do so would cost me a lot of money in taxes. Is this true? What are your thoughts about transferring half the house to her?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: There are tax consequences to transferring half the ownership in your house to your significant other. However, the bottom line is it should result in you paying zero taxes. In essence you are giving her a gift. Because of that, gift tax laws enter into the equation. Spouses are allowed to gift unlimited amounts of money to each other. However, when nonspouses transfer assets to others, there are gift tax implications. You mentioned your house is worth anywhere between \$150,000 to \$200,000. If I assume it's worth \$200,000 by transferring half ownership you are making a gift of \$100,000. According to our gift tax laws, that amount exceeds the annual exclusion of \$13,000 and, thus, the remaining \$87,000 is subject to a gift tax. However, you have a lifetime exclusion of \$5 million from estate and gift taxes. You can use that money now or upon death.

In your situation it makes sense if you are going to transfer the house that you take advantage of your lifetime exclusion. To accomplish this, complete a federal gift tax form, Form 709, by going to the IRS web-

site. By using your lifetime exclusion, the gift is tax-free.

From a legal standpoint, in order to transfer the home, you must complete a quit-claim deed. However, there are other issues to think about. For instance, what happens to the home upon either one, or both of your deaths, and what happens if your relationship breaks down?

Another issue which needs to be addressed in regards to a quit claim deed is, if one of you dies will the other own the house outright, or do the adult children have any interest? If you want the home to pass free and clear to your significant other, then the quit-claim deed needs to state that you own the property as joint tenants, with full rights of survivorship. If you'd like your share of the property to pass to your adult children, then you would own the property as tenants in common.

No one wants to consider it, but another significant issue to discuss is what happens if after you transfer the property, the relationship ends. Unless you talk about that now, it could be very messy.

I recommend a separate agreement between the two of you to address what happens to the property if your relationship ends.

Another issue that needs to be addressed involves health care. If you want your partner to be involved in making health care decisions for you, you need to name her on your medical durable power of attorney. If she is not named, she will not have any legal rights, and that could cause problems.

It seems that relationships previously thought of as nontraditional are increasingly being considered traditional. However, the law hasn't caught up with that shift in thinking yet. That is why, when it comes to any estate planning issue, it is important that people who are in non-traditional relationships make certain they dot all of the I's and cross all of the T's.

Good luck!

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Canton girls stave off pesky Rockets

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Both teams gave no quarter Friday night as points were hard to come by in the KLAAs South Division girls basketball matchup between host Canton and Westland John Glenn.

In a game the Rockets needed to win to have any hope at a share of the division title, Canton hung tough and pulled out a 45-36 victory to clinch the KLAAs South.

Although the Chiefs led from wire-to-wire, the Rockets kept pecking away — coming to within one or two points on a number of occasions — and made things pretty uncomfortable for the home team.

"You're to the point now where there's going to be some games that are tight and you got to grind them out and get them done," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "We knew they were going to come in here, play hard and get after us. We look forward to those challenges."

The Chiefs (14-2, 10-0) didn't really take control until the fourth, when the Rockets repeatedly fouled Canton senior forward Kari Schmitt — who calmly sank 10-of-14 free throws in that

quarter. She finished with a team-leading 18 for the night.

"Free throws, layups and defense wins games," Schmitt said. "Obviously tonight it worked."

She said John Glenn played a much tougher game than the first time the teams met this season. Canton won 52-34 on Jan. 21.

"I think they were more desperate," Schmitt said. "They knew they had to win to have a share of the division, so they came out (hard) and we matched it."

HARDER TO PLAY

John Glenn head coach Mark Anderson said his team had a better understanding of what Canton was going to bring to the floor than in the first meeting between the squads.

"This time around, we wanted to play them in the half-court and make them earn their baskets, not give up anything uncontested or easy," Anderson said. "And as you see, I thought it was a well-played game for both teams."

The Chiefs jumped out to an 8-0 lead with 2:15 to go in the low-scoring opening quarter.

Please see **ROCKETS, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Joslyn Massey (21) goes in over Canton defenders Kayla Bridges (33) and Rachel Winters (10) during Friday's KLAAs South Division showdown.

SIDELINES

Lady Ocelots roll

Six players scored in double figures Wednesday as the sixth-ranked Schoolcraft College women's basketball team romped to a 90-59 win over visiting Oakland Community College.

Shawnicka Thomas scored 21 points to lead Schoolcraft — 21-3 overall and 11-0 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference.

Also scoring in double figures were Kimberly Bee (15), Amber Sammons (12), Diamond Tolliver (11), Shanequa Braggs (10) and Charise Slater (10).

Bee grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds, while Tolliver and Braggs had eight assists apiece.

It was Schoolcraft's 59th straight win at home and 47th conference win in a row at home.

Meagan Heiden and Amber Kingsley paced the Lady Raiders (10-12, 5-6) with 15 points and 11 points, respectively.

Madonna men fall

A shorthanded Madonna University men's basketball team put up a battle Wednesday night, but fell to host Davenport University, 56-45, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference encounter.

Nathan Cox and James Humphrey tallied 12 points and 11 points, respectively, for the 12th-ranked Panthers, who improved to 23-4 overall and 10-3 in the WHAC.

Davenport junior point-guard Lonnie Fairfax (Livonia Clarenceville) finished with five assists and five steals in 23 minutes.

MU, minus leading scorer Bryant Slaughter (concussion) and two others, slipped to 7-9 overall and 5-9 in the WHAC.

Mike Clark came off the bench to score 11 points for the Crusaders. Geoff Gaylor and Connor Leidal (Livonia Franklin) added eight and seven, respectively.

S'craft men lose

Point-guard Zach Kaul scored a game-high 27 points to propel Oakland Community College to an 80-73 men's basketball victory over host Schoolcraft College. OCC is 14-7 overall and 7-4 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference. Schoolcraft is 8-16, 2-9.

Antonio Credit and Richard Hill each added 12 points for the Raiders, who erased a 39-35 half-time deficit.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) led the Ocelots 17 points, while Matthew Long and Lydell Mason added 13 and 11, respectively.

Both teams struggled from the foul line: OCC was 14-of-32; Schoolcraft was 10-of-22.

Baseball clinic

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Andi is dandy as Blazers force 4-way division share

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was Senior Night on Thursday for the Livonia Ladywood basketball team, but it was a sophomore who stole the show.

Andrea Anastos, who goes by the nickname Andi, scored a game-high 24 points as the Blazers upended first place Dearborn Divine Child, 54-46, to claim a piece of the Catholic League's Central Division crown.

Four teams now share the Central title — all with 5-3 records — including Ladywood, Divine Child, Farmington Hills Mercy and Birmingham Marian.

"We definitely wanted to win, plus for our seniors it was the last night playing at their home court," said the 5-foot-9 Anastos. "We really wanted to win and took it all-out."

As a reward, Ladywood first-year coach Anthony Coratti put his four seniors out to start in a pivotal game

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where the stakes were high.

"It was great," said Coratti, whose team improved to 13-3 overall. "And once again hats off to four seniors — Katy Rooney, Shannon Hogg, Alyssa Anastos and Teresa Wojnarowski. They have done a great job leading this team. We wanted to win more so for them, rather than championships or what-not."

Divine Child (12-4) led 14-11

after one quarter an opened up a 23-15 lead with 4:14 to go in the half on a basket by Morgan Blair.

But Ladywood answered with a 10-1 run keyed by 3-pointers from Briana Combs and Kiley Gorski during the final 1:32 to take a 25-24 lead into the lockerroom intermission.

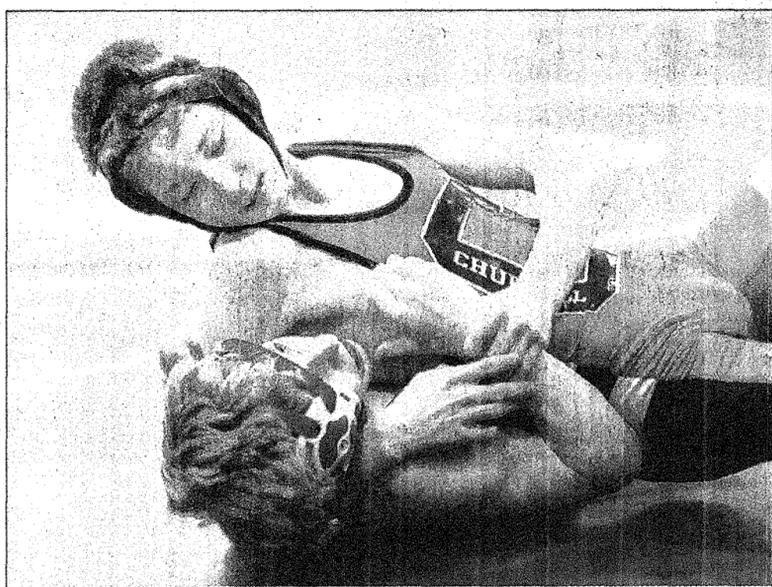
"We did a lot better job of changing sides of the floor offensively, and moving it," Coratti said. "And once we changed sides of the floor with

the ball, and reversed it, there were openings if they (Divine Child) were in man or zone (defense). That's a big thing for us. One or two ball reversals and good things happen for us."

The Blazers then outscored the Falcons 13-8 in the third quarter to take a 38-32 advantage.

But after Blair (11 points) nailed a triple to start the final quarter to bring DC within

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Time for headlocks

Churchill's Jake Meadows (top) goes for the pin against Salem's Evan Bruyear during Thursday's Division 1 team district tourney. Churchill lost the semifinal, 44-22, to finish with a dual match record of 12-11 overall. Canton captured the district with wins over Salem, 59-12, and Plymouth, 65-9. For more tourney action, see page B3.

C'ville matmen earn team regional berth

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Aaron Davis is getting some positive results in his first season as Livonia Clarenceville wrestling coach.

On Thursday night, the host Trojans earned their first MHSAA Division 3 team district crown since 2002 by defeating Madison Heights Madison, 78-6, and Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy, 57-16.

Clarenceville will take a 14-9 dual match record into Wednesday's team regional semifinal beginning at 5:30 p.m. against host Dundee, currently ranked No. 2 in the state and last year's Division 3 runner-up. The other semifinal pits Flat Rock against Clawson, also at 5:30 p.m., with the winners facing off at approximately 7 p.m.

"It will be great experience because any time you can extend the season it's more beneficial and

because you get in more work as well," said Davis, who previously spent 17 years at Garden City, including nine as head coach.

The Trojans have been led by a quintet of wrestlers including seniors Anthony Giordano (heavyweight), Coy Sillanpaa (145) and Brendan Groves (160).

Giordano's record is 31-6, while Sillanpaa and Groves are 28-9 and 25-10, respectively.

Two sophomores, Mikey Weiss (119) and Aaron Bibik (152) have also made their presence known. Weiss is 29-7 overall, while Bibik is 29-8.

"We kind of go as they go," Davis said of the five standouts. "They're the most experienced and they've been our leaders all season on-and-off the mat."

Clarenceville was scheduled to compete Saturday in the Division 3 individual district at Clawson.

"We're hoping to get six out (to the regional) and anything more would be a bonus," Davis said.

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Pats' Williams shines in triumph vs. Wayne

Senior guard Chelsea Williams had another stellar outing Friday as host Livonia Franklin tuned for the KLAA girls basketball playoffs with a 53-43 triumph over stubborn Wayne Memorial.

Williams finished with 25 points, 11 rebounds, four steals and four assists as the Patriots evened their overall record to 8-8 and 5-5 in the South Division of the KLAA's Kensington Conference.

Amanda Borio added eight points and seven rebounds, while Jessica Emery chipped in with eight points and three assists.

Jaylyn Hammac and Chantelle Nolden paced the Zebras (3-13, 0-10) with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Franklin shot 21-of-26 from the foul line (80.7 percent), while Wayne made 10-of-19 (52.6 percent).

The Patriots will be the fourth seed in the South Division and will open Tuesday on the road at KLAA Central Division champion Novi. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

PLYMOUTH 48, CHURCHILL 23: Kylie Robb scored 16 points and Kate Watson chipped in with 13 as the Wildcats (7-9, 5-5) clinched the third seed in the upcoming KLAA playoffs with a win Friday at Livonia Churchill (3-13, 2-8).

Churchill led 12-7 after one quarter, but Plymouth took command with a 13-6 second quarter run followed by a 15-2 spurt in the third period.

The Chargers shot only 3-of-12 from the foul stripe, while Plymouth hit 7-of-16.

STEVENSON 64, SOUTH LYON 60 (OT): Kristin Short's game-high 33 points wasn't enough Thursday as the Lions (8-8, 5-5) fell to host Livonia Stevenson (11-5, 6-4) in a KLAA Central Division game.

Short made 18-of-21 free throws on the night, but it was junior guard

Jordan York who led the victorious Spartans with 20 points, including a game-tying three-pointer at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime.

Stevenson led 23-16 at halftime, while South Lyon took a 37-36 advantage after three quarters.

Monika Rudis (nine points), Kristen Balhorn (11 rebounds) and Molly Knoph all fouled out for the Spartans.

JOHN GLENN 72, FRANKLIN 39: Shakeya Graves scored 18 points and dished out 10 assists Wednesday as Westland John Glenn (14-1, 8-1) toppled host Livonia Franklin (7-8, 4-5) in a KLAA South Division game.

Junior Joslyn Massey added 15 points and 19 rebounds for the victorious Rockets, who led 30-16 at halftime.

Others making contributions for Glenn included junior Erica Covile, who scored 12 points (including 10-of-12 from the foul line), and senior forward Andrea Gordon-McClain, who had nine points and 14 boards. Chelsea Williams, a senior guard, paced the Patriots with 14 points. She was coming off a 19-point outing last week against Churchill.

Senior Jessica Emery added 11 points.

Glenn made 16-of-25 free throws, while Franklin made 19-of-33.

CANTON 56, CHURCHILL 7: The KLAA South Division leading Chiefs (14-2, 9-0) tuned up for Friday's first-place showdown with John Glenn by routing visiting Livonia Churchill (3-12, 2-7) on Wednesday.

Kari Schmitt scored 11 points for state-ranked Canton, which led 14-0 after one quarter and 35-4 at halftime.

PLYMOUTH 49, WAYNE 34: Kate Watson's 20 points carried the Wildcats (6-9, 4-5) to a KLAA South Division win Wednesday at Wayne Memorial (3-12, 0-9).

Plymouth took control with a 12-2 first-quarter run followed by a 17-3 second period surge to take a 29-5 halftime advantage.

Jane Thayer paced the Zebras with 11 points.

Plymouth made 14-of-23 foul shots, while Wayne hit 9-of-13.

No. 1 Davenport stops MU women, 80-70

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COLLEGE HOOPS

Madonna University needed its 'A' game Wednesday night in order to beat the NIAA's No. 1-ranked women's basketball team in Division II.

The host Crusaders graded out a B-minus and made it respectable with a late run, but undefeated Davenport University earned its 27th straight victory with an 80-70 triumph.

All five starters scored in double figures as the Panthers clinched the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title outright while improving to 13-0.

Davenport led 35-24 at half-time and opened up a 20-point second-half advantage before MU cut the deficit to 75-70 with only 58 seconds remaining on a pair of free throws by Kaylee McGrath.

But that was as close as the

Crusaders would get as they slipped to 10-13 overall and 6-8 in the WHAC.

"We brought it way too late," MU coach Carl Graves said. "We really focused in practice on making sure we had our press breaker to handle their pressure, which is very good. And we didn't want to turn the ball over. We were still at 22 turnovers. They converted 29 points off those turnovers - that hurt us. We won the rebound war (57-55), so that was a positive."

Not so positive was MU's 15 first-half turnovers and the fact that the team's two leading scorers, McGrath and Tabatha Wydryck, combined for just three points.

"Davenport has to get credit for that," Graves said. "They're the number one team in the nation. They lead our conference

and they're in the top five in the nation in holding teams under their average."

McGrath, a 6-foot-1 sophomore center from Livonia Stevenson, came on strong during the second half to finish with 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Freshman guard Rachel Melcher had a solid outing with 17 points. Shantelle Herring and Erin Bentley added 14 and 10, respectively.

Wydryck, a 6-1 senior forward, snagged 11 rebounds and added five steals, but scored only three points, eight below her average.

"I think we were a little nervous," Graves said. "A lot of the kids were shooting the ball outside of their range, outside of their rhythm in the offense. So we struggled because of that. And we certainly can't send a team to the free throw line 35 times and expect to win a basketball game."

Davenport connected on 22-of-35 free throws (62.9 percent) and

shot only 25-of-76 from the floor (32.9 percent).

Kallie Benike led the way for the Panthers with 14 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists, while Jeannie Closson contributed 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Also scoring in double figures for Davenport was Riana Hensley (12), Kristie Boehm (11) and Carrie Grubius (11).

"This is way faster than what we like to play," Graves said. "We had to modify the way we play to adjust to their game. I'm pleased. I believe we put up 46 points in the second half. I'm happy with that. The first half was average for us, and I think we kept them well below their average. We gave ourselves a chance, we just didn't do it quite good enough."

MU is off until Wednesday, Feb. 16 at home when face Northwestern Ohio in WHAC contest. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

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but John Glenn (14-2, 7-2) chipped at the lead and trailed just 9-5 after one.

Helped by Canton's sudden inability to score baskets (11-of-40, 28 percent for the game), the Rockets cut the margin to 11-10 when 6-0 junior forward Joslyn Massey (four points, seven rebounds) scored on a putback with about two minutes left in the half.

Canton senior forward Kayla Bridges (eight points, four boards) drained a nice, eight-foot turnaround jumper from the paint and senior forward Sara Schmitt (11 points, seven boards) sank a foul shot to make it 14-10 in the final minute.

Massey hit another putback to make it a 14-12 game at halftime.

Canton opened up a 22-15 advantage with about 5:20 left in the third, following a three-point play by Kari Schmitt and a pair of free throws by Bridges.

But the Rockets crept back.

Junior guard Abbey Wright (22 points) buried a jumper and followed up with a try to slice that margin to 22-20.

One of the key baskets for Canton proved to be a jumper by freshman guard Rachel Winters from the right corner as time expired in the quarter, giving the Chiefs a 26-20 lead.

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Samulski said the Winters basket was "huge" and so was a triple by senior forward CarolAnn Sexauer early in the fourth, which made it 31-20 with 6:30 remaining.

"Both those kids rotated in and hit some big shots," Samulski said.

John Glenn freshman guard Kaira Barnes tallied five of her nine points in the fourth to keep the Rockets close and Wright's rainbow trey with 1:20 to go made it a 36-32 ballgame.

But Kari Schmitt connected on eight foul shots over the final 80 seconds, helping maintain just enough breathing room for the Chiefs.

"I got faith in all the kids to step up and make them (free throws),"



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John Glenn's Michelle Vanover (30) maintains the high dribble against Canton defender Rachel Winters (10) during Friday's KLAA South Division clash.

Samulski said.

According to Anderson, the close loss to a state-ranked team was a bit of a moral victory "but we're still learning the offense. We're still trying to gel and have a cohesiveness as a team because we've got a bunch of new faces. We're getting better." And he smiled when asked

about the upcoming districts. "I don't know if you're aware who is in our districts," Anderson said. "Romulus, Inkster, that by itself is exciting. ... I think we can compete and if we play anything like we did tonight, they'd better watch out."

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Lutheran North edges Clarenceville girls, 43-39

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three, 38-35, Andi Anastos answered with a three-ball of her own just 20 seconds later and the Blazers never looked back as they opened up a 11-point lead midway through the final period.

"We just picked it up on defense and it really brought out our offense," Andi Anastos said. "We got more pressure on the ball and that made them break down and throw away passes and make turnovers."

Ladywood connected on 15-of-23 free throws on the night, including 9-of-12 from Andi Anastos.

"I wanted to win, so I just wanted to go," the 10th-grader said.

Teresa Wojnarowski also keyed the victory with 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Rooney contributed six points.

Andi Anatos also sparked the defense with five steals.

"She is just an all-around tough kid," Coratti said of the sophomore. "She's just an incredible kid, one of many incredible kids we have on our team."

With the win, Ladywood was scheduled to face Marian, while Mercy was to meet Divine Child Saturday during the opening round of the Catholic League A-B Division playoffs at the Madonna University. The winners were scheduled to advance to Sunday's A-B final at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan-Hall.

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Macomb Lutheran North won the fourth-quarter battle Friday en route to a 43-39 girls basketball win over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

Jacqueline Noel scored 14 points and Stephanie Ore added 10 as the Mustangs evened their season record at 8-8 overall by outscoring the Trojans 15-11 in the decisive fourth period.

Clarenceville, which fell behind 18-8 at the start, battled back and pulled even at 28-all after three quarters.

Freshman Ayanna Buckley and senior Jenna Burgess each tallied 10 points for the 5-12 Trojans, who shot 17-of-22 from the foul line.

Lutheran North made 9-of-13 free throws.

ROEPEL 40, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 31: Amanda Terranella's double-double wasn't enough Friday as host Lutheran High Westland (1-13, 0-7) fell to Birmingham Roeper (4-12, 2-6) in a MIAC Blue Division game.

Terranella, a 6-foot junior, had 10 points and 10 rebounds in the loss. Teammate Hannah Conley added seven points, while

Aldreana Fikes grabbed seven boards.

Kiara Canales scored 14 points to lead victorious Roughriders, who outscored the Warriors 12-2 in the third period after being tied at 16-all at intermission.

MERCY 50, LADYWOOD 53: A late rally fell short Wednesday night as Livonia Ladywood (12-3, 4-3) fell to host Farmington Hills Mercy (12-4, 5-3) in a Catholic League Central Division game.

Freshman guard Candice Leatherwood scored game-high 20 points as the Marlins clinched at least a share of the division title.

Janelle McQueen chipped in with 14 points.

Teresa Wojnarowski paced the Blazers with 17 points. Sisters Andi and Alyssa Anastos chipped in with 12 and 10, respectively.

Mercy built a 12-point lead early in the final quarter, but Ladywood stormed back to within three before coming up empty on a last-second attempt.

"They (Mercy) executed a little better," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "Our kids really battled, but we fell a little short. It was a tough loss."

Mercy connected on 20-of-29 free throws, while Ladywood hit 18-of-23.

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District champs

Franklin captures 6th consecutive team crown

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Livonia Franklin is headed back to a familiar spot when it comes to the MHSAA Division 1 team wrestling tournament.

The Patriots garnered their sixth straight district title Thursday night with a 57-22 triumph over host Southfield after a 40-28 semifinal win over Farmington.

"I thought we wrestled pretty well overall," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "There some spots where we give up points in almost every meet, and then there are others where we score in almost every meet. Ultimately these meets come down to the swing matches, and we were able to win most of those."

Five Franklin wrestlers went 2-0 on the night at the district including Dan Martinez (112 pounds), Gabe Martinez (119), Jordan Atienza (125), Steve Tuyu (130), Avery Opperman (145) and Matt Roos (160-171).

"We definitely did not take Farmington lightly," Chiola said. "They took second at Observerland and we knew they had a good team. A coach can put guys where he needs

them to win a meet, but ultimately the kids have to perform."

Franklin, 23-6 overall, advances to the team regional beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Canton to face the No. 8-ranked Chiefs in one semifinal. The other semifinal, also at 5 p.m., pits No. 1-ranked and defending Division 1 state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central against Dearborn Fordson. The winners clash at approximately 6:30 p.m. with a trip Friday, Feb. 25 to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena and a trip to the Elite Eight on the line.

"This was a nice win considering some of the setbacks we've had this year," Chiola said of the district. "We have 23 wins, which is the most team wins since I've been here. Now our job is to get our individuals ready for the state tournament."

Glenn pins Wolfpack

On Thursday, host Westland John Glenn improved to 25-11 on the season by downing rival Wayne Memorial, 44-22, in the Division 1 team district final.

Glenn got a bye into the district final after Wayne downed

Inkster, 69-9.

The Rockets, who captured their fifth district crown in six years under coach Bill Polk, will be seeking their third straight trip to the Elite Eight in Battle Creek. They will face No. 5-ranked Temperance Bedford in one regional semifinal beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. The other semifinal pits the host Titans, ranked No. 8, and Saline, also at 5 p.m. The winners square off at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In the district final, Glenn received pins from Derrick Campbell (285), Kyle Gillies (103), Quinn DuPraw (112) and Donovan Reilly (135).

Other Glenn winners included David Isaacs (119), Kevin Wacker (140), Jon Mames (160), Danny Croft (171), Cameron Jones (189).

Wayne, which finished its dual match season at 20-7 overall under coach Steve Vasiloff, got pins from Jalen Jones (145) and Devon Adams (125). Other winners for the Wolfpack included Allen Parker (130), Kevin Newborn (152) and Dimitrus Renfroe (215).

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Churchill, Stevenson drop hockey heartbreakers

Upset-minded Livonia Churchill took the state-ranked Farmington boys hockey team down to the wire Friday night before losing 2-1 in the Michigan Public School Showcase held at Chelsea's South Rink.

Farmington improves its overall record to 18-2 overall, while Churchill drops to 10-9-1.

Churchill, getting a sterling performance from junior goaltender Alex Estes (29 saves), led 1-0 through two periods.

Matt Sinclair's goal from Tommy Carey with 7:54 left in the second staked the Chargers to the one-goal lead, but Farmington's Austin Cole tied it with 11:38 remaining in the third on an assist from Kyle Rea.

Zach Massa then tallied the game-winner from Mark Prokes and Mike Manzo with just 5:09 to play.

Farmington goaltender Tim Rogers made 30 saves.

"Alex (Estes) played his best game of the year and I'm happy for him," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "It was our most complete game of the year. 'It's the most complete game we've played this year. Obviously we're disappointed we couldn't close this one out, but we played as well as we have all year and I can live with it.'"

WYANDOTTE 4, STEVENSON 3: In Friday's Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena, state-ranked Wyandotte Roosevelt (18-2) stunned Livonia Stevenson (13-5-2) with a pair of goals in the final 47 seconds.

Jake Carlisle's goal from Nick Kovalchik tied it at 3-all when the Bears pulled their goaltender with under a minute left.

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Kovalchik then tallied the game-winner on a penalty shot with only 13 seconds left.

Gerald Mayhew had the other two goals for Wyandotte, which trailed 3-1 after two periods.

Stevenson, which outshot the Bears 35-15, got goals from Justin Shureb (his seventh), Dominic Lutz on a power play (his sixth) and Tim Pruchnik (his sixth). John Mandryk added two assists.

Wyandotte goalie Chase Schmittow made 32 saves, while Connor Humitz had 11 stops for the Spartans.

FRANKLIN 3, GABRIEL RICHARD 3: In a make-up game played Friday, host Livonia Franklin (5-13-4) and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (11-4-2) battled to a tie on Senior Night at Edgar Arena.

Dylan Ferris scored twice for the Fighting Irish, including the game-tying goal with 6:30 to go in the final period.

Franklin's Zach Wiacek tallied a pair of third-period goals at the 4:57 and 4:35 marks to help erase a 2-1 deficit. Wiacek's second goal was unassisted, while Mike Diaz and Tyler Dewhirst assisted on the first.

Josh Dudek scored from Aaron Hoffmeyer in the first period for Franklin, while Hunter Boachzenski countered for Gabriel Richard.

The Patriots held a 38-22 advantage in shots.

Franklin goaltender Travis Ferrier made 19 saves. He was one of six seniors honored along with Hoffmeyer, Dewhirst, Kevin Webb, Andrew Pearson and Adam Michael.

CHURCHILL 7, CHELSEA 5: On Wednesday, Jake Otto tallied a pair of power play goals and contributed two assists as Livonia Churchill (10-8-1) defeated the host Bulldogs (11-8) in the Michigan Public High School Showcase at the Chelsea's North Rink.

Otto's early third period goal proved to be the game winner.

Churchill led 1-0 after one period and 3-2 after two.

Chelsea cut the deficit to 6-5 with only 1:50 left, but Churchill's Brad Milks (two goals, one assist) responded with an empty netter with only nine seconds remaining.

"We need to be more consistent in the defensive zone," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "But we weathered the storm and got the 'W.'"

Mike Rybinski also added two goals for the Chargers, who outshot Chelsea, 41-14. Mike Gambino had the other Churchill goal.

Charlie Hess notched a hat trick for Chelsea, including two power play goals. Brad Hepler and Taylor Atchley added one apiece.

Chelsea netminder Chris Boyd made 35 saves, while Churchill's David Turel had nine stops.

FRANKLIN 3, NORTHVILLE 2: Livonia Franklin (5-13-3, 0-7-1) nearly had its first KLAAs South Division victory in the bag Wednesday night, but the host Patriots wound up settling for a draw with the Mustangs (5-10-4, 1-6-3 KLAAs Central) at Edgar Arena.

Stephen Champagne's goal with only two minutes remaining in the final period off an assist from Robbie Thornburg gave the Mustangs the deadlock.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 2-0 advantage to open the first period on goals by Jacob Strom (from Cole Brown and Michael Comben) and Matt Evasic (unassisted power play).

With 9:46 left in the same period, Franklin's Aaron Hoffmeyer blocked Northville shot at the blue and scored an unassisted shorthanded goal to cut the deficit to 2-1.

The Patriots took a 3-2 lead into the final period on Zach Wiacek's goal at 10:59 and Adam Michael's tally (from Kevin Webb) at 14:23.

Franklin goaltender Matt Slinder made 32 saves, while Northville counterpart Sean Bretz had 24 stops.

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103 pounds: Keith Lee (S' field) won by void; 112: James Dillard (S' field) won by void; 119: Torez Collins (S' field) won by void; 125: Craig Lewis (S' field) decided Ashur Alhaj, 11-9; 130: Corey Davis (LS) dec. Delando Davis-Wright, 11-10; 135: Khaled Yous (LS) won by void; 140: Samer Shebak (LS) won by void; 145: Kody Roy (LS) won by void; 152: Dan Wagner (S' field) pinned Zach Auner, 3:59; 160: Steven Alexander (S' field) p. Jacob Kelley, 3:48; 171: Jayson Walton (S' field) p. Joseph Carroll, 0:49; 189: Joseph Scott (LS) dec. Kevin Hines, 5-2; 215:

Antonio Echols (S' field) p. Kyle Agar, 0:53; 285: Jacob Range (LS) won by void. Stevenson's dual match record: 5-27 overall.

Jan. 10 at WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (Championship final) WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 44 WAYNE MEMORIAL 22

140 pounds: Kevin Wacker (WM) decided Sharif Hegazi, 6-0; 145: Jalen Jones (WM) pinned Nick Kieszowski, 4:48; 152: Kevin Newborn (WM) dec. Dvontsomo Anderson, 10-7; 160: Jon Mayes (WJG) won by major dec. over Doug Rutan, 18-9; 171: Danny Croft (WJG) dec. Sam Ekanam, 10-5; 189: Cameron Jones (WJG) won by major dec. over Nate Cavanaugh, 12-0; 215: Dimitrus Renfroe (WM) won by major dec. over Zach Bower, 11-3; 285: Derrick Campbell (WJG) p. Tyler Casteels, 2-31; 103: Kyle Gillies (WJG) p. Tim Mulligan, 1:00; 112: Quinn DuPraw (WJG) p. Tim Way, 0:27; 119: David Isaacs (WJG) won by injury default over Darryl Ison; 125: Devon Adams (WM) p. Dylan Villeneuve, 5-51; 130: Allen Parker (WJG) dec. Deandre Moore, 7-3; 135: Donovan Reilly (WJG) p. Rakeem Givins, 5:30.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 25-11 overall; Wayne, 20-6 overall. Semifinal match: Wayne 69, Inkster 9.

Glenn boys bowlers clinch KLAAs Central

Westland John Glenn rebounded for its first dual match loss of the season by winning the KLAAs Central Division boys bowling title for the second straight year Thursday with a 22-8 triumph over Northville at Super Bowl.

Coming off a stunning loss to Salem the day before, the state's top-ranked team in Division 1 improved its dual match record to 13-1 overall and 10-1 in the Central.

Notable scorers for Glenn included Steven White (256), Jordan Hornes (106) and John Cleavenger (202).

On Wednesday, Glenn found itself in a 10-0 hole after Salem swept the Baker games in a match held at Westland Bowl.

Glenn won the first match, 1,070-1,035, to secure four of five points.

But Salem's Ryan Clark shut the door when he started with nine first strikes before a stubborn seven-pin cut short his bid for a perfect 300 game. He finished with a 279 game.

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 22 NORTHVILLE 8

Feb. 11 at Super Bowl John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 206-192-398; Tommy Ruark, 199-158-357; Thomas Brusseau, 183-169-352; Steven White, 256; John Cleavenger, 202; Daniel Ammons, 175; Brian Monty, 166. Team totals: 929-977-1,906 (18 points); Baker games: 164-200-364 (4 points).

Northville scorers: Dan Jacobi, 179-170-349; Jon Johnson, 167-176-343; Ryan Benoit, 182; Brad Currier, 180; Adam Zimmer, 167; Emmett Zimmer, 167; Colton Ma-Wu, 155; split score, 138. Team totals: 821-831-1,652 (2 points); Baker games: 189-189-378 (6 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 13-1 overall, 10-1 KLAAs Central Division (clinched titles); Northville, 0-3 overall, 0-10 KLAAs Central.

SALEM 22 WAYNE MEMORIAL 8 Feb. 10 at Super Bowl

Salem scorers: Kevin Williams, 206-224-430; Tyler Foley, 238-166-404; Steven Cadwell, 217-182-399; Ryan Clark, 180-212-392; David Nikkila, 144-198-342. Team totals: 985-982-1,967 (12 points); Baker games: 166-220-3876 (10 points).

Wayne scorers: Jeremy Brown, 245-202-447; Elliot Arnold, 247-195-442; Zack Huffman, 193-247-440; Tony Lave, 160-171-331;

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA baseball sign up

Baseball registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road and west of Venoy).

The WYAA has openings for all age groups, including: Co-ed T-Ball (5-6), Co-Ed Machine Pitch (7-8), Mustang (10-and-under), Bronco (12-and-under), Pony (14-and-under), Colt (16-and-under) and Palomino (18-and-under).

Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt and Palomino age divisions involve local travel with inter-locking leagues with other cities.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours (or leave a message) or visit www.wyaa.org.

Junior volleyball tryout

Free tryouts for the 2011 Crusader Juniors Volleyball Club will be from 3-4:30 p.m. (ages 15-16) and from 5-6:30 p.m. (ages 17-18) on Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Madonna University Activities Center.

The Crusader Juniors, now in its 25th season, will run from March until June. Practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at Madonna or Livonia Ladywood High School.

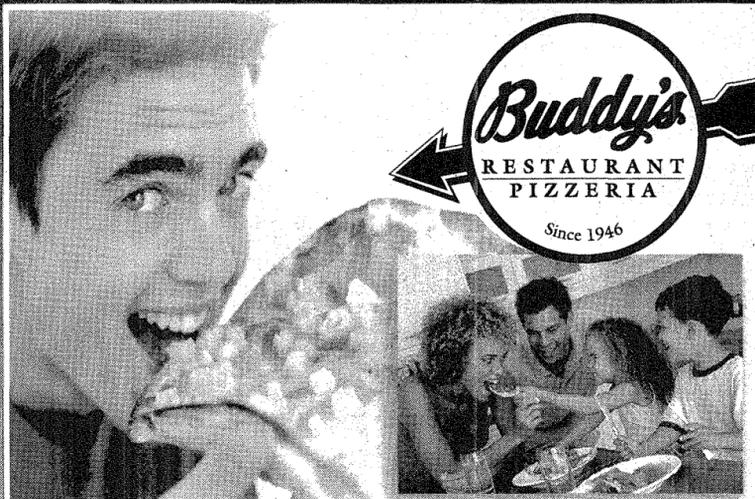
The program cost is \$705 (includes four tournaments, plus state AAU tourney in Grand Rapids). Call MU assistant coach Brian McClain at (734) 432-5612; or e-mail Bgmclain@aol.com.

Patriot mat fundraiser

The Livonia Franklin wrestling team will stage a trivia challenge fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 20, at Buffalo Wild Wings, located on the west side of Wayne Road just south of Warren Road.

Registration starts at 1 p.m. followed by the trivia challenge at 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. All ages are welcome. Prizes include \$200 (first place), \$125 (second) and \$75 (third). There will also be raffles. Call Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340.

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Lever's shot pierces Rockets; Roeper clips Warriors in overtime

Spartans escape South Lyon

Senior point-guard Dietrich Lever's three-pointer with only 1.3 seconds remaining gave Canton a dramatic 39-36 boys basketball victory Friday at Westland John Glenn and a share of the KLAAs South Division title.

Canton is now 12-4 overall and finishes 9-1 in the KLAAs South (tied with Plymouth).

Glenn led 25-15 at halftime before the Chiefs closed the gap to two, 29-27, with a 12-4 third-quarter run. Canton then outscored the Rockets 12-7 in the fourth quarter capped by Lever's triple.

Junior center Paul Baumgart added points nine for the victorious Chiefs.

Senior forward Christian Covile tallied 12 points, while junior guard Nick Daniels added seven for Glenn (9-6, 5-4).

Both teams shot 3-of-8 from the foul stripe.

FRANKLIN 45, WAYNE 39: In a KLAAs South Division game Friday, Livonia Franklin (5-10, 4-5) downed Wayne Memorial (2-13, 1-9) as Aaron Accurso scored 10 points and Tommy Smith added nine.

The Patriots trailed 21-12 at halftime before going on a 17-6 third-quarter run followed. They also won the final quarter with a 16-12 scoring edge as Accurso hit a three-pointer

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and made 5-of-6 foul shots.

Darnell Givhan led Wayne with nine points, while Torry Cooper and Thomas White each added seven.

Franklin was 11-of-17 from the free throw line, while Wayne made 9-of-14.

STEVENSON 46, SOUTH LYON 44: KLAAs Central Division champ Livonia Stevenson (15-1, 9-0) held on for dear life Friday to beat the host Lions (6-10, 3-7).

South Lyon trailed 32-21 at halftime and 42-30 after three quarters before going on a 14-4 fourth period run.

The Lions stayed close by making 28-of-33 free throws, while Stevenson connected on just 10-of-19.

Junior guard Jonathan Campbell and senior guard C.J. Mwila scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the victorious Spartans. Jalen Reynolds chipped in with 10.

Jeff Schmitz led the Lions with 12 points.

"The whole game we were too excited from winning the division Tuesday at Novi and I think our focus was not there," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "But we were able to get some good minutes tonight from Joe Mims and Charlie Swingle."

PLYMOUTH 45, CHURCHILL 29: Brennen Beyer's 11 points paced a balanced attack Friday as the host Wildcats (12-4, 9-1) claimed a share of the KLAAs South Division title against Livonia Churchill (1-15, 1-9).

Pat Salo and Mike Nadratowski each added eight points for Plymouth, which led by only one, 21-20, at intermission before going on a 13-0 third quarter run.

Stephen Foster and Josh Dillard scored nine and seven, respectively, for the Chargers, who shot only 3-of-19 in the second half and 11-of-40 for the game (27.5 percent).

Churchill went 2-of-7 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 3-of-12.

The Wildcats hit 15-of-31 shots from the floor (48.3 percent).

CANTON 40, CHURCHILL 21: On Thursday, Paul Baumgart scored 12 points and Terrell Sewell added 10 as the Chiefs (11-4, 8-1) downed host Livonia Churchill (1-14, 1-8) in a KLAAs South Division game.

Churchill led 11-10 at halftime before Canton took control with a 13-7 surge in the third period followed by a 17-3 run in the final quarter.

Stephen Foster and Chad Evans tallied seven and six points, respectively, for the Chargers, who shot only 17.3 percent from the floor (8-of-46).

Canton shot 43.5 percent from the field (17-of-39).

PLYMOUTH 47, WAYNE 29: Pat Salo popped in 16 points Wednesday to spark the host Wildcats (11-4, 8-1) to a KLAAs South Division victory over Wayne Memorial (2-12, 1-8).

Jimmy May added seven points, while Brennen Beyer had six points and eight boards for Plymouth, which led 29-11 at halftime.

Homeer Ellis and Thomas White tallied had eight points for the Zebras.

Overtime proved to be unkind Friday night to the Lutheran High Westland boys basketball team.

The host Warriors were outscored 13-2 during the four-minute extra session as Birmingham Roeper earned a 65-54 triumph.

Durijaiye Lewis scored a game-high 22 points to propel the Roughriders, who improved to 3-10 overall and 1-9 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Nick Robinson and Garrett House added 13 apiece, while Jack Gorland added 12.

Seniors Marc Rosin and Micah Reum paced the Warriors with 20 and 18, respectively.

It was 52-all at the end of

regulation with Lutheran Westland unable to get off a final shot against the Roughriders' 3-2 zone.

"We spent a lot of energy battling back and then kind of emptied out our tanks," said Lutheran Westland coach Doug Haller.

Roeper went 19-of-40 from the foul line, while Lutheran Westland hit 9-of-12.

LUTHERAN SOUTH 41, HURON VALLEY 35:

On Friday, Jesse Smrcka and Josh Green tallied 10 points apiece as Newport Lutheran South (8-7, 5-5) rallied in the fourth quarter for a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division triumph over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-10, 3-6).

Senior Andy Barber scored 14 points for the Hawks, who led 25-24 after three quarters before being outscored 17-10 in the fourth.

Huron Valley shot only 32 percent from the field and 2-of-6 from the free throw line. The Hawks committed 25 turnovers, including 10 in the first period.

Meanwhile, the Saints connected on 13-of-20 free throws.

WESTSIDE 72, CLARENCEVILLE 47:

Robert Davis and Xavier Cross notched 20 and 21 points, respectively, leading Detroit Westside Christian (12-3) to a convincing victory Friday at Livonia Clarenceville (5-8).

Victor Davidson added 12 points for the victorious Warriors, who jumped out to a 39-17 halftime advantage.

"They're the best team we've faced all year," Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said.

Damien Quarles led the Trojans with 11 points, while Kassius Kelly and Sam Brown each added nine.

Clarenceville also shot poorly from the foul line (8-of-24).

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Feb. 14
Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 6 p.m.
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 18
Luth. Westland at Luth. N. West, 7 p.m.
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, Feb. 14
Ferndale at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Wayne at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

(KLAAs Playoffs-1st Round)
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Novi, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 18
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luth. N. West, 5:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Feb. 14
Ladywood vs. Walled Lake at Suburban Ice Rink, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16
Stevenson vs. Novi, Churchill vs. Clarkston at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
Catholic League Championship at O.L. St. Mary Rink, TBA.

PREP WRESTLING

Monday, Feb. 14
Ladywood vs. Walled Lake at Suburban Ice Rink, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16
Stevenson vs. Novi, Churchill vs. Clarkston at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
Catholic League Championship at O.L. St. Mary Rink, TBA.

MHSAA TEAM REGIONALS

(all Wednesday, Feb. 16)

DIVISION 1 at CANTON

Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Canton, 5 p.m.; Dearborn Fordson vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 5 p.m.; **championship final:** approximately 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena).

at SOUTHGATE ANDERSON

Semifinals: Westland John Glenn vs. Temperance Bedford, 5 p.m.; Southgate Anderson vs. Saline, 5 p.m.; **championship final:** approximately 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena).

DIVISION 3 at DUNDEE

Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dundee, 5:30 p.m.; Flat Rock vs. Clawson, 5:30 p.m.; **championship final:** approximately 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena).

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONALS

(all Saturday, Feb. 19)

Division 1 at Canton, 8 a.m.
Division 1 at Saline, 9:30 a.m.
Division 3 at Goodrich, noon.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Friday, Feb. 18
KLAAs South Division Diving at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
KLAAs Central Division Diving at South Lyon East, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
KLAAs South Division meet at John Glenn, noon.
KLAAs Central Division meet

at South Lyon East, noon.

GIRLS GYMNASICS

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Livonia Red vs. Northville at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16
Livonia Blue vs. Canton at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
KLAAs Meet at Walled Lake, TBA.

PREP BOWLING

Monday, Feb. 14
Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Woodland Lakes, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Clarenceville, Wayne vs. Northville at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17
Canton vs. Clarenceville, John Glenn vs. Wayne at Town 'N Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 18
KLAAs Tourney at Century Bowl, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
Catholic League Championships at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 16
N'western Ohio at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
Madonna at Aquinas, 3 p.m.

Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 16
N'western Ohio at Madonna, 5:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

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BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 103

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 76

Feb. 10 at John Glenn

(Joey Wakeford, Nick Stevens, Paul Gutu, Dave Vader), 1:50.1.

200 freestyle: 1. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:56.81; 3. Aaron Alholinna (WJG), 2:08.38.

200 individual medley: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 2:10.33; 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 2:14.04.

50 freestyle: 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.37; 2. Dave Vader (WJG), 24.65; 3. Ryan Boes (WJG), 25.90.

1-meter diving: 1. Connor Monroe (WJG), 189.55 points; 2. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 163.45; 3. Nick Taylor (WJG), 122.30.

100 butterfly: 1. Gutu (WJG), 1:03.22; 2. Vader (WJG), 56.66.

500 freestyle: 1. Ferguson (WJG), 5:07.93; 2. Alholinna (WJG), 5:55.57; 3. Tim Moran (WJG), 5:59.12.

200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn

(Gutu, Vader, Josh Wakeford, Joey Wakeford), 1:35.27; 2. John Glenn (Cody Hodges, Nick Stone, Ferguson, Boes), 1:41.67.

100 backstroke: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 1:00.52; 3. John Kukuka (WJG), 1:09.28.

400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Boes, Vader, Ferguson, Josh Wakeford), 3:51.29; 3. John Glenn (Hodges, Alholinna, Moran, Stone), 4:02.03.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 7-1 overall; Western, 3-5 overall.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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LEGAL SECRETARY

Needed for plaintiff oriented auto and general negligence firm. 3-5 years experience. Must draft and file routine court pleadings. E-mail resumes in confidence to: mgdeutch@sbglobel.net

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday, February 13, 2011

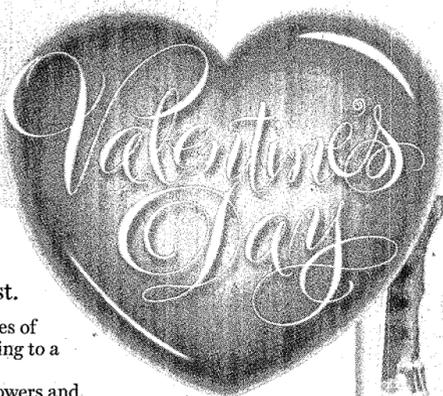
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In honor of



memorable love story

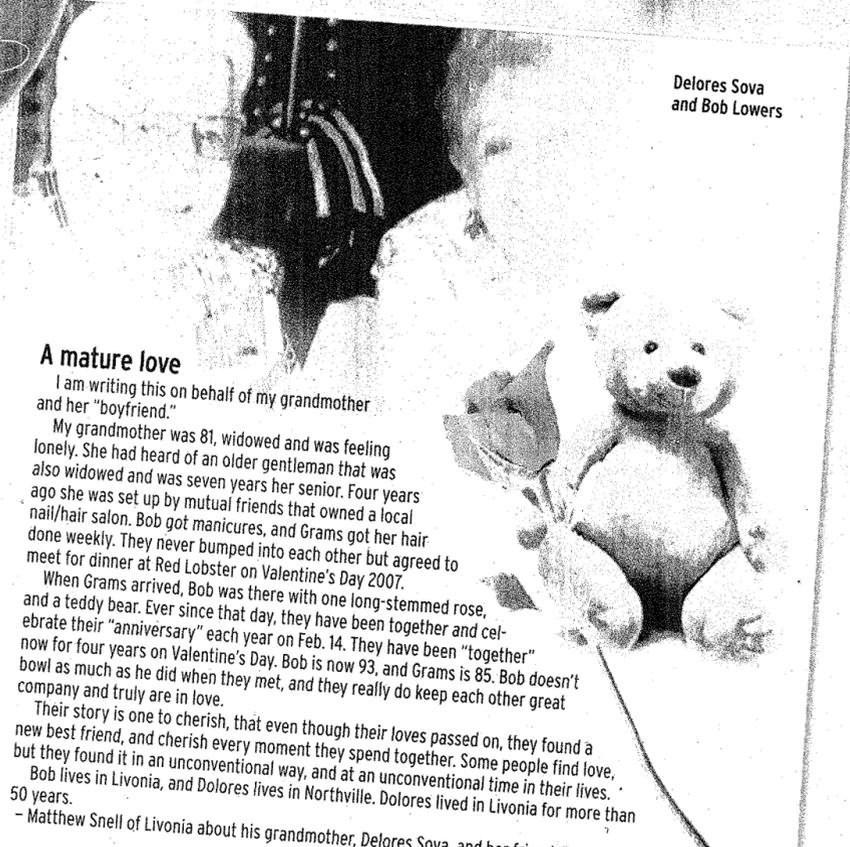
Our knees feel weak and our hearts are racing after reading the submissions to our love story contest.

We fell in love with all of them — from tales of enduring attraction to a story of mature dating to a glimpse of a memorable marriage proposal.

We especially liked the story about Bob Lowers and Delores Sova, who found each other in their senior years. (It gives the rest of us hope). Congratulations to Matt Snell, who sent us the story about his grandmother and her boyfriend. He won first place for Bob and Delores — a \$50 gift certificate to Antonio's, with restaurant locations in Canton, Farmington, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

Second place — Emagine Theater movie tickets and Buddy's Pizza coupons — goes to Ralph and Rose Kalajian. Ralph knew Rose would be his wife the first time he set eyes on her. And after 52 years of marriage, Ralph still remembers where they went on their first date.

Enjoy their heartfelt stories. Happy Valentine's Day.



Delores Sova and Bob Lowers

A mature love

I am writing this on behalf of my grandmother and her "boyfriend."

My grandmother was 81, widowed and was feeling lonely. She had heard of an older gentleman that was also widowed and was seven years her senior. Four years ago she was set up by mutual friends that owned a local nail/hair salon. Bob got manicures, and Grams got her hair done weekly. They never bumped into each other but agreed to meet for dinner at Red Lobster on Valentine's Day 2007.

When Grams arrived, Bob was there with one long-stemmed rose, and a teddy bear. Ever since that day, they have been together and celebrate their "anniversary" each year on Feb. 14. They have been "together" now for four years on Valentine's Day. Bob is now 93, and Grams is 85. Bob doesn't bowl as much as he did when they met, and they really do keep each other great company and truly are in love.

Their story is one to cherish, that even though their loves passed on, they found a new best friend, and cherish every moment they spend together. Some people find love, but they found it in an unconventional way, and at an unconventional time in their lives.

Bob lives in Livonia, and Dolores lives in Northville. Dolores lived in Livonia for more than 50 years.

— Matthew Snell of Livonia about his grandmother, Delores Sova, and her friend, Robert Lowers.

Ralph and Rose Kalajian of Northville



Our love story

It was the first Sunday in September 1952. I walked into my Sunday school class at the Armenian church on Oakman Blvd. in Detroit and there was the prettiest girl I had ever seen.

Please see **LOVE STORIES, B6**

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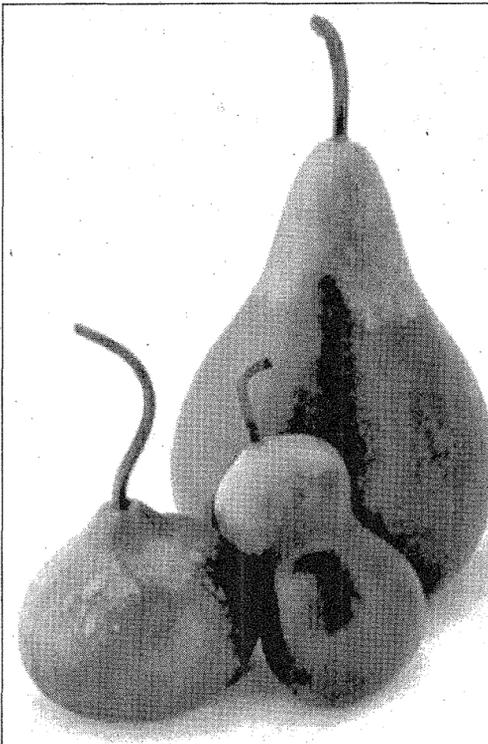
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Learn about 'gourdology'

Deb Stallings will talk about creating decorative gourds at a Dessert Tea & Talk demonstration, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Plymouth Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Stallings has shown her gourds at Northville Farmers Market and has a website, www.gourdology.com. Tickets are \$15. Call (734) 416-4278 to reserve a seat.

LOVE STORIES

FROM PAGE B6

When I got home that day my mother asked me what was wrong with me. I told her about the girl I had met that day, that her name was Rose. My mom asked if she was pretty. Oh yes, Mom. To which she replied 'and what?' I told her that some day Rose would be my wife. I was 14 years old. My mom could not stop laughing for two weeks.

The next several months we had group dates with our youth group from church. That following April 9 we had our first one-on-one date. I took her to Stouffer's Restaurant in downtown Detroit and to the United Artist Theater to see Hans Christian Anderson. We took a taxi home. We married on April 19, 1958 when I was 20 and she was 19 years old. We have been married for 52 years of the greatest years of our life.

- Ralph H. and Rose Kalajian of Northville are former residents of Redford Township, Livonia and Farmington Hills.



Paul Doll proposes to his wife, Christine.

My knight in shining armor

On Oct. 25, 2009, my husband proposed to me at a Halloween dance through the radio station, Magic (105.1).

It all happened as a total surprise to me and I never suspected he would propose at this time, although we had been dating for a while.

The DJ, Mike Bradley, called me on stage and asked me if I came to the dance with a hippie, which I did. So, I said yes. Then he said, "Well, you are going home with a knight in shining armor."

Then my husband came up on stage with this knight costume on along with an engagement ring in his hand and asked me to marry him!

Of course I said yes and we had a wonderful evening and celebration. We were married on Aug. 15, 2009 and are very happy yet.

- Christine and Paul Doll of South Lyon

SENIOR SERIES TEACHES AGING WITH GRACE

The next program in Botsford Commons Senior Community's monthly lecture series is "Aging with Grace: What the Nun Study Teaches Us," and runs 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Botsford Commons Chapel, located at 21440 Archwood Circle in Farmington Hills.

The series is presented by Diane Zide, Botsford Commons' Executive Director of Senior Living Services and runs the third Tuesday of the month. The upcoming session is based on research done on a group of Catholic nuns and how they approach the aging process.

The group also will begin discussing a book, *BrainFit for Life: A User's Guide to Life-Long Brain Health and Fitness* by Simon J. Evans, Ph.D. and Paul R. Burghardt, PhD, next month. Reviewing the book before next month's meeting would be helpful for attendees.

Series discussion topics include how aging can be a time of promise and productivity; optimizing and maintaining intellectual and spiritual vigor; how faith and community, purposeful work and service, healthy eating and exercise can be positive forces in the aging process; and the "Top Ten" list for brain fitness.

The lecture series, which continues through June, is free. For more information, call (248) 426-6902.

Malcolm Alestra of Redford Township with Marge Sorensen of Dearborn



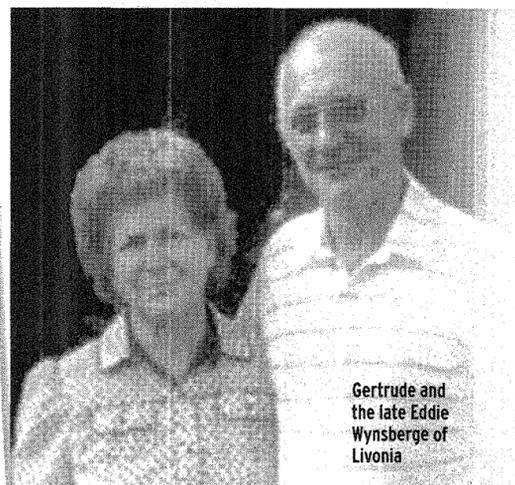
Coconut, macaroon and dance

I offered her a cookie, she gave me a dance.

Since then we've traveled — bike rides, hot tubs and buffets, plus continue to dance. A lot of good times, creating great memories, meeting fine people along the way.

Four and a half years later the beat goes on.

- Malcolm Alestra of Redford Township wrote about Marge Sorensen of Dearborn.



Gertrude and the late Eddie Wynsberge of Livonia

Gertrude Wynsberge's Memorable Romance

The first time I met Eddie, the love of my life, was Dec. 1, 1940. I was hiking with a hiking group sponsored weekly by the *Detroit News*. I had seen this handsome, tall guy with the big brown eyes at our local parish previously and was hoping to meet him. He came to the hike unexpectedly and I was thrilled. We hiked together that day and started dating. We were engaged on Aug. 25, 1941.

He was drafted on Dec. 5, 1941, and served in the Army for five years. We were married Sept. 11, 1943, and I joined him at camp. He became a captain before his discharge.

He worked at the U.S. Post Office for 30 years and when he retired he was the supervisor at the Redford Beech Station.

We were married almost 65 happy years when he died four years ago. We had two children, seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren including a set of triplets. He was 89 when he died.

I am now almost 95 years old and I feel blessed to have had this great life mate so long. I miss him every minute of every day.

- Gertrude Wynsberge of Livonia

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GETTING JOINT X-RAYS

When and why does a doctor order joint x-rays? In certain instances ordering is obvious. If a person experiences a fall on the knee with pain and swelling becoming continuous and intense, then the first need is to assess for a fracture. The first study to turn to is an x-ray.

Another indication is a change for the worse in a joint. Again, take the example of the knee. If the doctor sees a patient once or twice a year for knee pain and swelling, and now the patient returns in 2-3 weeks with the same knee pain, then x-rays of the knee are in order. The doctor wants to assess if a change for the worse occurred in arthritis that would dictate a change in treatment. X-rays of the knee, particularly if the doctor has past x-rays, will reveal such changes if they exist.

X-rays are helpful in defining a diagnosis. In the instance of a patient with knee osteoarthritis, the point of taking x-rays at the first appointment is to obtain both a baseline measurement and gain an idea of the extent of the arthritis. In rheumatoid arthritis, x-rays will reveal bone erosions and osteoporosis, indicating to the doctor that he should begin vigorous therapy now.

At times, the doctor finds that the x-rays reveal nothing abnormal. Then he must choose between doing more imaging with a CT scan or MRI or to watch the patient for evidence the condition is changing. What decision the doctor makes usually requires a discussion with the patient to assess the degree of the person's pain and the level of the patient's concern.

Particularly in treating the elderly the doctor does not order so much as he confers.

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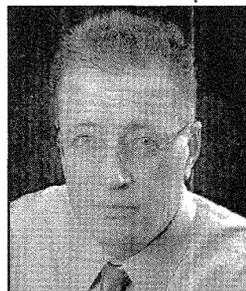
SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups. Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

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Annual bowling event set for braille books

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is accepting registration for its 24th Annual Bowling for Braille Books event on Saturday, March 26.

WMGC's Chris Edmonds will be on hand for the fundraiser which will begin at 1 p.m. at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

Bowling for Braille Books will include raffle prizes, a silent auction and prize packages for the top three bowlers who raise the most pledges.

Bowlers will receive three games,

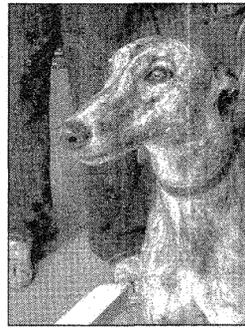
shoes, lunch, a goody bag, and a free ticket for a chance raffle drawing. Sponsorship opportunities are available to local businesses and organizations.

Registration deadline is March 11 and the minimum donation per bowler is \$60. To register online go to www.firstgiving.com/seedlingsbraille.

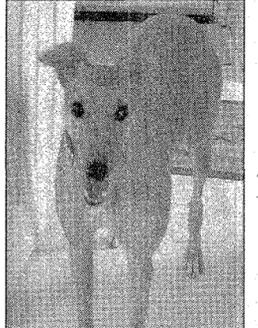
Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportu-

nity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low-cost braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned at this year's Bowling for Braille Books event will create one more book. Last year, bowlers raised more than \$30,000 to provide blind children access to popular children's books in braille and to bring them the materials they need to "read and succeed."

For more information call (734) 427-8552 or visit www.seedlings.org.



Blue is playful and sweet.



Rusty is laid-back.

REUNION CALENDAR

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com or Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226.

Belleville High School

Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154.

For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud

Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

Detroit Mackenzie

June Class of 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail Ivanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCLMX@yahoo.com.

Ladywood High School

Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1961

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register and for more information call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.rr.com.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1966

45th high school reunion, Oct. 7-9. Contact Larry Ruzsas at lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or Diane Kujath-Pishalski at dianepishalski@bex.net.

Rosary High School

Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Tafftfoot@aol.com

GROUP SEEKS STORIES TO MARK ANNIVERSARY

Got a story about the Rouge River? The Friends of the Rouge wants to hear from you.

The local nonprofit organization is collecting stories in celebration of its 25th anniversary this year.

If you have an interesting story that you would like to share with others about time spent along the river or participating in a Friends of the Rouge activity you can submit it by e-mailing to riverrestoration@therouge.org with the subject line "story." Stories submitted through the regular mail also are being accepted and can be mailed to 4901 Evergreen Road, 220 ASC, Dearborn, MI 48128.

If you want to read stories about river experiences, visit the blog: "Celebrating 25 years" at <http://friendsoftherouge.wordpress.com/>.

Friends of the Rouge will celebrate throughout the year. For a list of anniversary events and activities visit www.therouge.org.

The mission of the Friends of the Rouge is to promote the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed. Funding for the organization is provided by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project and the Erb Foundation.

ADOPT A GREYHOUND

Because of recent snowstorms, Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption rescheduled its pick-up of new adoptable dogs to Feb. 26.

"That will give us another week to hopefully find loving homes for a couple more of our available pups," stated Jackie Bowen, public relations director for the rescue organization. "When a foster home opens up then we have an opportunity to take one more pup from the track."

Blue and Rusty are among the foster dogs that Greyheart hopes to place in permanent homes before the new group of pups arrive.

According to Bowen, Blue, 4, is a pretty brindle girl and on the smaller side.

"I've met Blue several times at Meet and Greets and have to say that her markings are striking. She is also very playful and sweet," Bowen said.

She describes Rusty, 2, as "one of the most magnificent Greyhounds you will ever meet."

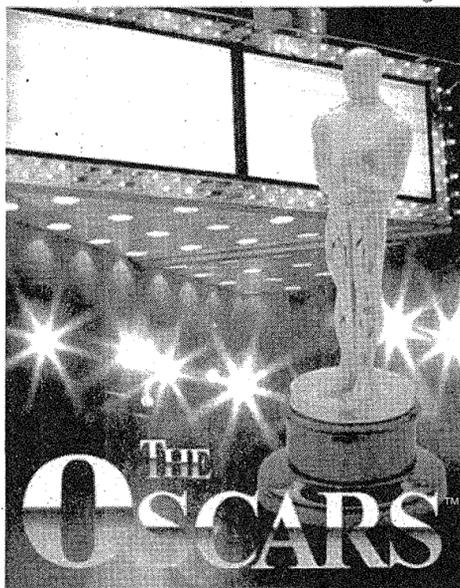
He is fawn color, "laid back" and quiet.

"Anyone could fall in love with Rusty the minute they meet him."

To find out more about Blue, Rusty and other Greyhounds currently in Greyheart's foster homes, call (866) 438-4739 or visit www.greyheart.org.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

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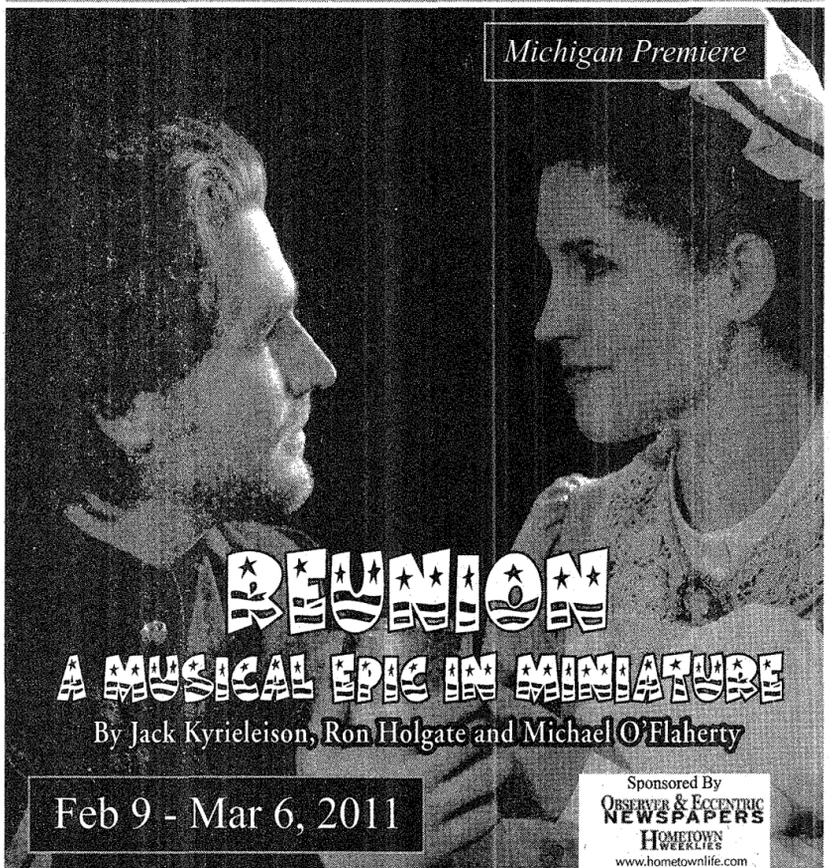
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HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

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Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

Hey kids!

Send us a picture or a
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Youth ages 7 - 13 are invited to send a letter or a photo
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Valentine Contest

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Youth Name: _____

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Deadline for submissions: 02/28/11

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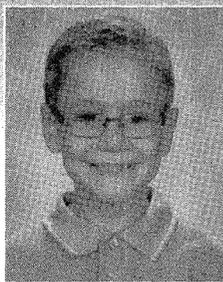
Lucky winners from last month's contest



Tejas Maire
Age: 7 1/2
Farmington Hills
1. Practice math everyday
2. Eat healthy
3. Collect box tops for school.



Hanna Shurtz
Age: 10
Ferndale
1. Play my violin for senior citizens
2. Grow a big fruit and flower garden
3. Get a fish tank for guppies



Christian Charette
Age: 7
Livonia
1. Encourage kids to like school
2. Give clothes and shoes to the poor
3. Work with an animal shelter

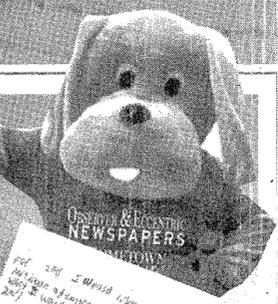


Caroline Loder
Age: 8
Livonia
1. Ride a unicycle without help
2. Play the guitar better on Guitar Hero
3. Walk more than 8 miles in the summer

What I plan to do in 2011.
I'd love to go to Malta to see my grandma, aunt, uncle, and cousins. I want to go to Michigan Adventure with my brother, sister, and mom again. I can spend a week with my cousin in Alaska. That's what I hope I can do this year.

Abigail Said
Age: 9 1/2
Westland
1. Go to Malta to see my Grandma
2. Go to Michigan Adventure
3. Spend a week with my cousin in Canada

Noah Said
Age: 12
Westland
1. Go to Malta to see my Grandma
2. Go to Michigan Adventure
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MILESTONES

MARRIED IN DECEMBER

Michele Marie Quinn and Scott Alan McQuade were married Dec. 20, 2010, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.

The bride, daughter of Carole Quinn of Livonia and the late Michael Quinn, is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School.

The groom, son of Bruce McQuade of Livonia and the late Tammi McQuade, is a 2003 graduate of Churchill High School and a United States Army specialist.

The newlyweds plan to make their home in Virginia.



Quinn-McQuade

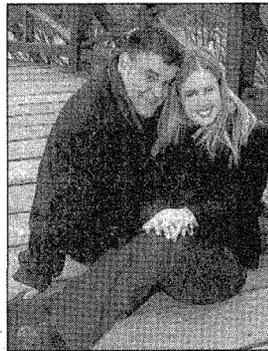
AUGUST WEDDING

Eric Reynolds and Lynette Bishop announce their engagement.

Eric, son of Steve and Mary Reynolds of Plymouth Township, graduated from Salem High School in 2000. He has worked as a paramedic for HVA since 2007 and also has served since 2005 as a fireman in Northville.

Lynette, daughter of James and Paula Bishop of Fluvanna County, Va., graduated in 2002 from a culinary arts program at Johnson & Wales University. She has been a salesperson for Sysco Foods since 2003.

An August 2011 wedding



Bishop-Reynolds

is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton, followed by a reception in Plymouth.

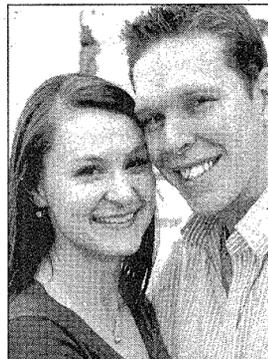
JUNE WEDDING

Stephanie Clark and Hans Fruechtenicht announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Debbie and Mike Clark of Port Huron, received a doctor of medicine degree from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Her fiancé, son of Hans and Kathy Fruechtenicht of Farmington Hills, is a candidate for a master's of urban planning degree at the University of Michigan.

A June wedding in Detroit is planned.



Clark-Fruechtenicht

SENIORS, LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS GET TAX HELP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has joined AARP and the Accounting Aid Society in offering free tax preparation to low income families, individuals and senior citizens.

The service is free and available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 15 at the Society's headquarters, 3000 Gratiot Ave., in Detroit and at several Accounting Aid Society offices in Southeast Michigan.

Last year Accounting Aid Society volunteers provided free tax assistance to more than 17,000 low and middle-income taxpayers at 25 tax sites in southeastern Michigan.

Appointments are available at the Gratiot location by calling (313) 393-2930. AARP Tax-Aide also is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those who are 60 and older.

Local tax help sites include:

- Farmington Hills Senior Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile; (248) 473-1830; 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Appointment required. E-file only. The Accounting Aid Society offers free tax preparation assistance to individuals with an annual household incomes of \$25,000 or less and to families with an annual household income of \$50,000 or less. Nearby locations are:

- The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, (ACCESS) 2651 Saulino Court, Dearborn; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and 19 and the organization's branch office at 6451 Schaefer, Dearborn; Feb. 25, March 5 and 12 March 12. For more information call (313) 842-5124

- Southfield Department of Human Services, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; (248) 796-4540; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, through April 6.

Salvation Army announces Red Kettle total for yuletide season

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit met its 2010 Red Kettle Campaign fundraising goal, collecting more than \$7.9 million from Nov. 12, 2010 to Jan. 31.

"We're beyond humbled and sincerely grateful to the people of metro Detroit for helping us meet our Red Kettle Campaign goal for the first time since 2007," stated Maj. John Turner, general secretary of The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division.

Because of the poor econo-

my in Michigan last year, The Salvation Army assisted 19 percent more residents than it did the previous holiday season. Continuing the trend from the past few years, many who previously contributed to the Red Kettle Campaign found themselves in need of services last year. A 2010 U.S. Census survey showed Michigan was the only state where poverty rose, as well as the only one where incomes fell.

"Raising more than \$7.8 million was a true blessing

from God and will enable us to continue providing comprehensive social services including food and shelter that the metro Detroit community so desperately needs," Turner stated.

Donations are accepted throughout the year as well. To donate, call (877) SAL-MICH, visit www.salmich.org or text 'give' to 80888 to make a \$10 donation — enough to help provide one month of food for one person.

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DORIS MAE (MONTGOMERY) JACKSON

Farmington and Livonia. Born April 2, 1922, in Highland Park; died February 8, 2011, at the age of 88. Doris enjoyed the outdoors, swimming, biking, hiking and ice-skating, and loved spending time with friends and family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Tomas Jackson, and brother, Harold Montgomery. Surviving are her children, Joan (Rich) Chevalley, George (Diane) Jackson, Jane (Larry) Schwentor, Jean Jackson and James (Diane) Jackson; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sister, Ruth Paps-Ramsay. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 11, at noon at the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, 205 E. Middle St., Williamston. Graveside services were held Friday at 2:45 p.m. in Acacia Park, Beverly Hills. The family received friends at the funeral home on Friday 1-hour prior to the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH, 44101, in memory of Doris Jackson. Online condolences may be sent to gorslineruncimanwilliamston.com



JAMES FRANCIS JUDGE, JR.

February 9, 2011, Age 75. Beloved husband of Marcia. Loving father of Julie Neiheisel (Steve) and Jeff (Jill). Grandfather of Megan & Lauren, Mollie & Joel. Brother of Daniel (Linda) and Kevin (Diane). Member of Board of Governors, Golf Association of Michigan and Birmingham Senior Men's Club. Funeral Mass was Saturday at St. Thomas More Church, 4580 Adams Rd, Troy. Memorial tributes Oakland Hills Scholarship Trust Fund or

Beaumont Foundation- The Heart Fund. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

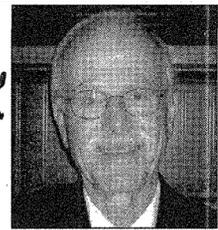


STANLEY S. KAVA

Age 84, of Stanton, Michigan passed away quietly at his home on Wednesday, February 9th, 2011. Stanley was a veteran of WWII. He worked for the Ford Motor Company, retiring after 30 years at the plant in Livonia. He also loved the outdoors, spending time with his family, and was a great practical joker. He will be greatly missed. Stanley is survived by his wife of 63 years, Josephine; 11 children; 34 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; two sisters; and several extended family members from his home state of Pennsylvania. Funeral services for Stanley were held Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Barden Funeral Home in Stanton, with Pastor Larry Pike officiating. Visitation was held Friday, February 11 and Saturday, February 12, at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.bardenfuneralhome.com.

PATRICIA L. SMITH

February 8, 2011, age 66. Graduate of Plymouth High School Class of 1962. Life long resident of the Plymouth area. Beloved wife of Jerry. Dear mother of David (Linda), Daniel (Susan) and Brian (Amy) Smith. Grandmother of Ayy, Gavin and Austin. Sister of Leonard (Jean) Hoyer and Douglas (Sharon) Hoyer. Services were held on Friday. Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society. A Memorial Mass will be scheduled later at Our Lady of Counsel Catholic Church.



EDWARD A. SOLEAU

Age 68, of Plymouth, February 4, 2011. Beloved husband of Linda. Loving father of Annette C. Haarala and Brian E. Soleau. Proud grandfather of twins Derek R. and Brandon E. Haarala. Dear brother of Ronald (Barb) and Marvin (Christine) Soleau. Preceded in death by his parents Benjamin J. and Gertrude L. Soleau and his brother Glen R. Soleau. Owner of the Plymouth Carpet Service and a member of Plymouth Knights of Columbus. Visitation Wednesday 1-9 PM, with a prayer service at 7 PM by the Knights of Columbus, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Funeral service Thursday 1 PM at the funeral home. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Out of the Darkness (www.outofthedarkness.org) American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 120 Wall Street, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10005 or to the Alliance for the Great Lakes (www.greatlakes.org), 17 N. State St., Suite 1390, Chicago, IL 60602. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

In Memory Of



In loving memory of JOSEPH J. HOFFMANN May 21, 1922 - April 17, 2008 Loving Husband, Father, Brother, and Grandfather. Deeply missed by your family



In loving memory of JOSEPH S. HOFFMANN May 26, 1964 - Feb. 6, 2008 Joe, you are so sadly and deeply missed. We wish you were here to see your son Joseph II. Your spirit lives on in him. He is so much like his Daddy in so many ways. You would be proud. Joey will never forget his Dad and misses you so much and so do we. Love forever, Your mom, sister Audette, Karen Hoffmann, and Joseph S. Hoffmann II.

In Memory Of



IN MEMORY of our mother - one year later. MARGARET "PEG" FRANCES MAIR

Once she knew that all of her children were safe, she prayed for God to keep, and then she went to sleep. Age 90 of Lathrup Village, Rochester Hills, and Waterford. February 17, 2010. Loving wife of the late Bob Mair (Barton-Malow). Proud mother of Bill (Barbara), Marge (Ted), Robert (Judy) and Thomas (Susan). Survived by 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Peg belonged to many groups: the P.E.O., the Detroit Curling Club, the Cub Scouts, the Lathrup Village Garden Club, and the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Funeral service was on Saturday, February 20, 2010 with the interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Lake Orion. Send your comments to Tom at: traversegreen@yahoo.com

Oakland County Parks to begin seasonal hiring

Oakland County Parks and Recreation will accept applications for seasonal employment from Feb 14-28.

"Seasonal employment is a fantastic opportunity to gain or improve professional skills while working in a dynamic environment," said Katie Stavale, park supervisor.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation employs 450 seasonal employees annually.

Seasonal positions include: summer clerical, lifeguard, program leader, program specialist, seasonal laborer, business assistant, park attendant, student and internship.

Seasonal summer employment is limited to 13 weeks. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

Applications must be submitted by Monday, Feb. 28. Apply online at www.oakgov.com/jobs.

For more information about Oakland County Parks and Recreation, visit DestinationOakland.com or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/ocparks.

KNOW THE SCORE check out the numbers in today's Sports section

Celebrity chefs host benefit gala March 4

The 34th annual Celebrity Chefs Dinner hosted by Master Chef Milos and Community Living Centers of Farmington will take place on Friday, March 4, at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Community Living Center's premier fundraising event will feature metropolitan Detroit's finest chefs, who will assemble and prepare an exquisite feast for those lucky enough to attend.

Master Chef Milos Cihelka (of the former Golden Mushroom) and a who's who list of 13 area chefs will be tantalizing the taste buds of patrons.

For over 30 years, proceeds from this event have gone to Community Living Centers of Farmington to assist with its mission to serve approximately 120 developmentally disabled adults in the community through its nine group homes and independent living program.

The extended evening begins with some delectable appetizers, prepared on the spot by various chefs. Guests will then move into Detroit Athletic Club's formal dining area where a five-course dinner and wine will be served. After each course, the chefs will describe their culinary creations.

An added treat this year will be the premier of a Community Living Centers documentary, *Happiness Comes in Many Forms*. The documentary allows people to learn how the CLC organization has created an environment that enables the residents to feel part of one big family.

This short film is being produced/directed by Keith Famie. Keith and his production company Visionalist Entertainment Productions have been awarded nine Emmys in the last five years.

The best part of this dinner is that \$75 of the \$125 admission price is tax deductible. Anyone who has savored the celebrity chefs' extraordinary cuisine will tell you it is well worth the cost of

the ticket. More than 250 patrons attend this outstanding event every year. Celebrity chefs in attendance will include:

- Chef Steven Allen - Steve and Rocky's
 - Certified Master Chef Brian Beland - Country Club of Detroit
 - Executive Chef James Bologna - The Townsend Hotel
 - Executive Chef Kevin Brennan - Detroit Athletic Club
 - Certified Master Chef Milos Cihelka - Golden Mushroom (formerly)
 - Executive Chef Randy Emert - Great Oaks Country Club
 - Executive Chef Michael Green - Lochmoor Club
 - Pastry Chef Jeffrey Hammer - Detroit Athletic Club
 - Gerald Matthes - Give Thanks Bakery
 - Chef Brian Polcyn - Forest Grill, Cinco Lagos
 - Chef Charles Rachwitz - Rocky's
 - Executive Chef Randy Smith - Walnut Creek Country Club
 - Executive Chef Richard Travis - Forte
 - Executive Chef Daniel Vallone - Tam O'Shanter Country Club
- Contact Ron Weber at the CLC office (248) 478-0870 for more information or to make a reservation or visit www.clchomes.org to learn more and make a reservation. A group discount is available for parties of 10.

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Physicians: Vaccines are expensive to buy, store

A new study by the University of Michigan found that few doctors stock all adult immunizations, such as those newly recommended for whooping cough and shingles, which may contribute to low vaccination rates among American adults.

Only 27 percent of family practice and internal medicine physicians stocked all adult recommended vaccines. Doctors who don't stock all or some vaccines, say vaccines are available elsewhere in their community, inventory is expensive to maintain, and insurers provide low or no reimbursement.

"Many primary care physicians who provide care to adults do not stock all recommended immunizations," stated lead author Dr. Gary Freed, chief of the Division of General Pediatrics and director of the University of Michigan's Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit. "Efforts to improve adult immunization rates must address this fundamental issue."

The survey of primary care physicians also found 96 percent stocked at least one recommended vaccine.

SHINGLES VACCINE

At least a third of all physicians in the study did not stock seven recommended adult vaccines. The vaccine least likely to be stocked all was zoster, which is used to prevent shingles. For internists specifically, the proportion rises to 50 percent not stocking almost all vaccines.

To determine the proportion of family practice and internal medicine physicians who routinely stock specific adult vaccines and their rationale for those decisions, researchers conducted a cross-sectional survey in 2009 of a national random sample of 993 family physicians and 997 general internists in the U.S.

The survey asked doctors whether they stocked recommended vaccines for adults aged 19-64 years and, if not, what their reasons were. The 10 vaccines were: hepatitis A; hepatitis B; human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV); combined measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR); meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4); pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23); tetanus diphtheria (Td); combined tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap); varicella; and zoster.

Several previous studies have examined why adult patients don't receive immunizations in greater numbers. Patients fre-



Freed

quently say their doctors don't recommend vaccines. Providers attribute the low immunization rates to patient concerns about side effects, their fear of needles and lack of insurance coverage.

EXPENSIVE PURCHASE

Unlike other pharmaceuticals prescribed by physicians, vaccines must be purchased directly by practices in advance of patient demand. This requires a financial outlay on the part of the practice to purchase vaccines that the practice may, or may not be able to resell. The greater the variety of vaccine products and numbers of doses purchased, the greater the up-front expenditure required without a certainty of resale.

Vaccines also require sensitive cold-chain storage, which also requires an investment in special refrigerators and temperature alarms.

Freed said there is no single reason why doctors don't stock a particular recommended vaccine.

"Based on that, there is not a single financial action or policy change that will likely have a significant positive impact on the majority of physicians who currently choose not to stock specific vaccines. Yet, efforts to address each of these factors may result in some practices choosing to stock more adult vaccines."

Michigan organ donor list grows

Michigan added more than 319,000 individuals to the state's organ donor registry in 2010, a new state record.

Michigan hospitals participating in the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) Keystone: Gift of Life collaborative more than tripled the number of hospital-generated registrations, adding 11,800 individuals to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry last year. That's up from 3,800 registrations in 2009.

More than 2 million Michigan residents have documented their wishes to someday help others through organ, tissue and eye donation. The waiting list of patients needing life-saving transplants stands at 3,000 statewide.

The success was achieved through the efforts of hospitals, Gift of Life Michigan, the MHA Keystone Center for Patient Safety & Quality, and

the Michigan Eye-Bank.

"We are thrilled so many Michigan citizens are recognizing the life-saving action they take when they join the organ donor registry, and we are more than thrilled with the significant contributions of the state's hospitals through MHA Keystone: Gift of Life," stated Richard Pietroski, Gift of Life Michigan CEO.

As part of Donor Drive 2010, participating hospitals had a goal of adding two names for every employee. Hospitals were encouraged to recruit employees, family members, neighbors, friends and colleagues. Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center, Dearborn, recorded 797 registrations, the most of any Michigan hospital.

Signing the back of your driver's license is no longer the way to become a donor in Michigan. Instead, potential donors must join the Michigan



Pietroski

Organ Donor Registry to receive a red heart emblem for their license. Go to www.giftoflifemichigan.org, call (800) 482-4881 or visit any Secretary of State branch office.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Healthy hearts

Dr. Barbara Kong will be the speaker at "The Heart of a Woman," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the unique signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the simple steps needed for a healthy lifestyle that can improve heart health. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register at (734) 655-1182 or stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Fibromyalgia Support

Helping Our Pain & Exhaustion, (HOPE) a non-profit organization for Fibromyalgia Awareness and Education offers a support group for spouses and families, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The purpose of the group is to inform and support spouses and families of those who have fibromyalgia. The spouses support group will alternate monthly with the patient support group. Patient Support Group will meet Wednesday, March 30 at the same location. The fee is a \$3 donation to cover the cost of the room. For more information call (248) 344-0896.

Having a baby

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a childbirth education class called, "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby." This is a five-week program, 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 28-April 4, in classrooms 1 and 2. The class is based on the "Lamaze Method" and includes 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. It enhances confidence and joy of the birthing experience. The class is open to expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is a fee of \$75 per couple, and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information, or to register.

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